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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
Acting Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 502
RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION
FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT**

Senate Bill 502 proposes to make an appropriation for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (Department) Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE). **The Department supports this measure provided that its passage does not adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget request.**

The Department recognizes that proper operational funding for DOCARE is necessary to protect Hawaii's limited natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources. The Department also understands current funding levels critically hinder the filling of current vacancies and address growing operational costs. As a result, the Department will continue its efforts to strongly advocate for restoration of DOCARE's operational budget, and to promote this issue as a high priority.

The Department appreciates the Legislature's interest in advocating for additional funding for DOCARE.



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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting S.B. 502 Relating to Appropriations for the Division
of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 224

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy supports SB. 502.

There is widespread agreement amongst a variety of stakeholders that Hawaii's fragile environment is in need of improved compliance, enforcement and prosecution of violations of our State natural resource laws. A 2006 State Auditor's report concludes that DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) officers are spread too thin and lack the equipment they need to do their jobs. This situation has not substantially improved in the ensuing nine years.

Against this backdrop, a number of communities across the state have been organizing themselves to become more directly involved in the care and management of their natural resources, particularly in coastal and near shore areas. Some communities have partnered with DOCARE to raise awareness of natural resource laws and to improve compliance with those laws.

S.B. 502 offers necessary funds for DOCARE to properly equip officers to carry out their duties and work with communities to ensure the protection and care of Hawai'i's valuable natural resources.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer our support for this bill.

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Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Water & Land
IN SUPPORT OF SB 502
Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 224

My name is Kevin Chang and I am the Executive Director of Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (or KUA). KUA works to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups to celebrate their places and pass on their traditions to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being.

KUA supports SB 502 as an incremental step towards 'āina momona- an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being. This bill would appropriate \$2,000,000.00 out of general revenue to support the efforts of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE) to better protect Hawai'i's natural and cultural heritage for our collective well-being.

KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports a network of more than 31 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a new and growing hui of Limu practitioners all from across our state. Members of these networks and future generations need a more resourced DOCARE. Indeed some of these communities today have begun to partner with DOCARE through growing community based co-management initiatives on our shorelines and wahi pana (celebrated places).

Many of the communities in the networks we facilitate focus on improving natural resource management and restoration of native ecological systems, values and ethics more sensitive to the needs of their wahi (their places). Quite often issues communities work to advance require the DOCARE capacity these funds would help to support.

The communities we work with are committed to ensuring the long-term health of our cultural and natural resources because they have depended on them for generations. We believe our environment is about long term investing and vision. We believe the vision of 'āina momona which our communities hold, includes a properly resourced DOCARE. Passing this bill out of your committee would help to go a long way toward reaching this goal.

Mahalo for this opportunity. Aloha 'Āina Momona.

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Subject: WTL Hearing 2-4-15 245pm Support SB502 DOCARE Funding
Date: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 6:55:36 AM

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria and Committee Members,

The Humane Society of the United States strongly supports SB502 to provide critical funding for training and equipment for the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE). As our state wildlife agency, DOCARE is tasked with enforcing a number of wildlife protection laws and is notably underfunded, especially in comparison to other essential law enforcement agencies. We have partnered with and supported DOCARE by sponsoring a Wildlife Poaching Reward and Tipline program and continue to support their enforcement efforts where ever we can.

Adequate funding for DOCARE is a key government function in protecting our fragile environment and wildlife and we urge your support for this measure.

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PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING S.B. NO 502

THE SENATE
TWEY-EIGHT LEGISLATIVE BILL
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO 502

JAN 23, 2015

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND
RESOURCE ENFORCEMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Commentator would like to submit these comments in writing.

Commentator would also request the privilege of testifying on this matter on
February 4th at 2:45 p. m. at room CR 224

COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

With regard to Section 1 of the proposed bill this writer has no objections and fully understands that the duties and enhanced jurisdiction of the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement duties have increase making it more difficult for DOCARE to protect Hawaii's natural, historic and natural resources. It is quite understandable to provide additional officers, equipment, rifles, shotguns, vehicles, emergency lights, sirens, bullet proof vests, office furniture and training to accomplish this mission.

With regard to the proposed \$2,000,000 dollar appropriation set forth for the years 2015-16 and 2016-1017, I am again without reservation or objections.

Frankly, it is always better to act prudently when it come to the lives and safety of DOCARE officers, agents and employees.

Protecting life and property and the prevention of crime is the responsibility of all sworn law enforcement officers. It is also the duty of each agency entrusted with law enforcement duties to provide the safes working environments possible. To that end law enforcement agencies always attempt to minimize the danger that it officers are exposed to. This can be done by an providing an overwhelming police presence, intelligence gathering and state of the art Investigative techniques. One thing that a law enforcement/regulatory agency should never do is routinely and habitually expose their officers to danger.

As this legislature know, DOCARE officer, routinely, board and inspect long line fishing boats to determine if unlawful alien fishermen are properly licensed. These aliens are unlawful in the United States and should not possess Hawaii State fishing licenses. Approximately 800 of these unlawful trafficked aliens are on board these vessels.

This Hawaii fishing license is unlawfully issued by the Division of Aquatic

Resources, a sister Division of DOCARE, to those unlawful aliens without said aliens reporting to DAR possessing identification or even establishing legal entry into the United States. DOCARE unwittingly accepts the license as being valid. This results in hundreds of unnecessary dangerous boarding by DOCARE officers.

My proposal to this appropriation bill would be that DOCARE and DAR establish a direct line of communication and determine which fishermen should be allowed to legally work in Port Honolulu. All illegally issued licenses could be voided and DOCARE would not be exposed to the same routine danger by boarding unsafe vessels. Returning the unlawful aliens is the responsibility of the smugglers, ship owners and captains. There would be no cost to the State. Further these unlawful aliens are paid in cash and the Hawaii State Tax Department has no record of their existence in Hawaii. My suggestion requires no additional cost, possibly save lives and prevent injuries , will stop overfishing by illegals in Port Honolulu, and may even generate some income tax to the State treasury.

CONCLUSION: Safeguarding the lives of DOCARE officers. Protect the State Natural Resources, the oceans. Unlawful aliens are remove at smuggler expense Stop unlawful money laundering by wire and mail via cash money, obtain taxes the goes unreported. Free the slaves from detention at Honolulu, Harbor at piers 18-19 and 36-38.

February 2, 2015
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Konane de la Nux	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Cates	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB502. Hawaii is a state where tourism is our number one industry, and tourism heavily relies upon the beauty of our natural resources. However, DLNR is grossly underfunded. DOCARE cannot be expected to protect our resources and enforce existing laws if they don't have the basic necessities to do their jobs. If the State does not provide DOCARE officers with adequate resources to protect and conserve our land, we will all have to live with the consequences for generations to come. Please vote yes on this necessary appropriation of funding.

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Momi Awo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In strong support of this bill. DOCARE has been operating under severe fiscal constraints for many years. Providing a increase in operational funds will provide DOCARE the tools needed to properly carry out their complex and extensive mission.

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Randy Awo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. It will provide DOCARE with the funding needed to support their vast, diverse and complex areas of responsibilities.

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Here on Lana'i, with 89,000 acres, we have only 2 DOCARE officers. They have little if any resources (or time) to cover our surrounding ocean. To protect are rapidly diminishing resources, we need to support the DOCARE component of DLNR. Please pass this bill.

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