



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

Senate Committee on Water, Land & Agriculture

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Date: April 4, 2016

Where: State Capitol Room 224

TESTIMONY
Kamehameha Schools



To: Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee

RE: **SCR 125/SR91** REQUESTING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS FOR STEWARDSHIP AND PRESERVATION OF WAIPI'O VALLEY.

Kamehameha Schools supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 125/SR 91. Waipio Valley is an important place for all people, and especially Native Hawaiians. We believe that shared stewardship is the only way the valley can be cared for appropriately. As representatives of the people and families most engaged in the valley on a daily basis, and with members with ancestral ties to the valley, we support the WVSA to take the lead on convening a conversation on how shared stewardship should look and how it can be achieved. We will look to them and work with them to address the work called for in this resolution.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is a statewide educational system supported by a trust endowed by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian learners. We believe that by continuing to engage in dialog around public policy issues we can contribute in a positive and meaningful way.

Mahalo.