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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
WATER AND LAND**

**Thursday, March 16, 2017
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7
RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SUCCESS OF COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP UNDER
THE TRADITIONAL KONOHIKI FISHING RIGHTS SYSTEM IN SUSTAINING AN
ABUNDANT NEARSHORE ENVIRONMENT AND A THRIVING POPULATION AND
CULTURE, AND URGING THE STATE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT,
ADOPTION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CULTURALLY GROUNDED,
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS TO STEWARD,
RESTORE, AND PERPETUATE OUR NEARSHORE RESOURCES AND MAINTAIN AND
PROTECT ASSOCIATED CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND VALUES.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to support culturally grounded, community driven, fishery management proposals that would restore nearshore resources and protect cultural traditions and values. **The Department supports this measure to recognize and further the implementation of community based management of fishery and cultural resources.**

The Department is authorized under Section 188-22.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to establish community based subsistence fishing areas, and under Section 188-53, HRS, to establish fisheries management areas, public fishing areas, and other managed areas. Through these and other statutes, the Department establishes a variety of managed fishing areas with community input into these areas incorporated as a standard part of the Chapter 91, HRS, rule-making process.

The Department encourages the public to get involved in the Department's efforts to manage our shared natural resources, regardless if this measure passes. The Department already supports community involvement in the rule process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment of this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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SCR7

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Ke Kōmike Kenekoa no ke Kuleana Hawai'i

Malaki 16, 2017

1:15 p.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SCR7, which is a measure in OHA's legislative package. **This resolution would express the Legislature's recognition and support of subsistence, kīpuka communities' efforts to guide harvesting and conservation practices in their nearshore waters, consistent with the principles underlying the highly successful konohiki fishing rights resource management system.**

The ahupua'a-based konohiki fishing rights system ensured sufficient abundance in Hawai'i's nearshore waters to sustain a pre-Western contact population of up to a million or more residents. This system allowed hoā'āina ("tenants") and konohiki ("landlords") to directly control harvesting and conservation practices in the coastal waters of their ahupua'a, based on their intimate knowledge of, connection to, and reliance upon the resources of their place.

After the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, the Hawai'i Territorial government's largely successful effort to abolish the konohiki fishing rights system led to a century of decline in our once abundant nearshore fisheries. The ongoing decline in our nearshore fisheries today may threaten the survival of Hawai'i's few remaining subsistence, kīpuka communities, as well as undermine Hawai'i's economic, ecological, and recreational interests.

Fortunately, many kīpuka, subsistence communities are now seeking to work with the state on local marine management initiatives, to protect and perpetuate traditional practices and subsistence lifestyles dependent upon abundant nearshore resources. These communities possess deep and intimate knowledge of their nearshore areas, informed by generations of daily observation and reliance. As described in this resolution, adopting their management proposals, which seek to guide harvesting and conservation practices in

their local waters, would apply many of the fundamental principles underlying the success of the konohiki fishing rights system, including:

1. Looking to those with the most intimate knowledge of and connection to an area's resources and ecological features, to establish harvesting and conservation guidelines for the area;
2. Incorporating place-based traditions and customs that preserve cultural and community connections to the nearshore area and its resources; and
3. Fostering a continued sense of kuleana in community members, to actively steward and care for the nearshore resources of their place.

Accordingly, state support of these community efforts may have the best chance of successfully restoring and maintaining abundant nearshore fishery resources. Notably, the success of these communities' efforts may also inspire other communities to reconnect and take responsibility for the resources of their place, thereby transforming our nearshore resource management paradigm, and helping to save our ocean environment, our cultural heritage, and a foundation of our islands' economies and local ways of life.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committees to **PASS SCR7**, and recognize the potential for community-driven fisheries management to once again restore and sustain abundance in our nearshore waters. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Subject: Konohiki Rights Restoration Bill SCR7 and HCR 6

SUPPORT

Given the fact that Hawai'i's resources are at an all time low, our state government needs to respect and implement the successful management programs of the Konohiki system. We cannot continue using our current management system, which is broken, and expect different results.

I support this resolution: SCR7 and HCR6

Kamalu Poepoe
'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i

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Aloha Committee,

My name is Kamealoha Hanohano-Smith and I am from the ahupuaa of Kapaa/Kealia, the moku of Puna, and the mokuaina of Kauai. I am a lineal descendant of this aina, Kamawaelulani, Kauai. I am also a Cultural Practitioner of Moolelo and a Hawaiian Immersion Teacher. Most importantly I am an uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews. Both of my parents are Kanaka; my mother Lillian Kekahuna from Kailua, Oahu and my father, Hanalei Smith Jr. from Anahola, Kauai.

My statement of support is below:

I strongly **SUPPORT** SCR7 which is a resolution that seeks to support subsistence, kipuka communities' efforts to guide harvesting and conservation practices in their nearshore waters, consistent with the principles underlying the highly successful konohiki fishing rights resource management system. Many subsistence community members and long-time fishers have voiced the critical need for better fisheries management now, to save our remaining stocks from irreparable collapse. Unfortunately, the Western, top-down model of fisheries management has clearly failed to conserve and sustain our vital ocean resources. The historical success of the traditional konohiki fishing rights system demonstrates that community-driven, place-based management approaches may give us the best chance of successfully saving our nearshore fisheries from the numerous threats they currently face. This resolution will signal the legislature's support of restoring such community-driven fisheries management approaches to government agencies and communities alike. I urge the Committees to **PASS** this resolution.

Mahalo to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for aiding me and others to prepare a statement of support that captures our manao and support for SCR7. Please do not hesitate to call me if your committee has any questions or concerns.

Ke Pono Mau,

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From: Donna K. Santos <dkalikos@oha.org>
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Aloha,

Just letting you know what's happening at the Hawaii State Legislature. I'm supporting the following resolution and ask that you join me...

Mahalo,

Kaliko



D. Kaliko Santos

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Action Alert: Support Community Based Fishing Practices

This resolution seeks to support subsistence, kipuka communities' efforts to guide harvesting and conservation practices in their nearshore waters, consistent with the principles underlying the highly successful konohiki fishing rights resource management system.

SCR7 to be heard on Thursday March 16 at 1:15pm, Conference Room 016

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SAMPLE TESTIMONY

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SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND WATER AND LAND

Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:15PM Room 016

In SUPPORT SCR 7 Relating to Konohiki Fishing Rights

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Rhoads and members of the Committees,

On behalf of our 20,000 members throughout the State, the Sierra Club of Hawai‘i strongly supports SCR 7, which recognizes the historic success of community stewardship under the traditional konohiki fishing rights system in sustaining an abundant nearshore environment and a thriving population and culture. SCR 7 further urges the state to support the development, adoption, and implementation of culturally-grounded, community-driven fisheries management proposals to steward, restore, and perpetuate our nearshore resources and maintain and protect associated cultural traditions and values.

It has been well documented that human impacts have resulted in a drastic decline in our nearshore fisheries.¹ Overfishing has been found to be one of, if not the, “greatest challenges to maintaining and restoring healthy coral reefs,” making it imperative that the State support community-driven fishery management practices.² Acting now will be much easier than waiting until we have reached a point of no return, and must work to rebuild our coral reefs.³ In addition to serving as nurseries for our native fish, they also have been found to protect the coastline by reducing the strength and size of incoming waves.⁴ Given the impending challenges related to climate change that we will be facing, it will be crucial that there are practices in place to effectively protect our nearshore fisheries, and thus our coral reefs.⁵

¹ Catherine Griffin, *Fish Populations are Reduced by 78 Percent in Hawaii Due to Human Impacts*, Science World Report (Apr. 3, 2015), available at:

<http://www.scienceworldreport.com/articles/24036/20150403/fish-populations-reduced-78-percent-hawaii-due-human-impacts.htm>; Kenneth R. Weiss, *Hawaiian reef fish are in decline*, Los Angeles Times (July 9, 2008), available at: <http://articles.latimes.com/2008/jul/09/nation/na-reef9>.

² Kenneth R. Weiss, *Hawaiian reef fish are in decline*, Los Angeles Times.

³*Id.*

⁴ The Nature Conservancy, *The Nature Conservancy and its partners are literally nursing coral reefs back to health in an attempt to restore this vital marine habitat*, The Nature Conservancy website, available at:

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/habitats/oceanscoasts/howwework/restoration-works-coral-reefs.xml>; World Wildlife Foundation, *Coral reefs: importance*, WWF website, available at: http://wwf.panda.org/about_our_earth/blue_planet/coasts/coral_reefs/coral_importance/.

⁵ University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program, *Climate Change Impacts in Hawaii: A summary of climate change and its impacts to Hawaii's ecosystems and communities*, (2014), available at:

<http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/sites/default/files/publications/smfinal-hawaiiclimatechange.pdf>.

The konohiki fishing rights system has proven to be successful in sustaining an abundant nearshore environment. We agree with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that a modern version of this system, which empowers communities who possess the “most intimate knowledge of and connection to” specific areas and the resources contained within them, would be the most effective means to conserve and restore our nearshore fisheries.⁶ This system would create a sense of ownership among members of the community and would create a sense of responsibility for protecting our nearshore fisheries among future generations.⁷ For these reasons, we are in strong support of SCR 7.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Mahalo,

Martha Townsend
Director

⁶ The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, *OHA-3: Recognizing the Success of the Konohiki Fishing Rights System and Supporting Community-Driven, Place-Based Management for Hawai i’s Nearshore Fisheries*, OHA website, available at: <http://19of32x2yl33s8o4xza0gf14.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/OHA-3-Konohiki-Reso-External-White-Paper-FINAL-122016.pdf>.

⁷ *Id.*



Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
IN SUPPORT OF SCR 7
Thursday March 16, 2017, 1:15pm, Room 016

Aloha Chair Rhoads and Shimabukuro, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Galuteria and Committee Members:

My name is Kevin Chang, I am the Executive Director of Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (or KUA) and this is our testimony in support of SCR 7.

KUA works to empower communities to improve their quality of life through caring for their environmental heritage together to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being. We employ a community-driven approach that currently supports three statewide networks: more than 31 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 38 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a new and growing group of Limu practitioners called the Limu Hui.

KUA strongly supports SCR7 which supports subsistence, kīpuka communities' efforts to guide harvesting and conservation practices in their nearshore waters, consistent with the principles underlying the highly successful konohiki fishing rights resource management system.

This bill recognizes long standing efforts and voices of rural and Native Hawaiian communities across our state including participants in our networks. It also recognizes that the Native Hawaiian community did not just thrive off the fat of the land but played a strong traditional role in its caretaking and development. A community stewardship ethic was and should be a part of citizenship, especially in our island home.

Many subsistence community members and long-time fishers have voiced the critical need for better fisheries management now, to save our remaining stocks from irreparable collapse. Unfortunately, solutions derived solely from centralized top-down model of fisheries management have often proven inadequate to conserve and sustain our vital ocean resources. The historical success of the traditional konohiki fishing rights system demonstrates that community-driven, place-based management approaches may give us the best chance of successfully saving our nearshore fisheries from the numerous threats they currently face.

Indigenous people and local communities throughout the world hold similar sentiments especially in deep rural regions where subsistence and traditional management and values continue to be a part of life. This was evident at the 2016 World Conservation Congress- hosted by Hawai'i. Community has been part of a deep and evolving global best practice in cultural and natural resource management.

Professor Carlos Andrade's thoughts on the *konohiki* in his book "Hā'ena: Through the Eyes of the Ancestors," are prescient in these times

"In pre-European times, all segments of island society were entirely interdependent. Sources of livelihood and the resources available for use by the people were all contained within the environs of the island. By today's standards these resources were very basic but they were sufficient for the ancestors to have a full and meaningful life as long as they fulfilled their mutual responsibilities to each other and the *'āina*. *Konohiki* therefore had to possess a wide array of skills. They had to know all the *waiwai* (assets) contained within each *ahupua'a*- hydrologic, biologic and geologic. They had to know the state of the soil, plants, and animals on land and sea, and guide decisions on their use. Most important, *konohiki* had to know how to deal with human beings.

In traditional society, *konohiki* were bridges connecting the governing and the governed..."

Much is debated about DLNR and our State's capacity and whether it is, has or can be the appropriate mechanism to bring people together, to resolve issues of difference and move forward for the betterment of our cultural and natural resources and their ability to support community well-being and prosperity. Some who prefer status-quo or oppose more or less rules often do not outright oppose community stewardship but often doubt the capacity of our state to be an accountable partner. And often in response we favor rights over corollary responsibilities.

This resolution will signal the legislature's support of a step toward building a contemporary bridge between citizens and their government through community-driven fisheries management approaches to government agencies and communities alike.

It also acknowledges a potential often overlooked matter in the contemporary and centralized governance issues of our time: the ability of our community, the governed to be the solutions they seek in governance. Why would we want to see such potential go to waste?

I urge the Committees to **PASS** this resolution.

Mahalo for your service to our community and this opportunity to testify.

Aloha 'Āina Momona.

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Friends of Lanai	friends of Lanai	Support	No

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Wayne Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I write in strong support of SCR7. Our current system for managing nearshore resources has not worked well. It is easy to see the marked decline in our ocean's food stocks, primarily due to overfishing, poor (or non-existent) management of runoff, and human-influenced climate change. This resolution recognizes that the traditional methods of ocean resource stewardship — those methods that brought us the abundance we have since seriously decimated — should be adopted and implemented. I support that wholeheartedly. Thank you.

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De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill.

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Aulii Dudoit	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT SCR7 which is a resolution that seeks to support subsistence, kīpuka communities' efforts to guide harvesting and conservation practices in their nearshore waters, consistent with the principles underlying the highly successful konohiki fishing rights resource management system. Many subsistence community members and long-time fishers have voiced the critical need for better fisheries management now, to save our remaining stocks from irreparable collapse. Unfortunately, the Western, top-down model of fisheries management has clearly failed to conserve and sustain our vital ocean resources. The historical success of the traditional konohiki fishing rights system demonstrates that community-driven, place-based management approaches may give us the best chance of successfully saving our nearshore fisheries from the numerous threats they currently face. This resolution will signal the legislature's support of restoring such community-driven fisheries management approaches to government agencies and communities alike. I urge the Committees to PASS this resolution.

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: In full support of resolution to return the stewardship back to our island communities for better sustainability of our nearshore/inshore fisheries. In the past, my 'ohana had practiced traditional management that had been passed on from generation to generation on the windward coastline. My hope is that for the present and future generations, this measure will advocate for more communities to be involved in sustaining and saving their natural resources within the konohiki system of stewardship. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

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Noalani Nakasone	Individual	Support	No

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My name is Constance Keo'ahunui Uale Warrington and I strongly **SUPPORT SCR7** which is a resolution that seeks to support subsistence, kipuka communities' efforts to guide harvesting and conservation practices in their nearshore waters, consistent with the principles underlying the highly successful konohiki fishing rights resource management system. Many subsistence community members and long-time fishers have voiced the critical need for better fisheries management now, to save our remaining stocks from irreparable collapse. Unfortunately, the Western, top-down model of fisheries management has clearly failed to conserve and sustain our vital ocean resources. The historical success of the traditional konohiki fishing rights system demonstrates that community-driven, place-based management approaches may give us the best chance of successfully saving our nearshore fisheries from the numerous threats they currently face. This resolution will signal the legislature's support of restoring such community-driven fisheries management approaches to government agencies and communities alike. I urge the Committees to **PASS** this resolution.

Mahalo for accepting my testimony. As primary caregiver for my Mother, I am unable to attend the meeting.

Me Ke aloha,
C. Keo'ahunui Uale Warrington

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Aloha e committee members,

I strongly support this resolution. Fisheries management in Hawaii has moved too far away from local-scale, traditional management practices, leading to open access fisheries and the tragedy of the commons. This resolution will support Native Hawaiian subsistence activities, and kipuka communities' efforts to guide harvesting and conservation practices in their adjacent nearshore waters. The konohiki system was successful in the past, with similar population levels on all islands except Oahu. It can be successful again. This resolution will show state government agencies like DAR and DOCARE that the legislature supports community-based fisheries management approaches. I strongly urge the Committees to PASS this resolution.

Mahalo nui,

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly **SUPPORT** SCR7 which is a resolution that seeks to support subsistence, kipuka communities' efforts to guide harvesting and conservation practices in their nearshore waters, consistent with the principles underlying the highly successful konohiki fishing rights resource management system. Many subsistence community members and long-time fishers have voiced the critical need for better fisheries management now, to save our remaining stocks from irreparable collapse. Unfortunately, the Western, top-down model of fisheries management has clearly failed to conserve and sustain our vital ocean resources. The historical success of the traditional konohiki fishing rights system demonstrates that community-driven, place-based management approaches may give us the best chance of successfully saving our nearshore fisheries from the numerous threats they currently face. This resolution will signal the legislature's support of restoring such community-driven fisheries management approaches to government agencies and communities alike. I urge the Committees to **PASS** this resolution.

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My name is Anne Frederick and I am the Executive Director for the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA). HAPA is a statewide environmental, social and economic justice organization. HAPA engages over 10,000 local residents annually through our work.

Ikaika M. Hussey
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From October through December of 2016 HAPA and several of our partners held a series of input gathering forums across the islands called the People's Congress. Over 800 people attended forums on Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui and Hawai'i Island to discuss the most pressing issues facing their communities. The support for community based subsistence fisheries agreements was one of the key issues raised.

Bianca K. Isaki
Secretary

Our organization request the state to support the development, adoption, and implementation of culturally-grounded, community-driven fisheries management proposals to steward, restore, and perpetuate our nearshore resources and maintain and protect associated cultural traditions and values. Near shore fisheries are on a decline and in order to preserve and protect these fisheries for future generations, we humbly ask that you pass this bill out of your committee.

Paul Achitoff

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Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Kim Coco Iwamoto

Mahalo nui,

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