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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND

Friday, March 23, 2018
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 152/HOUSE RESOLUTION 133
SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF
AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY,
O'AHU, AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO
ACQUIRE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND
TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY**

House Concurrent Resolution 152/House Resolution 133 urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), along with other governmental entities, to work with The Trust for Public Land and Hui Maunawili-Kawainui in their efforts to acquire important and rich agricultural, cultural, and historic lands at Maunawili. **The Department supports these measures.**

The Department supports the conservation and management of the many significant cultural, historic, recreational, and forested watershed features within Maunawili. Additionally, the Department will work with the landowner and interested parties in the community to purchase these lands, as appropriate, through collaborative, voluntary action to restore ecological connectivity within the ahupuaa and protect recreational access to Maunawili, Olomana, and Waimanalo, a host of archeological and historic sites, and important agricultural lands.

Community participation in the management of these lands would be a critical component to the success of Department restoration efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

**MARCH 23, 2017
10:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 152/ HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

**SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF
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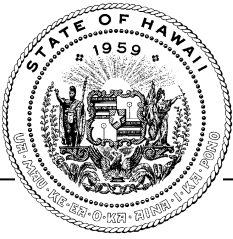
Chairperson Yamane and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 152/HR 133 that requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, the City and County of Honolulu, and other entities to work with The Trust for Public Lands and Hui Maunawili-Kawainui in their efforts to acquire the agricultural, cultural, and historic lands within Maunawili Valley. The Department of Agriculture offers comments.

These resolutions should identify the primary purpose(s) of the proposed acquisition of the identified properties – environmental (protect the marsh), cultural, historic, and/or re-establish agricultural production capacity. This will determine what kind of land management organization is needed to carry out the purpose(s) to be protected and/or developed under conservation easement or fee purchase of the affected properties.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.





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**RELATING TO SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND
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HISTORIC SITES AND TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.**

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports HCR 152 / HR 133, which seeks to acquire, preserve and restore agricultural and conservation lands in Maunawili Valley. We support this concurrent resolution provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. HCR 152 / HR 133 would encourage the protection and conservation of the many agricultural and historic resources in Maunawili Valley. This resolution further urges that the relevant federal, State and county agencies work together to purchase Maunawili Valley from HRT Realty, LLC which has expressed an interest in selling its lands. Comprised of over 1,000 acres, this presents a welcome opportunity to work with the owner and various public agencies and private organizations to acquire the land, which includes the Royal Hawaiian Golf Course.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HCR-152

Submitted on: 3/21/2018 8:15:13 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

HCR-152

Submitted on: 3/21/2018 10:21:19 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

We STRONGLY SUPPORT this resolution. Mahalo.



Environmental Caucus
of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

March 21, 2018

Chair Ryan I. Yamane
Vice Chair Chris Todd
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen
Representative Nicole E. Lowen

Representative Sam Satoru Kong
Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey
Representative Chris Lee
Representative Cynthia Thielen

Re: HCR 152 / HR 133

SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY, O'AHU, AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO ACQUIRE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

Position: STRONG SUPPORT.

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

Thank you for scheduling this important measure that aims to preserve the prime agricultural land in Maunawili and Kawainui, which is currently facing plans for extensive development. The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports measures that protect Hawai'i's precious natural resources, as does the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform.

This land has important agricultural, historical, cultural, and community value. It is traditional Hawaiian knowledge that the soil in Maunawili is the most fertile in the ahupua'a, if not the entire island:

"Palawai [in Maunawili] was the place where taro was planted most and that was the taro that supplied the chiefs when they called for ho'okupu."

- Hika'alani, Born in Kailua circa 1821

Maunawili is currently home to a thriving lo'i which hosts educational workdays for local schools, teaching students valuable lessons in farming, physical exercise, ecosystem science, community values, Hawaiian culture, and history.

Any development and interruptions to the streams in Maunawili will impact the rest of the waterways from the Kawainui marsh to the ocean. Reducing the streamflow would be devastating to the marsh ecosystem, which provides primary habitat for four of Hawaii's endemic and endangered waterbirds, including Laysan Duck and Nene Goose.

The Environmental Caucus, on behalf of our general members who voted to protect and preserve Agricultural resources as a priority, respectfully urge this committee to pass this measure. It is now more important than ever to increase sustainable local food production, protect critical habitat for native species, and promote responsible natural resource stewardship to preserve what's left of our environment.

Mahalo for your efforts to secure an environmentally sustainable future for Hawai'i. Our community, livelihood, and economy depend on it.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 22, 2018

Hawai'i State Legislature
House Committee on Water and Land
Friday, March 23, 2018, 10:30 a.m., CR# 325

Dear Honorable Chair Yamane and Representatives:

RE: HCR 152 and HR 133

Aloha kākou! My name is Lani Ma'a Lapilio, native Hawaiian attorney, business owner of a cultural consulting firm and long time Maunawili resident.

I am so excited about the opportunity for these lands to once again be used for agricultural and food cultivation and traditional cultural activities. It is my utmost privilege to lend my humble and overwhelming support to this resolution and the long-term benefits that it represents for Hawaii's future.

This important resolution represents a tremendously wise and valuable investment for not only this community but the entire state. The collaborative framework will insure that this culturally significant valley associated with our Hawaiian Gods, ali'i and guardian spirits will be preserved and utilized under the careful stewardship of visionary partners and funders.

The restoration of Maunawili lands and waterways will help to build the next generation of leaders and create a more sustainable and enjoyable Hawai'i for families and future generations.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide my voice in strong support of this initiative.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lani Ma'a Lapilio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lani Ma'a Lapilio

Testimony Supporting HCR152 and HR133
Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo‘i
House Committee on Water and Land
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AND TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

Submitted by: Hui Kawainui-Kailua Ka Wai Ola

March 21, 2018

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members,

The Boardmembers of Hui Kawainui-Kailua Ka Wai Ola strongly support the purchase, preservation, and restoration of the 900+ privately –owned acres in Maunawili Valley, TMK no’s. (1)4-2-006:001, (1)4-2-006:008, (1)4-2-007:001, (1)4-2-008:001, (1)4-2-008:005, and (1)4-2-009:001. We are a working group focused on restoration and health of the Kailua ahupua‘a watershed, of which Maunawili, Kawainui and Hāmākau wetlands are predominate features. Specific projects such as the creation of buffer zones/rain gardens to protect the Kailua watershed, support for sustainability measures such as kalo agriculture and aquaculture at Kawainui and Maunawili, environmental education, watershed research and education, hydrologic research and education, supporting cultural education and practices, and acquiring the wetlands and historical sites of Maunawili for preservation, are goals of our organization.

We are concerned about the years of neglect and abuse suffered by the wetlands and surrounding lands of Kawainui and Maunawili. We are concerned about the destruction of wetland bird habitats, lowland native forest loss, the tremendous loss of native fish and other aquatic life, the proliferation of invasive species, the lack of knowledge about the geological and archaeological history of these areas, ignorance of the mo‘olelo of the Kailua ahupua‘a and its ancient native Hawaiian culture.

Purchase of the wetlands and surrounding lands of Maunawili, which include Queen’s Retreat, ancient heiau and other historical, cultural sites in order to prevent further destruction of these areas is a priority of our organization. We are extremely saddened by the deterioration of the ancient historical sites in Maunawili and it is a goal of our organization to restore, preserve, and help manage and educate at these sites in cooperation with the State and the other Kailua Hawaiian cultural/environmental organizations currently working at Kawainui Marsh. Our goal is to bring educational opportunities to Maunawili and Kawainui because we view place-based learning as key to providing rich, meaningful, and comprehensive learning experiences as well as

promoting stewardship, a sense of protecting the ‘aina, and value for native culture and natural resources. We recognize that healing the ‘aina heals ourselves so bringing youth onto the land for the opportunity of participating in learning experiences outside of the classroom can be transformative and lead them toward a more fulfilling, meaningful path. Place-based learning has been demonstrated to increase knowledge retention, comprehension, and involvement, curiosity and excitement about learning.

We envision an education/visitor center at the Queen’s Retreat to accomplish managed access to the Maunawili Trail and sites such as Queen’s Bath at Queen’s Retreat. For example, we envision visitors to Queen’s Retreat and the Maunawili Trail funneled through an education center where they would be taught about the ancient history of this area, its endangered species, its natural resources, ongoing restoration efforts, and how to help protect the area and cultural sites. Signage would indicate restrictions for visitors before they are given access to the trail and historical sites, and rangers would be necessary to monitor activity. A solution to the public access issues associated use of Maunawili Trail and Olomana Trail would have to be part of the planning process for the area. In general, we support locating trailhead parking and restrooms outside of neighborhoods.

Another one of our objectives is to obtain these parcels in order to grow food crops once again in Maunawili Valley in order to contribute to achieving food sustainability in Hawai‘i. Food sustainability and native plant restoration achieved by growing indigenous and endemic plants compatible with eliminating water pollution in the wetlands through modern and ancient eco-engineering technology is a goal of our organization. As part of that goal, we plan to partner with mahi‘ai Dean Wilhelm and Mark Stride in Maunawili to teach alienated youth from various programs, including the Youth Community Correctional Center, through development of a year long Hawaiian farming curriculum supported by the DOE.

The Maunawili lands hold the network of streams that feed Kawainui marsh, so the health of Kawainui, another priority of our organization, is dependent on the health of the mauka Maunawili lands. The mission of our organization, Hui Kawainui-Kailua Wai Ola, is to care for the living waters that flow through the Kailua ahupua‘a by utilizing traditional ancient Hawaiian knowledge as well as contemporary scientific knowledge to educate, restore, revitalize, preserve, and manage natural and cultural water resources.

We also wish to protect and improve the habitats for native and endangered species in the area, including three endangered Hawaiian damselflies, the Hawaiian Hoary Bat, O‘ahu ‘Elepaio, and native plants such as ‘Akoko, ‘Oh‘ohe, Alani, and Haha. Therefore, it is the wish of our organization to acquire the wetlands, additional farmlands, trails, and ancient historical sites of Maunawili in order to preserve, restore and protect them and achieve the goals and objectives discussed within this testimony. By preserving and protecting the Maunawili lands, we preserve something invaluable for future generations. Maunawili and its natural resources, amazing beauty, endangered

species habitats, important cultural sites, and ancient majesty will be lost forever with the development of roads and housing on its wetlands and agricultural and historical lands.

Aloha 'Aina 'Ola'i'o,

Hui Kawainui-Kailua Ka Wai Ola Boardmembers

Charles Pe'ape'a Makawalu K. Burrows, Chairman Bill Sager, Vice President

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AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members,

The Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the perpetuation of our Hawaiian people, culture, and natural resources. We have held fast to the same threefold mission in the six decades of our existence; we strive to: 1- advance the appreciation, study, and practice of Hawaiian culture, 2- enrich the lives of Hawaiians and our Kailua community, and 3- mālama the lands, waters, and wahi pana of our ahupua'a.

We are one of the founding members of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui – the lead organization in the effort to restore Maunawili to its vital and traditional role in the Kailua ahupua'a – and we enjoy very close relationships with a number of Kailua's Hawaiian organizations including: 'Ahahui Mālama ka Lōkahi ('āina educator-curators at Nā Pōhaku o Hauwahine), Hika'alani ('āina educator-curators at Ulupō Heiau), Ho'okua'āina ('āina educator-curators at Kapalai), Hālau Mōhala 'Ilima (hula educator-curators at Ka'ōhao), and Kailua Kau a Ho'oilo (iwi kūpuna curators at Wai'auia).

It was in conjunction with these partner organizations that we introduced resolution 2017-30 at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs' convention held in November of 2017. The resolution URGING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF MAUNAWILI VALLEY LANDS was passed on the floor of this Seattle convention, speaks with the authority of our 58-club, 300-delegate organization, and is included in the appendix to this letter.

In brief, our club and association recognize the enormous value of the 900 acres of Maunawili lands currently owned by HRT-Weinberg and the land's consequent vulnerability to subdivision and gentleman-estate development. The land is storied. It lives in the mele and mo'olelo of our ancestors. It is the land of Liliu'okalani's "Aloha 'Oe," of Keko'owai's "Makalei Ka Laau Pii Ona A Ka Ia," of "He Ua La He Ua," "Palila," "Lonokaeho," and "Pele and Hi'iaka." The land is extraordinarily fertile. Its Hanalei soils supplied the entire district of Ko'olaupoko with an abundance of food, and its now weed-swallowed lo'i are still the envy of taro farmers the island over. The land supports a network of springs and streams that once fed the equally

productive Kawainui fishpond, and these waters are still inextricably related to the health of our wetlands, canal, and bay. The land, finally and ultimately, is our parent. What we learn in the scattered pockets of ‘āina that we are currently able to mālama (at Ulupō, at Nā Pōhaku, at Kapalai) is that ‘āina nurtures us in ways that cannot be quantified on spread sheets or statements of profit and loss. It is inseparable from who we are and how we define ourselves. Maunawili is all this writ large.

We believe that its value, though staggering in terms of real-estate potential, is considerably more important to our community as a place of sustainability and healing. Of food sovereignty. Of cultural education and grounding. Of environmental stewardship. Of hope for a future that is less and less dependent on imported economies.

It is because of our long-term commitment to aloha ‘āina, to our unwavering love for our land, that we therefore offer our emphatic support for HCR152 and HR133.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,



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**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 2017
URGING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF
MAUNAWILI VALLEY LANDS**

WHEREAS, Maunawili Valley in the ahupua‘a of Kailua is celebrated in story and chant for its association with akua, ali‘i, and cultural heroes; and

WHEREAS, Maunawili valley contains wetlands, streams and/or freshwater springs that provide most of the water that flows to the Kawainui Marsh ecosystem and more than 50 springs and smaller streams are present, including Maunawili Stream, the most significant stream in the ahupua‘a; and

WHEREAS, ancient and historic sites throughout Maunawili valley include heiau, sacred stones, petroglyphs, Hawaiian burials, alanui, house sites, grinding stones, irrigated and dryland agricultural terraces, large ‘auwai related to extensive lo‘i, and nineteenth and early twentieth

century structures related to agriculture and food production; and

WHEREAS, the 1994 Kawainui Master Plan recommended the State acquire the privately-owned Wetland/Semi-Wetland areas in Maunawili, noting that they are hydrologically part of Kawainui Marsh and separated only by the highway and that acquisition would “protect the wetlands from future undesired developments” and inappropriate alteration of the landscape and waterways; and

WHEREAS, the State has not secured these Maunawili lands, which remain privately owned; and

WHEREAS, HRT Ltd., owner of more than 1,000 acres in Maunawili including the Royal Hawaiian Golf Course, has filed applications with the City Department of Planning and Permitting to subdivide hundreds of acres of open space and important agricultural lands in Maunawili valley; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to protect and conserve the Maunawili wetlands, semi-wetlands, proposed Important Agricultural Lands, fresh water resources, ancient and historic sites, and historic trails within the vital context of agricultural sustainability; and

WHEREAS, there is also a need to provide managed and restricted access to State trails in proximity to Maunawili Historic Wetland/Semi-Wetland areas and The Queen’s Retreat; and

WHEREAS, the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui is a group of descendants and residents of Maunawili and Kailua who represent a coalition of Hawaiian cultural and environmental organizations, including the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, who have joined together to protect prime agricultural and culturally significant lands in Maunawili; and

WHEREAS, the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui seeks to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua‘a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui has been increasing public awareness of Maunawili’s significance, as a source of freshwater for the ahupua‘a of Kailua with important agricultural lands, and a place rich with natural, cultural and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, Governor David H. Ige has declared a state goal to double local food production by 2020, which is in line with Maunawili’s legacy as historically fertile ground for the production of food crops; and

WHEREAS, the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui has met with numerous State and County officials and elected representatives to express the need to protect and preserve the Maunawili lands and to seek both institutional and financial support toward that end; and

WHEREAS, Hui members have met with HRT Ltd. representatives and are now working in partnership with national and local trust entities that purchase and manage lands to identify ways to acquire HRT properties in Maunawili; and

WHEREAS, HRT Ltd. is the property holder for the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation, whose purpose is to address the needs of children, the poor, and the disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Weinberg Foundation aligns with Hui Maunawili-Kawainui's collective social conscience and stated responsibility to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of this region and the traditions associated with them, which are vital to the well-being of Hawai'i and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 58th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, in the malama of 'Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani, this 4th day of November 2017, [INSERT THE TITLE (VERBATIM)]; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports the efforts of the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui to protect and conserve the Maunawili lands and urges HRT Ltd. to work with the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui toward the purchase of the HRT Maunawili lands to bring to fruition a larger, truly community-based vision of restoring Maunawili to its vital and traditional role in the ahupua'a as a source of free-flowing fresh water and place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs urges the State and County to work with the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui in their efforts to acquire these important and rich agricultural, cultural, and historic lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Senator Jill Tokuda, Senator Laura Thielen, Representative Chris Lee, Representative Ken Ito, Representative Cynthia Thielen, Chairperson Suzanne Case of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the Honolulu City Council, Honolulu City Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all County Mayors.

[The official text of this resolution is being sent as testimony for **HCR152 and HR133** by Benton Keali'i Pang, Association Director and legislative liaison for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs]

Hui Maunawili-Kawainui
Testimony on HCR 152 and HR 133

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House Committee on Water and Land
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Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Todd, and Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony on behalf of the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui **strongly supporting** HCR 152 and HR 133, which express support for the purchase, preservation, and restoration of more than 900 acres of privately-owned land in Maunawili.

The Hui is a group of descendants and residents of Maunawili and Kailua who represent a coalition of Hawaiian cultural and environmental organizations. Our purpose is to protect prime agricultural and culturally significant lands in Maunawili. We have joined together to restore the health of Maunawili so that the valley can resume its vital and traditional role in the ahupua‘a of Kailua as a source of free-flowing fresh water and place of abundant agriculture and rich cultural resources. We support strengthening the Native Hawaiian presence and traditional practices in the ahupua‘a of Kailua, particularly in growing kalo and other healthy foods to feed future generations of our community. Maunawili is a storied place in Hawaiian culture, a place of abundance, where lo‘i kalo provided food not solely for Kailua, but for the entire Ko‘olaupoko area and beyond. Our vision is to restore Maunawili to that place of abundance, growth, and healing for all in Hawai‘i.

The Hui Maunawili-Kawainui has been working with the Trust for Public Land in its efforts to purchase the 900-plus acres in Maunawili currently owned by HRT Realty, Inc., to ensure that those lands will be held as a public trust resource for the benefit of all. These lands are exceptionally rich in resources including:

- a critical watershed containing Maunawili’s many streams and springs, which are the primary stream system for Kawainui watershed and the ahupua‘a of Kailua;
- the majority of the Proposed Important Agricultural Lands in the ahupua‘a, containing rich Hanalei Series soil, the most productive kalo growing soil in Hawai‘i;
- the potential to significantly improve the State’s future food security and sustainability because of the above soil and water features, and access to markets, all of which qualify much of this land for the critical designation as Important Agricultural Lands;
- numerous significant ancient and historic sites, including the Queen’s Retreat;
- historic roads and trails that rightly belong in the public domain; and

- endangered species including Hawaiian damselflies, the Hawaiian hoary bat, O‘ahu ‘Elepaio, the Newell’s shearwater, Hawaiian stilt, Hawaiian gallinule, Hawaiian coot and Hawaiian duck and the threatened Newell’s shearwater.

The Hui Maunawili-Kawainui particularly wishes to call the Committee’s attention to the long history of public interest in acquiring and protecting these Maunawili lands. As HCR 152 and HR 133 state, the 1994 Kawai Nui Marsh Master Plan recommended that the State acquire the Wetland/Semi-Wetland and upland areas in Maunawili, noting they are a vital part of the economic, ecological, and cultural resources of Kawainui Marsh, and are separated from Kawainui only by the highway. It has been almost twenty-five years since that recommendation, but no progress has been made on public acquisition of the lands until now.

We are very encouraged that HRT Realty, Inc., the property holder for the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation, is willing to work towards the purchase of its Maunawili lands. The purpose of the Weinberg Foundation is to address the needs of children, the poor, and the disadvantaged. We believe that the mission of the Weinberg Foundation aligns with Hui Maunawili-Kawainui’s vision to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of the ahupua‘a of Kailua and the traditions associated with them, which are vital to the well-being of Hawai‘i and its people.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the Trust for Public Land in seeking funding for this acquisition and we ask this Committee to pass HCR 152 and HR 133 in support of our collective efforts. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF
AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY,
O‘AHU, AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO
ACQUIRE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND TRAILS
AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

March 21, 2018

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members,

I am Māpuana de Silva, a 67-year resident of Ka‘ōhao, Kailua, O‘ahu, and the founder of Hālau Mōhala ‘Ilima (HMI) a school of traditional hula that, like me, is Kailua-grounded and Kailua-strong.

I founded my school in January 1976, five months after I graduated as kumu hula from Aunty Maiki Aiu Lake. In the 42 years since Aunty Maiki’s little blessing of the concrete slab in my mother’s back yard, my hālau has become something of an anchor institution in the often troubled seas of contemporary Hawaiian culture. I credit this success to the many loyal students of that concrete slab (and its later iterations) who have established themselves in all walks of life without surrendering their ties to the core values of our kūpuna. I credit it, as well, to HMI’s early and ongoing focus on the land to which we are most closely attached – to Kailua, Ko‘olaupoko, O‘ahu – and to Kailua’s enormously rich legacy of celebrated places and people, of chant, dance, story, and song. Briefly put, our love for our ancestors and ‘āina has allowed us to hold fast in the turning tide.

I am writing, with the full support of my students and their families, in equally full support of the HCR 152 and HR 133 resolutions to endorse the efforts of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui to purchase, preserve, and restore the 900-plus acres of HRT-owned lands in Maunawili Valley. These lands are invaluable to us for reasons that I will do my best to explain below.

First: as keepers of the mele and mo‘olelo (the chants, songs, and stories) of Kailua – and of the hula that accompany them – we urge the purchase, preservation, and restoration of the very lands that lie at the heart of our ancestral literature. We point, for example, to “Makalei ka

Laau Pii Ona a ka Ia,” a long, complex, and chant-filled story of a boy from Maunawili who is instrumental in restoring fish and taro abundance to his ahupua‘a. The parallels between this centuries-old story and the current conditions in upper Maunawili are striking; what better way to instruct our youth in pono (harmony, balance, righteous behavior and action) than to teach this mo‘olelo and its accompanying poetry on the restored lands to which it constantly refers.

Second: as an affiliate of Hika‘alani (the non-profit curators of the 11 acres that constitute the Ulupō Heiau State Park) and as members of Hika‘alani’s volunteer army of small-scale taro farmers on the banks of lower Kawainui, we urge the purchase, preservation, and restoration of the network of Maunawili springs and streams that feeds Kawainui. The health of one is contingent on the health of the other. Both, in fact, are one and the same, and the vision we have of a thriving Kawainui fishpond and a taro-rich perimeter will not come to pass without a concerted effort to mālama the source of the “Big Fresh Water.”

Third: as food-sovereignty advocates and practitioners, we urge the purchase, preservation, and restoration of the incredibly fertile taro lands of Maunawili. We are long-time allies and partners of Mark Stride and Dean Wilhelm (Maunawili taro farmers/educators/healers par excellence), and we dream with them over how those now weed-invaded Hanalei soils might again feed our community and serve as the ultimate classroom-without-walls for what Dean calls “rebuilding lives from the ground up.”

And Fourth: as partners of Kailua Kau a Ho‘oilu, the native Hawaiian organization dedicated to caring and speaking for Kailua’s iwi kūpuna, we urge the purchase and protection of Maunawili lands on which potential burials may exist and where a burial treatment plan for a 1980s discovery of ancestral remains in the area of the Queen’s Retreat has yet to be approved. Mary Kawena Pukui has reminded us that our iwi kūpuna are our greatest treasure; we cannot countenance their neglect and possible abuse if we are to define ourselves as caretakers of the land from which we were born.

In conclusion, allow me to offer an old but new vision of a restored Maunawili as it connects to an equally restored Kawainui and a thriving ahupua‘a. It was published in the Hawaiian language newspaper *Kuokoa* on January 13, 1922, and is said to have been composed many centuries earlier by the people of Kailua in joyful tribute to the name and good works of their overseer chief, Ahiki. Indeed, the magnitude of Ahiki’s generosity and kind leadership was such that “me he mea la, aole lakou he poe okoa, aka, he ohana koko pono no keia konohiki a ka lokomaikai nui wale” – it was as if they were not a separate people but of the same family and blood as this extraordinarily good-hearted konohiki. So great, in fact, was their esteem for Ahiki that they gave his name to one of the Olomana peaks, and “ua paa ia inoa ahiki loa mai ia kaua e

ka mea heluhelu i keia la” – and this name has held fast all the long way to us, O reader, in this our own day.

Ki‘eki‘e i luna ke kū ‘o Ahiki
Holo ana ke aka i Kawainui
Nānā a‘e ‘oe i ke alo pali
He maika‘i nō mai luna a lalo
A lalo ē
I laila māua me ka Malanai
E wehe aku i ka lau o ke ‘uki
‘Āwili me ka neki o Mokulana
Me ka i‘a ho‘opā ‘ili kānaka
I laila ē
A he waiwai nō ka hale, e ku‘u aloha
Nou nō ka hewa i ke kipa ‘ole ‘ana mai
‘A‘ole anei ē?

High above is the peak, Ahiki
Its shadow sails below on Kawainui
Won’t you look at the face of the pali
So beautiful from top to bottom
To the bottom, indeed.
The two of us could be there in the Malanai
Parting the leaves of ‘uki
Entwined with the sedges of Mokulana
With fish that finds our skins irresistible
There, indeed.
This house has great value, my beloved
And it would be a shame if you didn’t visit
Isn’t this so?

Mahalo nui for your attention and consideration,



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The Trust for Public Land's Testimony Supporting HCR152 and HR133 Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo'i

House Committee on Water and Land

Friday, March 23, 2018, 10:30AM, Conference Room 325

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members,

The Trust for Public Land appreciates this opportunity to express its strongest support for the resolution demonstrating legislative support for the purchase, preservation, and restoration of over 900 privately-owned acres in Maunawili. Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, a coalition of Kailua community organizations and leaders, asked The Trust for Public Land for assistance toward achieving a potential conservation purchase, and we are humbled to assist the community and the State in this important, community-driven, and collaborative effort.

The Trust for Public Land is a national non-profit organization that creates parks and conserves land for people, ensuring healthy livable communities for generations to come.

In Hawai'i, health is the foundation of our work. We focus on meaningfully connecting people to the land and each other, and support the empowerment of underserved and Native Hawaiian communities. We have helped to conserve over 43,500 acres, to purchase and conserve 34 significant places across the islands for government agencies and local nonprofits.

The Maunawili lands should be protected for several reasons. The biocultural resources of the Maunawili lands are irreplaceable. In ancient times, the land, which is largely wetlands, was extensively farmed in kalo and other crops, and the kalo from the area was famed for its sweetness and specifically requested by the ali'i. It therefore makes sense that the Maunawili properties include the vast majority of Hanalei soil in the Kailua ahupua'a; the most rich and productive soil in all of Hawai'i. Recently, nearby Maunawili kalo farmers have demonstrated that this land can not only still produce kalo and other healthy food crops, but also be a place of learning for many school children and their families. Removing invasive species and returning these lands to agricultural production will have the added benefit of improving the health of Kawainui Marsh into which the waters from the Maunawili lands flow, and creating native wetland bird habitat.

The lands also have immense historical value of importance to all of Hawai'i. It was on these lands where Queen Lili'uokalani would retreat, where she would bathe in "Queen's Bath", and where she wrote the song "Aloha 'Oe" after seeing a couple in a farewell embrace. This area called "Queen's Retreat" still remains, as do the numerous cultural sites from ancient times, including the extensive lo'i kalo terrace walls, heiau, petroglyphs, birthing stones, and burials.

In addition, the Maunawili lands include historic trails that provide potential cultural and recreational opportunities. A conservation purchase of the lands could also solve the neighborhood parking and other problems associated with Maunawili Trail and



Olomana Trail. Relocating the trailhead, and relieving the trail access burden on the residential community is a priority as this land protection effort progresses.

The Trust for Public Land is currently negotiating a conservation purchase with the private owner, and is grateful for their willingness to work towards a solution for these lands that would be a win all around - for the community, the environment, the landowner, and Hawaiian culture. The State, through the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Department of Agriculture, would own the majority, if not all of the lands, and steward the lands in true partnership with the Kailua community, including farmers and Hawaiian cultural practitioners. A resolution from the Hawai'i State Legislature supporting the private-public effort to purchase, preserve, and restore these Maunawili lands would encourage all parties involved, and provide a showing of State support when The Trust for Public Land, DLNR, and Hui Maunawili-Kawainui seek non-State funding for the purchase.

Mahalo piha for the opportunity to provide testimony in support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura H. E. Kaakua".

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR152

SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY, O’AHU, AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO ACQUIRE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

Aloha kākou,

I thank you for this opportunity to provide my testimony in strong support of **HCR152**.

My name is Maya L. Kawailanaokeawaiki Saffery. I was born and raised in the valley of Maunawili. As a Native Hawaiian of the ahupua’a of Kailua, a lifelong resident of Maunawili, a cultural practitioner of traditional hula who received my training and continues to practice my culture within Kailua, and a Hawaiian language curriculum developer from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa whose research focuses on the importance of place to the education of Hawai’i’s children, I strongly support the purchase, preservation and restoration of the 900+ privately-owned acres in Maunawili, TMK No.s: (1)4-2-006:001, (1)4-2-006:008, (1)4-2-007:001, (1)4-2-008:001, (1)4-2-008:005, and (1)4-2-009:001.

I began studying traditional hula in 1989 at the age of nine when my mother signed me up for Hālau Māhala ‘Ilima based in Ka’aha, Kailua, Ko’olaupoko, O’ahu. I learn hula, chants, and songs that honor our gods, our royalty, our sacred places, and our histories. The words I continue to give voice to and the motions I continue to give life to are the same words and motions that my hula ancestors practiced for generations and that I continue to perpetuate into the future. We are taught in our hālau that researching the many-layered meanings of our mele and hula and then presenting them on the land for the purpose of honoring the place and remembering the people and events connected to that place are all part of what is required when you accept the kuleana (responsibility) to practice traditional hula. I take this kuleana very seriously. The purchase, preservation, and restoration of these parcels of land in Maunawili will

allow hula practitioners of Kailua like myself to fulfill this kuleana because it provides for the restoration and revitalization of cultural and natural resources related to our wahi pana (sacred sites). This important work will in turn provide better opportunities for us to live our culture in relation to these wahi pana from the back of Maunawili where Lili'uokalani was once hosted by our community over a century ago, to the many heiau and ancient agricultural complexes that still exist throughout the valley, to the mouth of the valley where a network of streams feed into Kawainui fishpond that once fed the communities of Kailua, Waimānalo, and Kāne'ohe.

As a Hawaiian language curriculum developer from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, I strive to engage students in culturally grounded curricula and pedagogies that honor and nurture the kanaka-'Āina (person-land) relationship. Not only do I believe that this approach is essential for the education of Hawaiian students, but 'Āina-based/conscious education can also benefit all students. By grounding our curriculum and pedagogy in the study of place, we are able to offer our students learning experiences that connect to where they come from, who they are, and how they see the world. Students develop deeper relationships with the places they call home, thus motivating them to become more actively engaged in the protection and stewardship of their own environments and the empowerment of their own communities. I am excited about upcoming opportunities for educators like myself, especially those from Kailua, to develop curriculum about Kailua for Kailua's children who will benefit greatly from engaging directly with the sites that will be preserved, restored, managed, and cared for through the purchase of these extremely valuable agricultural, cultural, and historical lands of Maunawili.

Finally, I am a Native Hawaiian of Kailua who has been raised by these lands of Maunawili for my entire life and continues to make my home in the protective embrace of the Ko'olau mountains. The oral histories of my ancestors from four and five centuries past further corroborated by written accounts in primary source materials describe Kailua, and specifically the rich agricultural lands of Maunawili, as a nexus of cultural excellence in our islands as well as a bountiful, calabash-like land division able to support a large population. The bounty of natural and cultural resources cared for and cultivated by the people of Kailua not only fed their community but also attracted Hawaiian royalty throughout the centuries, from the high-ranking chief Kāne'ohiwa, who made Kailua one of his permanent residences and seats of political power for the entire island of O'ahu in the fifteenth century to Queen Lili'uokalani, who was regularly hosted by the natives of Kailua at magnificent feasts and celebrations in the nineteenth century. A strong, enduring relationship between our people, their places, and their cultural practices created a strong, thriving community in Kailua who had the knowledge and skills to produce and maintain the resources needed to grow and support their families over the generations. It is my strong belief that the purchase, preservation, and restoration of these 900+ acres in Maunawili will allow for the re-establishment of a piko (center) of stewardship and learning in Kailua where our community can once again gather to study, teach, and promote land-based Hawaiian cultural knowledge and practices for the purposes of feeding and growing healthy, balanced, and abundant lands and people for generations to come.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge you to support **HCR152**.

Mahalo nui,

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Aloha,

I, Josh Powell, friend and ohana to the Mauna Wili community, strongly support the purchase, preservation and restoration of the 900+ privately-owned acres in Maunawili, TMK No.s: (1)4-2-006:001, (1)4-2-006:008, (1)4-2-007:001, (1)4-2-008:001, (1)4-2-008:005, and (1)4-2-009:001. Please keep the long lasting Hawaiian culture alive by allowing for the purchase and preservation of these lands. Over the last decade or so, the Mauna Wili valley has become a big part of my life. My wife was raised with Olo Mana watching over her and has lived in this valley her entire life. Her grandparents, aunts and cousins have spent their lives preserving the heritage that transcends thru the generations here. Please don't give way to the modern world. Don't be driven to change something that teaches us all so much without saying a word. Let it remain. Let it stay "Aloha". It is not just a special place to Hawaii, it is a special place to the world . A shrine. A monument. And we have a responsibility to protect all of its resources, everything it teaches, and the integrity and Aloha that it has given to all of us for so many generations. The truth is in your heart... Mahalo

I am Josh Powell. My fiancé is Marie Medosi/Pope. Her mother is Barbara Pope. Her Aunt is Deborah Pope. Father, Fabrizio Medosi. Cousins Will and John Foster. And numerous other friends and family of the community

Re: SCR95, SR55, HCR152, HR133 - Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo'i.
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Maunawili has always been close to my heart. My family moved to the valley in 1959, when I was in second grade, so for most of my childhood I grew up there, living in a house on the original Maunawili Road (now Maunawili Loop). When my siblings and I were young, we spent endless hours and days playing down by the stream or freely exploring around the valley. My mom continued to live there for the rest of her life, and my sister and her family now live in our old family home, so I have made frequent trips to the valley for as long as I can remember.

I feel very strongly about the importance of preserving the still-undeveloped lands in Maunawili. Obviously for me the valley has intense personal importance, but I feel its preservation is essential for the entire community as well, for the following main reasons:

- To preserve what is left of the rural character of Windward Oahu.
- To protect the flow of fresh water from Maunawili Valley down to Kawainui marsh, which will maintain the ecological health of the entire area and protect the wildlife that lives there.
- To use the rich soils of Maunawili for agricultural purposes as much as possible, especially because food security in Hawaii is so tenuous due to the lack of adequate local food production.
- To protect numerous historical cultural sites in the valley, including Lili'uokalani's "Queen's Retreat" and also heiau, petroglyphs, and ancient agricultural terraces.
- To provide opportunities to solve the problematic issues surrounding access to and use of Maunawili Falls Trail and Olomana Trail.

I am extremely encouraged that there are ongoing discussions among various government and community parties to put together a plan for a voluntary conservation sale of these Maunawili lands from the current landowner, which will ensure that they are preserved for the future of our community. It would be a disaster if those precious lands were allowed to be sold for sham agricultural "gentlemen's estates" for wealthy homeowners who have no real intention to use the lands for genuine agricultural use. I ask you to please support the efforts to purchase, preserve, and restore these agricultural and conservation lands.

Mahalo for your attention.

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Emma Broderick	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha mai kakou,

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Ko'olaupoko is my 'Āina and Kailua is my home. My mother raised my siblings and I just miles from where she herself spent her childhood. I was raised walking to school at 'Aikahi, body surfing in Kalama's shore break, and gazing up at Konahuanui. I volunteer at 'Ulupāina with the conservation organization I work with now and share this pu'uhonua with the young adults I serve alongside. Kailua has been a constant in my life and a place I can always return to.

This 'Āina is vital to the health of our people, our culture, and our future. This soil is ripe for growth and can once again be cultivated to support some of Kailua and Hawai'i's growing food demands. The stories of this place and its history can continue to be shared with youth and community members so they can know and understand their culture. They can see the truth of the stories in the heiau, petroglyphs and agricultural terraces that remain. And we can invest in the future health and wellbeing of the community by ensuring that streams continue to flow, our native and endangered species have homes to return to, and pono agriculture is supported.

Maunawili can serve as an example for Hawai'i. What Hawai'i needs now is leaders who invest in our shared future and make decisions that benefit the total wellbeing of our communities. I envision a day when this land will be abundant with waiwai and with life. Where we can be proud of how we chose to uphold our kōleana to aloha 'Āina and were therefore nourished by 'Āina aloha.

Mahalo,

Emma Broderick

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Elizabeth Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Re: HCR152 - Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo'i.

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Aloha Representatives,

I strongly support the purchase, preservation, and restoration of the 900+ privately owned acres in Maunawili, TMK No.s: (1)4-2-006:001, (1)4-2-006:008, (1)4-2-007:001, (1)4-2-008:001, (1)4-2-008:005, and (1)4-2-009:001.

As a resident of East O'ahu, I am most grateful for the preservation of the Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline in 2017 through the partnership of the community, the State, and the City and County of Honolulu.

I therefore support the community of Maunawili in their quest to preserve their valuable cultural sites and agricultural lands for the existing community and future generations. Development of these lands could not only obliterate culturally significant sites but would destroy important agricultural and watershed areas. Also of prime importance is the preservation of natural habitats for native and endangered species of plants and wildlife.

I urge the State to join with the community in conserving this area for all of the people of Hawai'i, not just the residents of Maunawili. As with the Ka Iwi shoreline, the valley of Maunawili is important for all who value open space and the traditional landscape.

Mahalo for your consideration of these resolutions and this testimony.

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Submitted by: Beth Anderson

March 21, 2018

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members,

I strongly urge you to support the purchase, preservation, restoration, and protection of agricultural and conservation lands and ancient historical sites in Maunawili Valley, O'ahu. I have been a Kailua resident for forty years and actively involved in organizations working toward the restoration and preservation of the wetlands, ancient historical sites, and the practice of Hawaiian culture within the Kailua ahupua'a. Some members of the Kailua Hawaiian organizations I am part of have been working decades to achieve these goals.

We are environmentalists, scientists, educators, cultural practitioners, farmers, and scholars, and many of us have other jobs and occupations, but we devote hundreds of volunteer hours each year toward restoring and preserving the wetlands of Kailua and the cultural sites in these areas because we view this work as incredibly important and valuable for the future of this ahupua'a and Hawai'i residents.

Restoring and conserving watersheds, green space, and creating and supporting more sustainable agriculture should be a priority now on O'ahu. So much has been lost that is irreplaceable. Precious agriculture areas on the Ewa plain and in Central O'ahu are being developed and lost forever. This is unwise and unsustainable. Hanalei soil, the richest and most fertile soil in Hawai'i, the most productive kalo growing soil in Hawai'i, is found in Maunawili. The state should be focused on significantly increasing and supporting local food production. Instead of filling in this wetland with houses, roads, and invasives, kalo and other food crops can be grown here once again in effort to move toward the goal of food sustainability. Historically, Maunawili was a "breadbasket" for O'ahu, as evidenced by many irrigated and dryland agricultural terraces, large 'auwai related to extensive lo'i, and historic maps and documents.

Maunawili Wetlands are such a critical piece of the Kailua watershed that I think most of us are frankly appalled at the thought of developing and building homes in these wetlands. The state should have never allowed these wetlands to be purchased by a commercial landowner in the first place. These wetlands and the archaeological sites within them have been neglected for decades by the current landowner. I am gravely concerned about areas like Queen's Retreat which has been left to deteriorate to a dismal state and may not survive if left to continued neglect. The historical main house, the Hedemann house, is barely standing. The old carriageway to the houses that was lined with Royal Palms is overgrown and the palms are choked by invasive plants and dying off. Other historical structures at Queen's Retreat have completely disappeared because of neglect. Some were demolished because they had completely deteriorated and were beyond repair. Queen's Retreat should be restored and preserved because it is an important part of Hawai'i history. The archeological sites there, such as Queen's Bath, and ancient heiau in the area are in need of attention and extensive restoration.

In addition to saving precious archeological sites, there are a multitude of reasons the wetlands and ancient historical sites and trails of Maunawili should be purchased by the state and protected, preserved, and cared for. Maunawili lands include a network of streams which flow through Maunawili wetlands and feed Kawainui Marsh. It is all connected and much healing needs to take place in these areas. The health of Kawainui, which is severely degraded presently, is dependent on the health of the mauka Maunawili lands. I am part of several organizations working to restore the health of Kawainui Marsh and the waters of the entire Kailua ahupua'a. We are aware that the biosystem created by the growing of lo'i, reconstruction of ancient fishponds, removal of invasive plants, and implementation of other ancient Hawaiian agricultural engineering techniques, works to clean polluted waters within that system. These techniques mirror modern eco-engineering models for treating polluted waterways. Cleansing the waterways of Maunawili and Kawainui will result in healthier waters entering Kailua Bay, also.

Our organizations are working to remove invasive species at Kawainui, restoring lo'i gardens, and restoring and teaching about this ecosystem and the ancient Hawaiian culture that lived and thrived there. We know the key to getting kids (and adults) to value and take care of these precious areas is to take them there to experience them, to have them learn about and value the Hawaiian culture in their community of Kailua, and teach them modern science and technology there as well. I want my grandchildren to gain this knowledge and help care for our fragile natural resources and important cultural history. The wetlands, the trails, the ancient sites of Maunawili and Kawainui are incredibly important resources—wells of knowledge, spirituality, culture, healing and beauty reside there. We must protect this for our generation and the thousands of generations to follow and resolve to do this.

Aloha 'Aina 'Ola'i'o,

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Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlene Luning	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

I submit this testimony on behalf of my family, residents of Kailua since 1945. We strongly support the purchase, preservation and restoration of the 900+ privately-owned acres in Maunawili, TMK No.s: (1)4-2-006:001, (1)4-2-006:008, (1)4-2-007:001, (1)4-2-008:001, (1)4-2-008:005, and (1)4-2-009:001.

Maunawili has been a treasured land for my family -- for my father, who was an avid hiker, and for my children and grandchildren who have walked the trails and enjoyed the waterfalls. For the welfare of the entire community and of the island, it is extremely important that the integrity of these lands is restored and maintained.

As the central watershed of the entire ahupua'a of Kailua, the health of Maunawili valley is vital to the health of all the waterways in Kailua for agricultural success and by extension, the health of Kailua's near ocean and reefs. Purchase and protection of this land would go a long way to insure the future health of the ecosystems in Kailua.

Furthermore, State oversight of this land would ensure the protection of its many storied sites, including the Queen's Retreat (sadly overgrown and in danger of being lost), and preserve them as cultural wahi pana for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,

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Comments:

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SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF
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AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO ACQUIRE
AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND TRAILS AND
WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members,

Our family, fourth generation residents of Kailua, strongly supports the purchase, preservation and restoration of the 900+ privately-owned acres in Maunawili, TMK No.s: (1)4-2-006:001, (1)4-2-006:008, (1)4-2-007:001, (1)4-2-008:001, (1)4-2-008:005, and (1)4-2-009:001.

Our grandfather/great-grandfather moved his family to Kailua in 1929 to work at the Maunawili Training School for Girls at Kawailoa, the site of today's O'ahu Youth Correction Facility. One of his jobs was to oversee the maintenance of the water systems that delivered Maunawili's abundant water to Waimanalo plantations and the Maunawili Training School. He introduced us – by jeep and on foot -- to this exceptionally bountiful place – Maunawili – with its streams, freshwater springs, rice fields tilled by water buffalo, a poi factory, small farms and nurseries all sustained by free-flowing water and exceptionally fertile soil.

Our family moved to Maunawili in 1951 and still lives bordering TMK 42007001, part of the historic Maunawili wetlands that are largely comprised of Hanalei Series Soil – the most fertile soil in the islands. The elders in our family vividly remember the Maunawili that was still productive agricultural land. Nearly all of this was lost in the early 1960s with the first residential subdivisions, the diversion of streams and eventually the eviction of farmers by new landowners.

We are concerned by the applications to the City to subdivide five parcels and nearly 1,000 acres into agricultural subdivisions; and greatly encouraged by the private landowner's willingness to work with The Trust for Public Land on a Letter of Intent to effect a conservation purchase of their Maunawili lands. Maunawili's many resources – which are outlined so eloquently in this resolution -- are too important to squander on fake farms and gentleman's estates, which sadly is the fate of agricultural subdivisions in Hawai'i. We have all seen it.

This is a rare moment – a very important opportunity to reclaim and care for land that rightfully belongs in the public domain. The Trust for Public Land, DLNR, the Department of Agriculture and community groups throughout Kailua are working together to acquire, protect and restore

Maunawili's waterways, wetlands, forests, endangered species, important agricultural lands, lo'i kalo and many cultural and historic sites, roads and trails. The natural and cultural resources and the traditions associated with them are vital to the well-being of the ahupua'a of Kailua, of Hawai'i and its people.

We look forward to continuing to work with The Trust for Public Land to seek funding for this purchase. We urge this Committee to pass HCR 152 and HR133. Mahalo for your consideration.

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HCR-152

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kauai Hemmings	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony Supporting HCR152 and HR133

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Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members,

I, Kauai Hemmings and my husband, Andrew Lautenbach, residents of Maunawili strongly support the purchase, preservation and restoration of the 900+ privately-owned acres in Maunawili, TMK No.s: (1)4-2-006:001, (1)4-2-006:008, (1)4-2-007:001, (1)4-2-008:001, (1)4-2-008:005, and (1)4-2-009:001.

My grandparents, Eleanor and Judge Martin Pence, have lived here since 1955. We now reside in the home they built. While much has changed, Maunawili still retains its essence and imprints of the past.

We wish:

- To protect numerous cultural sites important to Hawai'i's history, including "Queen's Retreat" where Lili'uokalani took respite and wrote the song "Aloha 'Oe", heiau, petroglyphs, and ancient agricultural terraces.
- To be able to bring the youth onto the land to teach its history and mo'olelo.
- The lands include almost all of Kailua's Hanalei soil – the richest and most fertile soil in Hawai'i – and can once again grow kalo and other healthy food crops that can significantly increase Hawai'i's local food production.
- To help the communities of Ko'olaupoko and Ko'olauloa preserve Windward O'ahu's rural/local/country character
- The lands include a network of streams that feed Kawainui marsh, so the health of Kawainui is dependent on the health of the mauka Maunawili lands. Together with Kawainui marsh, the lands constitute the most intact traditional landscape in the Kailua ahupua'a.
- To support the Ko'olau community's belief that the health and vitality of the land, its ecosystems, and the cultural traditions associated with them are essential to the well-being of the community.
- To allow the land to resume its vital traditional role in the Kailua ahupua'a as a place of free-flowing fresh water, abundant agriculture, and protected cultural sites cared for by the community.
- To protect and improve the natural habitat for native and endangered species in the area, including three endangered Hawaiian damselflies, the Hawaiian Hoary Bat, O'ahu 'Elepaio, and many native plants such as 'Akoko, 'Ohe'ohe, Alani, and Haha.
- To solve the public access issues associated with use of Maunawili Trail and Olomana Trail, and relieve the burden on the Maunawili neighborhood.

Personally, this place has been an inspiration to me in terms of my work. I am a writer, and one of the themes I always return to is the necessity of the present to learn from the past, to preserve the wilderness that sustains us and shapes who we are.

Thank you,

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HCR-152

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Cramer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the preservation of these lands. This is important for Hawai'i.

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HCR-152

Submitted on: 3/23/2018 5:23:31 AM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
paul brennan	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am present to strongly support the passage of HCR152, which provides for the purchase of approximately 1000 acres in Maunawili Valley, my home for the last 37 years. As a researcher I have walked extensively throughout the acreage, and am intimately familiar with its numerous springs and six major streams which feed into Kawainui Marsh. I have studied the written record of how this shared aquifer was carefully managed by Hawaiian ancestors, feeding not only the residents of the Kailua ahupua'a, but also those in need elsewhere on the island. This land, together with Kawainui, constitutes the most intact traditional landscape yet remaining within the ahupua'a. It has been my privilege over the past three decades to lead walking tours of the Queen's Retreat area, as well as the early complex of stores, school and rice mills in Old Kailua. This firsthand experience, involving more than 3,000 participants, contributed to the writing of the popularly-received publication, KAILUA, now in its third printing. This access to the land, coupled with the reconstructed historical knowledge, have produced an appetite of wide appeal within Kailua, and beyond, for further research and especially restoration of the cultural sites, which still remains possible. Only by purchasing the property will this be able to be accomplished. The education of our youth, through such hands-on efforts, is especially vital if we are to maximize the fullest extent of our learning from the past. Maunawili's land can yet be restored—its invasive plants removed, its lo'i and auwai restored—to its vital traditional role as a place of free-flowing fresh water, abundant agriculture, and protected cultural sites, cared for by the community.

Paul Brennan

(President, Kailua Historical Society)

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Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Hicks	Kailua Neighborhood Board	Comments	No

Comments:

Maunawili motion passed by Kailua Neighborhood Board at the Board's 6/1/17 meeting with a unanimous vote of 17 members:

The Kailua Neighborhood Board opposes the subdivision of agricultural zoned lower Maunawili wetland identified as TMK: 4-2-007:001 lots 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D (52.00 acres) and TMK: 4-2-006:008 lots 2-A, 2-B, 2-C, 2-D (50.101 acres) proposed by landowner HRT Ltd.

Rational supporting this motion:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Wetlands Inventory identifies the area as wetland
- The area floods
- The area is rich in archaeological sites including hidden lo`i walls.
- Land has been identified as Important Agricultural Land (IAL) by the City
- Land is identified as IAL under the Agricultural Lands of Importance to the State of Hawaii (ALISH) system
- The state land use designation is *agriculture*. The city *zoning is Ag-2*. The intent of the Ag-2 district is to conserve and protect agricultural activities on smaller parcels of land.
- The area consists of Hanalei soil, which is the most important wetland taro soil in the state.
- *Most of the land is in the SMA (Special Management Area). One of the objectives of the SMA is to Protect, preserve, and, where desirable, restore those natural and manmade historic and prehistoric resources in the coastal zone management area that are significant in Hawaiian and American history and culture.*

Board discussion:

1. Purpose: Hinsvark noted the goal of the necessity of protecting both the wetlands, as well as historical and cultural sites. He stated that the subdivision is an inappropriate place for development, including a parking lot, as it is on very sacred land.

2. Clarification: Dowsett requested a map of the site for clarification. Chair Prentiss provided a map of the area.

3. Details: Chair Prentiss noted there were discussions at the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting with various community associations. One of the reasons for concern was why HRT Ltd. is taking one parcel of land and subdividing it into eight different plots and the lack of transparency. He noted that the subdivision process is not like a zoning permit or conditional use permit (CUP) process where there are public hearings, therefore the community is in the dark about what is happening. A status report from the City was requested to receive answers about the situation. Without more information, the community cannot support the subdivision.

4. Issues: Parsons stated that one of her biggest concerns with the subdivision of the area is that one of the reasons why the land floods is because it feeds into Kawai Nui Marsh. Any changes to the area will effectively strangle Kawai Nui and it is already struggling enough. Anything that can be done to prevent changes to the flow of water is important. She stated she supports this motion.

5. Agriculture: Weller stated that he always sees land that is supposed to be agricultural land not being used for agricultural purposes whenever subdivisions are involved. He noted that Hawaii used to provide produce and vegetables to California but now the state is struggling to provide produce for its own communities. He stated his opposition to any subdivision of agricultural land.

6. Community Concern: A resident of Maunawili stated that there is a very important need to focus on sustainability of agricultural lands. He noted that communities have largely formed around food production, including Kailua. He voiced his concerns regarding the continued development of land and the impact it will have on future generations.

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Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members,

'Ahahui Mālama I ka Lōkahi is writing in strong support of the purchase, preservation and restoration of the 900+ privately-owned acres in Maunawili. Our Mission Statement is: To Practice, Promote and Perpetuate a Modern Native Hawaiian Conservation Ethic. We are mālama 'āina practitioners who were formally organized in the mid 1990s. The evidence of our work includes but is not limited to Kawainui, Kailua Ahupua'a: we have restored 4 acres (11 acres remain) of native lowland forest at Na Pōhaku o Hauwahine; opened ancient as well as new lo'i (taro patches) at Ulupo Heiau and created native bird habits at several islets at the Kaha-Park end of Kawainui. The list is lengthy however it is important to understand that we know of what we speak when it comes to both cultural and environmental restoration and practice; the evidence is in the ground. We do not preach but rather, we are active cultural and mālama 'āina practitioners. We are also members of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui.

- The words of our Mission Statement "...a Modern Native Hawaiian Conservation Ethic" can be expressed several ways. One ethic is that we are all connected from Māka to Makai and the sea soil beyond. In contemporary times our concerns extend beyond the outer reefs. Therefore, the impact of the waters that flow through the subject Maunawili lands of Kailua Ahupua'a (developed or conserved) (TMK Nos.: (1)4-2-006:001, (1)4-2-006:008, (1)4-2-007:001, (1)4-2-008:001, (1)4-2-008:005, and (1)4-2-009:001) directly impact Kawainui Marsh. Kawainui waters continue to flow to our shoreline and to the deep blue waters beyond. The deep blue waters eventually touch other shores. We are all connected. We have a kuleana (responsibility) to protect Maunawili waters as close to its source—the Ko'olau Mountain—as possible. Conserving these lands will be a significant step forward in protecting ka wai a Kane, the life giving waters of Kane.**
- Trails were our highways and bi-ways in ancient times. Our ancestors used the trail systems to move from one kauhale (village) to the other. Trails led to sacred areas; to areas where natural resources were available to maintain the material culture; to plants used in healing; to food sources; to freshwater springs; to the mighty Koa used for the wa'a. Today, access to trails, especially in culturally significant areas, is critically important to cultural practitioners and native Hawaiian youth. Many of our young people have become disconnected from their culture and practice. Today we use Eddie Kamae's "Listen To The Forest" documentary as one of our teaching tools. We seek continued access to these trails that lead into the forest. We look forward to working with youth, the greater community and our Hui Maunawili-Kawainui partners to mālama these trails as**

an act of kuleana as well as building a narrative of identity for our Hawaiian youth. Ahahui Mālama I ka Lōkahi has a deep and long history of restoring lands, building and maintaining trails, providing youth and community groups with educational and cultural opportunities, planting native plants and trees. Purchasing the Maunawili lands is imperative. It will allow all of us to work together as the rightful, caring stewards of these lands.

- Lawmakers will be shocked to see how historical and cultural sites have degraded over time. In 2000, 'Ahahui Mālama I ka Lōkahi met with the landowners, with the Trust for Public Lands, OHA and the Kailua Historical Society for purpose of preserving "Queen's Retreat" where Lili'uokalani took respite and wrote the song "Aloha 'Oe", as well as heiau, petroglyphs, wahi pana and ancient agricultural terraces. We volunteered to maintain the area however, the landowners feared the liability of allowing volunteers to mālama the area. Therefore, the Queens retreat was allowed to degrade, to be vandalized and to be consumed by the forest. Not only shameful but this is painful as well. HRT has not been a good steward of our historical lands. The Maunawili lands must be purchased for the purpose of protecting and restoring its cultural treasures and environment.
- The subject Maunawili lands include almost all of Kailua's Hanalei soil – the richest and most fertile soil in Hawai'i – and can once again grow kalo and other healthy food crops that can significantly increase Hawai'i's local food production.
- As a consequence of restoring 4 acres of a native lowland forest at Na Pohaku we now have a mature forest consisting of high and low canopy trees, brush and groundcovers. We have observed that an established native forest is more resistant to aggressive, alien species. We can also say that pono (balance) is being restored to the 'aina. It is vital to protect and improve the natural habitat for native and endangered species. We can bring this experience to our Maunawili partners that will further protect native species including three endangered Hawaiian damselflies, the Hawaiian Hoary Bat, O'ahu 'Elepaio, and many native plants such as 'Akoko, 'Ohe' ohe, Alani, and Haha.

In closing, 'Ahahui Mālama I ka Lōkahi is in full support of HCR152 and HR133. We see this as a path to restoring responsible ahupua'a resource management practice and for the community to be involved as pono stewards of these lands for today and our descendants yet to come.

Malama 'Aina,

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