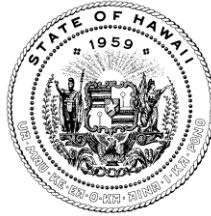


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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Friday, April 13, 2018
10:30 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 181
REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES TO RENAME THE MAUNA KEA RECREATION AREA IN THE
COUNTY OF HAWAII AS THE GILBERT KAHELE RECREATION AREA**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 181 requests the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to rename the Mauna Kea Recreation Area in the County of Hawaii as the Gilbert Kahele Recreation Area. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.**

The late Senator (Gilbert) Kahele was a catalyst for the concept of optimized management of this park unit via a transfer, due to the superior fiscal resources of Hawaii County Parks and Recreation, from the State to the County. His long standing relationship and deep interest with Mauna Kea State Recreation Area and his desire to make this park a gathering place for the community and a quality park experience for all warrant that this small piece of the aina be named after a man who gave his life to serving the community.

The Department notes that the Mauna Kea State Recreation Area is currently managed by the County of Hawaii via an agreement with the Department. Formal transfer to County is still pending a series of actions to actualize title to the subject property. The Department recommends that the County, as the envisioned steward of this park, design and install all appropriate signage and information to honor the late Senator Kahele.

It is with genuine respect and acknowledgment of a man whose life ended too soon that the Department strongly supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SCR-181

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 9:12:09 AM

Testimony for WAL on 4/13/2018 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:

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Submitted on: 4/13/2018 6:02:51 AM

Testimony for WAL on 4/13/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

We continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT this resolution. It would be nice to see something named after a native Hawaiian for a change. We are, in fact: HAWAII NEI! Mahalo.