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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Tuesday, April 3, 2018
10:20 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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in consideration of
SCR 95, SD 1 / SR 55, SD1
**SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF
AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY, OAHU,
AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO
ACQUIRE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND
TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SCR 95, SD 1 / SR 55, SD 1, which seeks to acquire, preserve and restore agricultural and conservation lands in Maunawili Valley. We support these resolutions provided that their passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

SCR 95 SD 1 / SR 55 SD 1 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.

SCR-95-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 4:13:46 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathryn Farley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the protection of our agricultural and cultural land in Maunawili where I live. There is a lo'i that needs to be preserved.

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Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha committee,

Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT of this bill. Maunawili is an important agricultural and cultural legacy. Although I am not born and bred in Hawaii, I have spent my decade here appreciating the natural beauty, working as a farmer at HARC in Maunawili, and studying the unique wetland. In my work experience, I have found that the springs of Maunawili are not well maintained, and that the trail has declined. It is important that the State respect this site as best possible, and possibly add it to the portfolio of natural and agricultural wonders of a momona Oahu.

Dr. Kim Falinski, PE