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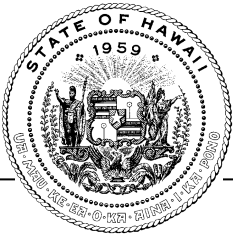
In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 95/SENATE RESOLUTION 55
SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF
AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY,
O'AHU, AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO
ACQUIRE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND
TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY

Senate Concurrent Resolution 95/Senate Resolution 55 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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Chairs Rhoads and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committees on Water and Land, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SCR 95 / SR 55, 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. SCR 95 / SR 55 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.



Environmental Caucus
of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

March 21, 2018

Chair Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Mike Gabbard
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Senator Gil Riviere
Senator Laura H. Thielen

Chair Clarence K. Nishihara
Vice Chair Glenn Wakai
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
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Re: SCR 95 / SR55

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

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER & LAND AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
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AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND TRAILS AND
WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.**

Chairpersons Rhoads, Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 95/SR 55 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.



SCR-95

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Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

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

Comments:

SCR-95

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Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler Jones	Testifying for Hawaii Agriculture Research Center	Support	No

Comments:

Hui Maunawili-Kawainui
Testimony on SCR 95 and SR 55

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Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony on behalf of the Hui Maunawili-Kawainui **strongly supporting** SCR 95 and SR 55, 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 SCR 95 and SR 55 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 SCR 95 and SR 55 in support of our collective efforts. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie
On behalf of the Hui Maunawili-Kailua

Hui Maunawili-Kawainui Founding Board

Beth Anderson - Hui Kawainui-Kailua Ka Wai Ola
Paul Brennan – Kailua Historical Society
Chuck Burrows - Hui Kawainui-Kailua Ka Wai Ola
Laurie Carlson – Maunawili Resident
Kīhei de Silva - Hālau Mōhala ‘Ilima, Hika‘alani, Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club
Māpuana de Silva - Hālau Mōhala ‘Ilima, Hika‘alani, Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club
Lehuakona Isaacs - ‘Ahahui Mālama i ka Lōkahi
Mei Ling Isaacs - ‘Ahahui Mālama i ka Lōkahi
Herb Lee - Pacific American Foundation, Hui Kawainui-Kailua Ka Wai Ola
Melody Kapilialoha MacKenzie – Hika‘alani
Alan Murakami – Maunawili resident
Barbara Pope - Maunawili resident
Deborah Pope – Kailua resident with multi-generational ties to Maunawili
Oz Stender - Maunawili resident
Mark Paikuli Stride - Luluku Farmers Association, Aloha ‘Āina Health and Learning Center
Dean Wilhelm - Ho‘okua‘āina at Kapalai Farms

Testimony Supporting SCR95 and SR55
Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo‘i
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Submitted by: Hui Kawainui-Kailua Ka Wai Ola

March 21, 2018

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, 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 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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Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, 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]

**Testimony Supporting SCR95 and SR55
Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo‘i**

Senate Committee on Water and Land, and
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Friday, March 23, 2018, 2:45PM, Conference Room 224

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‘ōhāo, 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 SCR95 and SR55 Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and loʻi

Senate Committee on Water and Land, and
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
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Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, 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,



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Comments:

We STRONGLY SUPPORT this resolution. Mahalo.



March 21, 2018

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Senate Committee on Water and Land, and
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Dear Chair and Members,

**Re: Testimony Supporting SCR95 and SR55, Relating to Conserving
the Maunawili forest and loʻi.**

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

Established in 1993, the Pacific American Foundation (PAF) is a national 501c (3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization with the mission to “improve the lives of Pacific Americans through service with dignity, courage, humility, and competence.” PAF’s goal is to influence systemic change in the educational system that preserve and perpetuate traditional indigenous ways of knowing for emerging Pacific Century leaders, college career readiness, culturally responsive research, evaluation and assessment, economic and community partnership development.

For over 25 years PAF has been involved with the Hawaii Department of Education, and Federal, State and County Agencies and over 200 community based partners in developing culture-based education practices, professional development, curriculum and instructional design, culture and project-based education, and culturally responsive evaluation and assessment. Our curricula have included many sites on the Windward side including the Kawainui Nui Marsh (formerly Hawaii’s largest fishpond).

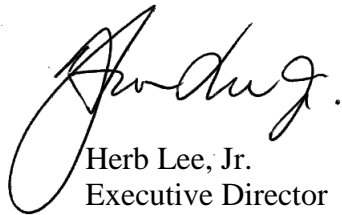
Over the last 23 years, we have carefully nurtured the restoration and preservation process at Waikalua Loko in ways that has helped us to establish long lasting relationships that have been forged with children, their parents and the broader community. We have been enriched by their passion and ability to give back while gaining a higher appreciation for what is important to preserving our history in Hawaii.

This opportunity to purchase these important historic lands in Maunawili does not occur often. It is an important opportunity to continue to learn and inspire future generations not only of its rich history but also its contribution to further learning and exploring pono 'āina-based practices which is so vital to our goal of long-term sustainability and food production for all of Hawaii's people.

Finally, 2016 and 2017 were turning point years in the history of the world. Ocean temperatures rose and rising tides were experienced that were unmatched in the history of the islands. Our ability to learn, inform and take positive action in places that mean something to people is more critical than ever. Inspiring the next generation will be paramount to the impacts that these changes will create to our way of life in Hawaii.

I will be happy to answer any further questions. For more information, please do not hesitate to call me at 927-5646 or email me at herblee@thepaf.org.

Me Ke Aloha,



Herb Lee, Jr.
Executive Director

SCR-95

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members,

I, Dita Ramler-Reppun 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.

Our family has been in Maunawili for 3 generations. This valley held and holds a special role in the health and well-being of the Kailua ‘ahupua‘a.

It remains today a rich resource that can feed future generations if restored and cared for properly.

The Maunawili stream system feeds into the Kawainui Marsh and this is crucial to the environmental well being of the whole ‘ahupua‘a.

My husband, Arthur (Rick) Reppun has been farming for 30+ yrs. In Waiahole and is willing and able to help and support young farmers bring Maunawili lands back to a food basket allowing future generations to benefit.

Mahalo,

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SCR-95

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Josh Powell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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,

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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Aloha,

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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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SCR-95

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Emma Broderick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

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.

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 'Ulupāna 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 kuleana to aloha 'Āina and were therefore nourished by 'Āina aloha.

Mahalo nui,

Emma Broderick

SCR-95

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Elizabeth Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Re: SCR95 - Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo'i.

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Aloha Senators,

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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Testimony re: SCR95 and SR55

SUPPORT FOR PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF
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Submitted by: Beth Anderson

March 21, 2018

Aloha Kakou,

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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SCR-95

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 7:25:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senators,

This watershed area is in danger of being developed by the current occupants of this land. Much of this land is considered **important agricultural land** and should be protected. The current occupant of much of the land covered by this SCR has failed to uphold the stipulations in the CUP, resulting in deterioration of historic structures, erosion from poor management practices, and recurrent petitions to change the zoning to facilitate development plans.

This indicates a poor steward of the land and the State should make all efforts to remove them. This is the head of the windward watershed and must be protected.

Water is life. I urge you to support this resolution. I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SCR 95.

SCR-95

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 7:27:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

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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SCR-95

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 8:17:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith A Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I ask that you support this bill so the acerage in Maunawili Valley presently threatened by an expensive housing developement (masquerading as 1 acre farms) can be preserved and restored as the important agricultural and cultural site it has been for centuries. It is imperative that we protect the source of water in our ahupua'a of Kailua which may have already been impacted by pollution of pesticides from the adjoining golf course. It is time to stand for the land and not the dollar. Mahlao for your consideration. Judy Mick , Kailua

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Submitted on: 3/22/2018 8:35:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keeley Cunningham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I was born and raised in Maunawili and believe that this is one of the last sacred places left in our community. This land should be preserved for future generations and remain undeveloped as some of the last authentic Hawaiian lands. We have grown beyond what this land could allow on its own and as an active community member in this town, I think it is important to speak up and protect the land. Please preserve the beauty that we call our home. This land should not be developed.

SCR-95

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 8:49:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
susan pignataro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony Supporting SCR95 and SR55
Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo‘i
Senate Committee on Water and Land, and
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Friday, March 23, 2018, 2:45PM, Conference Room 224

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 Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, 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 landowner’s applications to the City to subdivide five parcels and nearly 1,000 acres into agricultural subdivisions; and greatly encouraged by their 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 SCR 95 and SR55. Mahalo for your consideration.

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SCR-95

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 9:36:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

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

Comments:

Testimony Supporting SCR95 and SR55

Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo'i

Senate Committee on Water and Land, and

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

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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.

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Committee Members,

I, Kaui 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, moved here in 1955. We now reside in the home they built. While much has changed, Maunawili still retains its

essence and imprints of the past. We relish its cultural sites, including “Queen’s Retreat” where Lili’uokalani took respite and wrote the song “Aloha ‘Oe”, heiau, petroglyphs, and ancient agricultural terraces.

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.

We hope to preserve the country character for our children, a respite from Kailua, which is steeped in traffic and chains, slowly eradicating itself. We don't want this to happen to yet another neighborhood.

We want 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.

Personally, this place has been an inspiration to me in terms of my work. I'm 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, and to preserve and earn what we have been given.

Thank you,
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SCR-95

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Testimony for WTL on 3/23/2018 2:45:00 PM

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

Comments:

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