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Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on  
JUDICIARY

Friday, April 13, 2018  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of  
SENATE RESOLUTION 42, SENATE DRAFT 1  
URGING ALL POLICYMAKERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND  
COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO SUPPORT THE WAI'ANAE SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITIES PLAN AND THE PRESERVATION OF OHIKILOLO

Senate Resolution 42, Senate Draft 1 urges all policymakers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support the Wai'anae sustainable communities plan and the preservation of Ohikilolo. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers comments on this measure.**

An archaeological survey of a limited portion of the area in question identified over 400 archaeological sites. Some of them individually eligible for inclusion in the Hawaii register of historic places and national register of historic places, and collectively probably comprise an archaeological district eligible for both the Hawaii and national registers. Furthermore, it is highly likely that there are significantly more archaeological sites throughout the area that have not been identified because only a limited portion of the area has been systematically examined.

The area continues to be used for a variety of traditional cultural activities, including collection of significant resources for use in traditional practices. Given the number of archaeological sites and the historical and continuing traditional use of the area, there are almost certainly traditional cultural properties in the area — places of continuing cultural use and significance to native Hawaiians, and the Wai'anae community in particular. So far as the Department is aware, no systemic study to identify, document, and evaluate has been conducted in the area. Some of the traditional cultural places are likely to be eligible for inclusion in the Hawai'i and national registers and may represent collectively register eligible districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Hawaii State Legislature, April 13, 2018

Senate Resolution No. 42 SD1  
Relating to the Preservation of ‘Ōhikilolo

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee,

The Ka Lahui Hawaii Political Action Committee (KPAC) supports SR 42 SD1 urging all policy makers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support the preservation of ‘Ōhikilolo as an open space.

‘Ōhikilolo is part of the Mākāhā ‘ahupua’a in the Wai‘anae district on the island O‘ahu. Its fragile environment is to a variety of the endangered native Kahuli tree snail. But ‘Ōhikilolo also has a special history and is sacred to Kanaka Maoli As the birthplace of the famous King Hua-nui-i-ka-la‘ila‘i an ancestor of ‘Umi-a-Liloa and Kamehameha. It is also the home of the Nanaue the shark demi-god cave where ceremonies were held up until the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by practitioners of that area. From ancient times, ‘Ōhikilolo was favorite surf spot for Kanaka Maoli and it is believed that it was here that La‘ila‘i, the first female in our cosmogonic genealogy, first step foot on land. Currently there are over 400 archaeological identified sites on 60 acres in this special place and I am sure more yet to be discovered.

We urge you to please pass this measure that will help to protect ‘Ōhikilolo and its fragile cultural sites and environments from development.

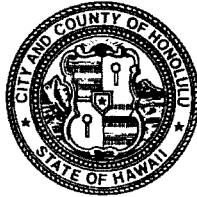
Respectfully submitted,

M. Healani Sonoda-Pale  
Chair, KPAC

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April 13, 2018

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Senate  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Committee Members:

Subject: Senate Resolution 42, SD 1  
Urging Policymakers and Residents of the  
City and County of Honolulu to Support the Waianae Sustainable  
Communities Plan and the Preservation of Ohikilolo

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **supports** Senate Resolution 42, SD 1, which urges all policymakers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan (SCP), adopted in 2012, and the preservation of Ohikilolo.

We appreciate this Resolution's acknowledgement that the Waianae Coast is a geographical area filled with important cultural and archaeological sites, including Ohikilolo. The Waianae SCP is a long-term policy planning document that is used to guide development in a manner that best serves current and future residents and businesses of the region. At the same time, the SCP respects the area's natural, cultural, and historical resources.

The Ohikilolo area stated in this Resolution is located outside of the Waianae SCP's Community Growth Boundary, and protection of this area is further supported by vision elements contained in the SCP. Specifically, the SCP calls for preserving all lands north of Kepuhi Point as open space, and for preserving and protecting cultural sites and cultural landscapes.

As you may know, the City Charter mandates that Honolulu's Land Use Ordinance and Capital Improvement Program be consistent with the Waianae SCP, as well as the other seven regional plans and the overarching General Plan. Furthermore, the DPP reviews all projects requiring a discretionary permit, including any related

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environmental documents, for consistency with the region's respective SCP or  
Development Plan.

We appreciate this Resolution's recognition of the value of the Waianae SCP, a  
product that involved extensive community engagement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathy Sokugawa', written in a cursive style.

Kathy Sokugawa  
Acting Director

**SR-42-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2018 11:29:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/10/2018 5:51:31 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Helena	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Your support in urgency of this matter is required and highly appreciated. Our priority is the protection of this national treasure. We owe it to the native people, ourselves and the generations following. Mahalo nui.

**SR-42-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 9:20:14 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Natalie Santiago	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

i support SR 42 . For so long and way to often many negative decisions have created the destruction and desecration of our Aina. This bill will quite possible be part of the new awareness and energy that needs to evolve in our efforts to Malama Aina. How wonderful that we have an opportunity to do something correct for the future of the Aina, the Hawaiian culture and my family, ancestors and relatives.

Huanuiikala'ila'i is the name of the the Alii that was born in Ohikilolo. His descendants became the alii for all the islands. This is a Wahi Pana , a sacred space that needs to be preserved and protected.

**SR-42-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2018 1:07:00 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Theodora Akau Gaspar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**SR-42-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2018 1:24:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pono Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SR-42-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2018 2:25:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark F. Kramer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As development overtakes even some of the most far-flung regions of Oahu, we, the residents of the Waianae Coast, are asking for your support and consideration in maintaining our community (with actual agricultural operations) as one of greater Honolulu's last remaining, rural areas.

Having a historic sentiment, separate and apart from, Oahu's metropolitan communities, supporting this measure allows for the continuation of that culture, along with the preservation of landscapes, seascapes and a seacoast relatively less impacted by human habitation and visitation.

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Submitted on: 4/10/2018 3:03:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Preserve ancient Hawaiian sites

**SR-42-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2018 3:12:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sara Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/10/2018 3:31:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clarence Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I like all of the "Where as's." Please pass the resolution.

**SR-42-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/11/2018 12:36:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

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:

To the Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair; the Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SR42 SD1** relating to the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan and the preservation of Ohikilolo.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SR42 SD1** and supports its passage.

**SR42 SD1** is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it urges all policymakers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support: (1) the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan, and (2) preserve Ohikilolo as open space.

Specifically, the Platform of the DPH provides that "The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment are essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement.

The conservation, preservation, and restoration of Hawaii's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the

conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint for the benefit of current and future generations.

We support the protection of our 'aina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage.

We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources.

We know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions. " (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 407-414, 417-423, 432-439 (2016)).

We support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs.

We support the growth of Native Hawaiian farming, agricultural and healing practices. We value and wish to foster the preservation of our host culture. (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 210-214 (2016)).

Given that **SR42 SD1** urges all policymakers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support: (1) the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan, and (2) preserve Ohikilolo as open space, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC on Legislative Priorities

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**SR-42-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Wai'anae Community expressed its vision in its Wai'anae Sustainable Plan 2011 to keep the Kea'au to Ka'ena coastline free of development, to keep it wilderness and open space. This vision and desire still holds.

We submitted a petition of 455 signatures that support this vision. This petition is continuing.

Please pass Resolution 42.



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Submitted on: 4/11/2018 11:30:07 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chandolean	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

keep these lands as intended. No more developmen men's tfor personal profitt on the westside. We need sustainability not business.

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Submitted on: 4/12/2018 8:31:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cathy bilsky	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please preserve this sacred space. It's the Pono thing to do.

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Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Danna Friedemann	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is our duty as people of Hawai'i to protect and maintain the integrity and vitality of our lands, especially spaces of cultural sacredness and environmental purpose. If we don't take it upon ourselves to do so, our land, our island, and we as people will fall to degrad. Please open the eyes, clear the mind, and soften the heart to support preservation and sustainability of Ohikilolo. Mahalo.

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Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

We STRONGLY SUPPORT this resolution. Mahalo.

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**SR-42-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 5:56:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
J Riverstone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Judiciary Committee

I am writing to urge you to pass SR42 SD1, supporting the Wai'anae Sustainable Communities Plan, and Preservation of Ohikilolo and the Kea'au Valley. This area not only holds a great number of archaeological sites, but also provides the rare opportunity to protect an intact ahupua'a on the Wai'anae Coast.

In recent years there has been a community-led movement for cultural education and revitalization on the Wai'anae Coast, centered around protecting wahipana (storied or sacred places), as well as teaching mo'olelo and building cultural pride. This has been a grassroots effort involving both the coast's kupuna and young people alike.

Safeguarding Ohikilolo and the Kea'au Valley from inappropriate development is a vital step in a larger vision of developing an internationally-significant Hawaiian cultural heritage corridor extending from Kepuhi Point to Ka'ena Point. Ideally such an effort would be community planned and managed, with the support of state and local agencies and non-profit organizations.

Protecting Ohikilolo and the Kea'au Valley would allow for the area's ecological restoration and protection of the Wai'anae Range's native flora and fauna.

I urge you to support this resolution as an important step toward celebrating and protecting Oahu's rich cultural and natural heritage, as well as helping revitalize the Wai'anae Coast.

Sincerely,

Jerry Riverstone

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Submitted on: 4/13/2018 6:20:51 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leslie Razon-DeCosta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
nathaniel abitbol	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SR-42-SD-1**

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Testimony for JDC on 4/13/2018 10:00:00 AM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carolyn Marn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a resident of Kapolei and I support the Waianae Wustainable Communities plan and preservation of Ohikilolo. During the 2 years I have lived on Oahu, the population and development have soared. Traffic keeps getting worse. Some days it is unbearable here on the western side of the island. The situation on Oahu is absolutely unsustainable and disgusting. When people say I live in Paradise, I cringe. Oahu is nothing like the paradise I imagined before I arrived. It has become nothing but a greedy developers paradise,

The only way to stop this atrocity is to preserve the remaining natural areas and severely limit new construction. The addition of a resort or resorts at Ko Olina during the next few years is going to be enough to make Ko Olina too congested and unbearable too. Nobody seems to think about these things until it is too late and the problems have already manifested. Sacrificing natural areas for financial gain has got to stop! I am not even a native Hawaiian and I se the atrocity. Please stop the development!