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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018
10:20 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 95, SENATE DRAFT 1
SENATE RESOLUTION 55, SENATE DRAFT 1
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 Draft 1/Senate Resolution 55, Senate Draft 1 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.



Environmental Caucus
of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

April 02, 2018

Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz
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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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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, April 3, 2018
10:30 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 211
STATE CAPITOL

TESTIMONY OF

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D., Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and
Ke One O Kakūhihewa (O'ahu Council – Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs)

IN SUPPORT OF

SCR 95 SD1/SR55 SD1: 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.

Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice chair, Gilbert Keith-Agaran, and committee members:

As a member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and Ecosystem chair for the Ke One O Kākuhihewa (O'ahu Council - Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs), I strongly support SCR95/55.

In 2017, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs passed Resolution **2017-30: Urging Strong Support for the Preservation and Restoration of Maunawili Valley Lands**. It also urged the State of Hawai'i and City and County of Honolulu to work with Hui Maunawili-Kawainui in their efforts to acquire the important and rich agricultural, cultural, and historic lands (Attached).

We believe there is an urgent need to protect and conserve Maunawili wetlands, proposed Important Agricultural Lands, freshwater resources, ancient and historic sites, and historic trails within the vital context of agricultural sustainability. 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.

We support the work of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui for their efforts in bringing this issue to the attention of the community.

Please pass this measure and ensure the protection of Maunawili, the wetlands, and cultural sites, for generations to come.

Sincerely,



ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2017 – 30

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 of Hawai‘i 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 and County of Honolulu 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, freshwater 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 Y. 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 City 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, urging strong support for the preservation and restoration of Maunawili Valley lands; 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 City 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, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of 'Ikuwā and the rising of Māhealani on the 4th day of November 2017, at the 58th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Seattle, Washington.

Annelle C. Amaral
Annelle C. Amaral, President

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Relating to Conserving the Maunawili Forest and Lo'i**
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran, 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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[The official text of this resolution is being sent as testimony for SCR95 SD1 and SR55 SD1 by Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D., Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and Ke One O Kakūhīhewa (O'ahu Council – Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs).]

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April 1, 2018

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

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

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

I am writing, with the full support of my students and their families, in equally full support of the SCR95 SD1 and SR55 SD1 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‘oilō, 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.

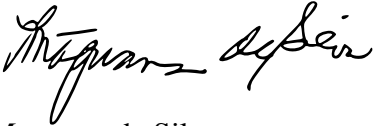
In conclusion, allow me to offer an old but new vision of a restored Maunawili as it connects to an equally restored Kawainui and a thriving ahupua‘a. It was published in the Hawaiian language newspaper *Kuokoa* on January 13, 1922, and is said to have been composed many centuries earlier by the people 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 kākāka
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,



Māpuana de Silva
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SR-55-SD-1

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Addison Davis	Testifying for Wild Kids Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

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

I work as an intern for Wild Kids Hawaii, an outdoor experiential learning program based out of Kailua. Our philosophy is that People Protect What They Love, and in order to nurture this principle we take K-12 students into the forest behind Le Jardin Academy after school. However, one of the most notable parts of our organization is that we engage in Service Learning Trips to Ho'okua'aina Farm. Allowing students to learn about the cultivation of Native Foods like Kalo is extremely important as it helps students learn about the history and Mo'olelo of their home. We also take students to the Kahana Iki site at Kawainui Marsh. The lands in Maunawili include a network of streams that feed Kawainui marsh, so the health of Kawainui is dependent on the health of the mauka Maunawili lands. Together with Kawainui marsh, the lands constitute the most intact traditional landscape in the Kailua ahupua'a.

Next year, I will be leaving my home state of Hawai'i, as I head off to college. Leaving behind my work at Wild Kids to my successors. However, in order for us to continue teaching students about the Land in which they live, the land has to be protected. We need to preserve our homes, so that we can continue to teach the youth of Hawai'i about the history of their state.

Mahalo,

Addison Davis, 18 Years Old, 198 Awakea Rd, Kailua HI 96734

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 10:16:59 AM

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

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annie Moriyasu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Members, Please support this effort. As a resident of Maunawili for nearly 20 years, I have seen the encroachment of sprawl and development. This preservation effort will ensure the uniqueness of the wetlands for generations to come.

Annie Moriyasu, Resident of Maunawili, 1004 Lunaai Place, Kailua

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Submitted on: 4/1/2018 5:16:23 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Espiritu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kā• kou,

My name is Danielle Espiritu. I am 30 years old, grew up in Kā• ne'ōhe, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu, and would like to support the purchase, preservation, and restoration of agricultural and conservation lands in Maunawili Valley, O'ahu, and to urge various Federal, State, and County entities to acquire and protect important and historic sites, trails and waters in Maunawili Valley.

I currently work with Ho'okua'Ā• ina in Kapalai as an education specialist. The concepts of "IĀ• kahi" (balance, harmony) and "e ola pono" drive not only the work we do on the farm, but also the way I view and live my life. "Pono," while often interpreted as "righteousness" or doing what is right, is also completely tied to the idea of balance and harmonious relationship between people, akua and 'Ā• ina, our land and natural environment. We knew that in order to live sustainably and to have a healthy, thriving society, all of these components needed to be in line.

When I look at the reality of today, I see an imbalance. We import the majority of the food and resources we consume, and instead, convert lands that could be used to producing healthy food for our families into developments that are often inaccessible to actual community members. We pave over our soils, drastically reducing the amount of water going to replenish our aquifers, and we have become careless in the waste we produce.

In all honesty, I don't think we need more development. We need places of connection and of healing, and we need to provide families and communities the opportunity to access land. I know a number of young families who would jump at

the chance to restore 'Āina and to produce healthy food for their children and themselves, but simply cannot because they do not have land and cannot afford to purchase it. There is an increasing consciousness in this generation and a dissatisfaction in relying solely on foods that have been imported, potentially modified and filled with chemicals.

We want to know where our food comes from and to know that the food we feed our children is healthy. We want the connection to land, place and one another that comes from growing the food you eat with a community of individuals committed to the same ideals, and we want access to 'Āina and the ability to choose what is best for our families rather than being forced to settle simply because we cannot afford to make a land purchase.

Ultimately, I think many in our generation have vision for a thriving Hawai'i, and I mahalo you for your consideration of this testimony as a means of making this vision a reality.

Ke aloha nā ,

Danielle Espiritu

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Submitted on: 4/1/2018 5:19:42 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vanita Rae Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony Supporting SCR95 SD1 and SR55 SD1 Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo'i Senate Committee on Ways and Means Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 10:20AM, Conference Room 211

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 Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

1. strongly and whole heartily support the purchase and preservation and restoration of the Maunawili forest and lo'i. We the people want to purchase 900+ acres, including the Queen's Retreat, in order to protect the few beacons of life left on O'ahu for future generations. The valley is historically known as **KAHUAONALI** "the playground of Queens" and continues to reflect the playful spirit of the 1890s when and where Queen Liliuoklani wrote the haunting melody, "Aloha Oe". Will her song outlast her land?

I'm Vanita Rae Smith and have lived at 908 Maunawili Road (adjoining the Kawainui Marsh) since 1985. I walked the Olomana slopes (with my un-leashed dogs) and spread ashes of loved ones before the completion of the golf course, whose charter promised (1) to keep the marsh land mowed and maintained (which hasn't been done in years) and (2) NOT to develop other land holdings in the valley. The neighborhood lost the battle to stop the Japanese from building the golf course, but now we are faced with other challenges. We must protect and defend the National Wetlands at all costs and the Hawaiians final frontier.

1. a farm girl from the Ozark Mountains in Missouri, I loved the cattle grazing below my rim property in 1985. A wonderful cowboy took care of them. I watched him herd them home under the Pali Hwy during the storms when the water could get three feet deep (and it still does). He told me the story when a flash flood quickly drowned a small herd of sheep a couple of years before I moved here. I still cherish all the wildlife in my back yard.

1. girls passionately love the land as do the Hawaiians. We share that common bond. I love agriculture and culture (as an Army's Entertainment Director for 42 years) and Maunawili has both. We must save the rich top soil in Kawainui (back home we call it "bottomland" because low-lying land near a river is rich and subject to floods). Why protect and invest millions of dollars to save the North side of the Marsh and not save the South side? Is that not like stopping the HRT (Honolulu Rail Transit) half way?

I give my support to the efforts to acquire and safeguard these valuable agricultural lands and the National Wetlands for future generations.

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maya Saffery	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR95 SD1 & SR55 SD1

Relating to Conserving the Maunawili Forest and Lo‘i

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 10:20AM, Conference Room 211

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 e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I thank you for this opportunity to provide my testimony in strong support of **SCR95 SD1 & SR55 SD1**.

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

I began studying traditional hula in 1989 at the age of nine when my mother signed me up for Hā‘au Mā‘o hala ‘Ilima based in Ka‘Ā‘ao, Kailua, Ko‘olaupoko, O‘ahu. I learn

hula, chants, and songs that honor our gods, our royalty, our sacred places, and our histories. The words I continue to give voice to and the motions I continue to give life to are the same words and motions that my hula ancestors practiced for generations and that I continue to perpetuate into the future. We are taught in our hā• lau that researching the many-layered meanings of our mele and hula and then presenting them on the land for the purpose of honoring the place and remembering the people and events connected to that place are all part of what is required when you accept the kuleana (responsibility) to practice traditional hula. I take this kuleana very seriously. The purchase, preservation, and restoration of these parcels of land in Maunawili will allow hula practitioners of Kailua like myself to fulfill this kuleana because it provides for the restoration and revitalization of cultural and natural resources related to our wahi pana (sacred sites). This important work will in turn provide better opportunities for us to live our culture in relation to these wahi pana from the back of Maunawili where Lili'uokalani was once hosted by our community over a century ago, to the many heiau and ancient agricultural complexes that still exist throughout the valley, to the mouth of the valley where a network of streams feed into Kawainui fishpond that once fed the communities of Kailua, Waimā• nalo, and KĀ• ne'ohe.

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

Finally, I am a Native Hawaiian of Kailua who has been raised by these lands of Maunawili for my entire life and continues to make my home in the protective embrace of the Ko'olau mountains. The oral histories of my ancestors from four and five centuries past further corroborated by written accounts in primary source materials describe Kailua, and specifically the rich agricultural lands of Maunawili, as a nexus of cultural excellence in our islands as well as a bountiful, calabash-like land division able to support a large population. The bounty of natural and cultural resources cared for and cultivated by the people of Kailua not only fed their community but also attracted Hawaiian royalty throughout the centuries, from the high-ranking chief KĀ• kuhihewa, who made Kailua one of his permanent residences and seats of political power for the entire island of O'ahu in the fifteenth century to Queen Lili'uokalani, who was regularly hosted by the natives of Kailua at magnificent feasts and celebrations in the nineteenth

century. A strong, enduring relationship between our people, their places, and their cultural practices created a strong, thriving community in Kailua who had the knowledge and skills to produce and maintain the resources needed to grow and support their families over the generations. It is my strong belief that the purchase, preservation, and restoration of these 900+ acres in Maunawili will allow for the re-establishment of a piko (center) of stewardship and learning in Kailua where our community can once again gather to study, teach, and promote land-based Hawaiian cultural knowledge and practices for the purposes of feeding and growing healthy, balanced, and abundant lands and people for generations to come.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge you to support **SCR95 SD1 & SR55 SD1**

Mahalo nui,

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

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

Comments:

strongly support

SCR95, SR55, HCR152, HR133 - Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo'i.

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 31, 2018

Aloha kakou,

I, Bruce Lum 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 family history is deeply rooted in the 'Ä• ina of Windward O'ahu, from Koolaupoko to Waimanalo. Windward's a rich and vibrant 'Ä• ina sustained generations of my Hawaiian and Hawaiian-English ancestors. Our 'Ä• hana resided on and worked the 'Ä• ina from Punalu'u to Waimanalo. We farmed, ranched, fished and gathered to sustain ourselves. We were blessed by the fruits of the 'Ä• ina and strengthened by the product of our labor. Through the preservation of Windward's abundant water, fertile soil, ocea's riches and open landscapes, I believe that O'ahu would assure a healthy and vibrant future for all of its people.

I strongly support the preservation and restoration of the aforementioned 900+ acres for the purpose of protecting, preserving and restoring Maunawili to produce positive agricultural, educational and environmental benefits through the following actions:

- To protect numerous cultural sites important to Hawai'i's history, including "Queen's Retreat" where Lili'uokalani took respite and wrote the song "Aloha 'Oe", heiau, petroglyphs, and ancient agricultural terraces.

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

Many of my 'Ā• hana continue to live on the Windward side, raising their families and practicing their generations old lifestyle. We visualize our families being vibrant and healthy Windward residents for generations to come, so I am urging you to help us realize our vision by adopting these resolutions.

Mahalo a nui loa,

Bruce Lum

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**Testimony Supporting SCR95 SD1 and SR55 SD1
Relating to Conserving the Maunawili Forest and Lo'i**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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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 Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I strongly support the purchase, preservation and restoration of the 900+ privately-owned acres in Maunawili, TMK No: (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 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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Manulani Aluli Meyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I, Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer, along with my sisters Meleanna, Maile, Moana and Luana; and our Aluli cousins 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.

We have grown up in and around Kailua, Mokapu, and Maunawili since the 1950's and believe these lands will play a vital role in the cultural revitalization of our people. I am also an advocate for the Food Security movement, something that Maunawili aina can help with. I also strongly advocate for cultural solutions for our incarcerated women and youth at the Ko'olau Correctional Facilities. This rich and fertile lands are key to this movement.

We also understand the rich cultural history of these lands and wish to lend our support to the brilliant ideas the following nine bullets summarize:

- To protect numerous cultural sites important to Hawai'i's history, including "Queen's Retreat" where Lili'uokalani took respite and wrote the song "Aloha 'Oe", heiau, petroglyphs, and ancient agricultural terraces.
- To be able to bring the youth onto the land to teach its history and mo'olelo.

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

Our ohana envisions a healthy and rejuvenated landscape, filled with food and people willing to learn, exchange and share. The possibilities are truly infinite if given the chance. As an Educator, I see massive potential in these sites as Place-Based spaces of learning. Please, allow this to grow into something powerful and productive, and inspiring for others. We can do something unique here, and help our Hawaii heal and respond more appropriately to the climate change that is upon us.

Me ka oia i'o,
Dr. Manulani Aluli Meyer

University of Hawaii West Oahu

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniela Minerbi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Kemble	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I would like to offer testimony in support of the purchase, preservation and restoration of the privately-owned land in the heart of Maunawili to ensure that the vitality of this special valley will be passed down for the benefit of future generations. I was blessed to grow up in Maunawili in the late 1950s and 1960s, and although I now live makai (near Kailua Beach Park), I carry in my heart a deep and abiding love for Maunawili. Geologically, the valley occupies what was once the center of the Ko'olau caldera. In pre-contact time, it was one of the richest, most productive regions of the entire island of O'ahu. As such, I have always seen it as a "cradle" at the heart of the island that deserves special respect and protection. With its abundant waters and rich soil, it is a natural resource that needs to be nourished to ensure the long-term vitality and ecological integrity of the greater Kailua ahupua'a. There is now a unique opportunity to step forward to protect the valley while the essential qualities that make it so special are still intact. Please act now to take advantage of this special opportunity by supporting SCR95 SDI and SR55 SDI.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zachary Pilien	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This area is a prime agricultural growing zone and it would be wasteful and foolish to throw that away through suburban development. Hawaii needs to increase its food production to better provide for our people. If we are to reach our sustainability goals, provide jobs and opportunities for those interested in agriculture, and manage our land resources effectively, we need to protect the land from the ever pervasive forces of development. There is growing interest in sustainability and agriculture amongst young people such as myself. Please provide us with opportunities and a healthy 'aina for generations to come.

Mahalo

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony Supporting SCR95 SD1 and SR55 SD1

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

We have lived in Maunawili Valley since 1987 and love the country feel of the area. Everyone here takes good care of their property and seems to feel a great connection to the neighborhood. We would not like to see the valley get over developed or commercial or overcrowded.

We would especially not want the valley to lose its connection to the past rooted in farming as well as natural generation of water for the marsh and food grown in excellent fertile soil. This area was historically very important to the Hawaiians for many reasons and I have read of many historical events that took place here. It would be a shame to pave over all of this history.

I have personally been to the Queens Retreat while shooting a film in the back of the valley. This area should be restored and preserved.

One of the worst things that has happened recently is the huge increase in the number of trail users, without any one taking responsibility for the maintenance. People leave their trash and muddy clothing and there are no facilities or even proper parking.

Property owners are suffering greatly because of carelessness on the part of hikers. Just count the number of houses that have sold on Aloha Oe Drive, where the problem is the worst. I get reports from Locations Hi and it seems that street has the highest turnover.

When we bought our home we did not know of the rich history of Maunawili and have learned over time how fortunate we are to live in such a historical ahupuaa. It is wonderful that these farming and historical lands still exist in the old way. We must try to save this area before it is too late. Please help.

Kathe James

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maddy Memering	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Owen Pyle	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maya Martinez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello, my name is Maya Martinez. I am 17 years old. I live in Kailua and have my whole life and could not imagine living anywhere else. I am supporting this bill because I have grown up and seen the beauty of the island and of the windward side. I have participated in numerous conservation acts myself and have worked in a local Lo'i in the Maunawili area. I think this beautiful, cultural land must be preserved for the people of Hawaii and the next generation of Hawaii's youth.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Malialani Kanaiaupuni	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

My name is Malia Kana'iaupuni and I am a senior at Le Jardin Academy. I am resident of Kailua, O'ahu, and have grown up immersed in the land and culture that thrives in my neighborhood. I, Malialani Kana'iaupuni, 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, (1)4-2-009:001.

I have worked the land of Maunawili, grown produce and provided food for my community, and have seen the lives that have been touched by cultural and land revitalization. I understand the importance of cultural and land preservation as it is vital for the health and well-being of my community, but more importantly for future generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Mahalo nui loa,

Malialani Kana'iaupuni

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Comments:

Testimony Supporting SCR95 SD1 and SR55 SD1

Relating to Conserving the Maunawili forest and lo'i

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 10:20AM, Conference Room 211

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 Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

I Mele Beter & family of Maunawili, Kailua, 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 'Ohana has been in Kailua for many generations. We are residents of Maunawili and have tried to continue to be stewards of this beautiful place! As a kanaka Maoli (Hawaiian) and as a steward of this wahi pana, these sacred lands of Maunawili, Kailua,

I realize the incredible uniqueness and importance that Maunawili holds for our community.

These lands hold some of the most precious history, stories of our ancestors of our Ali'i, a historical breadbasket of resources that once fed thousands. Today there are ancient Lo'i (taro farms) that have been revived and are once again feeding, educating, and healing our community.

As a Hawaiian practitioner of la'au lapa'au and lomilomi (medicinal plant healing, and body work) I have spent years planting and harvesting native plants and medicinal plants for our community right here in Maunawili. When you spend that time on the land you begin to understand how truly unique and blessed we are still have this opportunity, to still steward these lands! Our soil is so rich and natural resources still abundant.

Why is it important to me that the lands of Maunawili be protected?

We have all seen how quickly the development of kailua has tragically devastated kailua town. Commercial real estate throughout kailua has continued to increased so rapidly, and monopolizing and designating the local market. Local businesses and families can't afford to compete with foreign businesses and people moving into our community. It is truly devastating to see the impact of these rapid changes on both the people and the land. So many local business have closed their doors, and families that have been here for generations are forced to leave. Not only has this development put our people at risk, but it has also put natural resources and natural habitats in danger. What I believe we need to look at are the following points:

- To protect numerous cultural sites important to Hawai'i's history, including "Queen's Retreat" where Lili'uokalani took respite and wrote the song "Aloha 'Oe", heiau, petroglyphs, and ancient agricultural terraces.
- To be able to bring the youth onto the land to teach its history and mo'olelo.
- The lands include almost all of Kailua's Hanalei soil – the richest and most fertile soil in Hawai'i – and can once again grow kalo and other healthy food crops that can significantly increase Hawai'i's local food production.

- To help the communities of Ko'olaupoko and Ko'olauloa preserve Windward O'ahu's rural/local/country character
- The lands include a network of streams that feed Kawainui marsh, so the health of Kawainui is dependent on the health of the mauka Maunawili lands. Together with Kawainui marsh, the lands constitute the most intact traditional landscape in the Kailua ahupua'a.
- To support the Ko'olau community's belief that the health and vitality of the land, its ecosystems, and the cultural traditions associated with them are essential to the well-being of the community.
- To allow the land to resume its vital traditional role in the Kailua ahupua'a as a place of free-flowing fresh water, abundant agriculture, and protected cultural sites cared for by the community.
- To protect and improve the natural habitat for native and endangered species in the area, including three endangered Hawaiian damselflies, the Hawaiian Hoary Bat, O'ahu 'Elepaio, and many native plants such as 'Akoko, 'Ohe'ohe, Alani, and Haha.
- To solve the public access issues associated with use of Maunawili Trail and Olomana Trail, and relieve the burden on the Maunawili neighborhood.

My families vision of this land is to see more Taro farms being revived and created, and more historical and cultural sites be restored and cared for. We see this place has the potential to be a leading example for our island of 'Oahu. We still are surrounded by so much country beauty, and ancient sites but what does the future of this place hold? If it's put into the right hands, we see a focus on cultural education, agricultural growth, a place where Hawaiian practitioners can practice and thrive. I would love to see a healing center for training la'au, Lomilomi, ho'oponopono practitioners and provided these services for our community. Konahuanui is the highest point of the Ko'olau mountain range. She gracefully sits like a tutu (grandmother) above Maunawili, looking over all of her children. I stare at this mauna ever day of my life. I know that this place is protected for significant reason. I pray as we all move forward we will all sit and truly meditate on the future health of this sacred place! And the impact our decision will have for generations to come.

Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

Thank you in advance for listening to our thoughts on this conservation plan. On the island of Oahu, we are living on a small yet bustling island where every parcel of land is precious. We need to use our land carefully. Honolulu stretches across most of the south, and suburbs cut into a large portion of what is left. Kailua and Kaneohe have become quite robust towns. It is not like the North Shore where the rural feel is more common. We struggle to keep our open spaces: agricultural lands, watershed, parks, and conservation lands against the interests of development.

Our green spaces have value that is harder to see at first glance. Since real estate is so expensive, it is tempting to develop each parcel into housing, but without the green spaces distributed intelligently within easy distance of every house, our housing becomes worth much less. Residents pay a premium to live on the windward side because of the breathtaking scenery in the remaining wild spaces. Our undeveloped lands give us the way of life that we value. It brings in tourism dollars as well, which are less tangible than those of housing development, but a good value to keep in mind. Without the green spaces, our endangered animals lose habitat as well. It's hard to keep our eyes on the quality of life and the indirect income generated from our beautiful open spaces, but we need have reached a point where there are highly limited wild spaces in the Kailua area. We need places for our keiki to learn to love the land.

If Maunawili is zoned into agricultural parcels, no one can predict if it will be a successful nursery, a thriving farm, or a lawn for a mansion. Norfolk was a similar situation. This is the neighborhood directly on the other side of Olamana mountain, where home owners who promised to perform agriculture on their acres of land instead converted farms into mansions with arable acres turned into lawn instead of the food we were promised. This situation is likely to repeat in Maunawili. I think the only way we can reliably use the land in the best interest of the surrounding areas is to turn it into government land for community use like Ulupo Heiau, or for watershed like the lands that are adjacent. Retaining the land in Maunawili is very important for the quality of life for all of Oahu, but especially those in Kailua and Honolulu. Please know that our family is in favor of the purchase.

Thank you!

Wendy Roberts

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WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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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