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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Friday, February 1, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1068
RELATING TO TRAILS

Senate Bill 1068 proposes to appropriate funds to Nā Ala Hele, the Hawaii Statewide Trail and Access Program, by improving access to and maintaining state controlled recreational trails statewide and promoting hiker safety and hiker etiquette education and outreach. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

The Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife has a current statewide inventory of 128 trail-and-road features spanning approximately 855 miles. These trails and access routes have experienced record numbers of users. Increased use has led to trail degradation, trail-head conflicts with residents, and an increase in mountain rescues.

The proposed \$1.8 million appropriation would be applied to improving access to and maintaining state-controlled recreation trails statewide, including planning, trail design, construction, and rehabilitation, as well as promoting public education and outreach relating to hiker safety and etiquette. Many of the current challenges associated with trails are due to heavy use, exacerbated by social media, drawing attention to formerly little-known trails. When these trails and their trailhead areas are located in residential areas, conflicts can arise due to parking, early morning visitors, and infringement on private property. Moreover, some trail users are unaware or unprepared for the specific trail conditions of the area they are visiting. Education is needed to help alleviate trailhead congestion and conflicts, improve safety for trail users, and minimize impacts to rescue personnel by making sure hikers are better prepared for backcountry

travel. The Department remains in strong support of this measure and recognizes the benefits to residents, visitors, first responders, and the overall sustainability of our trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

February 1, 2019 1:15 PM Room 229

In SUPPORT of SB 1068: Relating to Trails

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **supports SB 1068**, which makes an appropriation to the Hawai'i statewide trail and access program Na Ala Hele. Funds will be used for improving access to and maintaining state controlled recreational trails throughout Hawai'i and promoting hiker safety and hiker etiquette education and outreach. This appropriation is critical to ensure that the 128 trail and roadway features that Na Ala Hele manages (850 miles total) can be adequately maintained to protect our environment, ensure public safety, and keep up with increasing recreational use.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i was founded in 1968 by a group of avid hikers and naturalists. For the past 50 years, we have led thousands of hikes and service projects throughout the islands to explore Hawai'i's unique natural spaces, mālama 'āina, and inspire environmental change.

Our volunteers organize and lead over 200 hikes statewide and help to maintain dozens of public and private trails every year. We know firsthand that our state's trail systems- including the parking lots, comfort stations, pavilions, and picnic areas- are in need of maintenance and protection. Millions of residents and visitors utilize these trails each year for education, enjoyment, hunting, and cultural purposes and the amount of hikers and rescues are growing annually. Please adopt SB 1068 and adequately fund our state's trail and access system.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1068.

Mahalo,

Jodi Malinoski, Policy Advocate



O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCL)

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Kaiali`i Kahele, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 1, 2019

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

RE: SB 1068 Relating Trails

Aloha mai kakou Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

The O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities (OCCLP) of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) hereby submits its testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 1068 relating to Trails.**

SB 1068 makes an appropriation to improve na ala hele, the Hawaii statewide trail and access program, by improving access to and maintaining state controlled recreational trails statewide and promoting hiker safety and hiker etiquette education and outreach.

DPH believes in the conservation and collaborative stewardship of our shared natural heritage: the public lands and waterways, the oceans, mountains and all that makes Hawai`i's great outdoors priceless. We need policies and investments that will keep Hawai`i's public lands public, strengthen protections for our natural and cultural resources, increase access to parks and public lands for all people, protect native species and wildlife, and harness the immense economic and social potential of our public lands and waters.

DPH will approach conservation of our public lands and waters in a way that reflects the diversity of our State, by actively engaging all people in the great outdoors and protecting natural landscapes and cultural sites that tell the story of Hawai`i's complex history. To help meet these goals, we will work to build a diverse workforce in the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) that manage Hawai`i's public lands, waters, and cultural sites.

Democrats oppose efforts to undermine the effectiveness of the Endangered Species Act to protect threatened and endangered species.

Agricultural practices have a significant impact on our water, land, oceans, and climate. Therefore, we believe that in order to be effective in keeping our air and water clean and combating climate change, we must enlist farmers as partners in promoting conservation and stewardship *Democratic Party of Hawai`i Platform (2018), p. 18, ln. 37-55.*

For the foregoing reasons, i.e., the need for policies and investments that will keep Hawai`i's public lands public, strengthen protections for our natural and cultural resources, increase access to parks and public lands for all people, protect native species and wildlife, and harness the immense economic and social potential of our public lands and waters, OCCLP supports SB 1068 and urges its passage out of the Committee on Water and Land.

Mahalo nui loa

Me ka `oia`i`o

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 4:32:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toni Withington	Testifying for Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support this funding measure for Na Ala Hele trails. Funding is desperately needed in North Kohala on Hawaii Island to improve the the extreme congestion, health and safety of the public at Pololu Valley Lookout and Trail. The community is working closely with Na Ala Hele to make the lookout and trail a safe and enjoyable experience for our Kohala citizens and visitors.

We are a group of many families residing in North Kohala who have been working to improve coastal access for thirty years. Please help us clean up Pololu Lookout.

Toni Withington, president

MECA

Maunawili Estates Community Association Testimony 30 January 2019

RE: Petition and Testimony in support of **SB1068 – Funding Trails**

Aloha Honorable Chair Yamane and Distinguished Representatives,

We write to you from Maunawili Estates Community Association, MECA, a residential community of 254 homes built mostly in the 1970's. Our community is made up of local families and Kupuna who have long been good contributing residents to Hawaii. For over 20 years our residents have personally experienced the great need for our beautiful State to better Malama our Aina while continuing to provide desired recreation options for tourists and local people.

In 1986 the City and the State's DLNR opened a trail to Maunawili Falls directly in our residential community on private land. In the beginning things were not too bad, a few hikers enjoying the tropical rain forest.

With tourism booming and Hawaii's population rising, today, over 1,000 hikers per week converge on our once peaceful community onto this small unmaintained trail with no resources. Today, the Aina has been destroyed. Here are a few examples of the aftermath after over 20 years of neglect:

<p>The trail is destroyed, it is muddy and gross with human waste and pollution running down our streams into our marshes.</p>	
	<p>Several Japanese websites say "don't go to this trail it is filthy". Is this what we want?</p>
<p>Our keiki can't play in their own front lawns as hikers race along residential streets looking for parking.</p> <p>Hikers get hurt on the damaged trail using 1st responder resources.</p>	



Criminals come into the community and bust hiker windows looking for easy pickings. Many of these are tourist rental cars.

Our list goes on.

The attached petition of 269 signatures collected last year was done to support SB2331-“Funding for hiking trails”, this petition is directly applicable to SB1068 and is a small sampling of residents who are very dismayed at the sorry state of Hawaii’s trails due to poor funding for the State’s Na Ala Hele trail program.

MECA is supportive of SB 1068– “Funding Trails”. We respectfully ask that the State take this step in the right direction to please Malama our Aina, please provide adequate funding for the State’s Na Ala Hele trail program.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Chris Nakamatsu Chair, MECA Falls Task Force, 1287 Maleko St, Kailua, 808-221-1051

Cheryl Tom Parker President, MECAFor MECA, 808-753-1162

Attached: 20 page Petition to support funding for Hawaii’s hiking trails

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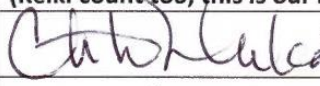
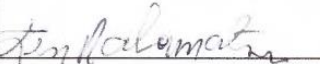
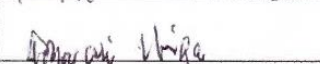
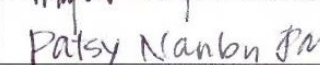
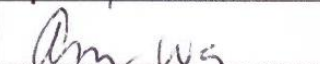
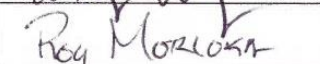

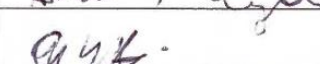
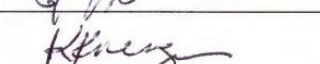
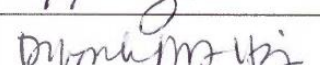
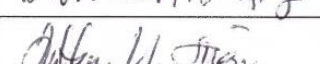
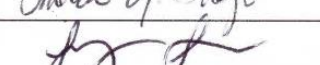
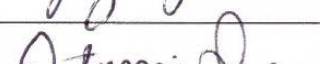
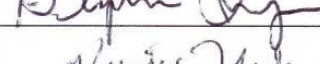
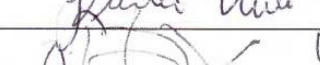
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Wana Araheli	1283 Puuuloa St. Kailua HI
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Kiulani Thompson	775 Kaha Dr 96734 Kailua
Ken Thompson	" " "
Kara Muroyama	46-081 Maeha Place Kaneohe HI USA
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<i>Sandip Pakvaska</i>	1265 Maleko St.
<i>Atma Yedlin</i>	1369 Maleko St.
<i>John Metz</i>	1258 Maleko St.
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SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:49:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff McDevitt	Testifying for PATH	Support	No

Comments:

I have practiced family medicine and sports medicine in Kona for the past 47 years. Rapidly increasing healthcare costs represent one of the most pressing problems for government today. We must be willing to spend ever more increasing resources on providing facilities for patients to exercise regularly, since this is the most important element in maintaining good health along with a healthy diet in order to reduce healthcare costs in our aging population. Na Ala Hele is an important contributor to this effort and I strongly support this bill for increased funding. Thanks, Jeff McDevitt M.D., Kona.

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SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 1:57:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Kuahiwi Moniz	Testifying for Tulipa Hawaiian Civic Club, Association of Cultural Practitioners	Support	No

Comments:

My group is in strong support of funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for improving access to and maintaining state controlled recreational trails and creating a trail user safety and etiquette outreach campaign.

Public trails are conduits for recreational, subsistence, and cultural practices for a growing population of users. Heavy trail use affects not just people who use public trails, but communities and residents who live adjacent to once seldom used trailheads. It becomes more pertinent to encourage safe and respectful behavior on and off the trail, and preserve these privileges for future generations.

We use the trails and glory of the forest for teaching and educations lessons and experiences for my students of Hawaiian cultural practices.

The Na Ala Hele Program has been challenged to keep up with the increasing demand for maintenance as trail use exceeds the program's original expectations. The Program's mission is tuned to deliver important information on safety and courtesy to trail users that could enhance the outdoor experience or even save a life. This bill will greatly help the Na Ala Hele Program to successfully achieve these goals.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

J. Kuahiwi Moniz

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 1:58:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Mendes	Testifying for Solemates Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

I whole-heartedly support this bill for funds to create and maintain safe hiking trails in Hawaii. I represent a group of over 400 mostly senior individuals who hike weekly on trails on Oahu. We are responsible hikers who have an interest in the fragile environments where our hikes lead us and many of us are participants in activities to protect/re-establish the growth of native plants. Hiking is a healthful activity and needs to be encouraged, but our Hawaii trails need help. Many of our wildlands are in the rainforest and in constant need of attention. The amount of money requested is actually a mere token amount. A lot more is needed to bring our trails up to the quality I see on trails in the rest of the country.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2019 4:45:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee.

As an avid hiker, I am writing in strong support of SB1068, which appropriates funding for NÄ• Ala Hele, the State's Trail and Access Program. Hawai'i has the most beautiful places in the world, but many of our trails to access these areas are unsafe and lack the signage necessary for both the kama'Ä• ina and malihini.

E 'olu'olu, pass SB1068 and support Hawai'i's environment.

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

PÄ• lolo Valley resident

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/30/2019 6:48:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Carvalho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support this funding measure for Na Ala Hele trails. Funding is desperately needed in North Kohala on Hawaii Island to improve the the extreme congestion, health and safety of the public at Pololu Valley Lookout and Trail. The community is working closely with Na Ala Hele to make the lookout and trail a safe and enjoyable experience for our Kohala citizens and visitors.

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Submitted on: 1/30/2019 7:53:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barry Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 7:52:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

I support SB 1068 RELATING TO TRAILS.

I also request that the public awareness campaign include a PSA on each arriving flight. We have too many tourist coming with little regard for safety and less for etiquette.

Mahalo for the opportunity to support SB 1068 and request passage out of your committee.

From: [Patricia Blair](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: I support SB 1068, maintaining Hawaii's Hiking Trails Properly
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:48:00 PM

Patricia Blair, Kailua, 888-6393

Sent from my iPad

From: [Me D](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB1068 - WTL hearing on Friday 2/1 at 1:15pm
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 2:11:08 AM

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee. I'm writing in strong support of SB1068, which appropriates funding for Na Ala Hele, the State's Trail and Access Program.

People come to Hawaii to experience islands steeped in natural beauty. Unfortunately, the number of people who come impacts the 'aina significantly. One way to enable enjoyment of nature while protecting the environment and wildlife is to have a well-maintained trail system. Visitors and residents alike use the trails to explore, exercise, learn Hawaiian history, and develop respect for the magic that is Hawaii. Without trails, people go off and make their own, destroying resources and putting themselves at great risk. This is not only sad, it is costly.

Please support funding for Na Ala Hale. I use the trails frequently (several times a week), and when visitors ask about hiking, I direct them to the official trails and encourage them to use them, rather than go off to other areas that are not a part of the system. On my island, the trails are few, making it even more important to keep what we have in good condition and protected.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB1068.

Sincerely,
Susan Dils
808-757-8422
1300 Limahana Circle
Lahaina, HI 96761

Sent from my iPhone

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 8:54:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:25:48 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Allgood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:27:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jen McVeay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha! I strongly support this bill! Please provide extra funding for trail maintenance and education. This extra funding will help keep both locals and visitors on our trails safer! I'll keep this short and sweet, and thank you for your careful consideration and support of this bill!! :)

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:50:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Yurie Takishima-Lacasa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:05:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Goda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Request approval of this bill to ensure the natural beauty of Hawaii remains safely accessible to residents and tourists.

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:21:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bryan Haneghan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Residents of the state of Hawaii as well as tourist from all over the world take advantage of access to the Na Ala Hele trail system. We must continue to provide that opportunity through improvements and community outreach. We are blessed to have a world class trail system available to us every day and we should ensure that is extended in the future.

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:29:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Warren	Testifying for Oahu Resident	Support	No

Comments:

This is a very important organization for all Island residents. They have been there to clean up/ remove fallen trees and upkeep of all the trails! The tourist/visitors to the islands use every trail island wide. So this is crucial that funding for Na Ala Hele be increased!! This will help upkeep the trails that mean so much to the residents island-wide.

Mahalo,
Mr. Ronald Warren

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:42:07 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Gandy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As someone who uses the Na Ala Hele trails multiple times a week, I feel that this is a great idea. Na Ala Hele does a great job of clearing trails and responding to issues, however, I feel that the response time to these issues could be greatly improved. More resources and staff laid out in this bill would assist them in improving their response times.

Another great thing about this bill would be more resources to maintain trails that are less popular such as the ones in the Waianae range. By clearing more of these trails, people can begin to explore more of our state and the beautiful trails it has to offer.

Hiking education laid out in this bill would also positively impact our community. Educating newer hikers how to act and respect our neighbors during quiet hours would go a long way into improving the relationship with people who live close to trailheads. Less complaints by the neighbors means the trails can remain open and enjoyed by all.

All in all, the passing of this bill will do great things for this already wonderful state. More people will be able to access these maintained trails and be active. Studies have shown that active people are happier than people with a sedentary lifestyle. I hope you agree with me and provide the great people Na Ala Hele the resources they deserve.

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 10:59:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jimmy Lagunero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Jimmy Lagunero, I am a born and raised kanaka maoli. Hawaii has been home, and always will be. As a local boy, what makes Hawaii unique is our aina, as well as our connection to it.

I am in strong support of SB1068, and urge our legislators to support and even increase the funding and support of the stewards of our precious lands, and trails maintained and supported by the Na Ala Hele Program, it's staff, it's volunteers, and the countless others who are safer, more educated, and familiar with this precious resource. If not for our Aina, and Our People, would there be a Hawaii? Not only does the local residents, your constituents benefit from this service and resource but soo to does the countless visitors to our beautiful and fragile eco-systems.

The amount requested is not enough to protect this priceless and perishible resource, and I urge you not only to approve this measure but to increase it and have it be a perpetual and enduring requirement, not just for this fiscal year, but in perpetuity. That an established percentage of the budget, be automatically allocated to protect and malama the aian and programs as such as this.

Many lives have been saved by the proper care, maintenance and education outreach of our trail systems, to not fund and protect this resource

If you don't, then will there be a safe place that our sons and daughters will know, or will it be forever lost?

Mahalo Nui Loa for your consideration of my testimony and your support of our aina.

Jimmy Lagunero, Native and Resident of Hawaii

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 11:53:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Huff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Na Ala Hele trail system is a jewel to the State of Hawaii, the legislature needs to approve the proper funding so that it can remain as such.

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:11:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melanie Koehl	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern,

As an active trail runner and hiker, now more than ever, the need for Na Ala Hele is at an all-time high. It is good news that the visitor industry is doing well and that more people are getting healthier by going outside. However, this creates the need for safe trails and regular maintenance. It's amazing that this small agency does so much and covers so much ground. I applaud their efforts and hope that their agency grows in the years to come. We need them now, more than ever. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Melanie Koehl

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:20:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Chenard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The statistic that fifty-nine per cent of Hawaii residents participate in outdoor recreation each year may be low. As a new resident to Hawaii, I found and joined a Facebook group that utilizes many of the nature trails on Oahu; I have seen other Facebook only groups that also utilize the Oahu trails. This causes me to question the low statistic of trail users living in Hawaii. Many of the trails do need state help in improving access to and maintaining these state controlled recreational trails. Many of these trail heads do not have adequate signage for where the trail begins; and several do not have parking infrastructure for residents and visitors to get to them easily. Residents and visitors to Hawaii would also benefit from the development and implementation of a more modern public awareness campaign that promotes hiker safety and hiker etiquette education and outreach. As a new resident and user of my adopted home state's trail systems, I urge state funding for these areas. Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: [Ajay Patel](#)
To: [WTL Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB1068 - WTL hearing on Friday 2/1 at 1:15pm
Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 9:03:37 AM

Aloha Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee.

I'm writing in strong support of SB1068, which appropriates funding for Na Ala Hele, the State's Trail and Access Program. Keeping up with the increasing impacts on our beloved hiking trails is a constant challenge. This bill would provide critical funds for improving access and maintaining state controlled recreational trails statewide and promoting hiker safety, hiker etiquette education, and outreach. Please support SB1068 and pass this bill."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB1068.

*Ajay Patel
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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:29:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christina Torres	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is essential that we support our lands, protect them and protect those who explore them. This not only protects the land, but enables people to take better care of the land, and protect a vital resource to the beauty of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:35:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dana miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support funding for this bill. Our trail are an important cultural and recreational resource. Funding will help with trail maintainance to keep our trails as safe as possible. Also providing more information on trails may help lessen the impact on currently overused trails as people will be more likely to choose different trails for a more peaceful yet safe experience.

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 12:45:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francis Navarro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sir/Ma'am, I hike or walk the trails of Oahu every weekend and sometimes Kauai too. I'm now 49yrs old and have been doing this since I was a child. I can see that many of our trails are suffering from all-time highs in tourist and resident use. The staff and volunteers do their best with minimal resources. It is time to augment the resources we use to repair, restore, and maintain our trails so they may continue to be used for generations to come. Mahalo Nui Loa. Francis Navarro



Community Supporter—General

Personal Testimony Presented Before
the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 1, 2019
by
Edwin Mersino

Support for SB 1608, Relating to the Trails

Chairman Kahele and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 1608, which makes an appropriation for Na Ala Hele to improve access to and maintenance of state controlled recreational trails statewide. My name is Edwin Mersino. I am an interested member of the community.

For over forty years I have hiked Hawaii's trails leading various groups in valleys, on ridges and along the shorelines. Many of the hikes have been for the purpose of clearing and rebuilding trails, planting native species and removing invasive ones. Often the hikes been for educational or recreational purposes.

Over the years I have seen how the trails have been left to deteriorate from the natural processes and overuse. Long ago few ventured onto the trails and they suffered from neglect and were kept from disappearing entirely by the efforts of volunteers and the small Na Ala Hele staff. In the last ten years trail use has sky rocketed. This is due in large part because of the increase in visitors who like to hike and enjoy our wonderful natural environment.

Many trails have become very eroded to the point where they are hazardous to those using them and damaging to the environment. It has almost become impossible for the volunteers and the minimal Na Ala Hele staff to keep up. It has also come to my attention that Na Ala Hele has been unable to hire a contractor to help keep the trails open for over a year. The \$1.8 million in this bill is the minimum the State should devote to trail maintenance.

Here are a couple of photos of the damage on one heavily used trail above Honolulu.



I strongly encourage our legislators to support SB 1608 and give Na Ala Hele the ability it needs to maintain Hawaii's trails.

LATE

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 2:56:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Kaiiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, and Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for SB1068 which requests \$1.8 million dollars from the general reserves for the Na Ala Hele program for trail maintenance and improvements, hiker safety and etiquette education and outreach.

I am the conservation chair for the Hawaii Chapter of the Sierra Club which leads people on hikes deep into Hawaii's mountains and along the shores of Hawaii's coasts. I am also an amateur naturalist, hiker, and photopgrapher who spends much of the weekends on Hawaii's trails documenting the native plants and animals unique to the Hawaiian Islands.

Many of the trails are in disrepair due to lack of funding. There is a constant battle to keep the trails safe: fallen trees, landslides, and fast growing vegetaion create many hazards for hikers. Many lost hikers, injuries, and deaths, could be avoided if the trails were properly cleared of overgrown vegetation and signs were posted to warn of dangers.

In the past decade or so, the numer of people using the trails has skyrocketted, due in large part to social media and hiking blogs which show the spectacular sights on Hawaii's trails. What these sites do not show however as the dangers and pitfalls many hikers encounter on our trails. Many people embark on the trails ill-prepared or ill-equipped to deal with the pitfalls which could be prevented by a proactive program to maintain the trails.

Please allocate the necessary funds to make Hawaii's trails a recreational resource for visitors and residents. I strongly support SB SB1068 to fund the Na Ala Hele program. Thank you for this opporunity to express my strong support for this bill.

Nathan Yuen

LATE

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 2:57:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Hee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am for this bill to be passed. I use the trail system regularly and have volunteered to help Na Ala Hele and I have seen the great work that they perform .

LATE

Committee: Senate Committee on Water and Land
Hearing Date/Time: Friday, February 1, 2019, 1:15 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 229
Re: ***Testimony in support of SB1068, making an appropriation to improve nā ala hele***

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

I am a Honolulu resident, avid outdoorsperson, and trail-ultrarunner, and I write in my personal capacity in support of SB1068, which gives up to \$1.8 million per year over the next two fiscal years to improve Nā Ala Hele, the statewide trail and access program.

I cannot emphasize enough just how important Nā Ala Hele is to our state. Having just celebrated my one-year anniversary as a Hawai‘i resident earlier this week, I can easily say that it is the beauty, the serenity, and the wildness of the Nā Ala Hele trail system that makes me most proud to call Hawai‘i home. In my humble opinion, Nā Ala Hele is one of the aspects of Hawai‘i that sets us apart from other states (and even other countries). As Section 1 of the bill acknowledges, thousands of other users—both residents and non-residents alike—would agree, as they too have been beneficiaries of the recreational, economic, social, and sometimes life-changing opportunities provided by Nā Ala Hele. We should do what we can to preserve these opportunities for future generations.

Having just completed the HURT 100—a 100-mile trail race that takes place on over a dozen Nā Ala Hele trails in the Makiki-Tantalus area—I know firsthand how Nā Ala Hele serves as the physical space in which lives can be changed. The HURT 100 is about more than just getting from point A to point B. It is about pushing personal boundaries, working together towards unimaginable goals, and inspiring people to live full and meaningful lives. The HURT 100 relies heavily on the tremendous support provided by Nā Ala Hele, and so this is one more reason to support SB1068.

In light of the other priorities that are surely on your and the legislature’s agenda, you may wonder why funds need to be allocated to maintaining Hawaii’s trails. In the words of one environmental historian, “wildness is an essential part of ourselves that our ordinary lives tempt us to forget.” Amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life, we need spaces like the ones Nā Ala Hele provides to remain fully grounded.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Jongwook “Wookie” Kim

LATE

SB-1068

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 3:42:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracy Carnate	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of SB1068. As a local resident, who enjoys hiking on State-maintained trails, I appreciate the work of Na Ala Hele. I strongly believe that without proper care of the trails, more injuries and casualties will occur. Social media has the eyes of locals and visitors who wish to explore Hawaii's land. Maintained and defined trails make it easier for outdoor enthusiasts to navigate the land without incident. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 5:16:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Grandinetti	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Tourism is at record levels, and tourists are showing greater interest in the natural resources Hawaii has to offer. This has led to increased use of our trails, requiring more maintenance to keep erosion in check and keep the trails safe. As a result, this appropriation is important to continue to keep our trails both accessible and safe for residents and tourists alike.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 6:46:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Bourke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

January 31, 2019

Committee Chair and Members;

This testimony is being submitted in support of SB1068 to provide additional support for Hawaii's trail system.

I am no longer a resident of Hawaii. I lived in Hawaii for my entire adult life, 1975 - 2017, and only left these beautiful islands because of my wife's increasingly acute allergic reactions to the VOG. But living again on the West Coast of the Mainland, where I grew up, has provided me with a unique perspective on some of Hawaii's problems.

As I've recently re-hiked some of the trails on the mainland that I remember from my youth, I am struck by the high quality of the trails, and the obvious maintenance that has gone into preserving them. This contrasts sharply with the continually deteriorating conditions of trails that I've hiked in Hawaii over the past 42 years. In the past year I've hiked well maintained trails in California, Oregon, Nevada, and Utah. Why are the trail systems in these states so well maintained, but in Hawaii they are not? The people of Hawaii all love these islands and deserve a higher level of care to the trails that allow all of us to view its majesty.

Please increase funding so that Hawaii's trail system can be properly maintained.

Aloha

Bob Bourke

1. 19th st, Pacific Grove, Ca.

LATE

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:20:50 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosemary Adam-Terem	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Na Ala Hele trail system is a gem of Hawaiian nature providing access to the beauty and uniqueness of our islands. Our climate is hard on the trails and as usage increases with more tourists and residents learning of the trails, there will be more wear and tear. Good maintenance is difficult and essential.

Please support Na Ala Hele by an appropriation of funds for this excellent program.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 9:28:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hawkins Biggins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As an avid hiker on Oahu I absolutely support providing more funding for Na Ala Hele Trails & Access. Currently many of the Na Ala Hele Trails are not properly maintained. Trail maintenance is important for locals and visitors alike. Trail maintenance helps prevent people from getting lost or injured and unnecessary money being spent on rescues and injuries. There are many factors in Hawaii that cause our trails to need regular maintenance including the rough terrain, and weather. Our vegetation is fast growing due to the rainfall and sunlight. And when we have storms, trees fall down, trails get eroded and need repair. Please provide adequate funding in order for Na Ala Hele to be able to keep the trails safe and open.

Mahalo,

Hawkins Biggins

LATE

SB-1068

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 1:14:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tony Barnhill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The trails in Hawaii allow us to be in nature, as close to how our ancestors lived. Safe passage on the trails is imperative not only to our locals, but for our visitors. Na Ala Hele does a lot with a very small staff. With the appropriate resources, there's much more that could be done to improve the experience of the trails.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 6:09:15 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Vesel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you to the legislators who introduced this bill and I urge support for this increased funding. As an avid local hiker and volunteer trail clearer with the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club I am committed to encouraging residents and visitors of all abilities enjoy the beauty of our state in a sustainable way. Better education on trail etiquette, parking, and trail maps are essential to recover a good relationship between hikers and residents. Trails in new areas would spread out trail use and enable people to see areas of the islands otherwise hidden. This bill costs so little compared to so many other programs and will have a huge return on investment in terms of sustainable tourism, benefit to residents, and stewardship of our beautiful islands.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Susan Vesel
Kaneohe, HI

Testimony of Jeffrey K. Tanaka
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Na Ala Hele—Hawai'i Trail and Access Program
in SB 1068 Relating to Trails
Senate/House Committee on Water and Land
Friday, February 1, 2019, 1:15PM, Room 229

LATE

Aloha,

My name is Jeff Tanaka and I am writing in support of the SB 1068 which will increase the budget for NAH. I am an avid hiker and member of the local hiking club HTMC (Hawaii Trail and Mountain Club). I believe an increase in the NAH budget is long overdue and the consequences of neglecting or failing to increase the budget would be felt throughout the community.

First, I would like to thank you for your previous and continued support of funding for recreational trails in Hawai'i. Please help continue that important work by again **supporting the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for improving access to and maintaining state controlled recreational trails and creating a hiker safety and etiquette outreach campaign.**

The Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program has been actively managing 128 trail and road features that span approximately 855 miles since 1991. We as members of the trail using community make up a diverse group of public and private entities who use Na Ala Hele trails for recreational, subsistence, and cultural purposes. We understand the importance of protecting these accesses and their users.

Some of the issues that our state trails currently face are related to the increase in popularity and use. It is increasingly obvious that the daily use of our trails has exceeded the rate in which we can effectively manage and maintain them as well as educate the public about the safety and hazards of hiking in Hawaii. Every year we hear of the tragedies of ill-equipped hiker's due to the lack of knowledge of trail and environmental hazards. An increased budget that would allow for a safety and etiquette outreach program would help minimize these situations that can easily be avoided.

A budget increase would also allow for NAH to fortify the trails that receive the most use. For example, the work they did on the Kaiwa Ridge Trail (Lanikai "Pill Box" Trail) was to insure hiker safety. This is a trail that receives a high amount of daily traffic and with no doubt benefitted from the work that was done on it. Another trail that could benefit from this increase would be Manoa Falls, which is the closet waterfall to town and receives high traffic for that reason.

Lastly, the increased budget also creates opportunities for new trails on land like the Helemano Wilderness Area, which was acquired by the DLNR last year. For the last several years, we have seen more and more trails closed due to access disputes and safety. The creation of new trails would benefit the surrounding community and trail users by giving them more options of places to hike.

Maintaining and creating safe recreational trails becomes apparent as more people begin to enjoy these resources. Support for those who manage Hawai'i's trails must also proportionately reflect these growing needs. We understand that as trail use has increased within the past 10 years, funding for the Na Ala Hele Program and recreational trails in general has not. SB 1068 will greatly help the Na Ala Hele Program to successfully achieve these goals.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey K. Tanaka

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 7:59:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee,

I am in strong support of adequately funding the Na Ala Hele program. I have worked on trails for many years, especially Manoa Falls Trail, Kuliouou Ridge, Hawaii Loa Ridge Trail and Wiliwilinui Trail. All of them get heavy use and my work (installing water diversions and steps) has not been able to bear the brunt of the increasing foot traffic.

The internet has exposed several Oahu trails to tourists. Up until the internet, a lot of trails were used mainly by locals. Now, tourists outnumber residents on some trails. Na Ala Hele needs funding to maintain and improve these trails.

Please pass SB1068 and fund the Na Ala Hele program. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching

Honolulu (makikirandy@yahoo.com)

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 8:48:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fred Boll	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club

Feb. 1. 2019

Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club

% Fred R. Boll

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Mililani, HI 96789

Dear Senator/ Representative:

First of all I would like to introduce you to the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club. We are a club of about 500 dedicated hikers incorporated in the State of Hawai`i. The Club was organized in 1910 and has over 100 year history of providing organized hiking in Hawai`i. The Club also has a long history of volunteer work on the trails in the foothills and mountains of Hawai`i. We have not been active in lobbying the Legislature in the past but certain conditions exist at this time that causes us to take a stand for the benefit of the trails and forest regions of the State.

For the last few years it has become increasingly obvious to those of us who are regular users of our trails the the Na Ala Hele Trails and Access Program has been woefully underfunded. This has reached a point that the trails have not had any coordinated maintenance at all for the past year. This comes at a time when hiking has become more popular with residents and visitors. In short, our trails are being “loved to death”. The trails are showing signs of slippage, erosion, and overgrowth. It is vital that Na Ala Hele gets the support needed to do necessary remedial work and keep these trails open and useable for the public. It is also vital that funds be allocated for the development of the additional acreage recently acquired from Dole Foods.

In short, the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club supports SB1068 and encourages the legislature to do the same.

Thank you,

Fred Boll

Trails Committee

Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 10:20:21 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
State of Hawaii
Post Office Box 621
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Testimony of
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Friday, February 1, 2019
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 1068
Relating to Trails

Senate Bill 1068 makes an appropriation to improve na ala hele, the Hawaii statewide trail and access program, by improving access to and maintaining state controlled recreational trails statewide and promoting hiker safety and hiker etiquette education and outreach. **The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) supports this measure.**

Under the Aha Moku Process, a traditional land and ocean management system restored from the translation of oral chants of the 9th century, the eight main Hawaiian Islands have been able to bring forward the voices of the indigenous Native Hawaiian practitioners who have sustained and cared for their lands for thousands of years. When restoring this Process in 2007 via Act 212 SLH 2007, then solidifying it in 2012 via Act 288 SLH 2012, the Legislature stressed the importance of incorporating traditional wisdom into government policy. Aha Moku is attached to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), and native Hawaiian communities statewide who have for centuries retained the traditional practices that are unique to each place are now being brought forward by the generational families of these places. These practices have been kept alive from ancient times to current times by the empirical knowledge of the natural and resources that have been handed down generation to generation by expert Native Hawaiian practitioners, particularly in the trails and accesses that lead to important cultural sites whether they be in a forest, a watershed, the coastline or wetlands. Each trail had a significant reason for existing.

One of the most important components for these trails, besides the safety, access and common etiquette education and outreach is the opportunity to educate visitors, tourists and all who use these now public trails on the unique cultural usage and history of the area or ahupua'a that each trail goes through. For this reason, we would like to add the following language to Section 2 of Senate Bill 1068 to read: (2) Developing and implementing a public awareness campaign that promotes hike safety and hike etiquette education and outreach, **and includes the accurate Native Hawaiian traditional culture, history and practices customarily used in these places as taught by those lineal families who have been handed down the generational knowledge of the natural and cultural resources of each of these places;**

Further, the Aha Moku Process encompasses the traditional 46 moku, which in turn encompasses 606 traditional ahupua'a. Within the State of Hawaii, an inventory of state trails list one hundred twenty-eight trail and road features. Because it is attached to DLNR, and believes in traditional wisdom becoming part of state policy, the Aha Moku is willing and able to assist the Na Ala Hele in working with and documenting the traditional and historic features of each of the Na Ala Hele Trails currently listed. Those who would assist Na Ala Hele would be the generational families and kupuna of the place where the listed trail is.

We are attached to DLNR, and through this venue, our people have been able to collaborate with government to address critical issues that are important to the people. The opportunity to work with the State of Hawaii, through Na Ala Hele and DLNR in sharing the unique cultural histories, methodologies and practices of specific sites would enhance a visitors experience as they hike Hawaii's beautiful hiking areas. This is also a way where the people of that place could participate in sharing their culture and history with others on each island, on each moku, and within each ahupua'a where a Na Ala Hele trail extends.

On behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, and the Islands of Moku O Keawe (Hawaii), Moku O Piilani (Maui), Moku O Kanaloa (Kahoolawe), Nanai Kaula (Lana'i), Molokai Pule Oo (Molokai), Moku O Kakuhihewa (Oahu), Manokalanipo (Kauai), and Kawelonakala (Niihau), We humbly ask that Senate Bill 1068, relating to trails, be amended to include our recommendation, and as amended, be passed by the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

Respectfully yours,

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