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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, April 12, 2019
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 136
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION
OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE TO DOCUMENT THE HISTORY OF EXEMPLARY
CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING KUPUNA,
CONSERVATIONISTS, AND CITIZENS**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 136 urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife to document the history of exemplary contributions made by community members, including kūpuna, conservationists, and citizens. **The Department provides the following comments on this measure.**

Hawai'i has a rich history of exemplary kūpuna, conservationists, and other citizens who have changed history with their actions. Proposals are received from time to time about honoring individuals by naming areas after them. The Division is sensitive to the sentiments, but does not want to displace Hawaiian place names when naming landscape features and areas after individuals, and as such, treats each proposal on a case by case basis.

Marjorie Yasue Fern Ziegler is an example of an individual whose contributions deserve to be honored and remembered. Ms. Ziegler was an ardent and tireless supporter of Hawaii's native plants and animals, and who in turn inspired many others to dedicate their efforts toward our natural resources. The Division is considering options for naming a beloved feature after her as a way of honoring her service. The Division is consulting with persons close to Ms. Ziegler to determine an appropriate site that best represents her legacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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Testimony for WLH on 4/12/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Oahu County Committee of the Oahu County Democrats	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/11/2019 5:04:14 AM

Testimony for WLH on 4/12/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Kaye	Friends of Lanai	Support	No

Comments:

This resolution is a wonderful idea. It not only puts DLNR and DFW on a long-needed path of remembrance and honoring, but the suggestion of beginning that process with a tribute to Marjorie Ziegler is so very appropriate. For us here on Lana'i, MZ was a critical ally, early on recognizing the environmental destruction facing Lana'i if Big Wind was ever to operate on our island. She was an early warning siren for the destruction that ungulates were doing, and for protecting our rare and endangered seabirds. She was a true conservation hero.

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Testimony for WLH on 4/12/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Montgomery & Anita Manning	Conservation Council for Hawai'i	Support	Yes

Comments:

[SCR 136](#) [Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs](#)

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The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports [SCR 136](#),

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE TO DOCUMENT THE HISTORY OF EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING KUPUNA, CONSERVATIONISTS AND CITIZENS.

Some agencies, like the State Parks Division, have already carried out a valuable mission by posting signs about citizen contributions to building a better future at special sites, as seen in my photo along a trail in Kalopa State Park's "P. Quentin Tomich Ohia Lehua Grove." In his 60 years as a Honoka'a ecologist, Dr. Tomich led the planning and planting in this fine park, advising his long time Rep. Yoshito Takamine, Governor Jack Burns and many members of the NARS Commission, which he so ably chaired.

We suggest DLNR consider some recognition of the late Marjorie Fern Yasue Ziegler, who carried on a family legacy of conservation science and advocacy that began with her father, Alan Ziegler, a zoologist at Bishop Museum. She supported the Hawai'i Invasive Species Councils & never stopped advocating for biodiversity. Her 30 years of environmental work included 15 as the executive director of CCH, where she both spearheaded conservation initiatives and worked behind the scenes with policymakers and many grassroots groups.

Conservation Council for Hawai'i has since 1950 helped protect native Hawaiian wildlife and wild places for future generations. Our members and supporters include scientists, Native Hawaiian practitioners, farmers, fishers, hunters, educators, students, artists. It is the state affiliate of the [National Wildlife Federation](#) – the largest wildlife organization in the United States with 4 million members and offices located around the country. Mahalo!

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KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

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To: Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair
& Members, Committee on Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs

From: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Subject: SCR 136 – Urging DLNR to Document Contributions of Community – Support

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd and Members of the Committee:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its support to Senate Concurrent Resolution 136 which urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources to document the contributions of significant community members who have contributed to the conservation of critical conservation lands.

We are particularly supportive of recognition of individuals like the late Marjorie Ziegler, who lived in Ko'olaupoko until her passing. Hers was a lifetime of dedication toward preserving conservation lands throughout the islands by raising public awareness and educating our keiki about saving and respecting our forest lands.

We note that this resolution appears to request an electronic venue for this recognition. This is a good idea, and we hope the department will be able to incorporate this activity into the workload of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

We would also urge DOFAW to make sure that, before giving recognition to any individual, sufficient research is done to properly document the person's contribution.

We urge your committee to approve this Resolution.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our mana`o.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko'olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."