

SB-2780

Submitted on: 2/1/2020 5:31:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/5/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexandra Kahn	Testifying for Surfrider Oahu	Support	No

Comments:



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To: The Senate Committees On Water And Land;
and Energy, Economic Development, And Tourism
From: Brodie Lockard, Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 2:45 pm

In strong support of SB 2780

Dear Chairs Kahele and Wakai, and members:

350Hawaii strongly supports SB 2780.

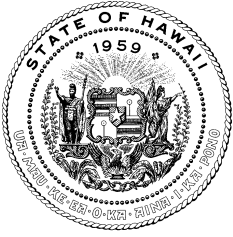
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Brodie Lockard
Founder, 350Hawaii.org



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Testimony of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND
AND
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

2:45 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In SUPPORT of
SB 2780
RELATING TO OFFSHORE DRILLING.

Chairs Kahele and Wakai, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Taniguchi, and members of the Committees. The Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2780, which prohibits offshore drilling for oil or natural gas in state marine waters and prohibits issuance of permits for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas in state waters.

The HSEO is unaware of existing or potential offshore oil or natural gas resources in state waters. The HSEO is also unaware of efforts to research or “prove” the presence of offshore oil or natural gas resources. However, the HSEO supports the Legislature proactively foreclosing the possibility of offshore fossil fuel drilling prior to the establishment of such a resource or a company expending funds to research the possibility, especially in light of the federal government’s effort to rollback important environmental protections to promote offshore drilling. Fossil fuel extraction from Hawaiian waters would be damaging to our ecosystems and inconsistent with the Legislature’s direction to achieve the 100% Renewable Portfolio Standard and the Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target.

The HSEO defers to the state agencies also affected by this bill on other potential effects or regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 7:34:43 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Climate Protectors Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members and Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members:

The Climate Protectors Coalition **strongly supports SB2780!**

We are a new group inspired by the Mauna Kea Protectors but focused on reversing the climate crisis. As a tropical island State, Hawaii will be among the first places harmed by the global climate crisis, with more intense storms, loss of protective coral reefs, and rising sea levels. We must do all we can to reduce our carbon footprint and become at least carbon neutral as soon as possible, including by preventing any offshore drilling in Hawaii. Please pass this bill! Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/3/2020 8:41:11 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 2:06:11 PM

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

Comments:

It is hard to conceive that anyone would even consider drilling off our shores. No way can we allow that to happen. Please pass this fast.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 4:06:12 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phaethon Keeney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time,

Phaethon Keeney

Honoka'a, Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:26:53 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:12:28 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelsey Nichols	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 3:08:13 PM

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Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Lynn Aaberg	Individual	Support	No

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Lynn Aaberg

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 12:47:14 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Koohan Paik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 7:34:37 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Webster	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you senators for considering this important piece of legislation.

I am in firm support of making sure that Hawaii does not allow offshore drilling.

We are a seafood eating population and we are absolutely dependent on tourism. If there is a leak (and there's often a leak) our food and our economic resources in Hawaii could be wiped out simultaneously. Since we are currently on the road to renewables, I cannot think of a better way to ensure the safety of our ocean environment than to not allow any drilling for oil or for gas anywhere near Hawaii.

If you could stop any of the deep sea mining, that would be a really good way to protect us as well.

Thank you. Have a great day.

Jenny Webster

Assistant Professor of English

Windward Community College

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 6:57:34 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

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Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jean Simon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: