


OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
‘Ōlelo Hō‘ike ‘Aha Kau Kānāwai
Legislative Testimony

HB1352 HD1
RELATING TO SURPLUS MILITARY LAND
Ke Kōmike Hale o ka ‘Oihana ‘Imi Kālā
House Committee on Finance

Malaki 2, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Lumi 308

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB1352 HD1, which would gather data and input on federally owned and leased lands, which are primarily “ceded” lands, in anticipation of their potential transfer to the State, or their potential return to State control. **By initiating proactive discussions on the remediation, restoration, and potential alternative uses of these lands, this measure takes a critical step towards better protecting invaluable public trust resources and the public’s interest in the State’s current and prospective future land holdings, while also potentially furthering the State’s and federal government’s commitment to restorative justice for the Native Hawaiian people, from whom much of these lands were illegally taken and without consent or compensation.** In order to more fully realize the benefits of this measure, OHA respectfully suggests a friendly amendment to this bill as currently drafted, to allow the Office of Planning to include OHA in these important discussions.

Native Hawaiians have a heightened interest in the substantial acreage of federal lands that may be at issue under this measure. In addition to the estimated 114,499.67 acres of federal lands that are eligible for transfer to the State under Public Law 88-233, another 30,176.18 acres of state are controlled by the federal government under leases set to expire in 2029. **These lands are overwhelmingly part of the 1.8 million acres of former Government and Crown Lands that were taken as a result of the unlawful overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893,ⁱ and that were “ceded” to the United States’ federal government upon annexation – despite strong opposition from and without any consent by, or compensation to, Queen Lili‘uokalani or the Native Hawaiian people.ⁱⁱ** While the Admission Act of 1959 conveyed to the newly formed State of Hawai‘i nearly 1.13 million acres of “ceded” lands that were held by the federal government, and envisioned the additional transfer of federally held “ceded” lands not needed for federal government use,ⁱⁱⁱ by 1964 it was estimated that the federal government had still retained for itself 373,719.58 acres of “ceded” lands, the vast majority of which remain under federal ownership today – including the 114,499.67 acres which are eligible for transfer to the State under P.L. 88-233.^{iv} **Native Hawaiians continue to maintain unrelinquished claims to the entire “ceded” lands corpus, including those lands held or controlled by the federal government, and therefore have a particularly heightened**

interest in whether and how federally-owned or -controlled “ceded” lands will be transferred to State ownership or control.^v

Notably, historical and ongoing examples of the treatment of “ceded” lands under federal ownership or control raise particular concerns regarding the potential remediation and restoration actions that should take place prior to their transition to State ownership or control. For example, the island of Kaho‘olawe was taken for U.S. military use in 1953, with assurances that it would be restored to a “habitable condition;” to this day, only 9% of the island has been cleared beyond the surface level.^{vi} Ironically, Kaho‘olawe accounts for most of the federal “ceded” lands relinquished to the State,^{vii} and it was only released from federal control in 1993 after years of protests and lawsuits.^{viii} Additionally, there are still ongoing concerns about the remediation of Mākua Valley in Wai‘anae, O‘ahu, which has also been used for live-fire training, and which will also need substantial remediation and restoration as a result of such activities.^{ix} The Hawai‘i Supreme Court has also recently called attention to the potential for irreparable harm to 22,971 acres of state “ceded” lands leased to the federal government at at Pōhakuloa, Hawai‘i Island, which the court found were not adequately cared for as required under the public trust doctrine.^x **These historical and recent examples counsel the need for proactive and carefully informed discussions and consensus-building, in order to ensure that the transfer of ownership or control of “ceded” lands from the federal government to the State includes appropriate remediation and restoration measures – a critical component of restorative justice for Native Hawaiians who maintain claims to these lands.**

Accordingly, OHA supports HB1352 HD1 as a vehicle for proactive discussions and information-gathering that can support the potential and appropriate transition of “ceded” lands from federal ownership or control to that of the State.

In order to ensure that Native Hawaiian claims and concerns, including those concerning the need for remediation and restoration of “ceded” lands currently under federal ownership and control, are appropriately reflected and considered in the discussions contemplated by this measure, OHA does respectfully suggest amending the language found on page 2, line 16, to read as follows:

“agencies and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on remediation and restoration needs and on proposed alternative uses for the lands”

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1352 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

ⁱ MELODY MACKENZIE ET AL., NATIVE HAWAIIAN LAW TREATISE 27 (2015).

ii The state of Hawai‘i and the United States have both acknowledged this injustice, as well as the role of the U.S. military in the unlawful overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. See, e.g., The Apology Resolution, Pub. Law No. 103-150, 107 Stat. 1510 (1993); Act 359 (Reg. Sess. 1993).

iii At this point in time, just before statehood, the United States had set aside 287,078.44 acres of “ceded” lands for federal government use. The federal government also held permits and licenses for 117,412.74 acres of land and had also acquired 28,374.73 acres of fee interest land through either purchase or condemnation. MACKENZIE, *SUPRA NOTE 1*, AT 32.

iv THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR & THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FROM MAUKA TO MAKAI: THE RIVER OF JUSTICE MUST FLOW FREELY, 37 (2000).

v Section 5(e) of the Admission Act provided a five-year window for the federal government to convey back to the State of Hawai‘i lands it no longer needed; after this five-year period, title to those lands would have vested permanently in the United States. However, Public Law (P.L.) 88-233, abolished the five-year deadline so that the federal government could relinquish control of “ceded” lands at any time. Notably, P.L. 88-233 was a double-edged sword: in exchange for removing the deadline for the federal government to relinquish lands, nearly 228,000 acres of “ceded” lands set aside for national parks, monuments, and reservations became the fee-simple property of the federal government. These lands are now ineligible for transfer under P.L. 88-233. In any case, the federal government has continued to maintain control over the vast majority of the lands it retained upon statehood notwithstanding the lack of any significant federal use, such as Bellows Air Force Base in East O‘ahu. It is estimated that roughly 114,499.67 acres are currently eligible for return under P.L. 88-233. MELODY MACKENZIE, *SUPRA NOTE 1*, AT 84-85.

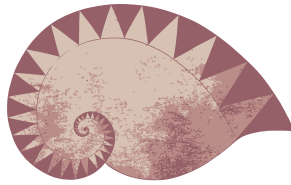
vi MELODY MACKENZIE, *supra* note 3 at 39; DAVIANNA MCGREGOR, KANALOA KAHO‘OLAWE, *in* Detours: A DECOLONIAL GUIDE TO HAWAI‘I 261, 264 (HÖKŪLANI K. AIKAU ET. AL, ED.) 2019.

vii According to a 2012 inventory of public lands, 31,247.49 acres have been transferred to the state pursuant to P.L. 88-233, of which Kaho‘olawe comprises 28,776.70 acres. *Id.* at 84.

viii *Id.* at 39-40.

ix *Id.* at 8.

x See *Ching v. Case*, 449 P.3d 1146, 1160-62, 1174-80 (Haw. 2019).



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Monday, March 2, 2021

Relating to Surplus Military Land
Testifying in Support

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

The Pono Hawai'i Initiative (PHI) **supports HB1352 HD1 Relating to Surplus Military Land. This measure requires** the inventory of lands that are leased or controlled by the federal government including surplus military lands and disclosure of known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands. It proposes alternative uses for the lands.

HB1352 HD1 creates a much-needed transparency and will help to enable accurate planning for State land and resources. We need to hold the federal government accountable for their environmental failings. They need to take responsibility for the messes they have created and ensure that the land is cleaned and usable when it is returned to the State.

For these reasons, we urge the Committee to **vote in favor of** HB1352 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Gary Hooser
Executive Director
Pono Hawai'i Initiative



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

February 28, 2021

To: House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty. J. K. Cullen, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Finance

Re: HB 1352, HD1 – RELATING TO SURPLUS MILITARY LAND

Hearing: Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 11:00 p.m. Room 308, via videoconference

Position: **STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and its Human Environmental Impacts Committee are in **strong support** of HB 1352, HD 1 as it requires the office of planning to submit (1) an inventory report to be prepared by the department of land and natural resources on all lands within the State that are leased from the federal government or under federal government control, including information pertaining to lease expiration dates, plans to close any military facilities on those lands, and other relevant information; (2) a report from the department of health, in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, that identifies any known contaminants or environmental hazards discovered on the lands identified pursuant to paragraph (1) or associated with past environmental studies performed in connection with those lands; (3) input from all executive branch departments and agencies on proposed alternative uses for the lands identified pursuant to paragraph (1) that would be consistent with their mission should the land be returned to the State; and (4) its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, based on the information gathered.

For more than one hundred years, the United States Government has established naval and other military bases in Hawai'i without very much in the way of consent from the people of Hawai'i, who were not even organized as a State for a large part of that time. The playing field was anything but level.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i (Party) has adopted at its 2018 State Convention, clear safeguards to protect the *'āina* against military destruction. At page 22 of the Party Platform, it specifically provides that Democrats “support the protection of our *'āina* against destruction by military use.”

Chair Sylvia Luke
Vice Chair Ty J.K. Cullen
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Especially with respect to properties that the United States has occupied for military purposes, very serious environmental contamination has taken place. As the United States continues its occupation of these properties and renews these leases, and even as it turns back over a few of these properties to the State, we are not seeing enough environmental remediation taking place as part of the process. We continue to see less than a thorough removal of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants and military munitions resulting from active military activities. Inadequate remediation are oftentimes provided, insufficient to protect human health and the environment, thus failing to return military lands to usable condition. Separately, we are not seeing the State taking leading role in pressing the United States to: (1) release properties that it is retaining under its control; and (2) engage in more thorough environmental remediation than it has been willing to do to date. This bill would make great improvements in both of these areas and provide much transparency by requiring detailed annual reporting of these important matters.

Fundamentally, this bill intends to shift the responsibility for the lead from the federal government to the State, and pushes State officials to do what they need to do: require the federal government to turn back the lands to the State in an environmentally clean condition.

Please pass this important and overdue legislation. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this key issue.

Respectfully yours,

Alan Burdick and
Melodie Aduja
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Co-Chairs, Human Environmental Impacts Committee
Democratic Party of Hawai`i
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HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 8:41:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Ritte	aina momona	Support	No

Comments:

Aina Momona is in supprt of hb1352. The large amounts of lands controled by the feds and miitary justifies the need for more disclosure of possible contaminants.

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 7:58:33 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natalie Parra	Keiko Conservation	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support this measure.

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2021 8:04:51 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Klaus Radtke	alohahawaiiionipaa.org	Support	No

Comments:

We support the bill and hope that after everything is said and done, the land will be returned to DHHL for housing.

Alohahawaiiionipaa.org

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 10:53:34 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carol lee kamekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support an inventory of all lands within Federal control and their future disposition. We must utilize our lands for the agricultural sustainability of our Islands and provide "TRULY" affordable housing for its residents.

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 10:54:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunny Savage	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Amen for the long-standing peace we have enjoyed. These lands are in need of review, with more appropriate uses available.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2021 11:23:11 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Weiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of getting inventory and disclosure for known contamination and environmental hazards which as we know can be very much an issue on military occupied land.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2021 11:28:50 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Fed should not continue to poison us. Let's have an accurate inventory.

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 12:01:48 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara L. George	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SUPPORT!

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 12:55:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Sevy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this Bill. Mahalo

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 1:31:16 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Yes, inventory of lands that are leased or controlled by the federal government including surplus military lands should be done, and disclosure of known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands should be publicized. Proposed alternative uses for the lands, yes.

But what about cleaning up the lands that are contaminated from their use?

Thank yo

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 1:44:34 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Legrande	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this Bill. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2021 1:48:27 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Enomoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The military needs to clean up their opala and pilau! Kahoolawe to this day is uninhabitable due to the lack of funds to remediate the island. Makua is littered with ordinance that keeps it closed to the public. Pearl Harbor is a super fund site. Pohakuloa is a live fire range that is a desecration to Hawaiian archeological sites.

As a citizen, if I litter, I can be fined, but there are not consequences for the Federal use of our lands. "Oh sorry, but this is needed for national defense".

Clean up after yourselves!

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 2:19:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis O'Shea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It's time to clean up our aina after the Military's decades of utter disregard,

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Submitted on: 2/27/2021 3:17:19 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Maltz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a no brainier! What? We don't know this NOW? That is unacceptable.

Description: Requires the office of planning to submit a report to the legislature containing: (1) an inventory of lands within the State that are leased or controlled by the federal government; (2) any known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands based on past environmental studies; (3) input from executive branch departments and agencies on proposed alternative uses for the lands that would be consistent with their mission should the lands be returned to the State; and (4) its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, based on this information. Effective 7/1/3050. (HD1)

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Submitted on: 2/27/2021 3:20:34 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl B.	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

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There is surplus military land? Are they paying \$1 a year on them? Are they being kept up? We know the condition of so many areas which the military has been poor stewards. Let's get the land back but make sure they have done their part before taking it over.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2021 3:31:00 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is very meaningful legislation that will help to improve the understanding of future utilization and maintenance of military lands on Hawaii. Please support this legislation.

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 3:35:11 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chezlani Casar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

For far too long, the military has wasted and poisoned our 'aina. Let's stop letting this useful land be neglected and abused.

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 3:37:06 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

My name is Daniel Bishop and I am in Support of HB1352

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/27/2021 3:38:49 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jeanne wheeler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need this bill to address our land toxicity situation! Please pass it! Mahalo

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 5:47:49 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 8:12:04 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Casey Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A very subtle but remarkable bill that involves federal to return a military land to Hawai'i, hopefully to be back to and used for Native Hawaiians such as for the purpose of affordable housing as many Native Hawaiians have become homeless due to the circumstances that economy and investment constrained since the annexation.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2021 9:34:17 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Representatives:

Please support this bill to inventory of lands that are leased or controlled by the federal government including surplus military lands. We need disclosure of known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands . Also we need proposed alternative uses for the lands.

Thank you.

HB-1352-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2021 9:53:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rodger Hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Representatives:

Please support this bill to inventory of lands that are leased or controlled by the federal government including surplus military lands. We need disclosure of known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands . Also we need proposed alternative uses for the lands.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 1:02:27 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Valkenaar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please do whatever you can to protect our environment.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 7:09:17 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joan Gannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Joan here from West Hawaii supporting HB1352. This bill requires inventory of federal lands and disclosure of known contaminates. This is being environmentally good stewards.

Thank You

Joan Gannon

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 9:33:55 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Let's take back the military lands and clean them up.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 10:29:38 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M. Llanes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear House Members:

Please support HB1352. The effect of military occupation has had deleterious impact on Hawai'i.

"For more than one hundred years, the United States Government has established naval and other military bases in Hawai'i without very much in the way of consent from the people of Hawai'i, who were not even organized as a State for a large part of that time. The playing field was anything but level."

"Especially with respect to properties that the United States has occupied for military purposes, very serious environmental contamination has taken place. As the United States continues its occupation of these properties and renews these leases, and even as it turns back over a few of these properties to the State, we are not seeing enough environmental remediation taking place as part of the process. We continue to see less than a thorough removal of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants and military munitions resulting from active military activities. Inadequate remediation are oftentimes provided, insufficient to protect human health and the environment, thus failing to return military lands to usable condition.

Separately, we are not seeing the State taking leading role in pressing the United States to: (1) release properties that it is retaining under its control; and (2) engage in more thorough environmental remediation than it has been willing to do to date. This bill would make great improvements in both of these areas and provide much transparency by requiring detailed annual reporting of these important matters."

We need to make sure something is done before more harm is inflicted on our 'Ä• ina.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

MeleLani Llanes

Kapolei resident

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 10:38:40 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair and committee members,

This bill is needed for transparency and public trust resources. Do not delay this bill.

Respectfully,

Diane Ware 99-7815 Kapoha Volcano

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 11:39:16 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jeanne lindgren	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear committee members,

I am writing to support the inventory of lands within the State that are leased or controlled by the federal government and the reporting of any known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands based on past environmental studies. Furthermore, I find it important to get input from executive branch departments and agencies on proposed alternative uses for the lands that would be consistent with their mission should the lands be returned to the State.

Mahalo for you time and consideration,

Jeanne Lindgren

jmlmilkyway@gmail.com

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 12:02:20 PM

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

Comments:

Let us heal the land. Malama aina.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 12:40:52 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a very good bill. We need to know what contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands (though i would prefer to see the State being reimbursed for this investigation). We need to also create a data base of these lands and the proposed alternative uses for these lands

Mahalo for your consideration,

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona, HI 96740

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 2:03:41 PM

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

Comments:

I support HB1352 because we should know all of this information about surplus military lands.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 3:17:32 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

Please, SUPPORT this vital legislation.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 3:32:06 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

Please, SUPPORT this vital legislation.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 4:01:56 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB1352 HD1 because there has been too much toxic debris and soil contamination inflicted by the military on Federal and private land. There should be a requirement for safe remediation of these sites as well, which the military should fund. The abuse and disrespect for the 'Ä• ina has gone on far too long.

Mahalo,

Ms. Barbara Barry

Maui

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 4:59:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1352 HD1 which is about proper planning for our State land resources. Please pass this important and overdue legislation. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this key issue.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 6:45:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lanny Sinkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The military use of public lands should impose an obligation on the military to clean up after themselves. Perhaps a state evaluation of the environmental condition of such lands will encourage some modicum of stewardship.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 6:53:07 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To take care of our aina, please:

*support having an inventory of land that is leased or controlled by the federal government, including surplus military lands,

*make it law that known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands be disclosed, and

*explore proposed alternative use of these lands

I appreciate your sharing your constituents wishes and for working to manifest the will of the people

Kind regards

Sharon Douglas

(808)652-1896

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 7:34:35 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emma Trainor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I live in Pahoia HI and am in support of HB1352

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 7:47:45 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Brandt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 8:35:20 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tane Datta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 8:59:25 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chandra radiance	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Vote to inventory surplus lands and disclose contaminants and determine best possible use based on outcome of study.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 9:02:01 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Meredith Buck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1352. Please pass this bill ! Mahalo nui for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 9:49:17 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Morgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support 1). Inventory of leased lands controlled by the federal government including surplus military lands; (2) Disclosure of known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands (3) Proposed alternative uses for the lands. This bill increases public trust through transparency.

Thank you,

Andrea Morgan

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 10:07:18 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jared Brewer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please require an Inventory of lands that are leased or controlled by the federal government including surplus military lands, and require a disclosure of known contaminants or environmental hazards associated with the inventoried lands. Make us aware of proposed alternative uses for the lands as a courtesy.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 10:26:49 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sierra Sonene Donnelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please Inventory lands that are leased or controlled by the federal government including surplus military lands, and disclose known contaminants or environmental hazards associated. Also, inform public of alternatives proposed for this land.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 10:57:35 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support HB1352 - the government needs to inventory the land it controls -- including surplus military land, disclose contaminants on those lands, and propose alternate uses of those lands.

Recently, I read that the U.S. military was given 23,000 acres of land for its use for the year for the payment of one dollar!!

Surely, making use of at least part of that land could result in parks, sustainable agriculture lands, and even possibly land for some of the 28,000 Hawaiians who have been promised land.

Please vote in support of HB1352.

Aloha,

Renée Riley, Hawaii voter

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Submitted on: 2/28/2021 11:43:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristen Alice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 2:15:31 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Robinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 7:20:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamuela Werner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha:

As a DHHL and OHA beneficiary, I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB1352 HD1, which would gather data and input on federally owned and leased lands, which are primarily “ceded” lands, in anticipation for their potential transfer to the State, or their potential return to State control. By initiating proactive discussions on the remediation, restoration, and potential alternative uses of these lands, this measure takes a critical step towards better protecting invaluable public trust resources and the public’s interest in the State’s current and prospective future land holdings, while also potentially furthering the State’s and federal government’s commitment to restorative justice for the Native Hawaiian people, from whom much of these lands were taken without consent or compensation.

Me ke aloha,

Kamuela Werner

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 8:02:03 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandee Moniz Ps	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Return the lands cleaned up

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 8:50:40 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in strong SUPPORT of HB 1352 HD 1. This bill represents a first step to ensure that the U.S. military provides the public with annual reports and participation in comprehensive remediation of occupied lands.

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 9:14:47 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strong Support!

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 9:44:53 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ingrid Peterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill, because the federal government, including the military, controls such a large proportion of our land. We need this information as we move forward. Mahalo. (From an O'ahu resident since 1963 who has voted in every election since I turned 18.)

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 1:13:03 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Marten	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is essential that this bill be passed so the process can begin to deal with this very complex issue. Hawaii has limited amounts of land and we must make sure they all lands are safe to use in whatever way is most appropriate for the good of the people of Hawaii. The military has access to the resources--manpower, money, technical know-how, etc.--that will be needed to accomplish all this. The people of Hawaii had no real say in what happened to the land when it was ceded to the military. We need to be the ones determining what happens now and hold those who have had free reign over these lands to be responsible for cleaning up their messes.

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 1:19:30 PM
Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nako'olani Warrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I **SUPPORT** the gathering of data and input on federally owned and leased lands, which are primarily "ceded" lands, therefore, **the Office of Hawaiian Affairs must be included in these discussions.**

Please **AMEND** to include the **Office of Hawaiian Affairs** in **HB 1352.**

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 6:10:21 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Rodwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I thoroughly support this Bill.

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/1/2021 7:51:51 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lourdes millan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill and lisa marten