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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:20:44 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/11/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darrell Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Just about every state in the nation has conservation plates to fund their natural resources enforcement departments, its time hawaii does the same. It's not a mandatory program, its voluntary, so there shouldn't be any reason not to pass this funding program. thanks.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:48:08 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Koch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Fully support this bill.

Hawaii needs funding mechanisms, and this has proven successful in other states. Ensure the money raised does not go into the general fund, but directly to resource management and enforcement.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 7:50:36 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Hanada	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

2021-02-08

Aloha WAL and FIN committees,

Please support HB95 to help protect Hawaii's natural resources.

Thank you.

Paul Hanada

Kula, Maui

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:03:39 PM

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

Comments:

HB95 is a good bill and will help bring much-need funds to DOCARE.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:10:01 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support efforts to keep DOCARE enforcement funded. Please make sure this special funds doesn't get lumped into general funds. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 8:15:25 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Coelho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

DOCARE has always been responsible for the enforcement of large areas and natural resources. Funding has always been an issue so I'm in favor of this bill as long as the monies are earmarked solely for DOCARE.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:03:22 PM

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

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony for HB95. As an avid spear fisherman and ocean user, I appreciate the efforts of DLNR to create rules and limits to protect our ocean resources from over harvesting. I am concerned with the lack of funding for current DLNR enforcement, and what the future may be with less tourism revenue for the state. I am fully supportive of a special license plate program as a way for the public to help support DLNR enforcement officers funding through an optional program.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:51:09 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha all,

I am in full support of trying new ways to care and fund our limited resources available to us. I believe this is a great way to start working towards bigger goals. This is an easy way to get others interested and start the conversation for a better future.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 10:05:02 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joshua DeMello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

You are all acutely aware that COVID has hit the government hard and each agency should be looking for ways to make up for budget shortfalls and increase revenues. This bill does that for DLNR. While a fundraising fee helps the agency, Hawaii citizens can show off their pride in Hawaii 's natural resources. It's a win-win situation for all of us. Just please make sure you don't decrease DLNR's budget as this fundraising should be additive and not punitive for DLNR. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/9/2021 10:11:41 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Bussen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is the way to do it! All people who are in favor can put their money where their mouth is! Further more, all people will not be forced to contribute, just the ones that want to. I would happily pay extra for a plate with my voice on it! Make another for, I don't know, highway beautification and people can support that with their money and not tax dollars. Aloha Joe B.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2021 2:54:15 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip Fernandez	Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition (HFACT) ***supports*** HB95.

With current and future difficulties in funding, this bill will create a new source of funding to help manage marine resources.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2021 6:14:26 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Ho wow bumbai I like get one of deez plates. I support!

Mahalo

Kevin

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Submitted on: 2/9/2021 6:47:49 PM

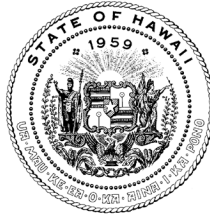
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Liz Foote	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a great concept and I would love to see it happen.

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Testimony of
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Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND

Thursday, February 11, 2021
8:30 AM

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 430

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 95
RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill 95 proposes to authorize the issuance of special license plates for recognition and protection of the State's natural resources. **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 Biennium Budget request.**

The Department recognizes the importance of Hawaii's unique natural and cultural resources to sustaining life in the islands, and that management of these resources is substantially underfunded, especially when considering the challenges we face with climate change and the current economic crisis. Further, as demonstrated over this past year, Hawaii's natural resources are vital to maintaining the health and well-being of our residents.

Similar fundraising license plates are utilized across the country, to great success, in states such as Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia, and California, to name a few. Even here in Hawaii, National Parks are utilizing this creative and effective fundraising tool.

The Department supports this measure as it will provide the opportunity for dedicated funding to support the Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement. As shown in other localities, people are more willing to support initiatives if they know their contributions will be put directly into the management of the resources. The Conservation and Resources Enforcement Special Fund is the appropriate fund to support the purposes of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2021 8:45:44 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/11/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christy Hill	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

DOCARE is underfunded and more funding will equate to more Enforcement especially in high risk areas.