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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Botticelli	Polynesian Voyaging Society	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Ann Botticelli, and I am testifying both as an individual and in my capacity as the Chair of the Advancement Committee of the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

First of all, our sincere gratitude to all of you and all of the members of the House for the steadfast support of this effort. PVS was established nearly 50 years ago with the intent of reviving the art of non-instrument navigation and proving the voyaging prowess that led to the population of the archipelago of Hawai'i. Our iconic canoe, HÅ• kÅ«le'a, has become a globally recognized symbol of that legacy.

HÅ• kÅ«le'a recently re-entered the water after being extensively refurbished by a dedicated cadre of volunteers. Young crewmembers are being trained now for the multi-year Pacific voyage which will conclude on the 50th anniversary of the canoe's first voyage to Tahiti. Anyone who wishes to purchase our license plate will become part of this voyage, part of the renaissance of voyaging and part of a vibrant future for our planet.

We have designed a lovely plate that depicts the HÅ• kÅ«le'a in front of Kualoa in KÅ• ne'ohē Bay on the windward side of O'ahu, which is an area sacred to deep-sea voyagers and where HÅ• kÅ«le'a first launched on March 8, 1975.

My only request would be to change the effective date to "on approval."

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
TAYLOR YOSHITOMI-JONES	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill to be passed through legislature.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauray Walsh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyle Fujikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairperson Luke and members of the House Committee on Finance,

I am in strong support of special number plates depicting HÅ• kÅ«le'a in recognition of the commitment and achievements of the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

With its mission to preserve Hawaiian culture and pass on knowledge to future generations, the Polynesian Voyaging Society deserves to be widely promoted in this manner, where we citizens will be reminded every time.

Particulary now, as our State ventures out to lead the world in adopting renewable energy sources in line with the strategic Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative, HÅ• kÅ«le'a is the best representation of that commitment through her MÄ• lama Honua voyage around the world.

I would proudly and happily affix such a special number plate to support the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

Mahalo,

Lyle Fujikawa

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heather H. Giugni	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair and Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for this opportunity to write in support of SB60 SD1 HD1. The Hokule'a, through the non-profit agency called Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS), has been a symbol of education, opportunity and pride for our community for 40 years. A modest effort that began as an attempt to revive a forgotten art, this rediscovery helped to not just build double-hulled canoes but in fact helped to rebuild a heart-broken lahui far and wide. This license plate will not only assist in the necessary fund raising aspects of PVS to continue its good work but it will also be a symbol of resiliency and a reminder of the work that is still needed to keep our planet healthy.

Also, it's a very cool license plate. I can't wait to get one!

Mahalo for your time on this matter.

Respectfully and in gratitude,

Heather H. Giugni

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andy Frazier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The proposed license plate depicts HÅ• kÅ«le'a voyaging out to sea from a place that is very special to her. The Hakipu'u area, also known as Kualoa in KÅ• ne'ohē Bay, O'ahu, is an area sacred to deep sea Polynesian voyagers of the past and present.

HÅ• kÅ«le'a was first launched from these waters on March 8, 1975, when she helped spark a generation of renewal for Hawai'i's people. Along with the revitalization of Polynesian voyaging and navigation traditions, HÅ• kÅ«le'a introduced a newfound respect and appreciation for Hawaiian culture and language in the state of Hawai'i and beyond.

I think having these plates would instill significant pride to us in Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keakalauolono Zimmerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha!

My name is Keakalauolono Zimmerman, a Native Hawaiian with ‘ohana from Hilo, Kalapana, Kaupo, and throughout many of the Hawaiian Islands. I offer my testimony in favor of SB60 HD1 for the proposed license plate for Electric Vehicles depicting HÅ• kÅ«le‘a voyaging out to sea. We have a love for the sea and the land, and I remember my Mom Damian Kalehuaonawawa Dart Lofbom pointing to the strong waves at beautiful KaimÅ« bay and telling me that is where she was taught to swim by being thrown in the ocean as a child. It worked! She was a very good swimmer. I can still see the beautiful black sands of old Kalapana, my Great-Great-Grandfather Harry Keli’iho’omalu’s fishing hole that my Uncle Sonny showed me, my Tutu Keakalauolono and Tutu Isabella’s homes, holoholo with my Auntie Naomi, Queen’s Bath, the old red road, and the smell of ‘opihi and flowers in the air. I remember my Tutuman Rev. William Gulstan Dart making guava jam in the kitchen, and my Tutulady Rev. Elizabeth Keakalaulono Dart recycling items for use. Sustainability and Conservation were principles and virtues practiced in daily life.

I am a member of the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS). Hawaiians the world over, no matter where they were living, were collectively rejoicing with HÅ• kÅ«le‘a’s voyage. The voyage and the resurgence of the Hawaiian Language were like old seeds deep in the ‘Ä• ina, that against great odds took root and grew into something beautiful, useful, strong, and enduring.

In 2018, HÅ• kÅ«le‘a’s beautiful sister canoe Hikianalia traveled along the kai o Meleka to Kaleponi for their Alahula Kai o Maleka Hikianalia California Voyage. It was continuing the Polynesian Voyaging Society’s MÄ• lama Honua campaign to inspire action toward an environmentally and culturally thriving world. Hikianalia’s visit to California was deeply moving for Native Hawaiians who were drawn to Hikianalia as to a family member’s visit. They came from all over, adorned in beautiful colors with lei, mele, hula, instruments, and food, greeting Hikianalia and her crew with Joy! Native Hawaiians brought their keiki and mo’opuna to show them Hikianalia, and learn about her environmentally sound ways, and her strong and brave crew, and know, these are our people, these are our ways.

My ‘ohana was there throughout Hikianalia’s voyage. From 2017 in Hilo with a pule from my Uncle Pat Kahawaiola’a, through the memories of connected DNA with the crew, with many warm greetings throughout Kaleponi from Hawaiian Clubs, Hula Halau, Ukulele groups, from

kupuna, keiki, mo'opuna during Hikianalia's visits to Kaleponi, and then months later in 2018 as she was welcomed home by cousins Kehau, Ku'uilei, Kapeka, and Keawe 'ohana in Honolulu, and virtually by Ka'imi and many Hawaiians the world over, as Hikianali'a arrived at Sand Island.

Hā• kāle'a, Hikianalia and the Polynesian Voyaging Society are a bridge for the Native People of Hawaii. We are connected by blood, by heart, by spirit, by music, by dance, by the 'Ā• ina and ke kai, by 'ohana, and by values and principles treasured and perpetuated by the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

The License Plate commemorates our traditions of being on the sea and caring for the ocean. It highlights the importance of our Hawaiian traditional values of sustainability and conservation that are taught to all Hawaiians from the time they are born. I am a donor and I financially support and invest in the Polynesian Voyaging Society, because I believe in what they stand for, and what they do. The importance of the License Plate is that it creates a revenue stream, a dedicated source of income to perpetuate the mission of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, and perpetuate what it means to be a Native Hawaiian.

Mahalo for your work, and your time!

Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Ā•ina i ka Pono

With Aloha, Keakalauolono Zimmerman

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

Comments:

Please pass this measure, it is very important to me. I have an electric vehicle and want to support Hawaii and get this license plate for my nissan leaf. But it has to have the EV on it. Thank you