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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

**Thursday, February 10, 2022
2:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 329, Via Video Conference

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
ON
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RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 2016, H.D. 1, requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to prepare a master plan for the Sand Island State Recreation Area and appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds for FY 23 for the DLNR to prepare a park master plan.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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by

Ty Tamagawa, Executive Director

The Pillars LLC

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

Even though I am representing The Pillars LLC, this project has immense value to me as well. I grew up in the Lanakila Housing area, and have a vested interest in urban communities, especially the ohana in Kalihi. There is a felt need for projects like this, not just in Kalihi, but for local communities all around Hawai'i. I believe that developing Sand Island Recreation Area can be the start of something valuable and special for our state, especially, like this bill suggests, if it is done with the community in mind.

"The People's Park" is a great way to put it. There is a felt need for better parks in Kalihi, safer, more beautiful, and functional parks. Parks that serve the community, reflect the community, and honor them. These sentiments can be felt all over the US, this sense of community led development projects. Especially in Hawai'i, where there is a tension between the urban planners and the locals, this project can be an historic feat for the islands, that start the healing process and continuing of the path in our state progressing, and building more forms of equity.

Confirming what this bill has already stated, the users of this park are looking for improvements and added features. They want this park to be developed and taken care of. Not only that, but the people of Kalihi have a vested interest as well. Our team at the Pillars have personally surveyed park users before, but we have also been going out to the different communities of Kalihi, not only serving them, but also asking them questions about development here. We have already been doing community engagement for this project, and so far, it is a resounding yes of support. Aunties and Uncles want safer and cleaner areas for themselves and their family, young adults want more areas of community for activity and gatherings. Nonprofits want to support a project of development that serve our locals in such a special way. People want their voice to be heard.

I support HB2016. It is a project with profound results if done with the people in mind. You have a high potential opportunity here that can be used for the betterment of our state and its ohana. This is a park that not only will serve our current citizens and increase our island beauty, but will benefit our future generations as well.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

James Westbrook, Co-Founder

Slapp Radio

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

Aloha, first and foremost I support this project, especially for Kalihi and the urban community, because it helps to set people in the right pathways. Projects like these are great for the kids and for their future. If you catch them early and get them with positive experiences of community and safe places, it can change their trajectory. If the kids and families benefit, we all benefit as a community and state.

I support HB2016, because it is a great opportunity for community strengthening and collaboration, and can provide positive teachings and experiences for the keiki of the next generation.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Chaz Miranda, Kalihi Resident

1430 Lanakila Avenue

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I believe that during this time where there is controversy with external interests taking advantage of our local resources and land, that projects like these are especially important. Take the Red Hill situation for example. Sand Island's condition can be attributed to the poor treatment it faced when military forces occupied it for their own gain. We owe it to our communities to rebuild these things that have been damaged. Projects like these will also give our communities around the islands hope and a great story to counteract the negativity that surrounds development and land usage. Doing this project as a community is important, specifically through local support and participation. I would love to see a park that has the local people in mind.

Also, I believe in projects that take care of nature and restore our Aina in things that were lost. Sand Island was not always in such a poor state; I have a strong connection to restoring what was lost.

Again, I support HB2016, and think it is an important project that can really help the stories and legacy of our ohana and islands.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Aaron Larson, Pastor

Presbyterian Church

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

Having worked with families, teens and young adults, the need to have a place to gather to build relationships especially during this time of isolation and lockdown is more important than it ever has been. This will help motivate people to get out of their houses, connect with their ohana, and build deeper community roots and relationships, while being able to go to a quality safe place.

This is a unique opportunity for families to take ownership in a community way, and have a greater impact on their local community as well.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for listening.

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by

Daniel Peters, Investment Advisor Representative

Oahu Resident

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

One of the first things that come to mind about parks, is I had my first birthday party at a public park, specifically Halawa Park. Even though it isn't the same park we are talking about, these types of experiences hold a core value to me. I love our state, and I believe in the importance of public recreational areas as a place of fellowship, community, and health. I think that is how community is built, when you have these places where people can gather, and I believe that part of the responsibility is for individuals in that community to maintain and upkeep those areas. However, I also value and appreciate the way our state of Hawai'i has provided in these different parks and areas, to be a place of communities and special memories.

Places like these build upon family. Family quality time, family activities, and family memories; so we are talking about legacy. I believe Sand Island Recreation Area can be a place of community based initiatives, where commissions such as these can be promoted and envisioned. These types of local participation and community building need to be in our parks, what better way than for a "People's Park", with Sand Island Recreation Area having so much potential. With the partnership of the state, and local communities working side by side, this can be progressive and good not just for Oahu, but beyond.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for letting me speak on this measure.

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Daniel Chinen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'd like to ask you to consider voting in favor of HB2016. Thank you for your leadership and service. I believe the funds allocated for Sand Island will not only add to this beautiful property but will also be a great place for families and groups of people to gather.

Aloha,

Daniel Chinen

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by

Camille Kawamoto, Boxer

Kakaako Boxing Gym

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I simply support this bill because projects like these provide safe places of recreation and community for the ohana of Oahu, and is especially beneficial to urban communities.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for you time.



Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers

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Testimony of

Momi Akana

Before the House Committee on

WATER & LAND

February 9, 2022

RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Keiki o ka 'Āina is a Native Hawaiian non-profit 501(c)3 that has served Hawaii families since 1996 providing free, community-based family education programs, family strengthening programs, as well as cultural and agricultural training programs statewide to over 2000 families annually.

As the CEO of a non-profit located in Kalihi since our inception, we are very aware of the state of parks in the Kalihi area. As a mother of four children who were born and raised in Kalihi, I have been challenged to find safe parks that were not in disrepair or frequented by drug and gang activities. Sand Island State Recreation Area is the only accessible beach from Ala Moana to Ewa. In the most densely populated area with the most low-income housing, there are not enough safe green areas and there are no beaches accessible to families.

I would take my children to the beaches at Sand Island and marvel at the space available, but I was also shocked by the obvious dangers everywhere. Rebar and concrete sticking up along the shoreline, rusted fixtures on the ground where jogging paths should be, old dead trees and grass that is only maintained in small patches.

What we need is to turn it into a People's Park. With Beaches, restrooms, community gardens, walking and jogging paths, a playground, camping area, sport fields, fishing sites, pavilions and benches and tables shaded by new healthy trees. We have spent time looking at the potential for this park and we are committed to being an active organization that will come to help with any

kind of volunteering that is needed. With parks like Ala Moana losing parking and space, we believe that this could be an answer for the community. To help them become healthier and provide a place for community gathering and family strengthening. As a place where fishponds thrived, fishing tournaments would be fun for families as well as all sorts of cultural workshops.

I ask for your support to bring all these ideas to fruition by funding a masterplan for SISRA.

Mahalo,

Momi Akana

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by

Reno Abihai, Boxing Coach

Kakaako Boxing Gym

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I support Sand Island Recreation Area being developed because communities like these need safe places and more opportunities for positive community growth that promote health as well. In our Polynesian communities, public health is a concern, riddled with problems of weight gain and physical activity.

Development in Sand Island can also lead to facilities and opportunities to provide positive services like financial teaching, life skills, and maybe even addiction facilities. This place can become a great way to serve our communities and meet needs that our ohana deal with every day.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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Joni Wong, Boxing Coach

Kakaako Boxing Gym

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I think this park is in a unique position to serve communities that need it the most. A lot of places have things like skate parks, soccer fields, and equipment like that, but with Sand Island Recreation area, we can bring more of that kind of stuff into these communities that don't have them, and are in need of them more. Sand Island is central, right off the freeway, and it is near town and a lot of communities that need these types of services and safe places.

Sand Island Recreation Area can also be used as a place to teach, provide services that schools do not provide much these days too. Let's get students in here, and the kids in general. PE, physical betterment, maybe teach them home skills, and provide facilities for parts of our community that is often forgotten about, like those with mental disabilities. I work with autistic kids as well, and I know they need help too. Either way, this place can be made to serve the community with the communities in mind and part of the process, to bring fulfillment into people's lives through facilities and providing a safe and positive gathering place for ohana.

I support HB2016.

Thank you for letting me speak.

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by

Rjay Balintona, Boxer

Kakaako Boxing Gym

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

First off, I am from Kalihi and near the area that this project would definitely help serve. It would benefit the community; I think it would be for everyone too. Adults, kids, workers, teenagers, all of that. It can help relieve stress and help with health as well. It can also be a place to provide more jobs and expand the workforce, and provides opportunities to do more volunteering and good things in helping out the communities. At the end of the day, we are looking for places to help and give back. That is what it is all about. Community and helping each other out.

I support HB2016, Sand Island Recreation Area is a great place for these kinds of things to happen, creating greater community and goodwill.

Mahalo for your time.

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Quinnccen Toavia, Manager

Oahu Resident

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016

I support this project because I feel it is good for the community, especially in the urban environments. Though I am from the Westside, I am still familiar with environments like these. Where I live there is a lot of drugs and homelessness, and places like Sand Island Recreation Area can provide opportunities and a safe place to deter and stay away from things like these. More positive things to see. Especially for the kids I feel like, they will benefit the most. Keep them away from the streets, the drugs, and all that. Projects like these can reach and keep the young people away from these environments and show them other more positive things and situations. It will benefit the community a lot.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Jason Tiempo, Sous Chef

Kalihi Resident & Native

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

Aloha, I support this bill and project because growing up in Kalihi I saw the need for more community areas and local participation in important stuff like this. Projects like these is what saves communities and help ohana grow, especially the keiki and young adults. Kalihi and urban Honolulu in general would benefit a lot from this, especially if it becomes a park that is made for the community. It can also be a park that brings Oahu together in general, and can be a place for people of all walks of life to enjoy.

I know a place like this, if done correctly, would have helped me growing up as well to stay away from the streets and other negative environments. We need a safe place to gather and socialize.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Rob Gross, Pastor

Mountainview Community Church

HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016

Like other states Hawaii has its share of challenges such as substance abuse, affordable housing, teen age sex trafficking and domestic violence. I believe the development of Sand Island Recreation Area will help stem the tide by bringing the community together. Some say it takes a village to raise a child, but it takes many hands working together, laulima, to build a healthy community. Our communities are only as strong as our families. When we raise healthy families we establish a strong foundation for generations to come.

When we heal the man, we heal the land. I support this bill because it espouses the values needed to heal and impact the individuals who reside in the area including unity of heart and purpose, compassion for those less fortunate and the spirit of aloha.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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Brandon Gross, Jiu Jitsu Instructor

Kaneohe

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I believe this bill and project is important, because parks like these can provide an outlet for the younger generation, for the population of Kalihi and Honolulu area to come together in a safe place and participate in something that allows them to connect and have a better life. Projects like these provide opportunities for healthy social interaction, and can inspire people to have different vision for their lives. Great parks are melting pots of ideas and perspective, and if you get the community involved and participating in creating it, it would bring a lot of positivity and open the door for new ideas and vision to what is possible for urban communities and their youth especially.

I support HB2016.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Jeffry Mabute, Coach

Thunderboxing Gym Kalihi

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

Sand Island Recreation Area would be a great for the community, and provide a safe environment for kids. A lot of youth come into the boxing gym, and it keeps them off of the streets and out of trouble. Same thing with this project, this park can not only give them other opportunities to spend their time, but give them more outlets. This park will not only benefit the Kalihi or urban youth, but I believe it can benefit all of Oahu. This is a good idea.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Bobby Coloma, Avid Park User

Thunderboxing Kalihi

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I support this project because it would serve the communities nearby. Around here in Kalihi we do not have a lot of parks in the area, or quality parks for that matter, and it would provide healthy recreational usage for everyone.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for hearing me.

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by

Derrick Bagaoisan, Park User

Thunderboxing Kalihi

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

Sand Island Recreation Area needs to be fixed, for the ohana and their keiki, for everybody. We also fish there every time, and we all want it fixed up. It has a lot of potential. It is always better when Hawai'i has even better places to go to. Sand Island Recreation Area can definitely be one of them.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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Michael Balasi, Founder

Thunderboxing Gym Kalihi

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

We need projects like these to get kids out of the street. Kalihi is coming bad. This project can set the younger generation to set an example of how our community should be. Instead of gangs and drugs, they can turn to other options like boxing and other outlets these types of areas can provide. I lived the same lifestyle. In between worlds. Boxing and gang life. So I know we need a place for healthier outlets and better safe gathering spaces to set a positive lifestyle for our youth.

I support HB2016.

Thank you for your time.

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Jackie Kurita, Resident

Thunderboxing Gym Kalihi

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

The park in Sand Island would be beneficial to the community and families of Kalihi because it would be fun and great for all ages. It will also be a place where families can engage together. Great for mental and physical health. Healthy for kid's development such as coordination.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

Submitted by:
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Testimony in support of:

House Bill 2016: RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA.

Dear, Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bradley Anagaran, I live in Downtown Honolulu, and I am writing in support of House Bill 2016. The Sand Island state recreation area has the potential to not only provide surrounding communities with recreational activities, but it also has the potential to become a hub for community growth and development. Growing up in Kalihi, I would always hear stories of different criminal activities that would occur in nearby parks and playgrounds which deterred my family and many others from going there. There were no areas where we could safely engage in family bonding activities and socialize with other neighbors and friends from school. Many of the parks around Kalihi have a common narrative of being dangerous and unsafe, as well as being a place that fosters illicit activities. This narrative had also led others to believe that being from Kalihi made me unapproachable and that I was also a participant in these activities. It is my hope that this Bill will not only provide a better narrative to the common people of Kalihi, but that it will also serve as a steppingstone towards bringing locals closer together, and changing the narrative of Kalihi being “ghetto” and “unsafe” into a positive one that reflects more of its strengths than weaknesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2016.

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February 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

by

Scott Kobayashi, Pastor

Missionary Church



HB2016- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I am a youth pastor and local business owner who works directly with youth in the community. Parks & community centers are more important than ever in aiding the development of Hawaii's Keiki. I am in full support of HB 2016 and believe in the potential and future of Sand Island State Recreation Area.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ponesawan Wheeler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Having this park would allow for the opportunity to effect change for not only the families & communities now but for all future generations to come. It would help in the safety of the community as well as their personal well being. This bill will positively effect the urban communities and neighboring ones in the long & short term.

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by

Rayden Letua, Founder

Hood 2 Hood

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I believe this project is good because everyone knows where Sand Island is at. All the locals, the businesses around the area, it is a great central place for everyone. It is neutral as well, making it a ground for a lot of different kinds of people to meet up and come together.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
MATTHEW CARRILLO	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

my name is Matthew Carrillo and I support bill HB 2016

I am actively involved in helping out the community around me. Helping young people, recommending folks to rehab homes and even feeding those in need. And I feel this bill aligns and will work in the same direction as I. Thank you.

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by

Al Santos

Thunderboxing Kalihi

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

There are not enough spaces and facilities like these in Kalihi. This project will provide a lot of community spaces and equipment for the kids and community if done right. I support this bill for the community, and for our kids. Kalihi needs more opportunities like these.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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Aloha e Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and fellow members of the committee:

I fully support this bill. This will help rebuild the State Island Recreation Area as well as rebuild our community. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Best,
Sarah-Lyn Kaeo

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by

Kevin Agustin, Founder

Kingsman Boxing Gym

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I support HB2016.

I support this project because the kids of the community need an outlet, something or somewhere they can exert their energy. So the development of Sand Island Recreation Area would be perfect. A lot of the kids around the area also kids from low income housing, so it would be good for them.

I support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Gabe D, Boxer

Kakaako Boxing Gym

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Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2016. I do not support HB2016.

I know some of the surf hui at Sand Island, and some people that have been living there for a long time, even before they put the sea walls there. So speaking on behalf of them, I do not think they would want anything to change, they would want it to stay the same, because the last time someone tried to help with the sea walls, it ruined the beach. But yeah, that is why.

I do not support HB2016.

Mahalo for your time.

TO: Hawai'i State House of Representatives
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

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FROM: Ikaika Ramones

RE: HB2016 HD1

DATE: 10 Pepeealua 2022

I write in strong support of this bill, calling specific attention to the cultural significance of the site and its key stakeholders. I am a social anthropologist completing my PhD dissertation research at New York University. A significant portion of my research concerns the proven positive impacts of restoring cultural sites, land stewardship, and education for communities, families, and individuals. I have worked extensively with Mauiola Ke'ehi, an organization that uses culture-based and ecological education to serve community members from across Honolulu. I have seen firsthand how effective this program is in using the unique 'āina, kai, and history of this site for cultural, health, and educational benefits to the community. Over the course of my research, I have seen how this site and Mauiola Ke'ehi are a clear asset to our communities, especially for students in the surrounding areas. A masterplan such as that proposed in HB2016 would provide the comprehensive scope, depth, and planning outlook to ensure that organizations such as this can continue carry out, and scale up their programs.

I would like to highlight the need for a biocultural and Indigenous foundation of such a plan. In particular, the master plan ought to include culturally-grounded stewardship groups like Mauiola Ke'ehi. Not only does this group provide meaningful services to the landscape, communities, and students, but it has kept historical knowledge of the area including: ecological patterns, biodiversity, land tenure and land use history, and the ancestral connections to Maui Ola [Sand Island] that continue to this day. Mauiola is a great asset for communities in Honolulu, and the proposed plan – with a foundation of Native Hawaiian cultural knowledge -- would ensure continued community use, in addition to innovative education and health programs that have a demonstrable positive impact in our communities.

Mahalo nō,

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Kimberly Moa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support per kāhea from hoa‘āina of Mauiola (Sand Island)

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Kehaulani Kupihea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Aloha Mai

My name is Kēhaulani Kupihea, and my husband's name is Ahukini R. Kupihea. Both of our 'ohana have genealogical ties to this sacred area of Ke'hei/ Mokauea Fishery including the tidal islands of Kahaka'aulana and Mokauea. Kahaka'aulana means "the floating oracle" once home to the Kamehameha 'ohana, Kumu hula Muriel Lupenui and David Malo Kupihea. David Malo Kupihea was born 150 years ago this week of February 7, 1872 he was the last Konohiki of Ke'ehi.

Mauliola is the traditional name of Sand Island, and we feel it is imperative to replace the current names with our kūpuna names to bring back the mana and honor the mo'olelo that are associated with this wahi pana (storied place). King Kalākaua is also associated with these tidal islands he had his summer home on the papa called Mokuo'eo, now half of this is the reef runway. This mana'o is just a little to highlight and honor the cultural significance of this very important and sacred area.

This area is currently in dire need of your support for its cultural significance and for the living laboratory that is has been used for the past 20 years. Many cultural practices are being passed on in this area such as sharing of mo'olelo, Hoe wa'a (canoe paddling) fishing and many more.

There are many organizations who utilize this wahi pana they include 7 canoe clubs, 4-5 different schools, military, adaptive padding, fire & rescue, city & county lifeguards, UH sailing club, PVS, BMX bike track, softball, hula halau's and our nonprofit called Mauliola Ke'ehi. Our nonprofit is currently educating and perpetuating the mo'olelo and cultural practices of this wahi pana of Ke'ehi. Together we all are hosting approximately over 3,000 people a year and 1000 keiki. That means we all are planting seeds of inspiration and hope that our keiki will maintain a pure and healthy journey in their personal path to a successful future.

We would hope that we are involved in the early stages of the master plan for this area that we have taken care of for many generations. Mahalo for giving us the opportunity to share our 'ike!

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Joel Tome	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Along with the many recreational activities, Sand Island has provided opportunities for teaching youth and adults about the history of the area through storytelling. Funding to maintain and improve these facilities will benefit not just the location itself but also community engagement. More people participating in recreation in the area would also bring more opportunities to share the origin and story of Sand Island and its value to the islands as a whole. Funding shows the government cares about Sand Island which will help the community care for it going forward.