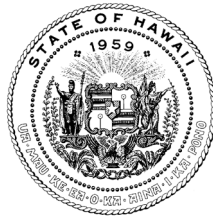


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SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Thursday, February 10, 2022
8:30 AM

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 430

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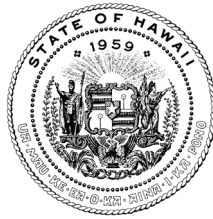
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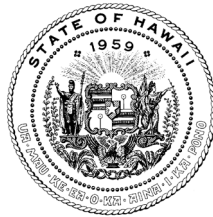
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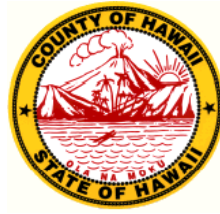
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February 9, 2022

Chair, Representative David A. Tarnas
Vice-Chair, Representative Patrick Pihana Blanco
House Committee on Water & Land
Hawai'i State Legislature
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: H.B. 2254 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN SAILING CANOES
Hearing Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.
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Conference Room 430

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Blanco, and committee members;

On behalf of the County of Hawai'i, I am expressing my support for HB 2254 for fiscal year 2022-2023.

I believe this bill provides necessary clarity by defining the term "native Hawaiian canoe sailing canoe" and would alleviate the concerns of community members over who is able to moor at our small boat harbors.

Your sincerest consideration of this bill is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Mahalo,

MITCHELL D. ROTH
Mayor
County of Hawai'i



Your Sailing and Snorkeling Adventure
Begins Here!

01/19/2022

To: Chairperson, Suzanne Case
RE: Keauhou Bay, HI. Finger Pier Designation

Aloha Chairperson Case,

Last September-October a vessel the KiniKini owned by Eka LLC appeared to take up permanent space at the end of Keauhou Bay finger pier. When we questioned this permanent dock/pier space being occupied with our district manager, we informed that the vessel is a “traditional Hawaiian educational sailing canoe” which has been awarded the space. By October 29th the same district manager gave a “Notice To Remove Vessel” citing several HAR rules about it being illegally moored/anchored. Seventy two hours later the vessel had been removed.

Ms. Case, this month we have been made aware that a lawsuit has been filed by Eka LLC. here in Hawaii County at the Third Circuit Court. Should Eka LLC. win this suit, KiniKini could once gain be awarded permanent dock/pier space. As a mooring permit holder and stakeholder of Keauhou Bay, we are concerned that a vessel having a permanent twenty four hour seven days a week dock/pier space may cause damage to the dock/pier. We are not aware of any state agencies recently conducting a structural integrity inspection of the dock/pier? Could this pier hold the weight of a permanently docked double hull sailing canoe such as the KiniKini? Is the area that the vessel being docked at able to allow other vessels to maneuver safely? What environmental impact could be created by having a permanently docked vessel? We believe these and other questioned should be addressed before awarding Eka LLC. permanent space on the finger pier.

We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.
Sincerely,

Richard & Holly Kersten
Owner Operators



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To: Rep. David A. Tarnas, Chair Rep. Patrick Pihana Branco, Vice Chair and Members of the Water and Land

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022 TIME: 8:30 am PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE Conference Room 430

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT HB2254

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco and WTL Committee Members,

Our business has been in Keauhou Bay for over 50 years and we have always made space for Hokule'a Hawai'iloa and Makali'i whenever they came to Keauhou Bay. It was always only one at a time, sometimes staying for a week offering tours to student groups and giving us all a sense of pride and acknowledgment to the past ocean voyagers.

Recently we have had a very different situation where a commercial canoe was allowed by our DLNR District Manager to be moored on the finger pier as a permanent mooring. This pier was not engineered to be and therefore is not sturdy enough to be a permanent mooring, beyond small dinghy's. This pier is critical to our commercial operators loading equipment, food and customers. This canoe was removed after a couple of weeks and much discussion from the harbor permittees with Oahu DLNR and even our Island Mayor came to our defense.

We need to follow the rules and make the laws clear so they are interpreted the same way island to island within our state. This bill clarifies what a "Hawaiian canoe means" and requires submission of how the vessel is used for educational purposes. It also clarifies that they cannot take priority over a mooring applicant already on a waitlist.

We honor authentic Hawaiian canoes and appreciate those building more. If someone is doing a commercial business with them they should follow the rules as every other commercial vessel is required.

Please support HB2254 so there can be clarifications made for DLNR to be interpreting the same on each of our islands.

Sincerely,

Puhi Dant
President
Fair Wind Cruises
Kona Sunrise Charters, Inc

February 9, 2022

Aloha Kakou:

Please consider this note as valid testimony in regard to HB 2254 currently under discussion. I am Clifford J. Nae'ole...cultural practitioner and advisor for the past 30 years. I also currently sit on the Board of Directors for Maui's Voyaging Canoe...Mo'okiha O Pi'ilani.

After reviewing the language of the bill, I am dumbfounded, stunned and rather upset at the intent of it all. **Please let this go on record that I stand against this bill.**

Case in point: "Why do Hawaiians need to qualify to be Hawaiians in Hawaii?" To prove that they can have a piece of Hawaiian Homestead Lands. Now...Hawaiian Voyaging Canoes (Na wa'a kaulua) throughout the State need to "qualify" to sit in their own waters?" ABSURD.

Canoes as these...crewmembers that man the canoe...navigators that memorize the stars, currents and winds are the teachers of today that stem from the past. The navigation of these vessels across the Pacific to these Islands are perhaps one of the greatest achievements of mankind. Even more stunning is the fact that we knew how to navigate BACK to where we once came from! To put these vessels which we consider to be living entities into "categories" of length, 501C-3's, time in dock, is an insult to its mana and also to the energies of those that brought it to life and continue to let it breathe upon the ocean.

Having to be a beneficiary as a 501-C3 only proves that the canoe is at the mercy of the grants, fundraisers and the present economy as a whole. Once funds run out...where does the canoe go? How do we safely continue to teach the keiki of Hawaii and the world of these practices? It nurtures teamwork, self confidence, keen observation and listening skills, leadership, humility and pride! The size of the vessel should not matter as well. Each has its benefits whether able to travel only in the channels, interisland, or around the world.

Let us not sell out to "semantics and requirements" but let us buy in to the "expertise and mana" that thrives within the gunnels and decks of our treasured wa'a kaulua. Money is NOTHING compared to the value of these vessels and yet this bill commands that it should be its heartbeat. No money...no life.

Again, I am standing against this bill and hope that you will realize to appreciate the emotion of it all...rather than the politics that belittle the intent of our dedicated wayfinders and canoe builders. Surely, the kupuna ka wa kahiko will weep when these vessels are "homeless in its own waters"

Kaulana na wa'a kaulua o ka pakipika...Famous are the doubled hulled canoes of the Pacific.

Most sincerely,

Clifford J. Nae'ole

808-463-9881

House Committee Hearing
Water and Land
Thursday, February 10, 2022
8:30AM
House Conference Room 430

To the House Committee on Water and Land:

RE: Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 2254 Relating to Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoes

Aloha. My name is Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner and I am the executive director of Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy. Our mission is to perpetuate the knowledge of traditional Hawaiian navigation and to provide opportunities to students to advance in contemporary ocean based careers through academic, college, and career support.

We are in strong OPPOSITION to this to HB 2254. We have a 29 foot double hulled sailing canoe with a 9.9 horsepower engine. This bill would completely eliminate our ability to use our state harbors for temporary and/or permanent mooring. Thus limiting our ability to serve the community and provide opportunities for students to learn valuable life skills and Hawaiian culture.

We are one of a handful of organizations operating Hawaiian sailing canoe programs - my question is why were we not approached about this proposed amendment? Why is this being proposed and who does this benefit? Why is the language limiting the definition of Hawaiian Canoes to Hawaiian Sailing Canoes of more than 60 feet? The State of Hawaii is, by law, supposed to support the preservation and perpetuation of Hawaiian culture, but this proposal appears to be another attempt to limit and suppress opportunities for Hawaiian canoes to have access to piers and moorings.

Please invite us to the table to discuss the needs of Hawaiian canoes and the opportunities for stewardship of our harbors.

In strong opposition,

Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner

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Executive Director

Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 9:45:03 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chadd Paishon	Na Kalai Wa`a	Oppose	No

Comments:

House Committee Hearing

Water and Land

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Aloha nō House Committee on Water and Land:

RE: Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 2254 Relating to Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoes

The statute that this bill seeks to amend was drafted with the intent of honoring and perpetuating the traditions and values of all wa‘a kaulua (double-hulled voyaging canoes) of Hawai‘i. The non-profit organizations that maintain these voyaging canoes do so out of aloha for the inspiring skills of our Native Hawaiian ancestors who first voyaged to, populated and evolved with these islands. The revitalization of voyaging and the pride that it has rekindled in the indigenous peoples of this place is priceless, as is the pride that all people of Hawai‘i feel for their voyaging canoes.

To limit these voyaging organizations’ ability to continue to share and practice this ancestral knowledge by limiting the amount of wa‘a kaulua in a harbor and the amount of time that they can be there is to limit the ability of the organizations that maintain and sustain this practice. It also limits the ability of these wa‘a to congregate and share knowledge with each other and various communities around Hawai‘i, should space and safety allow. Further, the limitation of the “accommodation” of these wa‘a to only those that are non-motorized and longer than 60 feet effectively eliminates the accommodation of most wa‘a kaulua in Hawai‘i, many of which are smaller and with motors for safety purposes when providing educational opportunities to Hawai‘i’s keiki.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify,

Chadd`Onohi Paishon

Senior Captain, Na Kalai Wa`a

Pwo Navigator, Makali`i – Hokule`a, Ohana Wa`a

Feb 9, 2022

My name is Amy Hānaiali`i Gilliom, I am President of Hui O Wa`a Kaulua. Our double haul canoes on Maui are named Mo`olele and Mo`okiha O Pi`ilani.

I am in opposition to HB 2254 Year 2022.

Hui O Wa`a Kaulua (“Assembly of the Double-Hulled Canoes”) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1975 on the island of Maui to practice, perpetuate and educate the community on Hawaiian canoe building, wayfinding, and voyaging arts. The Hui is the only non-profit on the island of Maui that uses a traditional sailing wa`a kaulua for educational purposes, offering hands on experience and a traditional system of mentoring utilizing knowledge that has been passed down through Pwo (master navigator) Mau Pailug from the tiny island of Satawal, Micronesia.

In 1976, the Hui launched its first wa`a kaulua (double-hulled canoe) *Mo`olele* (The Leaping Lizard), which is a solid wood hull 42-foot double-hulled canoe with a single mast and a traditional crab claw sail. Hui O Wa`a Kaulua uses *Mo`olele* as a living classroom to teach keiki (children) and adults traditional Polynesian wayfinding and voyaging past down by our kupuna (ancestors).

In 2014, the Hui launched its second wa`a kaulua *Mo`okiha O Pi`ilani* (The Sacred Lizard of Maui). This 62-foot 5-inch double-hulled canoe is made from wood, fiberglass, and resin with a twin mast, skillfully crafted for transoceanic voyaging. She also performs an intricate role along with *Mo`olele* as a “living classroom”.

The building and birth of these wa`a exemplifies the many hours of labor and love from not only the Hui, but the whole Maui community. *Mo`okiha O Pi`ilani* is also the newest sister of the great voyaging canoes of Hawai`i, that began with *Hōkūle`a* on O`ahu.

Hui O Wa`a Kaulua works closely with The Polynesian Voyaging Society in education, exploration, and preservation of voyaging arts. As ‘ohana (family), the Hui gratefully receives mentoring and supports the endeavors of all of Hawaii’s great voyaging canoes.

Hui o Wa`a Kaulua has an ongoing relationship with HTA, HVCB and County of Maui to help with our floating classroom. We have on going programs with Kamehameha Schools of Maui and other Schools of Maui nui.

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 10:54:30 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rebecca Inaba	Laʻiʻopua 2020	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Mahalo for allowing me to testify.

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 11:19:21 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa	Keaukaha Community Association	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha e Rep. Lowens, I am Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa a native Hawaiian as defined pursuant to the HHCA, 1920 as amended July 9, 1921 (42 stat. 108) and the current President of the Keaukaha Community Association the oldest native Hawaiian community on Hawaii Island which will be celebrating our centennial in Dec 2024...Clarifications are needed to understand the reasoning for this change in the requirements to moor at a State boat harbor and why the distinction of the language change to use Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoe... I tried to look for your DEFINITION of a Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoe and could not find any so if you can direct me to the definition you are using for this LEGISLATION I would appreciate that. My Basic understanding of a Native Hawaiian Voyaging Canoe (Waa Kaulua) double hulled canoe ... is that the subject of this change in this LEGISLATION to RESTRICT Free mooring at a State Small Boat Harbor or any harbor?

My objections come because wē are the NEW keeper of the Hokualakai a double-hulled voyaging canoe patterned after the Hokulea and being repaired and refurbished at Kuhio Harbor (Palekai) in Hilo... KOYD RISE PROGRAM & Keaukaha Community Association Inc. (KCAI) a native Hawaiian Non-profit 501 (c)3 where wē have a Right of Entry (ROE) from the State DOT-Harbors to utilized space at Palekai and Educate the Youth especially native Hawaiians in the continued perpetuation of our CULTURE through Vogaging, olelo Hawaii, traditional Repair and building and maintenance of a Waa Kaulua , seafaring and celestial navigation and before wē even begin to ply the Kaimoana surrounding these Island wē are now being penalized by State Government through HB 2254 wherein I believe that when the State Constitution ALLOWS the native Hawaiian communities to Practice their Traditional & Customary Right to gather and teach the practices to the Young using our Traditional and Customary mode of Transportation utilizing the Waa kaulua& as a native Hawaiian Non profit fitting the description to teach and educate using the Voyaging canoe as opposed to Sailing canoe which you have identified by your LEGISLATION... If there is any upcoming issue whereby "other" entities using the definition of a native Hawaiian Sailing canoes and are not a native Hawaiian entity... I understand your wanting to be "politically correct" where there is not an appearance of discrimination that a native Hawaiian Sailing canie run by a native entity and the same Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoe run by a Non native entity for you could have that connotation... Hawaii has only been a State for 63 years while our CULTURE and Practices have been around for 15 generations...Until this body reaches out into the native Hawaiian communities especially our Voyaging community who just PROVED that our ancestors can and did traverse the OCEANS in the Historical voyages of Hokulea and Hikianalia in Malama

Honua... KCA will strongly OPPOSE HB2254... May the Great Ones Bless You For Who You Are. I can be reached at (808) 937-8217

'Owau Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 11:22:58 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Paanaakala Tanaka	Hui O Wa'a Kaulua	Oppose	No

Comments:

House Committee Hearing

Water and Land

Thursday, February 10, 2022

8:30AM

House Conference Room 430

Ke aloha nō iā kākoua e House Committee on Water and Land:

RE: Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 2254 Relating to Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoes

My name is Pā'anaakalā Tanaka and I am the Educational Director for the Hui O Wa'a Kaulua, 501c(3) non-profit based on Maui that honors, educates, and perpetuates Native Hawaiian voyaging culture and values through the practice of voyaging and instructing on voyaging culture to the community of Maui. I am in firm opposition on HB2254.

The wa'a kaulua (double-hulled voyaging canoes) of Hawaii are critical to the survival of Hawaiian culture, history, and language. It was upon these voyaging canoes that the ancestors of Hawaiians reached these shores and established a unique and complex culture. These wa'a kaulua literally served as connectors to future, in terms of migration and settlement, as well as past, in their role to conduct transoceanic voyages. In Hawaii, a pause in voyaging occurred and in 1976 with the voyage of Hokulea from Hawaii to Tahiti, the wa'a kaulua served as an important catalyst within the Hawaiian renaissance instilling a strong sense of pride in Hawaiians. Since Hokule'a, 7 more deep sea voyaging canoes were born and many more intercoastal/interisland voyaging canoes were also birthed that serve our local communities and youth throughout the state.

It was the intent of the original draft from which this statute comes from to honor and perpetuate the traditions and values of all wa'a kaulua. These wa'a kaulua that I am speaking of all come from non-profit organizations. The canoe is spiritual and ancestral in the way that she connects

us to our kupuna, our ancestors. The wa‘a kaulua strengthens our relationship to the sea, land, sky, our ancestors, and each other, constantly reminding us of the balance we must maintain with all of our environment if we are to survive and thrive.

The proposed amendments to the language defining a Hawaiian sailing canoe is incorrect as it does not include the many wa‘a kaulua that are less than 60 feet as well as wa‘a kaulua that do have engines for safety purposes in order to conduct safe educational programs for Hawaii's youth. This amendment would discriminate and disenfranchise many of the wa‘a kaulua from what they inherently are, wa‘a kaulua. In addition, without outboard engines on the wa‘a kaulua many do have safety for educational programs would be greatly compromised. To limit these voyaging organizations' ability to continue to share and practice this ancestral knowledge by limiting the amount of wa‘a kaulua in a harbor and the amount of time that they can be there is to limit the ability of the organizations that maintain and sustain this practice. It also limits the ability of these wa‘a to congregate and share knowledge with each other and various communities around Hawai‘i, should space and safety allow.

Sadly, this legislation has not been presented to the population of Hawaii's voyaging organizations for consultation and advisory and I would advocate that this must be brought to the table of voyaging organizations as we are directly impacted by this legislation.

Na‘u me ke aloha,

Pā‘anaakala Baybayan Tanaka, Education Director, Hui O Wa‘a Kaulua

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 11:57:17 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Timothy Gilliom	Hui O Wa'a Kaulua	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Aloha 'āina iā kākou e House Committee on Water and Land:

RE: Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 2254 Relating to Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoes

My name is Timothy Gilliom and I serve as the Captain for the Hui O Wa'a Kaulua, 501c(3) non-profit based on Maui that honors, educates, and perpetuates Native Hawaiian voyaging culture and values through the practice of voyaging and education for the community and youth of Maui.

I am writing to inform you that I am in strong opposition to HB2254 as it would negatively impact Hawaiian voyaging canoes and Hawaiian culture. The wa'a kaulua (double-hulled voyaging canoes) of Hawaii play a critical role that ensures the survival of Hawaiian culture, history, and language. It was upon these voyaging canoes that the ancestors of Hawaiians reached these shores and established a flourishing and thriving culture. These wa'a kaulua connected kanaka to their future, in terms of migration and settlement, as well as past, in their role to conduct transoceanic voyages. In Hawaii, a pause in voyaging occurred and in 1976 with the voyage of Hokulea from Hawaii to Tahiti, the wa'a kaulua served as an important catalyst within the Hawaiian renaissance instilling a strong sense of pride in Hawaiians. Since Hokule'a, 7 more deep sea voyaging canoes were born and many more intercoastal/interisland voyaging canoes were also birthed that serve our local communities and youth throughout the state.

It was the intent of the original draft from which this statute comes from to honor and perpetuate the traditions and values of all wa'a kaulua. Our non-profit organization is able to survive

because of the tireless work of volunteers with no funding from our government, it is a struggle to maintain our canoe with our limited resources and yet we continue to push to do this because we see that this cultural practice is vital to our health and well-being as Hawaiians, to our culture, and we see the positive impact the voyaging canoe has on our community and youth. The truth is we have very little support from our government and instead of stripping us of who we are as voyaging canoes and how we can practice our practices, legislation should be working to help us by providing us with more resources in terms of free mooring and access to births as we are the marginalized.

To limit these voyaging organizations' ability to continue to share and practice this ancestral knowledge by limiting the amount of wa'a kaulua in a harbor and the amount of time that they can be there is to limit the ability of the organizations that maintain and sustain this practice. It also limits the ability of these wa'a to congregate and share knowledge with each other and various communities around Hawai'i, should space and safety allow. Further, the limitation of the "accommodation" of these wa'a to only those that are non-motorized and longer than 60 feet effectively eliminates the accommodation of most wa'a kaulua in Hawai'i, many of which are smaller and with motors for safety purposes when providing educational opportunities to Hawai'i's keiki.

Sadly, this legislation has not been presented to the population of Hawaii's voyaging organizations for advisory and council, which is gross oversight as these are the organizations who would see the greatest impact. I would advocate that this must be brought to the table of voyaging organizations as this directly impacts us..

Ke aloha nō,

Timothy Gilliom, Captain, Hui O Wa'a Kaulua

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 12:16:38 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Maleko Lorenzo	Hui o Wa'a Kaulua	Oppose	No

Comments:

House Committee Hearing

Water and Land

Thursday, February 10, 2022

8:30AM

House Conference Room 430

Aloha ‘āina iā kākou e House Committee on Water and Land:

RE: Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 2254 Relating to Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoes

My name is Maleko K.K. Lorenzo and I serve as a Captain for the Hui O Wa‘a Kaulua, 501c(3) non-profit based on Maui that honors, educates, and perpetuates Native Hawaiian voyaging culture and values through the practice of voyaging and education for the community and youth of Maui.

I am writing to inform you that I am in strong opposition to HB2254. The wa‘a kaulua (double-hulled voyaging canoes) of Hawaii play a critical role that ensures the survival of Hawaiian culture, history, and language. It was upon these voyaging canoes that the ancestors of Hawaiians reached these shores and established a flourishing and thriving culture. These wa‘a kaulua connected kanaka to their future, in terms of migration and settlement, as well as past, in their role to conduct transoceanic voyages. In Hawaii, a pause in voyaging occurred and in 1976 with the voyage of Hokulea from Hawaii to Tahiti, the wa‘a kaulua served as an important catalyst within the Hawaiian renaissance instilling a strong sense of pride in Hawaiians. Since Hokule‘a, 7 more deep sea voyaging canoes were born and many more intercoastal/interisland voyaging canoes were also birthed that serve our local communities and youth throughout the state.

It was the intent of the original draft from which this statute comes from to honor and perpetuate the traditions and values of all wa‘a kaulua. Our non-profit organization is able to survive

because of the tireless work of volunteers with no funding from our government, it is a struggle to maintain our canoe with our limited resources and yet we continue to push to do this because we see that this cultural practice is vital to our health and well-being as Hawaiians, to our culture, and we see the positive impact the voyaging canoe has on our community and youth. The truth is we have very little support from our government and instead of stripping us of who we are as voyaging canoes and how we can practice our practices, legislation should be working to help us by providing us with more resources in terms of free mooring and access to births as we are the marginalized.

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Ke aloha nō,

Maleko K.K. Lorenzo, Captain, Hui O Wa'a Kaulua

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 1:54:05 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leilani Josselin	Ohana Wa'a	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a voyaging member of the pacific I am deeply saddend by this bill, and am not in support of it!

In its design it is an attempt to displace the identy of the people of the Pacific Ocean who since the begining of time have used canoes as a way to traverse the most isolated places in the world in means that cause minimal harm to its surrounding enviroments. In comparative to the competitor vessels that must have found it bothersome, so in return introduced a bill like this to overturn a law designed in the last 10 years that ensured all traditional sailing canoes have a place to safely and securly moor in the harbors of Hawaii.

I ask those who have introduced this bill do you even know the difference between a canoe and a boat? if you cannot answer this question you have no business introducing such a bill.

May this cultural genocide come to an end and the ability for those still practicing the ways of there ancestors continue forever!

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 12:00:22 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
MELYNDA DANT	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. My letter of support will follow shortly.

Mahalo

Melynda Dant

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 7:04:52 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Bill Murtagh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I fully support HB2254. This bill is needed to prevent additional circumventions of mooring waitlist and also to prevent commercial operations of canoes that operate under the guise of non profit educational classification that are seeking priority. I believe HB2254 needs additional language to strengthen its purpose, which is to prevent the aforementioned, and also with keeping fair and equal treatment for "true" Hawaiian Sailing Canoes.

Testimony submitted by Bill Murtagh, as a private citizen and business owner/operator in Keauhou Bay, Hawaii.

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 7:08:22 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Clifford R. Libed	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB 2254 YEAR 2022 :

I am in opposition of HB 2254 year 2022..

As a former Hawaii Public Housing Manager for Maui County, Head Coach for Na Kai Ewalu, Kihei Canoe Club, Maui High School and Substitute Teacher for DOE Maui County. The ability to access to a Hawaiian Sailing in tantamount to further the education for students and the general public. In addition, having access for disadvantage communities goes a long way to curve some of the social issues that face our communities. Therefore, limiting access will prevent the integration of all parties concerned as we need to coordinate transportation, time and organization for our community members. Hui O Wa'a Kaulua leads the initiative to continue and further the education of the importance of culture and role the hawaiian sailing canoe represents in Hawaii's history.

Please do not deprive our community of this integration for our canoes Mo'Kiha O Piilani.

Sincerely,

Clifford R. Libed Treasure Hui O Wa'a Kaulua

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 7:22:13 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brandi Cutler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB2254 as it limits Native Hawaiian sailing canoes.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 7:27:01 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Junior Rex Lokeni	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 2254 as it limits Native Hawaiian sailing canoes.

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 7:51:33 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kalani Kahalioumi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm agaist House Bill 2254

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 8:28:21 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Holly Crane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This statute, which is proposed to be amended, was created to protect and perpetuate the traditions and values of wa'a kaulua (double hulled voyaging canoes) of Hawai'i. Voyaging canoes are the method by which the Hawai'ian islands were initially populated hundreds, if not thousands of years ago. To limit these wa'a kaulua in the way that is proposed by HB2254 is an absolute insult to the people of Hawai'i. The Hawai'ian culture was suppressed for decades by those not indigenous to Hawai'i, and there has been such a resurgence and reclamation of this knowledge in recent years. Anyone who does not support these values does not belong in such a special and sacred place.

Our indigenous Hawai'ian people are already being priced out of living on their own aina - now we will limit the Hawai'an culture from being perpetuated on our oceans? I strongly opposed these amendments and thank you for hearing my testimony.

Mahalo,

Holly Crane

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The statute that this bill seeks to amend was drafted with the intent of honoring and perpetuating the traditions and values of all wa'a kaulua (double-hulled voyaging canoes) of Hawai'i. The non-profit organizations that maintain these voyaging canoes do so out of aloha for the inspiring skills of Native Hawaiian ancestors who first voyaged to, populated and evolved with these islands. The revitalization of voyaging and the pride that it has rekindled in the indigenous peoples of this place is priceless, as is the pride that all people of Hawai'i feel for their voyaging canoes.

To limit these voyaging organizations' ability to continue to share and practice this ancestral knowledge by limiting the amount of wa'a kaulua in a harbor and the amount of time that they can be there is to limit the ability of the organizations that maintain and sustain this practice. It also limits the ability of these wa'a to congregate and share knowledge with each other and

various communities around Hawai‘i, should space and safety allow. Further, the limitation of the “accommodation” of these wa‘a to only those that are non-motorized and longer than 60 feet effectively eliminates the accommodation of most wa‘a kaulua in Hawai‘i, many of which are smaller and with motors for safety purposes when providing educational opportunities to Hawai‘i’s keiki.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 8:38:27 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Haunani Kane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha e,

I am writing this letter in strong opposition of HB2254. As a navigator, voyager, and crew member of Hokule'a I believe HB224 attempts to DILUTE the original intentions of perpetuating voyaging in Hawaiian waters, by removing free access for all of our wa'a kaulua (Native Hawaiian sailing canoes) to moor (at a dock or at anchor, as applicable) around our islands for free. The HB2254 attempts to limit the free accommodation of voyaging canoes in all state small boat harbors to just one wa'a at a time, only for 30 days every 6 months, and only if that wa'a is non-motorized and more than 60 feet long. The HB2254, if passed would exclude most of our wa'a from free access to moor in Hawaiian waters. I believe our wa'a deserve more respect than this. Our wa'a are a symbol of pride and identity to the people of Hawai'i. They are a symbol of the intellect required by our first people to find and settle Hawai'i, and they are a reminder of the strength and knowledge that our people possess to this day. The HB2254 should not be passed.

Haunani Kane (PhD)

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 8:58:33 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ian Bishop	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose bill HB2254

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 9:28:37 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Philamer Batangan	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Native Hawaiian navigating holds an important part of not only Hawaiian culture but also polynesian culture. Allowing this bill to pass is a direct hit on the way local organizations and non profits perpetuate and honor this world wide respected tradition. I oppose HB2254.

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 10:03:36 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Caroline Daley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the proposed amendment to the bill. It is blatantly racist and anti-Native Hawaiian. It is a sneaky and shameful way to limit the protection of Native Hawaiian cultural practices. Why introduce an amendment that solely limits Native Hawaiian wa'a? No other vessels are described or limited. Limiting and targeting Native Hawaiian canoes limits and targets Native Hawaiians and therefore all Pacific Island peoples. It is a harmful and prejudiced bill. To accept this amendment would be to continue cultural genocide.

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 10:14:43 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Blossom Lincoln Maielua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My family and I firmly oppose this bill. As voyagers of Hawaiian descent we view this as a direct threat to our traditional practice and ancient art of wayfinding end navigation. Our non-profit canoe organization Nā Kālai Wa'a has served this island and the entire archipelago through voyaging educational experiences and ocean vessel training for over 25 years. Our use of mooring in Kawaihae harbor is critical to our programs successfully serving our immediate and larger community from keiki to kūpuna. Voyaging canoes like Makali'i provide experiential culturally-based learning to multi-generational learners at no profit-making costs to our participants. We strongly encourage our legislatures to educate themselves about Hōkūle'a and Pius Mau Piailug who revived a once dormant practice in 1976 leading to the cultural revitalization and renaissance of ancient voyaging traditions in Hawai'i and throughout Moananuiākea (Pacific Ocean).

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 11:00:41 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kaimana Barcarse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha nui mai kākou,

My name is Kaimana Barcarse and I am a voyager with Honuakai based out of Hawai'i Island and a crew member of multiple voyaging canoes including Hōkūalaka'i, Hōkūle'a, Makali'i, Hikianalia, etc... I am testfying in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to HB2254. Equitable access to moorings and dockside access are critical to the educational and cultural missions of the various Native Hawaiian voyaging canoes and programs across our island chain. The restrictions proposed will effectively cut out access to most of our voyaging canoes in Hawai'i, and greatly limit their presence and work in educating youth and community. These programs provide a strong cultural identity, and a sense of place and belonging to it's participants, both Native Hawaiian and non-Native alike. It is a living classroom where theory is solidified in action through practice. It is a bridge, a pathway for it's participants into the maritime careers and traditions of our state. The Western world often states that the oceans divide us, but as island people we know that our oceans connect us, they unite us, and our voyaging canoes use the oceans and our harbors to connect us to our past, ground us to our present, and prepare us to our future. Please reconsider this bill and work on something that will provide access and furthur unite our state. In the last few hours I have heard from voyaging leadership across the state, these leaders represent the primary stakeholders that this bill would affect, and no one had been consulted before this bill was put forth. Please bring us to the table before deciding our future, we are open to discussion and working out a solution. We want to figure out the "how can" rather than the "no can". Please also consider the additional points below:

- Hōkūle'a and Hawaiian voyaging canoes were a critical catalyst in the Hawaiian renaissance.
- Starting with the launce of Hōkūle'a on the shores of Kualoa/Hakipu'u on March 8, 1975, Voyaging in Hawai'i has seen a strong movement in restoring cultural pride and creating educational opportunities for nearly 50 years.
- Hawai'i has 7 deep sea voyaging canoe and many more intercoastal/interisland voyaging canoes serving our communities and youth throughout the state.
- The voyaging movement has inspired many from youth to elders, both near and far, native Hawaiian, local, new residents, and visitors and is cherished as a living treasure of Hawaiian culture.
- Each island/county has at least one voyaging canoe that serves their island and community.

- The voyaging canoes are all led by non-profit organizations and serve their communities with little or no governmental funding support.
- The many deep sea voyages over the decades, with the most recent World Wide Voyage, have created many economic opportunities for our island state.
- The term “Navigation” has become a common term in all settings from education to business and more all held with a common unifying understanding based on the interdependent nature of voyaging crews and voyaging families, and how we act with the best interest of each other and our islands.
- Voyaging canoes are a strong symbol of the host culture and encourage sustainability and responsibility to our ‘āina, our kai, our people, and our culture.
- Voyaging programs are grounded in education and many are also a pathway into the maritime workforce and career tracks.
- Equitable access to moorings and dockside access is critical for the continuation of the Voyaging programs and the traditions and opportunities they afford our youth and our communities.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Kaimana Barcarse

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 11:26:11 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Maui Tauotaha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

In regards to HB2254 relating to native Hawaiian sailing canoes I seek clarification because the bill is very oddly worded. Until that time, based on my current understanding, I strongly OPPOSE HB2254.

It seems the proposed bill would make it more challenging and potentially impossible for most wa‘a kaulua to moor in small state boat harbors. We need more wa‘a in our waters, not less. Our keiki need more opportunities to be inspired by the wisdom of their ancestors, not less. Any attempts to go backwards in this regard will be met with stiff opposition. We have come too far to lose what little we have left.

It seems that Hōkūle‘a is the only wa‘a that qualifies as a "native Hawaiian sailing canoe." How would this bill apply to other wa‘a kaulua seeking mooring in small state boat harbors? I humbly ask for clarification on exactly what the intention of this bill is. More specifically: WHO does this bill benefit? At the moment it seems very anti-Hawaiian.

Hoping for the best but preparing for the worst.

na‘u me ke ha‘aha‘a,

na maui

Maui Tauotaha

maui.tauotaha@gmail.com

Aloha kākou and mahalo for the time to testify in opposition to HB2254.

As a community member, graduate student, navigation student, and volunteer, I am concerned at the language and direction HB2254 presents to access and support for native Hawaiian sailing canoes.

While I understand that it may be effective for oversight to understand the purposes of native Hawaiian sailing canoes in small boat harbors where commercial fishermen, recreationalists, or people that can afford boat slips dwell, I question the actual motivation and purpose for the amendments in this bill.

Specific to amendment A, research or educational purposes is not defined in the HB2254 writing with regard to any past research or educational purposes undertaken by native Hawaiian sailing canoes in the past and currently. What is the foundational scale that measures what research or educational purposes are being applied to native Hawaiian sailing canoes? The language completely includes the nuances of community-led wa'a or potential native Hawaiian sailing canoes that may not be associated with formal organizations. If a lessor has a native hawaiian sailing canoe wa'a that is compliant with every list of requirements for small boat harbor purposes, why should they be subject to these formal norms that are being outlined with disregard to community informal norms such as a native Hawaiian sailing canoe that was built by and for community but not apart of a nonprofit association or organization.

Specific to amendment 'c,' I do understand the approach to analyze native Hawaiian sailing canoe activities on the basis that you may have questions and lack of knowledge to make policy decisions in specific places such as small boat harbors but believe amendment c is an excessive inquiry towards these small community led organizations that are education driven and completely self-explanatory. There are multiple avenues for the public, and in this case, you as representatives of your own community that have multiple native Hawaiian sailing canoes throughout the state, to participate and investigate the questions you have in a collaborative way with these organizations versus demanding assessments where the intentions and motivations for managing small boat harbors on various levels is unclear to the public.

Native Hawaiian sailing canoes are intrinsically important to the fabric of Hawai'i and our communities. This is how Hawaiians arrived in Hawai'i. Limiting available time to moor is unethical towards a minority community in Hawai'i that is almost completely volunteer led and relies on this access to continue their education and sailing efforts.

- I leave the representatives with these guiding questions:
- What type of statistical or qualitative research is at the basis of these amendments. I recommend that you go back to the drawing board to truly prove your motivations based on a participatory and collaborative effort with wa'a organizations, small boat harbor participants, and DLNR.
- My second question is: There are so many resources to understand what these organizations with your defined "native Hawaiian sailing canoes", have done over

decades, probably before some of us were alive. Why have the archives, media, tv-time, interviews, quantitative and qualitative resources dating back prior to 1976 not valuable for DLNR for amendment c.

Mahalo for your time and please consider this opposition.

Aloha kākou and mahalo for the time to testify in opposition to HB2254.

As a community member, graduate student, navigation student, and volunteer, I am concerned at the language and direction HB2254 presents to access and support for native Hawaiian sailing canoes.

While I understand that it may be effective for oversight to understand the purposes of native Hawaiian sailing canoes in small boat harbors where commercial fishermen, recreationalists, or people that can afford boat slips dwell, I question the actual motivation and purpose for the amendments in this bill.

Specific to amendment A, research or educational purposes is not defined in the HB2254 writing with regard to any past research or educational purposes undertaken by native Hawaiian sailing canoes in the past and currently. What is the foundational scale that measures what research or educational purposes are being applied to native Hawaiian sailing canoes? The language dis-cludes the nuances of community-led wa'a or potential native Hawaiian sailing canoes that may not be associated with formal organizations. If a lessor has a native hawaiian sailing canoe wa'a that is compliant with every list of requirements for small boat harbor purposes, why should they be subject to these formal norms that are being outlined with disregard to community informal norms such as a native Hawaiian sailing canoe that was built by and for community but not apart of a nonprofit association or organization.

Specific to amendment 'c,' I understand that there may be a need to analyze native Hawaiian sailing canoe activities on the basis that you may have questions and lack of knowledge to make policy decisions in specific places such as small boat harbors, but amendment c is an excessive inquiry towards these small community led organizations that are education driven and completely self-explanatory. There are multiple avenues for the public, and in this case, you as representatives of your own community that have multiple native Hawaiian sailing canoes throughout the state, to participate and investigate the questions you have in a collaborative way with these organizations versus demanding assessments where the intentions and motivations for managing small boat harbors on various levels is unclear to the public.

Native Hawaiian sailing canoes are intrinsically important to the fabric of Hawai'i and our communities. This is the means for Hawaiians navigating to Hawai'i first and foremost. Native Hawaiian sailing canoes have provided for the broader Hawai'i community and global community (i.e. Worldwide Voyage) immensely. Limiting available time to moor is unethical towards a minority community in Hawai'i that is almost completely volunteer led, but has accomplished feats that no other community has in the whole world. It also relies on this access to continue their education and sailing efforts. In addition, the attempt to define what a "native Hawaiian sailing canoe" is, without any collaboration or communication with well-respected canoe organizations, shows a lack of care.

I leave the representatives with these guiding questions:

- What type of statistical or qualitative research is at the basis of these amendments. I recommend that you go back to the drawing board to truly show your motivations based on a participatory and collaborative effort with wa'a organizations, small boat harbor participants, and DLNR if you continue to still see it fit.
- My second question is: There are so many resources to understand what wa'a have done over decades, probably before some of us were alive. Why have the archives, media, tv-time, interviews, quantitative and qualitative resources dating back prior to 1976 been deemed not valuable enough for the introduction of this bill and DLNR for these amendments?

Mahalo for your time and please consider this opposition.

HB-2254

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 6:21:55 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Eva Malia Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Chairman David A Tarnas

Vice-Chairman Patrick Pihana Branco

Dear Chairman Tarnas, Vice Chairman Branco and members of the House Water and Land Committee,

I OPPOSE HB 2254, which proposes to limit the mooring of Native Hawaiian Sailing Canoes to no more than a cumulative period of thirty calendar days in a one hundred eighty day calendar day period at each small boat harbor.

Wa'a kaulua, specifically those serving communities through research and education, should not be limited in the amount of time they are allowed to be moored in community harbors. Placing restrictions on the number of days wa'a may remain in a harbor severely inhibits the ability to serve communities. Additionally, the requirement to report/submit an annual report detailing with description/date/participants of each research or educational activity places a tremendous, unfair burden on the non-profits tasked with the kuleana and care of these wa'a. Furthermore, continually making arrangements for the relocation and transport of wa'a further strains the resources and ability to continue the mission of preservation and perpetuation of the irreplaceable indigenous knowledge and mastery of traditional skills. Wa'a are vital tools for education, community and research. The term "educational activity" implies formal instruction. However, education, the imparting of knowledge, does not require formal, planned events. As we have gained experience in distance learning, it may not even require physical proximity. The significant amount of data recording of such activities is immense and cumbersome, with the implication that such proof is necessary an affront to the integrity of these organizations.

The language “native Hawaiian sailing canoe” and its definition of “double—hulled, non—motorized sailing vessel 19 greater than sixty feet in length” lends itself that this legislation is meant to single out specific wa’a. Indeed, if anything, the Native Hawaiian sailing canoe should be held in the highest regard, its growth and outreach supported by any and all means to support rather attempts to hinder its progress.

In OPPOSITION to HB2254.

Mahalo,

Eva Malia Lee

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 7:15:59 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nanea Lo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I come from Papakōlea, O‘ahu. I'm a Kanaka Maoli born and raised in the Hawaiian Kingdom. I'm writing AGAINST HB2254.

This bill is aiming to limit mooring time for Native Hawaiian sailing canoes and requiring organizations that own or lease said canoes to submit “annual research reports.” This is racist and targets the sailing and voyaging community of the native people of this lands, my people.

Kill Bill, HB2254.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo