

SB-844-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan I. Yamashita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name Bryan Yamashita and I am writing in support of SB844 .

I am a resident of West Loch Estates and have been a volunteer involved in this restoration project for the last 4 years. Restoring this area to allow native plants and wildlife to return is very important to our local environment and for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, like any worthwhile cause, money is dearly needed to sustain the effort that it greatly requires. Believe me, join us to experience the sweat equity required for this effort.

Please support SB844 to help fund this worthy endeavor.

Thank you,

Bryan Yamashita

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 5:11:57 PM

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Sandy Ward	Testifying for Hui o Ho`ohonua 501(c)3	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to urge you to pass SB844. It is a no-cost bill that offers the citizens of Hawai`i the choice to support the restoration of Pearl Harbor - Mālama Pu`uloa - through the selection of a special license plate.

It is hoped that this bill will support an increased awareness of the historical and cultural significance of Pu`uloa (Pearl Harbor), as well as providing a modest funding stream to support the restoration efforts in the region that, through our non-profit have engaged 10,000 citizens and 26 schools in the last 3.5 years.

In the shadow of the Red Hill water contamination crisis, our state needs to a way to celebrate that so many are working on restoring Pu`uloa...and visitors to our state will see that we mālama (care for) our natural resources.

Mahalo for your consideration!



HUI O HO'OHONUA

Community 501(c)3 Operating in `Ewa, O`ahu

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Date: February 28, 2023

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Committee Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz

Committee Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran

SUBJ: Senate Bill 844. Authorizes the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Malama Pu'uloa.

DATE: Thursday, March 2 2023

TIME: 10:00am

From: Anthony Chance, CEO and Founder of Hui O Ho'ohonua

I am writing this Letter of Support for Senate Bill 844. The fundraising fees from this specialty license plate will directly support the restoration of not only Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor), but the 12 freshwater streams that flow into Pu'uloa from the 12 Ahupua'a's that surround the Sacred waters of Pu'uloa.

Common Management Goals

- Remove invasive mangrove vegetation from Pearl Harbor shoreline and off-shore islands
- Improve water quality throughout all watersheds associated with Pearl Harbor
- Restore native wetlands and shoreline vegetation
- Restore oyster, mullet and native bird populations
- Restore Hawaiian fishponds where possible
- Engage the community in resource management and education
- Collect data that serves to inform our efforts
- Increase inter-agency collaboration and capacity
- Increased fresh water and food security, especially urgent in the current economic climate of Hawai'i

Watershed restoration:

- Associated habitat restoration for endangered/endemic species and mitigation required of the DoD
- Flood mitigation, associated with climate change and storm resiliency planning
- Decreased nonpoint polluted run-off and Pearl Harbor sedimentation

Sincerely,



Anthony Chance
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