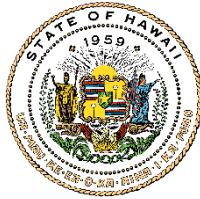


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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
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Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
1:15 PM

Conference Room 229 & Videoconference, State Capitol

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1840, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

House Bill 1840, House Draft 2 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection. **The Department supports this bill, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive FY 2025 Supplemental Budget Request.**

The Department recognizes that the pollution impacts from the Lahaina fires are likely to persist in our coastal waters and therefore accumulate in the marine resources we are mission bound to manage and conserve.

Considering the expertise, detailed operating procedures, and quality assurance practices necessary to sustain coastal monitoring, allocating \$140,000 per year to support regular ongoing chemical and physical coastal water quality testing and storm sampling would be appropriate (per section 2, paragraph (1)). This level of annual funding would help ensure that the regular ongoing data collection for the impacted Lahaina burn area is sustained, and would allow for sampling at a total of 25 West Maui sites every three weeks, plus four storm sampling events per year.

Characterizing the many classes of contaminants found in the water, sediment and accumulating in the tissue of fish and marine invertebrates in the nearshore waters off Lahaina is essential for protecting the people of Hawaii from hazards in the marine environment, and ingestion of

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contaminated seafood. This type of work requires very detailed and expensive lab analysis and is expected to cost \$450,000 per year (per section 2, paragraph (2)).

Additional agency staff time is needed to assist with coordinating and carrying out these critical water quality monitoring tasks. The expected costs for a full-time Aquatic Biologist III would be \$58,000 per year (per section 2, paragraph (3)) and for a full-time Aquatic Biologist IV would be an additional \$63,000 per year (per section 2, paragraph (4)). Establishing six Aquatic Biologist III positions and six Aquatic Biologist IV positions (one each for Kaua'i, O'ahu, Maui, Moloka'i, East Hawai'i, and West Hawai'i) would meet statewide water quality monitoring and pollution source detection needs. The total cost of these twelve biologist positions is \$726,000 annually.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



March 20, 2024

Senate Committee on Water & Land
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Members of the Committee

Senate Committee on Agriculture and
Environment
Chair Mike Gabbard
Vice Chair Tim Richards
Members of the Committee

Via Electronic Transmission

Re: The Imperative of Allocating Adequate Funding to Protect Natural Resources
Support HB 1840 HD2, Relating to the Environment

Aloha,

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 1840 HD2, Relating to the Environment. Taking care of our 'āina and making funding available for preventive measures to protect, restore and nurture our land and ocean is the best insurance policy against wildfires, floods, and other disasters.

We all saw the devastating effects of the wildfires on Maui last August. No one wants another wildfire, flood, or any other disaster in our islands. The Care for 'Āina Now coalition believes it is vitally important for our state to have funds dedicated to protecting and restoring our natural resources to prevent or mitigate the effects of climate events. This proactive, preventive approach to stewardship of our islands requires an investment in our 'āina. This measure is one of many initiatives that we support to increase funding for the incredibly important work that the Department of Land and Natural Resources does.

The Maui wildfires have now amplified to every resident, and indeed the world, that no region in the world is immune to the impact of this climate crisis. We are a coalition of individuals and organizations committed to supporting better management of the state's natural resources. We estimate that an additional \$360 million annually is needed to close the current budget shortfall in protecting our islands against climate threats and the impacts of tourism. At its most basic level, this funding is necessary for wildfire prevention strategies.

Natural resources are the lifeblood of our pae 'āina, providing us with the essentials for survival and the foundation for Hawai'i's economy, our very society. These resources include clean air and water, fertile soil, living coral reefs, stable coastlines and beaches, biodiversity and healthy forests. We commend the legislature, cognizant of the local and global threats to these riches, for declaring Hawai'i to be the first state in the nation to declare a climate emergency. Protecting and restoring these resources is a moral, economic, and ecological imperative.

Based on the foregoing, we support this bill and strongly advocate for increased support for long-term monitoring of water quality, as well as support for research efforts to better understand the environmental concerns linked to urban fires.

In addition, we also support including additional revenue to fund DLNR so that Hawai'i can:

- Remove flammable nonnative plants and restore sites with less flammable native plants.
- Restore coral reefs to help protect our beaches and coastal communities from sea level rise and storm surges, while also protecting the fisheries that draw tourists and sustain local residents.
- Restore watershed forests that protect our water quality and supplies, in addition to reducing the risks of fire.
- Provide grants to local communities to assist them in managing and restoring natural resources, including reducing their fire risks.

Preventing damage to natural resources is often more cost-effective than trying to restore them once they have been degraded. For example, restoring a polluted stream can be far more expensive than preventing pollution in the first place. Wildfire prevention can be significantly more cost-effective than paying for the cost of responding to wildfires and restoring damaged communities and natural resources. Legislators who allocate funding for protection and restoration are, in essence, making a sound long-term investment in their constituents well-being, and the environment.

We have a moral responsibility to protect the natural resources that sustain life on our islands. Future generations depend on the decisions we make today. Legislators have a unique role in shaping policies that reflect our ethical obligation to safeguard the environment for all living beings.

In conclusion, there are numerous compelling reasons why legislators should approve funding to protect, restore, and manage Hawai'i's magnificent and irreplaceable natural resources. Disaster resilience, climate change mitigation, clean water and air, sustainable agriculture, economic benefits, public health, long-term cost savings, biodiversity conservation, and ethical responsibility all underscore the importance of such investments. By allocating the necessary funds, legislators can secure a brighter and more sustainable future for all. It is a responsibility that cannot be ignored, and the benefits far outweigh the costs.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that our natural resources are at the forefront of policy-leaders' minds and that the state budget reflects these priorities.

Mahalo,

Care for 'Āina Now Coalition

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**Coalition Letter in Support of Funding for Natural Resource Stewardship & Restoration
Coalition for Care for ‘Āina Now**

Testimony in Support of HB1840 HD2
 Joint Senate Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment
 Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 1:15pm

Aloha e Chairs Inouye and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Elefante and Richards, and Members of the Committees,

Our coalition of organizations and small businesses listed below are writing in **strong support of HB1840 HD2 to generate funding for natural resource protection and restoration**. The Care for ‘Āina Now Coalition is on a mission to enhance visitor stewardship, conserve our cultural and natural resources, and invest in our ‘āina to keep our community safe.

The health of Hawai‘i’s environment is inextricably linked to the health of our people, communities, and future generations. Our natural and cultural resources provide over \$6 billion in value to our economy each year, yet have been chronically neglected and stewardship of these resources have been underfunded for decades. It’s been estimated that we currently face a conservation funding gap of \$360 million/year. Today, this underinvestment continues to be a liability and risk to public safety. The more time that passes without healing our environment, the more lives, places, and communities are at risk of being harmed.

Our primary focus is adequate, permanent funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support stewardship and restoration of our natural resources. There are simple ways our State can safeguard our ‘āina and people this year, including passing legislation that ensures visitor taxes go back to our environment through the TAT, and allocating funds for wildfire prevention and ecosystem resilience. These will help Hawai‘i chart a new course that can sustain us.

This coalition, which works on the frontlines of natural and cultural resource management across the State, applauds the legislature for continuing to consider these solutions. We urge you to consider the crucial need for sustainable, broad-based investment to meet the immense challenges our environment faces, offset the impact left by nearly 10 million annual visitors, and invest in the long-term health of our communities. Hawai‘i’s natural resources are invaluable to the livelihoods of our local residents and integral drivers of our statewide economy as well as our visitor industry.



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Poll results from January 2023 reveal 89% of voters believe we must increase investment in our land, water, wildlife, and natural resources. The following priorities will help our State offset visitor impact: supporting broad funding of our natural and cultural resources, uplifting community groups to implement solutions to offset visitor impacts, and increasing the health and resilience of places frequented by residents and visitors.

These 48 organizations and businesses support taking care of our environment so that Hawai'i can continue to nourish and care for us and future generations

1. Agripelago
2. Blue Planet Foundation
3. Care About Climate
4. Conservation International
5. Delphi Cinema
6. Excurinsure
7. Fish Pono—Save Our Reefs
8. Friends of Hanauma Bay
9. Full Circle Farm
10. FutureSwell
11. Good Food Movement
12. Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED)
13. Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA)
14. Hawai'i Impact Collaborative
15. Hawai'i Land Trust
16. Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition
17. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund
18. Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition
19. Kailua Beach Adventures
20. Kanu Hawai'i
21. Kingdom Pathways
22. Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA)
23. Kuleana Coral Restoration



24. Kupu
25. Leftover Love Co
26. Mālama Learning Center
27. Mālama Maunalua
28. Mālama Pupukea-Waimea
29. National Tropical Botanical Garden
30. Native Ecosystem Services
31. The Nature Conservancy
32. North Shore Community Land Trust
33. Papahānaumokuākea Marine Debris Project
34. Parley for the Oceans
35. Pono Hawai'i Initiative
36. Protea Zero Waste Store
37. Resources Legacy Fund
38. Reuse Hawai'i
39. Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i Chapters
40. Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i
41. Travel2Change
42. Trust for Public Land
43. Wakeful State
44. Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations (WAI)
45. Wild Kids
46. Young Progressives Demanding Action
47. Zero Waste O'ahu
48. Zero Waste Hawai'i Island

Mahalo for your consideration to protect Hawai'i's natural resources.

Mahalo,
 Doorae Shin
 Coalition for Care for 'Āina Now



Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)
IN SUPPORT TO HB1840 HD2
March 20, 2024, 1:15PM, Room 229 & Via Zoom

We are Olan Leimomi Fisher and Kevin Chang, Kua'āina Advocate and Executive Director, respectively, testifying on behalf of [Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo \(or KUA\)](#). "Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo" stands for "grassroots growing through shared responsibility," and our acronym "KUA" means "backbone." **Our mission is to connect and empower communities to improve their quality of life through the collective care for their biocultural (natural and cultural) heritage, serving as a "backbone organization" that supports creative and community-driven solutions to problems stemming from environmental degradation.** Hawai'i's biocultural resources continue to be negatively impacted by political, economic, and social changes, and the increasing dangers of climate change make fostering and empowering resilient communities acutely critical.

Currently KUA supports three major networks of: (1) almost 40 mālama 'āina (caring for our 'āina or "that which feeds") community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together); (2) over 60 loko i'a (fishpond aquaculture systems unique to Hawai'i) and wai 'ōpae (anchialine pool systems) sites in varying stages of restoration and development, with numerous caretakers, stakeholders, and volunteers known as the Hui Mālama Loko I'a ("caretakers of fishponds"); and (3) the Limu Hui made up of over 50 loea (traditional experts) and practitioners in all things "limu" or locally-grown "seaweed." **Our shared vision is to once again experience what our kūpuna (ancestors) referred to as 'ĀINA MOMONA – abundant and healthy ecological systems that sustain our community resilience and well-being.**

KUA supports HB1840 HD2 as an incremental step toward 'āina momona.

This bill will provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) with the necessary funds to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection. **Communities in our networks have long wanted to see greater capacity in water quality monitoring due to the effects of human-generated pollution in our streams and runoff into the nearshores negatively affecting fishery, limu, and loko i'a health and safe production.** In addition, our Maui communities impacted by the devastating fires last year are still working on the many steps necessary to rebuild their places with thoughtful and aloha 'āina-based developments. As DLNR notes in its testimony, understanding and monitoring the many levels of contaminants due to the fires is "essential" for protecting our kama'āina and visitors alike from poisoned seafood.

As such, **long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection should be a statewide priority with the growing threats of future fires and other environmental disasters due to climate change.** It is extremely unfortunate that it takes the nation's most devastating wildfire to-date to refocus our governmental leaders to seriously consider the

already-deteriorated state of our environmental ecosystems. But alas, we all must start somewhere. The communities we work with commit their lives to ensuring the long-term health of our shared biocultural resources. They have cared for, and depended on, these biocultural resources since time immemorial, and hope to continue their sustainable practices forever through future generations of koa aloha 'āina. **We believe our 'āina, the very foundation of our existence, is about long-term protection and steps necessary to once again achieve 'āina momona.**

Mahalo nui loa for considering our testimony. Please **PASS** HB1840 HD2.

Aloha 'Āina Momona no nā kau ā kau.



Testimony of **Lahaina Strong**
Before the Senate Committees on
Water and Land & Agriculture and Environment

In Consideration of House Bill No. 1840, HD2
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

To Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

We are writing on behalf of Lahaina Strong, an organization that was initially formed in 2018 following the Hurricane Lane fire in Lahaina and re-energized last year after the devastating Lahaina fires on August 8. Our organization is the largest grassroots, Lahaina-based community organization, with over 20,000 supporters, engaged in emphasizing the importance of local voices and community-driven solutions.

Lahaina Strong stands in support of HB1840 HD2, a bill that appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

The legislature's recognition that wildfires in urban areas, such as those devastating Maui on August 8, 2023, carry a heightened risk due to the combustion of diverse materials is a critical understanding. Urban fires involve not just natural materials but also household appliances, commercial machinery, vehicles, and construction materials, releasing a spectrum of toxic chemicals and contaminants. The aftermath leaves behind a complex mix of substances that can persist in the ecosystem, posing potential threats to both human health and the environment.

The proposed allocation of funding resources for long-term monitoring of water quality aligns seamlessly with Lahaina Strong's commitment to the sustained well-being of our community. Coastal water quality testing and contaminant monitoring are essential components of addressing both short- and long-term risks posed by urban wildfires.

The inevitability of environmental contamination following such fires, as evidenced in the Maui wildfires, underscores the urgency of comprehensive monitoring efforts.

We commend the foresight of the House Environmental Remediation Working Group in acknowledging the importance of long-term monitoring. **While immediate risks are being assessed by various state departments and organizations, the long-term impact on human health and the ecosystem necessitates ongoing evaluation.** The proposed support for research efforts to better understand the environmental concerns linked to urban fires is a proactive measure that Lahaina Strong fully endorses.

In conclusion, Lahaina Strong urges the passage of **House Bill 1840 HD2**, recognizing its significance in allocating resources for the crucial long-term monitoring of water quality and supporting research initiatives. This legislative action will not only contribute to the ongoing recovery efforts post-Maui wildfires but also set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges in the wake of urban fires statewide.

Mahalo for your attention to this vital matter and your dedication to safeguarding our community and environment.

Sincerely,

Jordan Ruidas, Pa'ele Kiakona & Courtney Lazo

Lahaina Strong

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:08:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan B Roberts Emery	Testifying for Green Party of Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richard's and Members of Committee,

I am writing today on behalf of the Green Party of Hawai'i. We stand in strong Solidarity with the people of Maui and we support HB 1840 HD2. In this time of climate collapse and increased wildfires it is crucial that we allocate funds for long-term air and water quality.

We ask for a Yes vote on HB 1840 HD2,

Mahalo nui,

Susan RobertsEmery

Co Chair GPH



Senate Committee on Water and Land &

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Support: HB1840 HD2

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Inouye/Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante/Richards, and members of the committees,

We strongly support HB1840 HD2, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term air and water quality monitoring and pollution source detection after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

We urge you to pass HB1840 HD2 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', is positioned above the typed name.

Anne Frederick
Executive Director



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER & LAND AND AGRICULTURE & THE ENVIRONMENT
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 — 1:15 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports HB 1840 HD2, Relating to the Environment.

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports HB 1840 HD2, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land of Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Ulupono supports the State's efforts to create more resilient communities by providing them with the data they need to make informed decisions about their health and safety. Long-term monitoring of stormwater runoff and coastal water quality will also enable government officials to evaluate the effectiveness of existing near-shore protection policies. Doing so may underscore the need to explore more innovative solutions such as stormwater capture and reuse, as well as green infrastructure requirements for new and existing developments.

This data-driven approach not only empowers communities but also good government decision-making to assess the efficacy of important water policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



March 20, 2024

Senator Lorraine Inouye
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Senator Brandon Elefante
Vice-Chair, Committee on Water & Land

Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair, Committee on Agriculture &
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Senator Herbert Richards
Chair, Committee on Agriculture &
Environment

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 1840, HD2 Relating to the Environment

Aloha Chairs Inouye and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Elefante and Richards, and members of the committees,

On behalf of Resources Legacy Fund (RLF), we are writing in support HB 1840, HD2 relating to the environment, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Water quality monitoring and pollution source detection provide benefits within and beyond watersheds and improve our understanding of impacts to our coral reefs. We know through a series of public opinion surveys that Hawai'i residents overwhelmingly prioritize our collective responsibility to invest in the health of Hawai'i's reefs and nearshore marine waters. Funding to support water quality monitoring and pollution source detection is essential to steward our reefs, and the fisheries and communities that depend on them.

HB 1840, HD2 provides an important opportunity to monitor and protect Hawai'i's nearshore waters for present and future generations. We respectfully urge you to approve this important legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1840, HD2.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Garovoy Herbert
Senior Program Officer, Resources Legacy Fund

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy
Support for HB 1840, HD2, Relating to the Environment
Committees on Water and Land
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
March 20, 2024, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference**

Aloha Chairs Inouye and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Elefante and Richards, and Members of the Committees:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) **supports** HB 1840, HD2, relating to the environment, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Scientists have documented trends including reduced rainfall, higher evaporation rates, and declining stream flows in recent decades. These findings, coupled with the demand of an ever-increasing population, suggest that Hawai'i is entering an era of fresh water uncertainty. As extreme weather becomes increasingly common, it is bringing massive rainfall and flooding in some regions and widespread heat and drought in others, with disastrous impacts on both humans and nature. The Department of Land and Natural Resources will not be able fulfill its role along with other appropriate agencies in ensuring community access to fresh water without the funding needed to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1840, HD2.

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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
WATER AND LAND and AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 229
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 1:15 P.M.**

To The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water and Land
To The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment

SUPPORT HB1840 HD2 RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS HB1840 HD2.**

The Chamber notes that based on the findings and recommendations of the House of Representatives' environmental remediation working group, the wildfires that engulfed urban areas on Maui in 2023 contained more toxic chemicals than wildfires that simply consume wood and natural materials. Materials burned in urban fires can include household appliances, commercial appliances, vehicles, and construction materials, which can leave behind a variety of chemicals, contaminants, and debris that can persist in the ecosystem.

We agree that conducting water quality testing and contaminant testing is necessary to monitor the short- and long-term risks of the Maui wildfires to the ecosystem, community, and environment.

For these reasons the Maui Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS HB1840 HD2** and respectfully request it be passed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:21:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Felili Mendoza	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. May God fill you all with knowledge, love, and strength to lead and guide our sweet Lahaina!

Sincerely,

Felili Pousima Mendoza

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:01:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya Gabriel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo for your attention to this critical issue.

Tanya Noelle Gabriel, LMHC

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2024 3:05:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joe DiNardo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Strong Support of HB1840 HD2

Aloha, I submitted this testimony under the HD1 version of the Bill, however it is worth submitting again with respect to understanding the massive impact of the PFAS chemical assault on Hawaii’s environment. Of all the testimonies submitted do date, there appears to be only two individuals that oppose the measure – because of budgetary constraints which is obviously very important and understandable. However, perhaps it is time to communicate with the corporations (DuPont, 3M, Chemours ... etc.) that have caused this massive environmental nightmare of toxic substances that were known as far back as the 1950’s to be harmful to humans. Regardless of this and as well as both DuPont and 3M stating in the 1960’s and 1970’s that PFAS are toxic and should be handled with care ... they did nothing to stop and/or educate anyone to the extent of the problems caused and/or being caused. It has been published by several news outlets <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/may/12/pfas-forever-chemicals-societal-cost-new-report> and even by the EPA in a letter to Alumni that industry PFAS profits are about \$4 Billion a year, but the amount estimated annually to fix the problem is \$17.5 Trillion globally. Who is responsible to pay for this damage? With that said, I respectfully re-submit my concerns as a toxicologist and ask that you consider not burdening your citizens with this expense, but put it back on the industries that caused the problem. Mahalo!

Hi, my name is Joe DiNardo. I have been a toxicologist since 1976 and I have worked with Hawaii on sunscreen issues since 2017. It is essential that Hawaii fund environmental testing because the amount and type of toxic materials that are available in the air, water and soil have significantly increase over the last few decades. Specifically, chemicals like PFAS can travel over 25 miles in the air with some of these chemicals staying in the air for up to 9 months. Additionally, some of these PFAS chemicals can last in the soil/water for up to 184 years and in human blood for up to 70 years. The EPA is tragically behind in protecting US citizens from chemical pollution - they are proposing a 4 parts per trillion (ppt) Maximum Contamination Level (MCL) for just drinking water for two PFAS chemicals - PFOA and PFOS. The dose that causes kidney cancer IN HUMANS is 0.007 ppt for PFOA and 1 ppt is the cancer causing dose for PFOS in animals. That is approximately 400 TIMES higher than the cancer dose that is KNOWN to produce human cancers and 4 times the levels that causes cancer in animals. In toxicology setting a dose this high above the carcinogenic levels would “normally” be call stupidity ... you cannot set a dose that is higher than the known cancer dose in humans and expect to protect the population!

The National Academies of Science committee found “SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE of an association for the following diseases and health outcomes: decreased antibody response (in adults and children), dyslipidemia (in adults and children), decreased infant and fetal growth, and increased risk of KIDNEY CANCER (in adults). AND found LIMITED OR SUGGESTIVE EVIDENCE of increased risk of BREAST CANCER (in adults), liver enzyme alterations (in adults and children), increased risk of pregnancy-induced hypertension (gestational hypertension and preeclampsia), increased risk of TESTICULAR CANCER (in adults), thyroid disease and dysfunction (in adults), and increased risk of ulcerative colitis (in adults).”

Maui, when last checked in 2022 it had approximately 1,600,000 ppt of PFOS in the ground water (Kahului Airport) ... that is 1.6 MILLION times above the dose that causes cancers in animals? With that said, Hawaii should also be moving towards testing the blood levels of its citizens. The EPA has finalized Method 1633 which establishes reasonable testing limits to identify 40 different PFAS analytes (there are tens of thousands of PFAS chemicals). This is the correct method to use to identify risk to people.

Lastly, PFAS are only one of the many environmental contaminants that we are all dealing with ... other toxic chemicals like Mercury can travel up to 1,000 miles in the air, so perhaps focusing on Maui is good, but testing all of the Islands would be better ... FYI ... Pearl Harbor had 2,000,000 ppt of PFAS (again, this is MILLIONS of times above the dose that causes significant health issues and CANCERS) ... I cannot emphasize enough the level of toxic chemicals (PFAS, Bisphenols, Phthalates, Heavy Metals, Pesticides ... etc.) that industry and the federal government has allowed us to be exposed.

Please support environmental testing of at least PFAS chemicals and please consider testing your citizens blood levels ... this is a significant problem that many States are having to deal with ... we must stop CHEMICAL POLLUTION if we all wish to continue living on this planet.

Mahalo for all your efforts Please support HB 1840 HD2 ... Most Sincerely, Joe DiNardo
(jmdinardo@aol.com)

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:04:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandi Chun	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Brandi Chun

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:06:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hi'i Luke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Chair DeCoite, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Gabbard and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a member of the public deeply concerned about the welfare of our communities to express my **undying and strong support for HB1840**, an important piece of legislation that would provide funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Our **Wai** is our source of life. It belongs to the **Kanaka**, to our **lāhui**, to the **people** and not to greedy political person(s). DLNR is responsible To Malama and Protect our land, environment, and all its resources.

After a natural disaster, water quality monitoring and pollution source detection is **critical** in protecting the health and overall wellbeing of the people.

I appreciate Your Time on This Matter.

Respectfully,

Hi'ilani Luke

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:09:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stefania Xytakis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Stefania Xytakis

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:19:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamara C Griffiths	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,
Tamara Griffiths

Lahaina, Hawaii

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:21:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heather Masunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Heather Masunaga

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:19:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Billy woods	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am In support of this bill the health and welfare for the people that was affected by this horrific events. Mahalo nui billy woods Lāhainā strong supporter

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:22:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Akio Munemitsu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Akio Munemitsu

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:24:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victoria N. Puaoi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

[Your Name]

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:45:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Camacho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Kimberly Camacho

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:52:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jasmine Valdez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Jasmine Valdez

806 Kalena Street

Lahaina, HI 96761

808-419-5407

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 6:58:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nani Dapitan-Haake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards, and Honorable Committee Members,

I write to express my strong endorsement of HB1840 HD2, which seeks to allocate necessary funds for the comprehensive monitoring of air and water quality in the aftermath of the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Acknowledging the significant threats posed by urban wildfires, the funding outlined in this legislation for both monitoring and research is imperative for the ongoing rehabilitation of our communities.

I respectfully request your support in passing HB1840 HD2. By doing so, we not only protect our community but also establish a model for confronting environmental challenges following urban fires across the state.

With gratitude,

Nani Dapitan-Haake

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:00:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
pahnelopi mckenzie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo, Pahnelopi McKenzie

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:04:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kiley Adolpho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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Mahalo, Kiley Adolpho

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:09:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eileen McKee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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Mahalo,

Eileen McKee, Kihei

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:13:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiko Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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Mahalo,

Kaiko Anderson

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:17:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pelenatita Namoa-Hanusa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill! Water is life and our local people and communities need it most.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:17:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Summer Yadao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Summer Yadao

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:21:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alba Bermudez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Alba E Bermudez

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 7:59:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kazuo Flores	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,
Kazuo Flores

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:09:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Richard Ho

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:22:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Becker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Michelle Becker

Lahaina Resident

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:29:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Violeta Morales Vazquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Chair DeCoite, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Gabbard and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a member of the public deeply concerned about the welfare of our communities to express my **strong support for HB1838 HD2**, an important piece of legislation that would grant counties the authority to enact zoning ordinances to amortize or phase out non-conforming single-family transient vacation rental units over a reasonable period of time.

I would like to suggest an amendment to include all housing types, not just single-family dwellings. According to the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, a staggering 87% of our housing left north of Lahaina is listed as short-term rentals. With the majority of housing left on the West Side of Maui in that area, granting counties the authority to phase out vacation rental uses is a critical policy tool in addressing our housing emergency.

This legislation would provide much-needed stability and security to those who have already endured so much.

Sincerely,

Violeta M

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:32:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsay Ranieri	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Ranieri, Lahaina Resident

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:43:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Winternitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Winternitz

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:04:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Georgina Renee Mano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,
Georgina R. Mano

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:11:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and honorable members of the committees,

I am writing as a 35 year resident of Hawaii. I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Susan Stayton, Lawai, Kauai, HI

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:17:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
dale chappell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Dale Chappell

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:20:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noel C Cielo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely, NOEL CIELO

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:24:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darcel Gilbert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Without water, there is no life.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:28:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorna Holmes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, allocating funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. These monitoring and research initiatives are essential for ongoing recovery efforts. Please safeguard our community, and set a precedent for meeting environmental challenges in the state.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:31:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Debra M Javar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I kindly urge you to pass HB1840 to ensure the safety of our community. It will also set the precedent for similar environmental challenges statewide.

Thank you for your attention to this very critical issue.

Sincerely, Debra M Javar

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:55:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gina Lawless	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Gina Lawless

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:57:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Gourley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely

Thomas Gourley

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 10:07:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Violet Dorntge-Fraser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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honorable members of the committees,

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monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban

wildfires are crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is

essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

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addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Violet Fraser

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 10:15:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eliel Starbright	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely, Eliel Starbright, Kapaa

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 10:45:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marissa Godinez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,
marissa

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 10:54:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zoe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I am writing in my support of HB1840 HD2. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts. Please pass HB1840 to keep our community safe and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Sincerely,

Zoe Alana

Aloha Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I am a born and raised Lahaina Resident and I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo nui,

Jezelyn Gonsalves

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:21:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maile Loo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and honorable members of the committees,

I am writing to **strongly support HB1840 HD2**, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023.

Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I ask you to **please pass HB1840** to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo nui loa,

Maile Loo

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:29:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KEALA FUNG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Keala Fung

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:39:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristen Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Kristen Young

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 11:44:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Apo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,
Lori Apo

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 1:39:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lahela Kahe'e Gomez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Lahela Kahe'e Gomez

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 1:40:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Jampel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Emily

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:10:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalani Ross	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Chair DeCoite, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Gabbard and Honorable Members of the Committee

I am writing as a member of the public deeply concerned about the welfare of our communities to express my strong support for HB1838 HD2, an important piece of legislation that would grant counties the authority to enact zoning ordinances to amortize or phase out non-conforming single-family transient vacation rental units over a reasonable period of time.

I would like to suggest an amendment to include all housing types, not just single-family dwellings. According to the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, a staggering 87% of our housing left north of Lahaina is listed as short-term rentals. With the majority of housing left on the West Side of Maui in that area, granting counties the authority to phase out vacation rental uses is a critical policy tool in addressing our housing emergency.

This legislation would provide much-needed stability and security to those who have already endured so much.

Sincerely,

Kalani Ross

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:12:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tarsis Rich	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Tarsis

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:03:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jackie Keefe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Inouye and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Elefante and Richards, and Members of the Committees on Water & Land and Agriculture & the Environment,

My name is Jackie Keefe and I am a resident of Lahaina. I am writing in support of **HB1840 HD2.**

I want to mahalo you for your diligence on this issue of health as the people of Lahaina have been scared for their health. I'm sure you are aware of how many generational families suffer from asthma, and this bill would be a win for all of us.

Many generational families say when people in Mahinahina complain of the dirt in their homes from the construction "that's just life," because they grew up with the same thing - always dirt in the air. But I see it differently, because I have never before known so many people in one community to suffer from asthma in an area where the air quality index (AQI) is generally very low. I know that our community needs this measure of safety in hopes that perhaps we can start to break this generational asthma.

I hope that you will pass this bill and I thank you for your consideration.

Jackie Keefe

Lahaina, Maui

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:13:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Velasquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Catherine Velasquez

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:28:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Espania	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1840 for appropriate funds to DLNR to support long-term water quality monitoring.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:18:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholle S L Konanui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo nui for you time and consideration

Aloha nui,

Nicholle S. L. Konanui

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:20:24 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Michele Nihipali

54-074 A Kam Hwy.

Hauula, HI 96717

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:46:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wendi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is critical for Maui

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment
Wednesday, March 20, 2023; 1:15 pm

By

Eileen M. Nalley, PhD
Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Health Specialist at
Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program at the
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 1840 HD2 – RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

Chairs Inouye and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Elefante and Richards, and members of the committees:

I am writing in strong support of the proposed HB 1840 HD2. This bill would support a coastal water quality and contaminant monitoring program following the unprecedented urban wildfire in Lahaina, as well as fund positions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support this long-term program.

As a researcher I have studied the flow of contaminants through coastal ecosystems in Hawai'i, with a particular emphasis on commonly consumed reef fishes, and I have worked on a number of projects examining water quality impacts on coral reefs. With expertise in marine biology, coastal health, and the transfer of contaminants, I recognize the magnitude and urgency of the situation in Maui following the fires. The potential for issues related to environmental contamination to arise as a result of the fire is ongoing, as demolition, remediation, and rebuilding continue. It is absolutely critical that we have a robust program that is well-funded to ensure that the health of coastal ecosystems and communities are monitored now and into the future. This is important for acute disaster scenarios, as well as ongoing impacts from development, agriculture, and other land use. Fishing is a vital element of culture, health, and the economy throughout Hawai'i, so ensuring the viability of nearshore fisheries and the coastal ecosystems that support them is important long-term work.

We cannot afford to defer this program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,



Eileen M. Nalley, PhD

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:06:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aulani Dusenberry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Aulani Dusenberry

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:08:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tammy Harp	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and the Members of the WTL Committee; Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards and the Members of the AEN Committee,

Aloha, my name is Tammy Harp and I am in strong support of HB1840 HD2 allocating funds for continued air and water quality monitoring post-urban fire event(s). It is essential having a baseline study to work with and to see how adaptation within various affected ecosystems may have long term impacts on the health and well being of its residents.

Mahalo for your time and consideration in this matter.

Tammy Harp

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:17:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shelsea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Shelsea

O'ahu born and raised and actually part Native Hawaiian (all maternal and paternal ancestral bloodline for over a millennia)

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:19:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keila Paahana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

Thank you,

Keila Paahana

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:30:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Ching Harbin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Mahalo,

Susan Ching Harbin

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:33:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Pizzitola	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:35:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl hendrickson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha-

Please support HB1840 to allocate funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts. To safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Many Mahalos

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:37:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dianarey Talaroc-Kaniho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Dianarey Talaroc-Kaniho

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:45:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheylah	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Cheylah-Marie Uyeda

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:47:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary drayer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Mary Drayer

557 Imi Dr

Wailuku, Hi 96793

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:50:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl burghardt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT bill HB1840 HD2 which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection. We need the resources on all islands.

I SUPPORT

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:51:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keone Ampong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Keone Ampong

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:59:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pamela Vera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Richards, Vice Chair Elefante and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Pamela Vera

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:01:07 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Palacios	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

ALOHA ALL,

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB1840 HD2.

MAHALO,

ANN PALACIOS

OAHU, HAWAII

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:09:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bennett Kalawaia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Bennett Kalawaia

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:16:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miriam Keo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support of SB1840, HD2. This should be a no brainer. After the detrimental Lahaina fire and all the pollutants that have been released because of it, we need long-term water quality monitoring. Just the other day on the news the arborists that has been taking care of Lahaina was quoted saying that not even the birds are eating of the fruit in Lahaina which tells us that they to know the extent of the pollutants. The pollutants runs off the 'āina into the various water sources.

Mahalo,

Miriam-Ashley Keo

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:17:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ann williams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Ann Williams

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:18:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
brandi corpuz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Brandi Corpuz and I support appropriating funds for DLNR water quality monitoring. We need loong term water quality monitoring because we are in jeopardy of having many environmental effects from the August 8th fires. It is crucial that you put these protections into place for us.

Sincerely, Bbrandi Corpuz

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:21:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clint Kahahane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Clint Kahahane

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:30:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tia Klug-Wessell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,
Tia Lee Klug-Wessell

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:33:34 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashlie McGuire	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to continue long term water quality testing in Lahaina post fires

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:44:58 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
michelle Herrin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:13:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Nakamura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires. We need to do more to protect the islands and the kanaka whose ohana have lived here for generations caring for the aina. It is outside interests of wealthy gentrifiers and the plantation and tourism industries that have caused so much damage to the Hawai'i environment. We must do better.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Jessica Nakamura

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:15:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
robin knox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am an environmental scientist with more than 30 years experience and certified in Water Quality Practice by the Global Environmental Health and Safety Credentialing Board. I strongly support funding for long-term monitoring of air and water for fire-related contaminants. However I believe that in addition to the funding for the DLNR positions to do the sampling, there should be funding for the Department of Health to support the DLNR efforts by providing their expertise in planning water quality monitoring programs and quality control and quality assurance as this type of monitoring is complex and has not been historically undertaken by DLNR, I believe that supporting both agencies in a team approach will give the best possible outcome for residents and taxpayers of Hawaii

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:25:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glen Kagamida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT.

MAHALO!

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:27:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Marrack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Julia Marrack

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:39:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madison Owens	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Madison Owens

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:49:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Bali	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Noelle Bali

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 10:31:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristi Desaucido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 18, 2024

Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I am writing to support the proposed bill outlined in H.B.1840. This bill addresses a critical issue related to urban wildfires, particularly environmental contamination and water quality monitoring.

As the bill highlights, urban wildfires present unique challenges due to the variety of materials burned, including household appliances, vehicles, and construction materials. These fires release many toxic chemicals and contaminants into the environment, posing risks to ecosystems and human health. We must take proactive measures to monitor and mitigate these risks effectively.

This bill's allocation of funding resources is crucial to addressing urban wildfires' long-term impacts. By supporting ongoing coastal water quality testing and investing in research efforts to characterize organic compounds and pollutants, we can better understand the extent of environmental contamination and take targeted actions to protect our communities and ecosystems.

Furthermore, additional aquatic biology staffing is essential for conducting comprehensive long-term water quality monitoring and detecting pollution sources. This investment in human resources will enhance our capacity to detect and respond to environmental threats, safeguarding our natural resources for future generations.

In conclusion, I urge you to support the passage of this bill, which represents a vital investment in protecting our environment and the well-being of our communities. Taking decisive action can mitigate the long-term consequences of urban wildfires and ensure a safer and healthier future for all.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Kristi Desuacido

Honolulu, HI 96822

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 10:38:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amber Coontz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Amber Coontz, full-time Maui resident

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:11:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Patton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban fires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Sara Patton

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:14:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline Hudson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards, and the honorable members of the committees,

I am a resident of Napili, the community 10 miles north of Lahaina town, where the devastating fire occurred on August 8th last year.

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires, including Lahaina, Kihei, and Kula.

This monitoring is essential for our island's recovery, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is crucial.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our communities and especially the health of our children and kupuna. It will provide a model to address environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your serious consideration,

Jacqueline Hudson

6 Kiohuohu Lane Unit 8

Lahaina, HI 96761

(808)269-0295

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:16:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nalani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,
Nalani Abellanida

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:16:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello

Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, Mō‘ili‘ili, O‘ahu

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:18:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John `Miller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,
John Miller

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:28:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenn Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Glenn Choy, from Honolulu. I strongly support this bill.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:38:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adriana E. Duerr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Adriana E Duerr

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:51:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephanie A	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Stephanie A

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 12:38:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gretchen Losano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Committee Members,

Please vote in support of HB1840. It is very important for this additional funding to be appropriated for long term water quality monitoring.

Mahalo nui,

Gretchen Losano

Lahaina, Maui

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 1:01:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Harter	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely, Nancy Harter

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 1:31:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Athena Roebuck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Please pass this bill HB1840 which appropriates fund to DNLR to support long term water quality monitoring.

This is most important for Lahaina since the fire on Aug 8, 2023 has created many toxic chemicals that cannot be seen. All the locals and tourists have a right to know that the water is safe not only to drink but to bathe/shower, water gardens and in the end swim in the beautiful sea!!!

Mahalo for your time and consideration!!

Athena Roebuck and Family

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment
Wednesday, March 20, 2023; 1:15 pm
By

Andrea K. Kealoha, PhD

HB 1840 HD2 – RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

Chairs Inouye and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Elefante and Richards, and members of the committees:

I am writing in strong support of the proposed HB 1840 HD2. This bill would support a coastal water quality and contaminant monitoring program following the unprecedented urban wildfire in Lahaina, as well as fund positions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support this long-term program.

As a researcher I have studied the effects of global and local stressors to coral reefs, and I have worked on a number of projects examining water quality impacts to coral reefs on Maui and within Lahaina. With expertise in oceanography, coastal health, and water quality, I recognize the magnitude and urgency of the situation in Maui following the fires. The potential for issues related to environmental contamination to arise as a result of the fire is ongoing, as demolition, remediation, and rebuilding continue. It is absolutely critical that we have a robust program that is well-funded to ensure that the health of coastal ecosystems and communities are monitored now and into the future. This is important for acute disaster scenarios, as well as ongoing impacts from development, agriculture, and other land use. Fishing is a vital element of culture, health, and the economy throughout Hawai'i, so ensuring the viability of nearshore fisheries and the coastal ecosystems that support them is important long-term work.

We cannot afford to defer this program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,



Andrea K. Kealoha, PhD

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 1:58:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahealani Medeiros-Criste	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring following the devastating Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023.

The aftermath of urban wildfires presents significant environmental challenges, and it is crucial to prioritize measures that safeguard public health and well-being. The proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives outlined in HB1840 HD2 is essential for ongoing recovery efforts and for ensuring the long-term health and safety of our community.

By investing in comprehensive air and water quality monitoring programs, we can better understand the impacts of the wildfires on our environment and take proactive steps to mitigate any potential risks. Furthermore, passing HB1840 HD2 would set a precedent for addressing similar environmental challenges statewide in the aftermath of urban fires.

I urge you to prioritize the passage of HB1840 HD2 to protect our community and lead the way in addressing post-urban fire environmental concerns.

Mahalo for your attention to this critical issue.

Mahealani Medeiros Criste

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:17:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wai'ala Ahn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please Support HB1840 to support long term water monitoring. Water is Life, and the legacy of our kūpuna and our island home.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:25:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anna Barbeau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. Imperitive that long term monitoring of West Side water and the air within and surrounding Lahaina be a top priority. To consider allowing use without clearance via scientific monitoring and sample scrutinization would not be in the best interests of our affected land, ocean and returning residents, flora and fauna. The amount of chemical waste and plastic debris is overwhelming and cannot be left to chance as it is not 'in your own backyard'. We, the innocent and displaced residents through no fault of our own are left suffering and 'holding the bag' from this disaster. If it is a consideration of finances in order to keep us safe, pass the costs to HECO, the responsible agent for this horrendous nightmare. Air, water, need be safe. Mahalo

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:35:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mariko Higashi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Mariko Higashi

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:48:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Devon Steck	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Devon Steck

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:55:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ravi Bugga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Ravi Bugga

Lahaina

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 3:02:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica dos Santos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Jessica dos Santos

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 3:12:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob van Almelo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Jacob van Almelo

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 3:54:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoelani Delatori	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Kanoelani Delatori

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 3:56:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blake Jones	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires. The devastation of Lahaina must never happen again, and it is through legislation like HB 1840 that Hawaii can mitigate some of these risks.

Mahalo for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Blake Jones

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:05:36 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley Cho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Ashley KV Cho

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:06:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Jelley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Sara Jelley (Kīhei resident)

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:50:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Consuelo Apolo-Gonsalves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I fully support this bill i think they should continue testing until its no longer needed
Mahalo**

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:53:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heidi M Beltz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill 1840 HD2.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:14:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kendell Flavin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Kendell flavin

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:15:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kris Batalona	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,
Kris Batalona

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:29:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalae Calderon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Kalae Calderon

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:42:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia McGrath	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Julia McGrath, Lahaina

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:51:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Genesis Purdy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Mahalo,

Genesis Purdy

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:00:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shana Kanani Benz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Kanani Benz

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:06:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kepuhi Purdy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

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I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Mahalo,

Kepuhi Purdy

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:28:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREW ISODA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

**Andrew Isoda
Lahaina, Mau'i**

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:10:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Kapisi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Mahalo,

Jordan Kapisi

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:06:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pamela Singlehurst-Kapisi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I have been a science teacher for more than 20 years here on Maui and I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Mahalo,

Pamela Singlehurst-Kapisi

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:13:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelsey Mapa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Mahalo,

Kelsey

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:52:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kealahooipoleimaile Cabanilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I **strongly support HB1840 HD2**, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:56:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jaime casco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Jaime Casco

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:59:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikki Kiakona	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Nikki Kiakona

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:30:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Wylie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wylie

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:05:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tyler jerhoff	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Being a current Lahaina resident, of an area within the disaster zone, I know, personally, how confusing, disruptive, and downright scary, a questionable water source can be. I believe that there needs to be continued monitoring, assessment, and maintenance, of our water supply. Any funds that the DNR may require to address water issues in West Maui, should be granted to them without delay or debate.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:25:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kamaehukauikahano Marrotte	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

ke aloha nui,

Kamaehukauikahano

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:30:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily States	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Emily States

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:42:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cambria Moss	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide since the Maui fires disaster.

Ho'oponopono and Mahlo for your service.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:28:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
susan walczak-pol	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:52:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla-Marie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Ichiyama, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Poepoe, Vice Chair Cochran and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB 1840, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Kayla Delos Santos

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:06:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leah	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public interest. Providing support for water quality testing and monitoring is essential to the health of the area and it's people. Please approve.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 2:06:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 4:35:26 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dino Rivera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Dino Rivera support bill HB1840

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:30:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danae Marin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and Honorable Members of the Committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Danae Marin

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:31:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rose Crichton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires. Now is the time more than ever we need to make this change.

Mahalo,

Rose Crichton

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:27:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J. Kehau Lucas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

J Kehau Lucas

Wailuku, Maui

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:36:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michaellyn Burke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Michaellyn Burke

Lahaina, Maui

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:41:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express my strong support for HB1840 HD2, that appropriates funds for longterm monitoring of water quality for communities impacted by the Maui wildfires, as well as support for research efforts to better understand the environmental concerns linked to urban fires. These are crucial efforts for the community's well-being and to ensure a just recovery for Maui. I urge you to PASS this important measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

LATE

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 5:25:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaitlin Hooper	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Kaitlin and I am submitting written testimony in strong support of HB1840 HD2 and HB1841 HD2, both of which would increase funding to go towards our local needs and ‘āina. It is clear our underinvestment in our environment is causing costly devastation, from firestorms, floods, and threats to public safety. Our best chance at avoiding the future and surmounting costs of environmental disasters is investing in resilience and restoration solutions today. Conservation is our best insurance policy.

It is important to invest in and take care of our environment. In return, the environment helps take care of us. More funding would allow for a healthy environment and a healthier community here in Hawai'i.

It is vitally important for our state to have funds dedicated to protecting and restoring our natural resources to prevent or mitigate the effects of climate events. This proactive, preventive approach to stewardship of our islands requires an investment in our ‘āina. This measure is one of many initiatives that we support to increase funding for the incredibly important work that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) does. Increasing funding for our natural resources is a pathway to a future where our keiki is safe, our environment is healthy, and residents and visitors benefit from the ecosystems we care for. Our community safety is at risk the more years we go without significant funding toward environmental protection and restoration.

I also support including additional revenue to fund DLNR so that Hawai'i can remove flammable nonnative plants and restore sites with less flammable native plants, restore coral reefs to help protect our beaches and coastal communities from sea level rise and storm surges, while also protecting the fisheries that draw tourists and sustain local residents. We need funding to restore watershed forests that protect our water quality and supplies, in addition to reducing the risks of fire, and to provide grants to local communities to assist them in managing and restoring natural resources, including reducing their fire risks.

Recent polling showed that 80% of Hawai'i residents agree state government programs are critical to protecting natural resources, from mauka to makai, and mitigating wildlife and flood risks. These programs need funding to protect us.

I urge the committee to pass all of these measures that would resource our State agencies and community organizations with the funding to protect our 'āina, restore our ecosystems, and manage our natural resources to build resilience and public safety.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Kaitlin Hooper

LATE

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:48:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Bernstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Inouye and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees,

I'm writing in strong support of HB1840 because we need to be spending our money with a vision toward the future that we want.

Mahalo for hearing this bill.

Respectfully,

Paul Bernstein

HB-1840-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 11:35:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/20/2024 1:15:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Meghan van Bergeijk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Richards and the honorable members of the committees,

I strongly support HB 1840 HD2, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the risks of urban wildfires is crucial, and the proposed funding for monitoring and research initiatives is essential for ongoing recovery efforts.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires.

Mahalo,

Meghan van Bergeijk