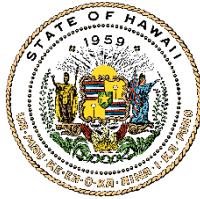


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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the House Committees on
WATER & LAND
and
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
9:05 AM

State Capitol, VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1840
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

House Bill 1840 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, and offers the following comments and recommendations.**

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 House Bill 1840, 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)). While these two positions would support water quality monitoring on Maui, the Lahaina fire has highlighted the gap in nearshore water quality monitoring statewide. The Department recommends 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) to 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.

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February 3, 2024

TO: The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Water & Land
The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1840, RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure, which would appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for water-quality monitoring and pollution-source detection.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. It advances the health and safety objective of protecting Maui County residents from health issues from air and water degradation caused by the 2023 wildfires and recovery efforts.
2. This measure fulfills the House Environmental Remediation Working Group's recommendation to increase resources for water-quality monitoring and contaminant testing.
3. The entire Lahaina coastline is in the impact zone of water contamination because of runoff, debris, and contaminants. This measure will support much-needed testing on the coastal ecosystem for risks.
4. This measure promotes responsible environmental stewardship, which will be key to rebuilding West Maui.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.



Testimony of **Lahaina Strong**
Before the House Committees on
Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection

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

To Chair Ichiyama, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Poepoe, Vice Chair Cochran 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 providing support and assistance to the victims of these disasters.

Lahaina Strong stands in support of HB1840, a bill that appropriates funds for long-term monitoring of air and 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.

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, 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

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 9:18:34 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

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

The Green Party of Hawai'i supports HB 1840.

The need to study long-term air and water quality monitoring after the fires of 2023 is essential to learning from past mistakes and avoiding them in the future. The studies are crucial for establishing a healthy and safe environment for our communities around Hawai'i, and especially Lahaina and Kula in these times of crisis.

Yes on HB 1840!

Mahalo nui for your Yes vote,

Susan RobertsEmery

Co chair GPH



February 6, 2024

Representative Linda Ichiyama
Chair, Committee on Water & Land

Representative Mahina Poepoe
Vice-Chair, Committee on Water & Land

Representative Nicole Lowen
Chair, Committee on Energy and
Environmental Protection

Representative Elle Cochran
Vice Chair, Committee on Energy and
Environmental Protection

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

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

On behalf of Resources Legacy Fund (RLF), we are writing in support HB 1840, 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 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.

Sincerely,
Jocelyn Garovoy Herbert
Senior Program Officer, Resources Legacy Fund

HB-1840

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 6:51:28 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The combined total amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024—2025 to be exceeded

HB-1840

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 10:05:07 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Klayton Kubo	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Strong Support

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 10:35:37 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 11:22:46 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Victoria Fallas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support for HB1840

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

I strongly support HB1840, 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,

Victoria Fallas

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 8:04:02 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Support for HB1840

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

I strongly support HB1840, 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.

-Keila Paahana

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 8:52:24 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bonnie Marsh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support funding for the DLNR near shore long term water quality monitoring.

This is so important for the health of our ocean creatures, plants and the people who swim in our ocean.

mahalo nui'

Dr. Bonnie Marsh

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 9:24:25 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

please approve

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 9:27:37 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justice Villaren	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support for HB1840

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

I strongly support HB1840, 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,

Justice Villaren

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 10:58:29 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	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 HB1840, 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.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 11:17:58 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Delyon	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,

Elizabeth DeLyon

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 2:29:43 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isis Usborne	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,

Isis Usborne

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 3:15:01 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Winternitz	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,

Elizabeth Winternitz

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 3:31:00 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria Vukelich	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,

Maria Vukelich

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 3:42:11 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorena Martinez	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,
Lorena Martinez
Resident of West Maui

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 4:02:03 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LISA ISODA	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,

Lisa Isoda
Lahaina, Maui

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 4:02:50 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREW ISODA	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,

Andrew Isoda
Lahaina, Mau'i

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 4:15:27 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am writing to express my fervent support for HB1840, a bill that earmarks funds for the long-term monitoring of air and water quality following the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023. Recognizing the inherent risks associated with urban wildfires, the proposed allocation for monitoring and research initiatives is indispensable for sustaining ongoing recovery efforts.

It is paramount that we address the environmental consequences of the Maui wildfires comprehensively, and HB1840 stands as a vital step in this direction. I implore you to pass this bill to not only protect our immediate community but also to establish a precedent for effectively addressing post-urban fire environmental challenges statewide.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our community, and I trust that your thoughtful consideration of HB1840 will contribute significantly to our collective well-being.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 5:08:43 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Velasquez	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,

Catherine Velasquez

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 8:37:00 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly D. Lepold	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support for HB1840

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

I strongly support HB1840, 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.

PLEASE, DO THE RIGHT THING!

Mahalo,

Kimberly Lepold

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 1:25:41 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sandra Snedikor	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 HB1840, 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.

Best Regards,

Sandra Snedikor

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:20:50 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha I'm a born and raised kanaka of Napili in support of HB1840

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 8:57:30 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cathy Lee Nava	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,

Cathy Lee Nava

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:20:46 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Devon Steck	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,

Devon Steck

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:23:00 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I SUPPORT bill HB 1840 which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Funds should be continually allocated and the DLNR monitored in the state budget for this important part of our island sustainability.

Again, I SUPPORT this bill.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:26:33 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dee Green	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1840,

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 11:07:16 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Strongly support all pro environment bills and issues. Good for all citizens, land, water and food now and into the future.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 11:41:51 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Funds for DLNR to support long term near shore ocean water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:09:02 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

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

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 commitment to our future,

Tamara Paltin

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:15:32 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandy Takiguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support for HB1840

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

I strongly support HB1840, 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,

Brandy Takiguchi

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:25:19 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stefania Xytakis	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,

Stefania Xytakis

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 1:57:41 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

safety of our kai is paramount for our reefs and all things related to the kai...

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 2:04:51 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support HB1840, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui fires on August 8, 2023. 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.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 2:06:30 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

health of the kai is priority

Support for HB1840

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

I strongly support HB1840, 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.

As a Lahaina resident and secretary of Kahana Canoe Club, located at Hanaka'o'o beach just north of the burn zone, the importance of coastal water quality testing is monumental. To protect our ocean ecosystems and near shore reefs is something our club takes very seriously. Also to protect our paddlers who enter the water daily, long-term testing will provide an asset to all.

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

Mahalo,

Katie Austin

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:13:32 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

support

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 5:18:34 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

support

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:31:55 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley Moody	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.

We must take care of our people and aina, the air and the water, the future of the land and health of the keiki and kupuna. Allocating funds long term to monitor the long term risks and effects of the wildfires effects is necessary.

I urge you to pass HB 1840 to safeguard our community and set a precedent for addressing environmental challenges statewide post-urban fires. If we look at communities and people affected by wildfires in air and water quality, it is notable that health risks and damages occurred, affecting the families and communities long term. This is a moment in time when we can advocate and prioritize the health of the people and the land. Please help this happen for our community.

Mahalo,

Ashley Moody

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:20:50 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:30:08 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Monitoring the runoff is imperative to the health of Maui's water and ocean. It is the only way at to find solutions to any toxicity due to the fire and environmental damage.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:43:35 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

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

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Mahalo,

Jacqueline Hudson

6 Kiohuohu Lane Unit 8

Lahaina, HI 96761

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:08:54 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stacey Alapai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Ichiyama, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Poepoe, Vice Chair Cochran 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,
Stacey Alapai
Makawao, HI 96768

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:29:24 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dina Edmisson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Ichiyama, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Poepoe, Vice Chair Cochran 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,

Dina Edmisson

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:43:43 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kailani Amine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Ichiyama, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Poepoe, Vice Chair Cochran 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,
Kailani Amine

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 9:52:07 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Carter	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Ichiyama, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Poepoe, Vice Chair Cochran 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,

Paul Carter

201 River RD, Waihe'e, Maui

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:12:19 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nameaaea Hoshino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou

My name Nameaaea Hoshino. I support HB 1840 Run-off & Ovean Monitoring. Mahalo

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:14:41 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha

I am writing in support of HB1840 that would provide funds to support long-term near shore water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Mahalo

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:15:11 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support HB1840, and give the DLNR the funds to perform the necessary water quality monitoring that we need to detect potential toxins in the ocean from north of Lahaina to south of Olowalu. The reasons for this should be self evident. We appreciate your support.

Mahalo,

Gretchen Losano

Lahaina, Maui

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:12:57 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Wiley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support for HB1840

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

My name is Timothy Wiley, I strongly support HB1840, 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,

Timothy Wiley

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 1:08:20 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

I strongly support HB1840. We know water is life. The life in the ocean is valuable to our way of life. The ocean feeds our people. We need to know what we eat is clean and free of toxicity. Monitoring the nearby shoreline will help to educate the community to kokua DLNR .

Please help to keep our shoreline free of toxicity.

Mahalo

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 5:58:58 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tia	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,
Tia Lee Klug-Wessell

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:31:04 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

support

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:46:13 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ekini Lindsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT HB1840!!!

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 7:58:35 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danette Trujillo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/CMxF4nARlf6wAFa1PSfv0pxLN8zuXd485gHNRhmg2sYXAG5PcVPFpf5uuo9ZtkOcJvtKBVociN09avSs9UTNB8xpSUdzqCxhHWiv_AvUA7MTdPJ1reS5Vr6KSwR9rDJzd6BUtJtmAL2KInn1aQbJp8FSG6XgFP81dS78gMJ31_CBgMMogDdUf7NGgMZxdJDJZgtxxL2LHnSsI2ZrnlWE8SldL0K2Oi9xVhPbWhyCr45rKp6P-zvkzo2fEn3xvhB7FW8POPb1noNPgt1gh34k4dmYCRlx_dzgUjZOi4b2SK8pgcXvSsYayAavX7rbs4bKh-g3xJIgn5glFuxn7nayiGt_DUQq0yF_r_XnvxtiXAGx7sTvs7Rsa_LHZmJUBwWCPhgrfcMbsN2Gwy-wSuuVwnW51cOMio9U1nOxfRcUT9WpMoG8S2SVpNGqAtSN7/43j/L-t4or4yT-qn-Vw8kqVJVg/h10/r-HqlSprDtrVYzexz96M3EVm3sBORFuMGjZrsnI77t8

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:40:07 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

We need near-shore water monitoring more than ever. Surfrider and Sierra Club have been doing some and the results for bacteria from human feces is outrageously high and dangerous at several locations. But those tests are taken just once a year at best. So let's get more testing and get some real data to inform our decisions.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:50:07 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support of HB1840, which allocates funds to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to aid in long-term monitoring of nearshore water quality and the detection of pollution sources.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:53:45 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louise Palmer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:23:17 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sonni Schwartzbach	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 HB1840, which allocates funds for long-term air and water quality monitoring after the Maui wildfires on August 8, 2023.

It's important to remember that events like these can have long lasting impacts on our environment, that may not be visible or detectable until months or even years down the road. I believe that it is important to invest in long term monitoring of air and water quality not only to ensure the health of Maui residents but also to ensure the stability, vitality and health of the ecosystem surrounding Lahaina.

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,

Sonni Schwartzbach

Hilo, HI 96720

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:29:15 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nalani	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 HB1840, 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,
Nalani

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:48:12 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexander K.D. McNicoll	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of this bill.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:51:23 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sierra Dew	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,

Sierra Dew

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:12:58 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in full support of HB 1840. It is vital to the health of Lahaina and its residents to be able to detect long-term nearshore water quality monitoring and pollution source detection for communities impacted by the Maui wildfires.

Please support this bill.

Mahalo,

Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros

(808)866-7409

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:14:59 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kay Aina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and Committee members,

The intent of this measure is commendable and important, however, the measure should not be used as a vehicle to exceed the State's budget and/or raise taxes on an already over-taxed citizenry. Please defer or amend the bill to obtain the appropriate funds from existing State programs. Thank you.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 11:22:19 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB1840 for water quality monitoring for nearshore long term testing of the water quality. As an aina protector who works in the Kula Kai beach reserve area I am very concerned about the health affects from the Kula and Lahaina wildfires on our oceans and near shore waterways. I am also concerned about the toxic waste at Oluwalus effecting all of our ocean life.

We already have damages to our oceans, marine life and reefs due to toxic flooding and run off. We must monitor these areas and surrounding areas for years to come in order to fully understand their affects on our environment and communities so that we can be proactive in protecting our precious resources.

Please vote yes to help to protect us all and our fragile ecosystem.

Sincerely, Brandi Corpuz

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 12:25:11 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shay Chan Hodges	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,

Shay Chan Hodges

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 2:13:05 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carlos Lamas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Carlos Lamas, a resident of Lahaina. I stand in full support of HB1840, This bill, dedicated to the long-term monitoring of water quality and the support of research efforts to better understand the environmental impacts of urban fires, represents a beacon of hope for our community. The devastating wildfires that have swept through our neighborhoods not only leave behind a trail of destruction but also a lingering concern for the contaminants and hazardous materials that seep into our ecosystems.

HB1840's commitment to funding resources for regular coastal water quality testing, storm sampling, and the characterization of thousands of organic compounds is a testament to the proactive steps we must take to safeguard our environment and, ultimately, our health. The allocation for specialized personnel, including aquatic biologists, further emphasizes the thorough approach this bill advocates for in monitoring and pollution source detection.

As someone who has witnessed the repercussions of wildfires firsthand, I cannot stress enough the importance of this legislation. It is not just a measure of recovery but a stride towards resilience, ensuring that our beautiful Lahaina, and the wider state of Hawaii, remains a safe, healthy, and thriving environment for generations to come.

Mahalo for reading my testimony in support of HB1840.

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 3:56:34 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zane Kekoa Schweitzer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting this testimony, in support of HB1840.

Runoff and ocean monitoring is very important, especially after we are navigating the aftermath of the devastating industrial and wildfires in Lahaina.

As locals we rely on the ocean for food, and for our economy we rely on the ocean for the health and beautiful environment that draws millions from all over the world.

mahalo,

Zane

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 4:57:05 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelei Tancayo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1840 which appropriates funds to the DLNR for long term near shore water quality monitoring and pollution source detection. We need to keep our ocean clean and our people safe. The only way to determine if it is clean to swim, fish and eat from is by quality monitoring and solving any pollution by source detection.

Mahalo,

Michelei Tancayo

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 6:55:43 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsey A Drayer	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.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Drayer

Support for HB1840

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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,

Robert H. Pahia

HB-1840

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 11:48:24 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 9:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

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