



HUI O HO'OHONUA

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Date: March 28, 2023

House Committee on Finance

To: Committee Chair Representative Kyle Yamashita

Committee Vice Chair Representative Lisa Kitagawa

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

TIME: 2:00 PM

From: Anthony Chance, CEO and Founder of Hui O Ho'ohonua. dba Mālama Pu'uloa

I am writing this Letter of Support for Senate Bill 844. This Bill will provide an alternate method of funding the restoration of Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor). At no cost to the government, the fundraising fees from this specialty license plate will directly support the restoration of not only Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor), but the 12 freshwater streams that flow into Pu'uloa from the 12 Ahupua'a's that surround the Sacred waters of Pu'uloa.

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

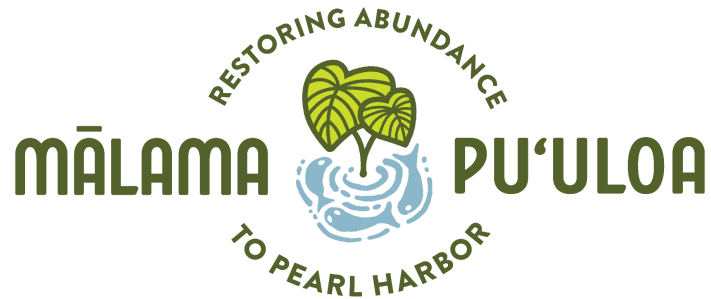
Watershed restoration:

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

Sincerely,



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Testimony for FIN on 3/29/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sandy Ward	Hui o Ho`ohonua	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

To the Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing and will testify in support of SB844 and urge you to pass this groundbreaking legislation. SB844 offers the citizens of Hawai`i a choice without cost to the state - a choice to support Mālama Pu`uloa which is the restoration of Pearl Harbor to its historic abundance. By offering the citizens of Hawai`i the choice of purchasing a Mālama Pu`uloa license plate, you are providing an avenue for increased awareness of these restoration efforts, a symbol of hope for the entire state, and a modest funding stream - all of which are vital to support the on-going, community-driven restoration efforts throughout the `Ewa-Pu`uloa region.

As the Executive Director of the a community non-profit engaged in Mālama Pu`uloa on a daily basis, I work with school groups every week. The youth of `Ewa have worked for the last 4 years on shoreline restoration...and tomorrow when the students from Kapolei High School come to work and learn at our Honouliuli restoration site, I want to be able to answer the question I am so often asked - what is the state doing to address water pollution and shoreline degradation in our moku? I want to be able to tell them that you supported the Mālama Pu`uloa effort by supporting SB844.

Mahalo for your consideration!



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Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance
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Re: Testimony in Support of SB844 SD2 HD1, with requested amendment
Conference Room 308, Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 2:00 PM

Aloha 'Auinalā Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa and Members of the Committee,

Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club is honored and grateful to submit our testimony in strong support of SB844 SD2 HD1, which authorizes the issuance of special number license plates to commemorate Mālama Pu'uloa.

This measure aligns perfectly with the mission of Ali'i Pauahi HCC, which was chartered in 1973 by esteemed kupuna teachers in the DOE who sought to perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture and traditions through education. Today, as stewards of the 500-year-old Loko i`a Pā`aiāu, the last remaining royal fishpond in Keawalauopu`uloa, through a landmark MOU with the U.S. Navy, we continue their mission with the support of devoted community residents, the `Aiea Community Association, Living Life Source Foundation, lineal descendants, `Aiea High School's Hale Hāola Kanaka Cultural Institute, CTAHR, UH LCC, the Noa Webster Aluli Foundation, KUA, Hui Mālama Loko i`a, private and public schools and universities, businesses, military personnel, donors, visitors, and thousands of loving hearts and hands. Mālama Pu'uloa is also a special and cherished partner, indeed.

The costs of restoring this State historic treasure are significant, given its 80-plus years of degradation following the bombing of the Pearl Harbor shipyard, and strategic partnerships nurture critical support for our beloved, all-volunteer community that is returning the Queen's fishpond to peace and abundance; a model for our State, Nation and world.

We are grateful to you and the leaders of Mālama Pu`uloa for envisioning a new pathway to increasing meaningful resources for our work, as well as that of the dozens of precious communities throughout the "many harbored sea of Pu`uloa."

To deepen the connection of the special plates to the harbor's fertile history, **we respectfully request an amendment to the measure that will honor the mahele stewards of Pā`aiāu, whose descendants have been lovingly striving, for nearly a decade, to address climate change impacts through traditional ecological knowledge.** Many of these lineal descendants are esteemed and award-winning artists whose pieces are found in the collection of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and are displayed in the Hawaii Convention Center, State Capitol offices, public schools, and local, national and international collections. Their artistry will uniquely reconnect these descendants to the lands that their ancestors cherished and could even include community collaborations with area students and families that help to increase participation in the project, and ultimately, its success. A message that ensures preference for lineal descendants, in the design and educational elements of the plates follows, in spirit, the selection of the artist who designed the beautiful Polynesian Voyaging Society plates that are seen on cars all over the island.

In the spirit of aloha and deepest gratitude, on behalf of ourselves and the future generations who will thrive in peace and abundance through your vision, we respectfully request your committee's passage of this measure, with recommended amendment.

Mahalo nui loa for your serious consideration.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Kehaulani Lum
President

SB-844-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christina Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha members of the committee,

I Christina Chan, am writing in support of SB844, regarding special license plates.

I am a teacher of Highlands Intermediate, in the ahupua‘a of Waimano, in the moku of Ewa on the island of Oahu. I have been teaching my students the importance of their place. I have been working on sense of place. My students have learned some of the mo‘olelo or stories of our moku of Ewa. i have taken students to help mālama (take care of) the ‘āina (land) and develop a pilina (connection) with the land. I have the future stewards, caretakers, and decision makers in my classroom. They have been volunteering for Mālama Pu‘uloa since 2017. They know we the basic vision to return the area to abundance. It would be lovely for more folks to learn about the area. A license plate helping more folks know about and appreciate the splendor of the vision of Mālama Pu‘uloa. Thank you for reading my testimony.

Aloha

Christina Chan

Highlands Intermediate Teacher