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**Testimony of
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER & LAND**

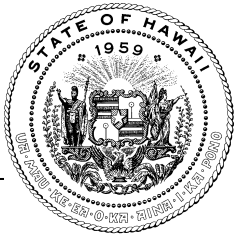
**Wednesday, February 15, 2023
12:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 87
RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS**

Senate Bill 87 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and its partner, or partners, for the continuation of benefits of the Green Jobs Youth Corps. **The Department supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

Green Jobs Youth Corps funding previously appropriated by the Legislature has allowed the Department to partner with Kupu, a Hawai'i-based non-profit, to provide roughly 100 workforce or training opportunities per year. This funding provides important opportunities for emerging professionals to gain skills related to natural resource management and helps to further the Department's efforts to protect natural and cultural resources.

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



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Testimony of
MARK B. GLICK, Chief Energy Officer

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
12:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

In SUPPORT of
SB 87

RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 87 which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and its partner, or partners, for the continuation of benefits of the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

HSEO believes that DLNR is well-suited to oversee the corps and to provide training and job experience for the workforce of the future. This program helps advance Hawai'i's clean energy and decarbonization goals, expands the green workforce, and launches a new generation of clean energy leaders. As a host site for Kupu 'Āina Corps program, HSEO supports this and other green workforce development efforts, working together toward achieving 100% clean energy by or before 2045.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**Testimony in Strong Support of S.B. 87,
Relating to the Green Job Youth Corps**

Senate Committee on Water & Land

Submitted by Kupu CEO John Leong, hearing date February 15, 2023

Aloha e Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is John Leong, and I am the Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Kupu, a statewide youth-focused conservation nonprofit. On behalf of Kupu, I am pleased to testify in **strong support of S.B. 87, Relating to the Green Job Youth Corps**.

As written, this measure would continue funding for the State Green Job Youth Corps, a program that provides employment and training opportunities for young adults in conservation, sustainable agriculture, clean energy, and other sustainability-related industries. As a community-based organization that partners with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to administer this program, we have seen firsthand the benefits it is providing to individuals and to the diversification of our economy. We thank the legislature for establishing this program in 2021, and especially thank Chair Inouye for introducing S.B. 87 so this program can continue to benefit Hawai‘i’s environment, economy, and young workforce.

As background, Kupu was established in 2007, in the early stages of the Great Recession. Today we are a statewide organization, developing youth and young adults through hands-on service training and early-career jobs in conservation and other sustainability professions. Since 2007 we have trained over 5,200 youth in conservation, sustainability, and environmental education. Young adults served by Kupu have provided more than 3 million service hours during this time, which included planting over 1.5 million native plants and removing over 151,000 acres of invasive species. According to a study by Columbia University, the work of Kupu’s young participants has generated an estimated \$172 million-plus in positive socio-economic impact for Hawai‘i since our founding. We believe more investment in the green economy - as this bill provides - would enable similar economic benefits to our state, create jobs in related fields, and continue to diversify our economy.

We are honored to have played a role in the displaced worker employment and training program that served as the model for the Green Job Youth Corps. In 2020, we partnered with the state to administer the Kupu ‘Āina Corps, which helped over 350 displaced workers during the unemployment crisis that characterized the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic. Seeing the potential benefits of a similar program as part of the state’s long-term strategy to improve our economy and reach out ambitious sustainability goals, the legislature created the Green Job Youth Corps through

H.B. 1176 (Act 181 SLH 2021), and amended the program last year via S.B. 2768 (Act 33, SLH 2022).

The Green Job Youth Corps is currently benefiting young adults and sustainability employers across our state, and S.B. 87 would allow this to continue. Over 140 participants have enrolled in the Green Job Youth Corps, and have served at 70 different sustainability organizations in the first program year. Participants are gaining hands-on experience in conservation, sustainable farming, and sustainable energy careers. In terms of equitable distribution, Kupu is pleased to see the program reach deep into neighbor island communities, as 48 percent of participants and 51 percent of our host sites are located outside of O‘ahu.

With the support of the Legislature, the Green Job Youth Corps can continue to support our environment and economy from the ground up, focused first on building a workforce of young adults ready to lead Hawai‘i into the sustainable and resilient future we want for our state. Please allow for the continuation of the Green Job Youth Corps by passing **S.B. 87**, unamended.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in strong support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Leong, CEO
Kupu



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Re:

Senate Committee on Water & Land

SB 87, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps

February 15, 2023 at 12:30pm (Room 229)

Testimony of Holomua Collaborative in support

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee Members:

We write in support of SB 87, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps. The purpose of SB 87 is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and its partner, or partners, for the continuation of the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

Holomua works to find innovative initiatives that help make Hawai'i affordable for all working families. We are especially interested in fostering cross-sector collaboration and supporting evidence-based policies that have shown or can expect to show a positive return on any taxpayer investment that is made in them.

The Green Jobs Youth Corps is a perfect example of all this.

Innovation: The program was created as an innovative way to connect people with good jobs following the unemployment crisis that was sparked by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, the Green Jobs Youth Corps has become a meaningful part of Hawaii's attempt to diversify our economy, keep people working in their own communities, and improve the state's environmental resilience.

Cross-sector collaboration: With initial federal government funding through COVID relief money and subsequent additional funding provided by the state, the Green Jobs Youth Corps has involved over seventy different employers in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors. And all these employers are involved in sustainable energy, conservation, or sustainable agriculture.

Evidence-based return on investment: The partnership between these private sector employers and the state and federal government has proved to be a wise investment of government resources. It is estimated that the first \$5 million in government funds invested in this program will produce \$18.4 million in positive socioeconomic impact.

We know young adults are unemployed at higher rates than the general population, causing lifelong negative impacts. The Green Jobs Youth Corps has successfully trained over 100 young people. Roughly half of the participants hail from the neighbor islands, over half live in households making less than \$25,000 per year, and almost half are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

This is the type of innovative, collaborative, evidence-based and place-based program that can serve as a model for the state and we are proud to support it. We appreciate the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Josh Wisch
President & Executive Director



**Testimony to
The Senate Committee on Water and Land**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023
12:30 PM
Conference Room 229 & VIA Videoconference
Hawaii State Capitol**

SB 87

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the committee,

Hawai'i Gas supports SB 87, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and its partner, or partners, for the continuation of benefits of the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

Since 1904 Hawai'i Gas has been the only franchised gas utility in the State of Hawai'i. Over the years we have installed gas pipeline infrastructure, built bulk storage facilities with access to the harbor and developed a highly skilled workforce on every major island. As a State-wide employer with over 350 employees, we appreciate the initiative to train and prepare the next generation entering the workforce. This bill continues to foster cross-sector collaboration and continue to work with private sector employers.

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This is the type of innovative, collaborative, evidence-based and place-based program that can serve as a model for the state and we are proud to support it.

Thank you for the opportunity to provided testimony in support of SB 87. I strongly encourage your support and passage of this innovative measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Water and Land
IN SUPPORT OF SB 87
February 15, 2023, 12:30PM, Room 229

My name is Kevin Chang and I am the Executive Director of [Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo \(or KUA\)](#). KUA works to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups -fishers, farmers, families- to celebrate their places and pass on their traditions to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being.

KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports a statewide network of 36 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a growing group of over 60 Limu practitioners and supporters called the Limu Hui. Our vision of 'āina momona includes pathways to new economic and environmental regenerative opportunities for present and future generations.

KUA generally supports SB 87. This bill would continue to support the Green Job Youth Corps program within the DLNR to help address the unemployment impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support economic diversification. It would also appropriate funds for this purpose

Beyond supporting a stop gap in employment for our state the Green Job Youth Corps are important pathway to meeting the greater systemic needs we as a state identified during this pandemic: new workforce training, economic diversification, caring for our environment, and supporting businesses in Hawai'i as they work to make our state more self-sufficient and resilient

A primary function of KUA includes development of an 'auwai, a stream of resources, tools, bridges, relationships, and networks that help to cultivate and take our communities' work to greater levels of collective impact. A core catalyst for the flow in this 'auwai includes increasing the percentage of our economy which helps to manage and better the condition of the natural resources systems that sustain us. Indeed, the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization, with input from KUA and a number of partners (DLNR, Kupu, TNC, KS,OHA etc.) now tracks natural resource workforce development as a key part of a "Green Economy."

We are also supportive for what this opportunity could mean for increased environmental co-management, co-governance and uplifting an ethic of mālama 'āina. Our current state institutions lack in resources but also in institutional ethos and policies that could better bolster citizen stewardship of our home. Key new generation staff members -such as exist within the Division of Aquatic Resources community-based subsistence fishing area and DOCARE Makai Watch programs- that do more work in partnership with communities are the future of environmental stewardship.

A state job corps that can build a conservation workforce for Hawai'i is a necessary pathway toward uplifting the environment which sustains and undergirds the "economy" for our state. It also

further places our island community like others in the Pacific as a leader for environmental leadership and adaptation.

Please pass this bill out of your committee and mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Aloha 'Āina Momona.



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February 13, 2023

Committee: Senate Committee on Water & Land
Bill Number: SB 87, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps
Hearing Date and Time: February 15, 2023 at 12:30pm
Re: Testimony of HPM Building Supply in support

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee Members:

I would like to submit this letter and written testimony in support of SB 87, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps. The purpose of SB 87 is to appropriate funds for the continuation of the Green Jobs Youth Corps program.

HPM Building Supply is a 100% employee-owned company serving Hawaii's home improvement market and building industry for over 100 years since 1921. With 17 locations across Hawaii and Washington State, we offer various services and products, including retail stores, building supply and lumber yards, Home Design Centers, drafting, design, roofing, and manufacturing facilities. HPM is dedicated to enhancing homes, improving lives, and transforming communities. The company is guided by its core values of Heart, Character, and Growth, striving to provide top-quality products and exceptional customer service. HPM has earned recognition as a leader in the industry for its products, services, and commitment to its community.

As a State-wide employer with over 500 employees, we appreciate the initiative to train and prepare the next generation entering the workforce. This bill continues to foster cross-sector collaboration and continue to work with private sector employers.

This bill is also in line with HPM's values of Heart, Character and Growth. By creating new jobs and investing in these individuals, we give them the chance to contribute to our communities and set them on a path of professional growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provided testimony in support of SB 87. I strongly encourage your support and passage of this innovative measure.

Sincerely,

Dennis Lin
Community Relations Administrator



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To: The Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 12:30pm

In support of SB87

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Water and Land committee,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org **supports SB87** that would continue funding for the Green Jobs Youth Corps, a program that provides employment and training opportunities for young adults in conservation, sustainable agriculture, clean energy, and other sustainability-related industries. This serves to employ our youth of Hawaii while building a resilient local economy and a sustainable future.

The Green Jobs Youth Corps is an important part of restoring our economy and environment. This program will help advance Hawaii's clean energy and decarbonization goals, expand the green workforce, and launch a new generation of clean energy leaders. The Green Jobs Youth Corps is a win-win for the environment and a more resilient economy for Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important legislation.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

SB-87

Submitted on: 2/14/2023 7:18:15 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2023 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dotty Kelly-Paddock	Testifying for Hui o Hau'ula	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB 87. Hui o Hau'ula was the recipient of a KUPU worker from this program for 2022. He worked for us 40 hours per week for a year and now we have been granted a 3 month extension. Working with KUPU has been an extremely positive experience for Hui o Hau'ula! We are a small non-profit working to support food security, farmers, access for our community to healthy local food products. We also have an ROE with DLNR to clear invasive species on an ag property in Hau'ula. Our KUPU worker has led this effort and it has been so successful that the 5 ac property now has been beautifully cleared about 50% and is also mowed weekly to keep invasive grass at a minimum. Our KUPU worker has also supported the operation of the new Hau'ula Farmers Market that supports local farmers sell produce and gets the health local produce to our community at wholesale prices. Our community loves having this farmers market and this beautiful ag land to assist the community to create a food hub, grow an agroforestry and also build a Resilience Hu to protect our community members in disasters such as hurricanes and tsunamis. We credit much of this progress to our Kupuna worker and the great work that KUPU is accomplishing! Please support SB 87! Mahalo Nui! Dotty Kelly-Paddock, Executive Director, Hui o Hau'ula



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DATE: 2/13/23

FROM: Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA)

TO: WAL Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, WTL Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and WAL/WTL committee members

SUBJECT: In support of SB87 Relating to Green Jobs Youth Corps

Dear Chair Ichiyama, Chair Elefante and committee members,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association(HFIA) Directors and members, please support SB87 Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

HFIA directors and affiliates have personally experienced the value and benefit that young people who have gained knowledge and skill via programs similar to the Green Jobs Youth Corps (such as Kupu's various programs) add to small organizations in areas such as conservation, sustainability, forestry and natural resource management. Such young professionals contribute to HFIA's operations daily behind the scenes conducting outreach and administrative tasks specific to our mission. We have also benefited from having several Kupu members at our site, Ka'ūpūlehu Dryland Forest, over the years and believe that similar benefits would come from working closely with a young adult placed by the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

Numerous other state, federal, and private conservation, sustainability, forestry and natural resource management teams will benefit from the State continuing to fund the Green Jobs Youth Corps. Meanwhile, young adults will gain valuable knowledge, skills and experience needed to ready themselves for a competitive career field. Additionally, funding the Green Jobs Youth Corps encourages the diversification of Hawaii's economy.

For these reasons, we hope that you will support SB87.

Mahalo,

Guy Cellier

Guy Cellier, Acting President, Vice President
Hawaii Forest Industry Association

Established in 1989, HFIA's is a nonprofit organization founded by people committed to sustainable forest management. HFIA's mission is to promote healthy and productive forests and a sustainable forest industry through management, education, planning, information exchange, and advocacy. HFIA has over 130 members including woodworkers, landowners, sawyers, foundations, foresters, growers, educators, environmentalists, architects, millers, ranchers, and others interested in HFIA's mission and goals.

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**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy
Supporting SB 87, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps.
Committee on Water and Land
February 15, 2023, 12:30 pm
Conference Room 229 and via Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) supports SB 87, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and its partner, or partners, for the continuation of benefits of the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

Hawai'i's natural environment is the engine that drives our state's economy and a natural, recreational, and cultural treasure supporting our island lifestyle and livelihoods. Careful, thoughtful, and intentional conservation, management, and restoration is required to ensure our environment can withstand the increasing impacts of climate change while continuing to fuel our islands' economic engine. TNC is proud of our decades of working in partnership with so many local organizations, agencies, and communities to care for this vital and fragile resource.

The Green Job Youth Corps, based on a 2020 displaced worker training and employment program, is making a meaningful impact on Hawai'i's environment and economy. The program is an excellent example of a partnership between the state, the community, and employers. While this government program was originally established in response to the Covid-19 unemployment crisis, TNC has benefitted from the tremendous work of dozens of Kupu interns since 2011. These interns provide much-needed capacity to help us manage our native forested watersheds and coral reefs. These enthusiastic and committed interns have created positive environmental, cultural, and community impact across the islands while also learning under the mentorship of environmental experts. Through their work, these interns are making a positive difference right now while also paving the way for the next generation of conservationists dedicated to perpetuating our unique island environment and diversifying Hawai'i's economy. SB 87 would continue this program, which provides the platform and funding for additional Kupu internships and other green jobs across our islands.

As we work together to create a diversified economy, green jobs can and must play a role. We need programs like the Green Job Youth Corps to build our workforce and grow sustainability-focused industries throughout our state. By providing opportunities for local jobs while also paving the way for long-term green jobs, environmental expertise, and local leadership, this legislation is a key step in the right direction, and we urge the committee to pass it unamended. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 87.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i and Palmyra is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in thirteen nature preserves and work in over fifty coastal communities to help protect and restore the nearshore reefs and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties, and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and for the many benefits they provide to people.

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February 14, 2023



Senate Committee on Water and Land

RE: SB87

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

Re-use Hawai'i is a non-profit organization working to create a long-term solution to Hawaii's waste management challenges by keeping building materials out of the landfill and cultivating the circular economy in Hawai'i.

SB87 relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps is an important measure that will support workforce development in the sustainability sector. Re-use Hawai'i has been a host site for participants of the Kupu 'Āina Corps (KAC) program. KAC employs and trains individuals with diverse backgrounds and abilities through well-coordinated partnerships between the state, the community, and various host sites(employers), including Re-use Hawai'i.

The training that we provide to our Kupu 'Āina Corps participants includes specific skills in deconstruction, lumber processing, customer service, non-profit administration, woodworking with salvaged material, and workplace safety. Through a 12-month engagement, individuals come away with a broad understanding of the circular economy and how building material reuse contributes to a resilient future for Hawai'i.

SB87 and the continued support of a Green Job Your Corps Program will allow Re-use Hawai'i and other green job providers to expand our impact, reduce unemployment, and contribute to a regenerative economy.

We strongly support SB87 and Re-use Hawai'i is eager to participate again as a host site as we work toward a brighter future for Hawai'i's workforce and industries.

Mahalo nui loa,

Quinn Vittum
Executive Director
Re-use Hawai'i



Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

Testimony in Support of SB87: Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support and provide comments on Senate Bill 87.

Hawai'i Energy works to empower island families and businesses on behalf of the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to make smart energy choices to reduce energy consumption, save money, and pursue a 100% clean energy future. Energy efficiency – the energy we do not use – is the cheapest option to help us achieve our 100% clean energy goal by eliminating waste and being more efficient.

The bill provides necessary funding to ensure the Green Jobs Youth Corps is able to continue its promising efforts for the next two fiscal years. In its short existence already, the Green Jobs Youth Corps has trained over 100 young adults and deployed them to 70 employers or host sites in the areas of conservation, sustainable agriculture, and sustainable energy. As Hawai'i pursues a 100% clean energy future, we are going to need programs like the Green Job Youth Corps to help grow our sustainability-focused workforce.

Hawai'i Energy has had the privilege of working closely with the Kupu 'Āina Corps program, which has provided eight positions to help launch the initial year of the Hawaii State Energy Office Clean Energy Wayfinder program. The Clean Energy Wayfinders share information and opportunities for energy conservation, energy efficiency and clean energy adoption with Hawai'i's schools, community organizations, and households — especially those in low- to moderate-income (LMI), asset-limited, income-constrained, employed (ALICE), and under-resourced communities — to help increase energy conservation and efficiencies, lower monthly energy utility bills, increase access to clean transportation and renewable energy resources, and promote green career training and employment opportunities.

We look forward to supporting efforts to expand the Green Job Youth Corps program and programs like it throughout the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 87.

Sincerely,
Caroline Carl
Executive Director
Hawai'i Energy



**HAWAI'I COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee

From: Micah Kāne, Chief Executive Officer & President - Hawai'i Community Foundation

Re: Testimony in Support of SB87 Relating to Green Jobs Youth Corps
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 12:30 P.M.

The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) strongly supports Senate Bill 87 (SB87). SB87 is an important part of supporting our youth and statewide workforce while opening the doors to diversifying our economy. This is a key area within HCF's CHANGE Framework under the "C" sector of Community & Economy. We will continue to support ideas and efforts that can bring systemic change to Hawaii for the betterment of our future. SB87 provides a solid investment of government resource, support, and confidence into this area.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB87.



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Mālama Loko Ea Foundation
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February 14, 2023

Aloha Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe and members of the committee,

Mālama Loko Ea Foundation (MLEF) is a non-profit organization that works to perpetuate the Native Hawaiian culture through education, land stewardship, and community building, while sustainably restoring our precious natural resources. MLEF's mission aligns strategically with the Kupu 'Āina Corps (KAC) program mission to help communities develop the relevant cultural, scientific knowledge, and skills in order to grow our green workforce in Hawai'i.

Mālama Loko Ea Foundation lends its support for the Green Job Bill HB361.

HB361 will continue to support the essential Green Jobs Youth Corps that is valuable to the workforce development in our community. Mālama Loko Ea Foundation has been a host site for participants of the KAC program since 2020. We have hosted two cohorts of 'āina corps members and KAC participants continue to be integral into our daily operations of the fishpond, and have since hired two members from the cohorts.

The training that we provide to our Kupu 'Āina Corps members pertains to fishpond management and general nonprofit operations. Participants learn and develop the skills needed to restore and maintain a fishpond as well as develop other important skills relating to leadership, group management, and education. Through a year-long program, KAC members deepen their understanding of Hawaiian culture, fishpond practices, food sustainability, resource management, as well as individual growth. The participants conclude their year-long program with valuable skills and knowledge that make it possible for employers to transition them into the green workforce efficiently. Through exemplary mentorship and skill-based training, host sites and other organizations are building the green workforce capacity in Hawai'i to work towards a more resilient future.

Mahalo,

Emily Geske

Assistant Operations Director, KAC Site Supervisor
Mālama Loko Ea Foundation

SB-87

Submitted on: 2/11/2023 12:55:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2023 12:30:00 PM

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Tom Coffman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chairman Inouye and Committee, While this bill is off to a good start in the House, it needs both more thought and heightened urgency. Conceptually, the stress should be less on short-term job creation and more on building human capital in the interest of long-term sustainability. That leads to solid general-fund funding without a vague dependence of Federal \$\$\$. Second, the administration's testimony (Dawn Chang) lacked information and any sense of active support. It merely said DLNR is not opposed to the bill provided it does not conflict with the executive's priorities. This is not good enough. DLNR should get actively involved as our protector of resources. A Green Job Corps must become a crucial part of our ongoing commitment to the environment. KUPU's successful involvement of many dozens of grassroots projects should be cited. Green Job Corps is not a KUPU project per se but a State of Hawaii project that KUPU, by virtue of long interest and expertise, facilitates. Tom Coffman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carissa Cabrera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Carissa Cabrera and I reside on the east side of O‘ahu, am a passionate ocean conservationist, and have been working alongside local nonprofits to scale meaningful work for the past 8 years. I am testifying in strong support of SB87 as it stands, without amendments, as a pathway to create resilient local and meaningful job opportunities for our residents. As an island region disproportionately impacted by the climate emergency, there is no shortage of work to be done to restore and conserve Hawai‘i across the State. Preparing our residents for these roles in our communitiy is an essential piece of investing in the future of our environment and economy.

I urge you to pass SB87 forward to support another year of this program, one that iss shown to be a demonstrated success. Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Best

Carissa Cabrera

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Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB87.

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David Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support the Green Jobs program to promote entry into the sustainable jobs field

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Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Anything to do with Green Jobs or Green New Deal is Communist Control. We the People will not support any thing like this in Hawaii.