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**Testimony to the
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
and the COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 3:00 PM, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
SB 117, Relating to Special Number Plates**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, members of the PSM Committee, Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and members of the TCA Committee:

I'm writing in support of SB 117, to create a special number plate to commemorate the accomplishments of Carissa Moore.

Carissa Moore is a Native Hawaiian world champion among surfers and a role model in athletics. She won a record eleven NSSA amateur surfing titles. At just 16 years old, she became the youngest champion at a Triple Crown of Surfing event winning the Reef Hawaiian Pro. In 2010, Moore qualified to compete on the ASP Championship Tour (now called the World Surf League). She won two major contests, finished third overall, and was named Rookie of the Year. The following year, at only 18 eighteen years old, she became the youngest person ever to win a surfing world title. Moore went on to win additional world title honors in 2013, 2015, 2019, and 2021. And, of course she went on to win the gold medal in the first year surfing was included in the Olympics.

Beyond her prowess in the water, Moore exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship and aloha. She's humble, friendly, and gracious. At the recent WSL awards dinner, in her runner-up speech, she spoke for several minutes only about the positive attributes of Stephanie Gilmore, who had beat her to win the world title in 2022. She is a role model for our keiki and an Ambassador of Aloha for our state. She deserves to be honored for these many achievements which make Hawaii so proud.

Mahalo,

Sarah Fairchild
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HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
AND
TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS

ATTN: CHAIRS GLENN WAKAI & CHRIS LEE,
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Testimony Strongly Supporting SB117
Relating to Special Number Plates

February 8, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
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Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committees on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and Transportation and Culture and the Arts,

My name is Alexa Deike and I am writing in **strong support** of SB117. I am recent graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with certificates in Environmental Law and Native Hawaiian Law. Today, I am testifying not as an attorney, but as a surfer and supporter of Native Hawaiian rights.

Carissa Kainani Moore is a true role model and inspiration in and out of the water. Honoring her with a special license plate will inspire future generations to follow her footsteps.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Alexa Deike, Esq.