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**Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club**  
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March 2, 2023

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i. 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of SB844, SD1  
Conference Room 211  
Thursday, March 2, 2023, 10:00 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee,

Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club is honored and grateful to submit our testimony in strong support of SB844, SD1, which authorizes the issuance of special number license plates to commemorate Mālama Pu`uloa.

Ali'i Pauahi HCC was chartered in 1973 by beloved kupuna, many of whom were esteemed 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 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, 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 national historic treasure are significant, given its 80-plus years of degradation following the bombing of the Pearl Harbor shipyard, and require strategic partnerships to accomplish. We are grateful to you and the leaders of Mālama Pu`uloa for envisioning a new pathway to increasing vital resources for our work, as well as that of the dozens of beloved communities throughout the many-fingered lochs of the harbor.

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.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Kehaulani Lum  
President

**SB-844-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 3:01:07 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bryan I. Yamashita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name Bryan Yamashita and I am writing in support of SB844 .

I am a resident of West Loch Estates and have been a volunteer involved in this restoration project for the last 4 years. Restoring this area to allow native plants and wildlife to return is very important to our local environment and for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, like any worthwhile cause, money is dearly needed to sustain the effort that it greatly requires. Believe me, join us to experience the sweat equity required for this effort.

Please support SB844 to help fund this worthy endeavor.

Thank you,

Bryan Yamashita

**SB-844-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 5:11:57 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sandy Ward	Testifying for Hui o Ho`ohonua 501(c)3	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to urge you to pass SB844. It is a no-cost bill that offers the citizens of Hawai`i the choice to support the restoration of Pearl Harbor - Mālama Pu`uloa - through the selection of a special license plate.

It is hoped that this bill will support an increased awareness of the historical and cultural significance of Pu`uloa (Pearl Harbor), as well as providing a modest funding stream to support the restoration efforts in the region that, through our non-profit have engaged 10,000 citizens and 26 schools in the last 3.5 years.

In the shadow of the Red Hill water contamination crisis, our state needs to a way to celebrate that so many are working on restoring Pu`uloa...and visitors to our state will see that we mālama (care for) our natural resources.

Mahalo for your consideration!



# HUI O HO'OHONUA

Community 501(c)3 Operating in `Ewa, O`ahu

HOH808.org

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE DOCUMENT

Date: February 28, 2023

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Committee Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz

Committee Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran

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

DATE: Thursday, March 2 2023

TIME: 10:00am

From: Anthony Chance, CEO and Founder of Hui O Ho'ohonua

I am writing this Letter of Support for Senate Bill 844. 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.

### Common Management Goals

- 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

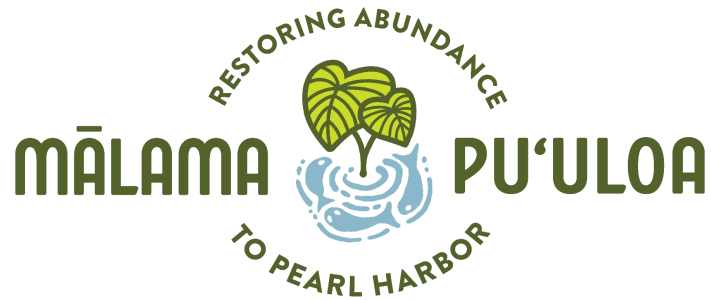
### Watershed restoration:

- 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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**SB-844-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/1/2023 10:55:16 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bert Weeks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Malama Puuloa is a fantastic community association that is filling a necessary role in restoring one of the most important historical, cultural, and ecological places on the Island, Puuloa, aka Pearl Harbor. The work they are doing will benefit generations to come as they work on the restoration of this heavily damaged area. This work is not easy, but very necessary, and existing government agencies do not have the capacity, or jurisdictional flexibility to work in this complicated area. This community group has sprung up from the grassroots to malama this area but they need help too. This bill will help them restore habitat, employ young people, and foster a better community for all of us. I ask that you please pass this bill. Mahalo