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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
2:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 306, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES

House Bill 306, House Draft 1 proposes to: add a minimum penalty and a maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code; expand the types of potential violations of the State Water Code; and make each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. This bill also requires the Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) to consider certain factors when imposing penalties and makes the setting, charging, and collecting of administrative fines by the Commission mandatory, rather than discretionary. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure with comments.**

This bill will support the Commission in its affirmative duty “to protect, control and regulate the use of Hawaii’s water resources” as articulated in Article XI Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai‘i. As the “primary guardian” of the critical public trust resource, fresh water,¹ the Commission places great importance on deterring violations of the State Water Code. The Department found that the current maximum penalty of \$5,000 per violation in Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 174C-15 does not have a sufficient deterrent effect.

In its 1994 Report to the State Legislature, the Review Commission on the State Water Code, pursuant to Section 5 of Act 45, proposed a maximum fine of \$25,000 for reckless, knowing, or intentional violations of the State Water Code. The Department recommends a maximum fine of at least **\$25,000** to match the recommendations of the Review Commission, and refers to the language provided in House Bill 1142, which would provide for continued increases to penalties over time. The Department believes

¹ In re Water Use Permit Applications, 94 Hawai‘i, 97, 141, 9 Pd.3, 409, 453 (2000). (Waiāhole I)

that these amendments will ensure that penalties remain an effective deterrent and provide ample advance notice to those who may be affected by the increased penalties.

The Department appreciates the amendments made to this measure, including the types of violations that constitute a penalty and the list of factors that must be considered by the Commission when imposing a penalty. These amendments align with House Bill 1142, which was introduced as part of the Governor's Legislative Package.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Supports: HB306 HD1

February 5th, 2025 at 2:00pm; Conference Room 411

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

HAPA is testifying in support of HB306 HD1 which adds a minimum penalty of \$50 and a maximum penalty of \$60,000 per violation of the State Water Code and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. This bill appropriately requires the Commission on Water Resource Management to determine the amount of the penalty based on the circumstances of the violation.

Enforcement of the Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations.

The increased fine limit provides the necessary power to dissuade private interests from repeatedly taking more water than allowed and overstressing aquifers. This is particularly critical in communities such as west Maui where water resources are already severely constrained.

HAPA supports the recent amendments in the HD1 that direct the Water Commission to consider the nature, circumstances, extent, gravity, and history of the violation and of any prior violations; the economic benefit to the violator, or anticipated by the violator, resulting from the violation; the opportunity, difficulty, and history of corrective action; good faith efforts to comply; the degree of culpability; and such other matters as justice may require. Given the extensive history of water code violations in Hawaii that have enriched large scale corporate diverters at the expense of small scale subsistence practices, it is vital that increased penalties are appropriately targeted to address and dissuade the truly egregious violations.

Please support HB 306 HD1. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', written in a cursive style.

Anne Frederick,
Executive Director



Email: communications@ulupono.com

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 — 2:00 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports HB 306 HD 1, Relating to State Water Code Penalties.

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mariah Yoshizu, and I am the Government Affairs Associate at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy, clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports HB 306 HD 1, which adds a minimum penalty and amends the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expands the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and makes each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense. This bill also establishes factors the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) must consider when determining the amount of the penalty and increase maximum fines in five-year increments from 2030 to 2045.

What value do we place on an irreplaceable resource? Currently, CWRM can only impose a maximum fine of \$5,000 per violation of the State Water Code. This stands in stark contrast to other jurisdictions like Arizona, California, and Texas that have the authority to issue fines of \$10,000 per day to water users who exceed their permitted allocations. Even within our own state, the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) can charge a maximum penalty of \$60,000 per water pollution violation.

We cannot issue a water pollution fine if there is no water left to pollute. The State Water Code was established to protect Hawai'i's water resources, but its effectiveness depends on compliance and meaningful enforcement. This bill sends a message that we value the health and wellbeing of water, and mistreatment of such a vital resource can have serious financial consequences.

We applaud the Legislature for underscoring the immeasurable value of *wai* by considering this measure for passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Mariah Yoshizu
Government Affairs Associate

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i

HB-306-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 4:05:13 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
laurel brier	Kauai Climate Action Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Water is life and with the instability of water supplies with climate change it is imperative that we finally take action against those who have been water thieves and controllers of our community resource for their own profit. This legislation is a good first step in that direction.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2025 1:55:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers, and utility companies. LURF’s mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational, and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth, housing, and renewable energy, while safeguarding Hawaii’s significant natural, cultural, and agricultural resources, and public health and safety.

For over one hundred years, LURF members have led the state in private water research, development, installation, generation, transmission, and delivery.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to provide its **comments and concerns regarding HB 306, HD1.**

LURF Position: We appreciate that this bill is well-intended, however, in 2023, Governor Green vetoed a bill with the same intent, and several of the same veto issues remain unresolved in this measure and there also other important issues that should be addressed.

LURF’s comments and concerns relating to this measure include among other things:

1. The original \$60,000 a-day fines are excessive and inconsistent with fines proposed in HB 1142 (\$25,000 a-day, Governor’s Bill package). As this bill moves forward, the amount of fines inserted should be based on facts and justification.

2. Insufficient Justification. This was raised in Governor Green’s 2023 veto of HB 153. Evidence and statistics of violations and fines should be presented to determine whether the current fines and system is working.

3. Possible negative consequences and impacts on county Water Supply Departments, Agriculture and Housing.

4. Lack of due process protections. In the past, the county water supply departments have highlighted the following:

- lack of clarity regarding violations and fines criteria, guidelines, exceptions; e

- lack of explanation of CWRM's practice and procedure relating to the administrative proceedings of civil resource violations of state law;
- lack of specificity regarding the assessment of administrative sanctions for such violations; and
- a graduated fines schedule.

5. New environmental and social issues should be considered: Including chemical and other contamination, wildfires, emergencies, climate change, agricultural production, and housing, etc.;

6. Need for more transparency and stakeholders' input. \$60,000 a day fines are intended to have a major impact on county water supply agencies, other government agencies including health, agriculture and housing, many communities, industries, businesses and individuals. Thus, we appreciate that CWRM has reached out to the county water departments and over the past few weeks, other stakeholders, including LURF. We would respectfully request that CWRM convene group meetings with all stakeholders to discuss and resolve the issues relating to this bill.

7. A CWRM Stakeholder Working Group should be created similar to the 1987 State Water Code Committee. In BWS' 2023 testimony in opposition to HB 1088 CWRM I that was later vetoed by Governor Green, the BWS provided a brief, but informative history of the enactment of the State Water Code, including the members of the Advisory Study Commission on Water Resources. LURF would respectfully recommend that Hawaii's water issues have changed greatly since 1987, and should be comprehensively addressed by such an advisory commission of stakeholders with relevant experience.

LURF is willing to work with the proponents of this bill, Legislators and other stakeholders relating to this measure.

LURF respectfully requests that this bill be held in Committee until the above issues are addressed and resolved.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 12:25:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support this

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 12:26:00 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 1:16:44 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Enforcement of Hawai‘i’s Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations.

Mahalo for supporting HB 306 HD1.

sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

kailua-kona

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 1:32:08 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexandra Perez Urbina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Alexandra Perez Urbina, and I am not a resident of Hawai'a, but I am a frequent visitor and love the people and the land. For this reason I ask that you support HB306.

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Water protection must be a priority for Hawai'i.

Please support HB 306 HD1.

Peacefully,

Alexandra

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 1:48:40 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments: I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 2:47:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aviva Libitsky	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

Mahalo ,

Aviva Libitsky

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 3:00:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Janik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is so needed to retake control of the old plantation water rights in an ever increasing climate crisses.

Richard Janik, MD

Lihue, Kauai

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 4:08:38 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 5:14:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha e,

Enforcement of Hawai‘i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

mahalo,

nalani a. From lahaina

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 6:53:09 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emelia Briscoe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 6:53:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Theresa M Thompson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 306 RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.

Mahalo,

Theresa Thompson

HB-306-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/1/2025 10:17:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

Enforcement of Hawai‘i’s Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Susan, Lawai, Kauai

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Submitted on: 2/1/2025 10:58:16 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
emily gambino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

Mahalo,

Emily Gambino, Makawao

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 1:10:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 7:31:26 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JarraeTehani Manasas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

Enforcement of Hawai‘is Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivaton, health of riparian species and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations.

Please support HB306 HD1 and mahalo for your consideration.

JarraeTehani Manasas, Kailua Kona Hawai‘i

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 9:10:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy Shaver	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly urge you to support HB306 HD1. Enforcing Hawai‘i’s Water Code is crucial for protecting traditional and customary practices, ensuring that our streamflows remain healthy and sustainable. Without proper enforcement, kalo cultivation—the foundation of Hawaiian culture and food sovereignty—suffers, along with the delicate ecosystems that depend on these waterways.

Adequate streamflows are essential not only for kalo farmers but also for maintaining the health of riparian species and preserving our clean water resources for future generations. Strengthening enforcement will help safeguard these vital systems, supporting both cultural traditions and long-term conservation efforts.

Mahalo for your time and consideration. Please pass HB306 HD1 to uphold the responsible stewardship of Hawai‘i’s water resources.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 9:25:30 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kodie Solis-Kalani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui. Hawai‘i has a long history with wai, water management, and ways that we have lost and maintained traditional practice due to our history with wai. I support HB306, because not only is water essential to our physical well-being, but also as kanaka our mental and spiritual well-being. Our water code must have penalties to create boundaries on its usage, but with that also come the need for enforcement and sustaining those relationships. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 10:26:54 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you support HB306 HD1 which would increase Water Code penalties.

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Melissa Barker

Kapaa, HI

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 1:29:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marcia Kemble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Greetings Committee Chair and members,

Enforcement of Hawai‘i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Marcia Kemble

Makiki

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 2:22:47 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert H. Pahia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Water is a resource that cannot and should not be taken advantage of. It is the resource that cannot be misused .

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 2:36:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

Susan Wong, Kailua, HI

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 3:07:26 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to support HB 306 HD1, which will enforce Hawai'i's Water Code. Doing so will ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations, as well as, that streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, the health of riparian species and for overall conservation efforts.

Thank you

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Submitted on: 2/2/2025 3:59:22 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sven Sorge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

Thank you very much!

HB-306-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/2/2025 5:49:04 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs:

I support HB306 HD1 which seeks increases in Water Code Penalties

We all know that Hawai‘i has a long history of flagrant water code violations by major water diverters and that they continue to flex their influence and muscle till this day, with the blessing and support of the current Hawaii State Water Commission Chairperson. For many of these diverters, money is not an object; however, higher penalties for the near future may send a stronger message while we, as a people, work for transparency, fairness, and sustainability.

Enforcement of Hawai‘i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations.

Please support HB 306 HD1.

Respectfully,

Martha Evans

annevans@gmail.com

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 2:30:12 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joell Edwards	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 10:00:40 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann V Saffery	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha all,

I support HB306 HD1

Mahalo,

Ann V Saffery

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 6:43:20 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Hennessy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

Mahalo,

Lisa Hennessy, Princeville

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 8:10:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha House Committee,

Enforcement of Hawai‘i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

This is so important to us, our community, island and State. Thank you for your consideration.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros & extended ohana

(808)866-7409

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 8:38:28 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorraine Waianuhea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

I am writing in support of HB 306 because this bill would help with enforcement of the state water code. Bad actors and repeating offenders should be held accountable for flagrant violations of the code because fresh water is our most precious resource in Hawai‘i. When large companies get away with small fines for violations, it is ‘āina and all water drinkers in Hawai‘i who pay the cost.

Please pass HB306.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony,

Lorraine Waianuhea

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Submitted on: 2/3/2025 9:02:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kencho Gurung	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2025 6:14:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Representative Tarnas, Vice Chair Representative Poepoe and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

Please support HB 306 HD 1 to increase State Water Code penalties.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

Makiki and life long resident of Oahu

HB-306-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/4/2025 6:44:03 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isis Usborne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e,

Enforcement of Hawai‘i’s Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

Mahalo,

Isis Usborne

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Submitted on: 2/4/2025 8:16:20 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sebastian Church	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Enforcement of Hawai'i's Water Code is essential to the health of traditional and customary practices by ensuring streamflows are sufficient for kalo cultivation, health of riparian species, and for overall conservation efforts to ensure abundant clean water resources for future generations. Please support HB 306 HD1.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2025 12:53:41 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/5/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danielle Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. Ola i ka wai—Water is life. Mahalo!