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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021
9:45 AM**

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 211

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1176, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO A JOB CORPS PROGRAM**

House Bill 1176, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 proposes to establish a job corps program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to help address unemployment impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, support economic diversification, and focus on resiliency and green sector jobs, and appropriate funding. **The Department supports this bill.**

The State of Hawaii's commitment to uphold the Paris Climate Accord and progressive move towards zero emissions clean economy by 2045 requires that we actively invest in the community and emerging economic sectors and provide residents with the education and training opportunities they need to succeed. A job corps program designed specifically to address the State's climate change goals would be beneficial in helping the growing green sector scale up efforts to address climate change, and provide diversified training opportunities to a displaced workforce, supporting a resilient local economy.

The Department has been long-time partners with AmeriCorps and Kupu through their mentorship programs which have been hugely successful in getting the youth of Hawaii not only into conservation jobs but into the workforce at large. The Kupu Aina Corps program, funded by the CARES Act, demonstrated how eager the local workforce is to get back to work, and provided new training opportunities for many to enter into new and growing fields of work.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

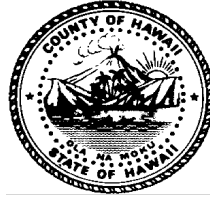
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April 6, 2021

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for HB 1176 relating to a resilient and green jobs corps program

Aloha, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Esteemed Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support for HB 1176, relating to a jobs corps program.

The Hawai'i County Council recently adopted Resolution 35-21, which calls creation of a resilient jobs corps program that puts people back to work and fosters economic development and diversification. I put the resolution forward to make best use of available streams of funding and foster greater collaboration across sectors, harnessing their energy and contributions to develop a trigger-ready workforce development plan that springboards off successful programs such as KUPU 'Aina Corps and Aloha Connects Innovation. I hope Hawai'i County's data and research can help inform design and implementation of the jobs corps concept, in an island context. With your support, we can go from serving dozens to hundreds – and potentially thousands – of residents eager to upskill and retool for a rapidly changing economy.

I kindly ask that the committee consider friendly amendments to this bill:

- Expand the program's reach to include additional sectors such as energy, technology, health and wellness, education, creative media and arts, community-driven tourism, and regenerative agriculture
- Make this program available to any resident interested, not just those under thirty
- Collaborate with counties and/or their economic development boards to implement

Thank you for recognizing the importance of building up our local workforce to keep pace with the state's economic needs and proactively seeking ways to invest in a more regenerative, resilient and innovation-based economy.

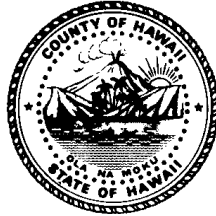
Mahalo nui loa,

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April 6, 2021

RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB1176 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO A JOB CORPS PROGRAM

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Senate committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1176 HD1 SD1. I am excited to see a state-level initiative focused on resiliency and job creation which aligns with Reso. 35-21, unanimously passed in Hawaii County, that called for our County to create a resilient jobs corps program. Both of these County and State level efforts are not only aligned with the proposed Federal level infrastructure and jobs package, but they will also put us in a better position to get people back to work, kick-start economic growth and diversify our economy.

HB1176 HD1 SD1 states: "The creation of a state-run job corps program would provide residents of all ages who have been economically impacted by the pandemic with opportunities to learn new skills and increase their prospects of employment within resiliency and green sectors, including local agriculture, conservation, climate adaptation, renewable energy, cesspool conversion, and technology."

This program would allow for much needed stimulus to our economy and provide opportunities for Hawaii's residents to find meaningful employment that both generates a paycheck and helps the greater community and the environment. Enacting HB1176 HD1 SD1 now will help to position our state to best advocate for Federal investment in developing and expanding Hawaii's workforce.

Thank you for consideration of this testimony and please support HB1176.

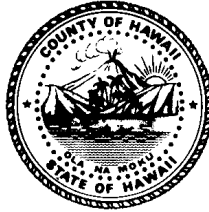
Respectfully,

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Heather Kimball

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April 5, 2021

Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Submission via online testimony

RE: Support of HB 1176 HD1, SD1 (SSCR1260)
Hearing Date/Time: April 7, 2021 at 9:45 a.m.

Dear Senators:

As the Chair of the Committee on Regenerative Agriculture, Water, Energy, and Environmental Management for the Hawai'i County Council, I submit **testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1176 HD1, SD1 (SSCR1260)**.

In efforts to revitalize our economy, we must refocus on statewide programs that provide workforce-training for individuals in various fields of employment, including but not limited to, agriculture, renewable energy, cesspool conversion as well as other new industries, and/or various blue-collar positions. Investing in programs like this provides our youth and/or our unemployed the opportunity to be trained and/or re-trained in different industry positions, providing economic stability for our island families and our local communities.

With COVID-19 skyrocketing Hawai'i's unemployment rate, and with the abrupt realization that we cannot solely depend on tourism to carry our state, such programs as the Green Job Youth Corps Program would address the need for increased workforce development and support economic diversification. To move forward from this pandemic, Hawai'i must be creative and mindful of the opportunities available through other workforce industries and securing training to return back to our once thriving communities and people.

On March 31, 2021, President Biden introduced the American Jobs Plan, an investment in America as an economic boost to create jobs and rebuild the infrastructure of our country. The Green Job Youth Corps Program could potentially be able to put that funding to work.

Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

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Re: **HB 1176 HD1, SD1 (SSCR1260)**.

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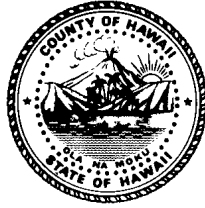
Your support of this measure is critical during such a time as this. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY OF AARON CHUNG HAWAI‘I COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HEARING DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021**

**IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB1176, HD1, SD1,
RELATING TO A JOB CORPS PROGRAM**

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to voice my strong support for HB1176, HD1, SD1, which establishes and funds a job corp program that will provide work and training opportunities in the resiliency and green sector industries to help address the devastating unemployment impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and supports future economic diversification.

Rather than reiterate the litany of reasons that a program of this type is necessary for our state, I will simply say that I support all measures which strive to provide Hawaii residents with opportunities to learn new skills and increase their prospects of employment, while building a diversified and sustainable economy.

Our Council adopted Resolution 35-21 to support such a concept. I hope there are ways the State and counties can work together to invest in one of our most precious resources – our people.

Your support of HB1176, HD1, SD1 and other bills and initiatives aimed at supporting a resilient local economy and a brighter future for Hawai‘i’s workforce, industries, and families will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for considering my thoughts on this matter.



Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1176 HD1 SD1
April 7, 2021, 9:45AM, Room 211

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee members

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 network of more than 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 hui of Limu practitioners all from across our state.

KUA generally supports HB 1176 HD1 SD1. This bill establishes a state youth green job corps program within the DLNR to help address the unemployment impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support economic diversification. Appropriates funds KUA for this purpose

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 very excited 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 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.

HB-1176-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/1/2021 3:27:30 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Jana Bogs	Testifying for Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, Please pass this bill unamended, as written. We need agricultural workers to strengthen our food security, and this bill will also provide meaningful jobs to unemployed people.

Mahalo,

Dr. Jana Bogs, Director of Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc.



Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. 1176 H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to a Jobs Corps Program

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Submitted by Kupu CEO John Leong, hearing date April 7, 2021

Aloha e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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 **H.B. 1176 H.D. 1, S.D. 1, Relating to a Jobs Corps Program**. As written, this measure would expand the state's existing conservation corps program by authorizing an initiative focused on providing conservation and sustainability-related job opportunities and diversifying Hawai'i's economy. Having administered a CARES Act-funded program that is highly similar to this proposal, Kupu agrees with the value of establishing such a program on a longer-term basis as part of Hawai'i's economic and natural resource management strategy.

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 in conservation and natural resource management professions. Since 2007 we have trained close to 5,000 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 million native plants and removing over 100,000 acres of invasive species. This has created a cumulative \$155+ million in impact for Hawai'i with a 1:3 cost to benefit ratio. 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 help diversify our economy.

In the early stages of the pandemic, Kupu saw the economic devastation happening in Hawai'i and wondered what more we could do to help. We created a new program -- in concept -- that would help unemployed and underemployed people of all ages work in the green economy during the pandemic. This program, called the Kupu 'Āina Corps, received funding and partnership from DBEDT thanks to the foresight of the legislature and the support of Governor Ige, as provided by Act 9 (SLH 2020). With this program Kupu helped over 350 displaced workers and recent graduates connect with work, training, and the dignity of helping themselves and their communities. We are humbled that our program was mentioned in the background portion of this legislation as an example of what a longer-term program of this nature could achieve.

The ecological, economic, and human benefits of the Kupu ‘Āina Corps were clear. Over 90 percent of our participants completed the program, gaining its full benefits and helping 150 different host sites across the state. Based on a post-program evaluation survey completed by participants, one in three remained employed or were moving on to other employment at the end of the program. Logging over 89,000 work hours, these participants produced an economic benefit estimated at \$6.55 million, based on a formula developed by Columbia University. (This was more than twice the cost of the program.) Additionally, these participants collectively improved over 21,700 acres of land across our state. Community-based conservation corps around the nation have inquired about the program, which has also received national media coverage.

While the funding and authorization for the Kupu ‘Āina Corps has ended, the need for this kind of program has not. We believe that future partnerships, like what is possible through this bill, can continue to provide urgent relief for underemployed kama‘āina and struggling green entrepreneurs in the immediate term, and gradually help the long term pivot towards the kind of diversified economy that Hawai‘i needs. Additionally, like many witnesses who testified in previous committees, we support the current version of this bill and the decision to place this program under the administration of DLNR. For these reasons, we strongly support H.B. 1176 and urge the committee to pass this bill unamended.

Finally, we would like to highlight that the new initiative that would be created through H.B. 1176 would provide a structure to better-position Hawai‘i for various federal funding opportunities that are emerging or anticipated. This includes not just the American Rescue Plan and the American Jobs Act but also other conservation, climate change, and natural resource and cultural resource legislation that could fund jobs and stimulate the economy.

Please pass **H.B. 1176 H.D. 1, S.D. 1 unamended**. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in strong support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

John Leong

John Leong, CEO
Kupu

HB-1176-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Weidenbach	Testifying for Hawaii Fish Company Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii Fish Company strongly supports HB1176 HD1 SD1 to create and fund a Hawaii Job Corps to help address Covid-19 impacts and state economic diversitification. Our company was a host site under the excellent but all too short Kupu Aina Program with two outstanding individual participants who were committed to assisting our small sustainable fish and aquaponics farm prepare for farm expansion and increased local food production. Both participants were recent college graduates in natural resource fields and seeking opportunities to gain hands-on sustainable farming experience. We believe the proposed Hawaii Job Corps program could provide similar opportunities, laying the groundwork for diversifying our State economy to include increased conservation and sustainable agriculture work, revenues, and jobs, and reversing the current brain drain from our State. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this imporant measure.



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Strong Support of HB1126 RELATING TO A JOB CORPS PROGRAM

April 5, 2021

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Agaran, and Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

Hawai`i SEED strongly supports the creation of local jobs for local needs. These are jobs that will enhance of community environment. By creating jobs such as these, they will bring benefits to the present and the future of Hawai`i. We need diversification to create solid security for all our needs and situations.

Prior to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, Hawaii had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed tens of thousands of Hawaii residents out of work, and the current state unemployment rate is among the nation's highest. In addition, tourism, the State's largest industry, has dropped considerably because of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing a unique opportunity for the State to build a more resilient, equitable, and diversified economy. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic also highlighted the need for increased and diverse workforce development initiatives in the State. The when and how tourism will look in the future, one thing is for certain, we must eat, we must feed our guests, and we must grow our own nutrition on our land. It is an untapped source of jobs, revenue and savings for families, business and institutions. Just think of all the money we spend, looping back into the hands of home-grown businesses.

A model exists for the creation of such initiatives to support the State's ailing workforce. The Civilian Conservation Corps program that was implemented as a major part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal after the Great Depression was a federal work relief program

that helped employ Americans on conservation projects, alleviated economic distress, and supported the protection and responsible development of natural resources and agricultural land use.

The federal Job Corps program is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the United States Department of Labor that helps young people ages sixteen to twenty-four improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. The Hawaii Job Corps Center supports the federal Job Corps program's mission to teach eligible young people the skills they need to become employable and independent, place them in meaningful jobs, or further their education.

We find that the federal Job Corps program is a no-cost education and career technical training program helps young people improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. The Hawaii Job Corps Center supports the federal Job Corps program's mission to teach eligible young people the skills they need to become employable and independent, place them in meaningful jobs, or further their education. The creation of a state-administered green job corps program would provide Hawaii residents who were economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with opportunities to learn new skills and increase their prospects of employment within the resiliency and green sectors, including local agriculture, conservation, climate adaptation, renewable energy, cesspool conversion, and technology industries.

The legislature also finds that the Aloha Connects Innovation program of the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii and Kupu 'Āina Corps, two workforce development initiatives launched by the State with federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds are potential programs to integrate and build upon in establishing a state-administered green job corps program. The State can also capitalize on the report titled "From Today to Tomorrow: A Talent Roadmap to Support Economic Recovery" produced by the Hawaii Executive Collaborative, which provides a framework to establish a state-administered green

job corps program by outlining a talent development strategy through expansion of work-based learning, retraining, credentialing programs, industry-driven solutions, and partnerships.

Please establish a green job youth corps program within the department of land and natural resources to help address the unemployment impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support economic diversification with a focus on resiliency and green sector industries; and alternative career employment opportunities, with purpose and an investment in our future. Designate the department of land natural resources to administer or enter into an agreement or agreements for the administration of a green jobs youth corps program that provides temporary work and training opportunities in one or more of the following fields: natural resource management, agriculture, conservation, renewable energy, or other sustainability professions.

Sincerely,

Jeri Di Pietro, President

Hawai`i SEED

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy
In Support of HB 1176, HD 1 SD 1, Relating to a Job Corps Program**

Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 9:45 AM
Conference Room 211, via Videoconference

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

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) supports HB 1176, HD1 SD 1, which establishes a state job corps program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to help address the unemployment impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support economic diversification, and appropriates funds for this purpose.

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 40-year history of working in partnership with so many local organizations, agencies, and communities to care for this vital and fragile resource.

Since 2011, TNC has benefitted from the tremendous work of 63 Kupu interns, including five Kupu 'Āina Corps CARES Act-funded interns from October through December 2020. These interns have provided much needed capacity to help us manage our native forested watersheds and coral reefs. These young, 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.

HB 1176, HD 1 SD1 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. By providing immediate relief and opportunity for local jobs while also paving the way for long-term green jobs, environmental expertise, and local leadership, this legislation is an important step in the right direction, and we urge the committee to pass it.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1176, HD1 SD1.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i 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 13 nature preserves and work in over 50 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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April 5, 2021



Testimony in Support of H.B. 1176 Relating to a Jobs Corps Program

To: Senate Committee on Way and Means,

Aloha Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, and
Committee Members,

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. The materials we recover are provided to the community as an affordable and locally produced resource.

HB1176 relating to a Jobs Corps Program would be tremendously helpful for Hawai'i as we work to become more sustainable, self-reliant, and resilient. Re-use Hawai'i was a host site for ten participants of the Kupu 'Āina Corps program in late 2020. We employed and trained individuals whose jobs were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Training included specific skills in deconstruction, lumber processing, customer service, and administration. We also held workshops on woodworking, welding, and safety.

HB1176 and the creation of a Job Corp 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 HB1176 and Re-use Hawai'i is eager to participate toward a brighter future for Hawai'i's workforce, industries, and families.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Quinn Vittum
Executive Director
Re-use Hawai'i



April 5, 2021

RE: Support for HB1176

Aloha,

KA'EHU is a nonprofit organization that has been working with KUPU since this past summer and was able to secure 3 interns during the fall and recently received approval for a 10-month intern at Ka'ehu Bay. KUPU's programs and mission support KA'EHU's goal of land restoration.

We are writing in support of HB1176, which would provide more opportunities for nonprofits working in land conservation, restoration and preservation. These jobs are essential to both care for our environment while providing jobs to community members.

If you have any questions, please call me at 808-856-6679 or email kuulei@kaehu.org.

Mahalo nui loa,

Ku'uleinani Maunupau
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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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HB 1176 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO A JOB CORPS PROGRAM

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that growth is reasonable and responsible and that planning and land use decisions protect natural and cultural resources and human health and are implemented in conformity with the law, supports creating a Green Jobs Corps within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Creating a Green Jobs Corps program within DLNR gives the department the mechanism to take advantage of future federal funding such as the CARES money to hire and train future conservation managers.

DLNR is under immense pressure to maintain, manage and improve our states valuable watersheds, forests, state parks, trails, public land, aquatic and cultural resources with a consistently decreasing budget.

Our tourism economy depends on our islands natural beauty, clean and safe waters all of which come at a cost. Residents, visitors, present and future generations will benefit from the creation of a Green Jobs Conservation Corps within DLNR.

We urge you to give Hawaii's residents the opportunity to learn new skills while preserving Hawaii's finite and fragile natural and cultural resources by passing HB 1176 HD1 SD1 out of committee.



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

The Young Democrats of Hawai'i (YDHI) **supports HB1176 HD 1 SD 1**, which establishes within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) a green job youth corps program that provides temporary work and training opportunities in the resiliency and green sector industries to help address the unemployment impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and support economic diversification.

YDHI is a caucus under the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Our mission is to increase the political strength of our members by providing opportunities for civic engagement, political advocacy, and participation in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

In 2020, our membership established our top three legislative priorities to advocate for affordable housing, healthcare, and the economy.

We support HB1176 HD 1 SD 1 because it directly addresses our membership's desire for a healthy economy during this pandemic in the following ways:

- It provides a pathway for our generation to obtain skills that prepare them for high-paying jobs right here at home.
- It transitions our State away from relying on tourism by attracting new industries in local agriculture, conservation, climate adaptation, renewable energy, cesspool conversion, and technology.
- It addresses another critical issue for our generation, climate change. By attracting these new industries in sustainability, we can bring green jobs that can also help our State reach its 100% carbon-neutrality goal by 2045.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill, and we urge you to pass HB1176 HD 1 SD 1 to create the vibrant economy our membership desires and deserves.

Sincerely,
The Young Democrats of Hawai'i



April 5, 2021

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Legislature
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 9:45 p.m.
Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in support of HB1176 HD1 SD1

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee,

I would like to submit this letter and written testimony in support of HB1176 HD1 SD1 calling to establish a green job youth corps program that provides temporary work and training opportunities in the resiliency and green sector industries to help address the unemployment impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and support economic diversification within the department of land and natural resources (DLNR). This bill will also allow the governor to designate the DLNR to administer or enter into agreements for the administration of the program and to appropriate funds to be expended by the DLNR for this purpose.

As the president of a locally managed, 100% employee-owned company, with over 400 employees across the state, I can speak firsthand to the importance, value, and benefit of workforce development programs. As a local company, we employ members of our community with roles that require training, skills and abilities which can be developed and nurtured through a job corps program.

HPM Building Supply's guiding philosophy is to help our customers build better and live better by enhancing homes, improving lives, and transforming communities. We understand the need for green sectors, including local agriculture, conservation, climate adaptation, renewable energy, cesspool conversion, and technology industries.

I truly believe that many local business leaders would agree that the ability to meet our respective missions and objectives and to achieve success is reliant upon not only a trained and skilled workforce able to fill the many varying jobs and positions of our organizations, but an island community that provides opportunity for good employment in a myriad of industries that attract and retain qualified candidates.

Through the establishment of a Green Job Youth Corp Program, a truly collaborative partnership can be encouraged and fostered to support critical economic recovery and sustainability, and provide for the building and growing of a well-trained and prepared workforce to meet immediate business needs and the needs of the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and I strongly encourage your support for, and the passing of HB1176 HD1 SD1.

Sincerely,

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 10:26:32 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Frazer	Testifying for Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii (B.E.A.C.H.)	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing on behalf of Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii (B.E.A.C.H.) in strong support of HB1176 HD1 SD1. B.E.A.C.H. had the opportunity last year to have 3 people work with us through the Kupu Aina Corps program for 2 months. It was such a beneficial program for both the young people and our organization that we wish it could have been longer and continue. Our organization gave the participants a lot of knowledge and work experience in the conservation field that they wouldn't have gotten otherwise. B.E.A.C.H. is an all volunteer organization so it was the first time we had the opportunity to have paid staff helping out (paid through Kupu). This really made a difference for us and we were able to accomplish a lot. We are really grateful for the help because of the lockdowns last year putting us behind in our work.

All of the young people we worked with were out of work and were having a hard time getting a job. The Kupu Aina Corps experience provided a transformational learning experience which has positively impacted their lives. One now has a job and another was inspired to start her own non-profit. This program was only made possible due to funding that Kupu got which has now run out. We hope that you will pass this bill and allow more young people to take part in this program.

Thank you,
Suzanne Frazer
B.E.A.C.H. Co-Founder.



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NATIVE HAWAIIAN
ADVANCEMENT

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: April 7, 2021
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Where: Via Videoconference



RE: **HB 1176, HD1, SD1, Relating to a Job Corps Program**

E ka Luna Ho‘omalua Dela Cruz, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omalua Keith-Agaran, a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike, aloha!

The listed organizations **support HB 1176, HD1, SD1**, which establishes within the Department of Land and Natural Resources a green job youth corps program to help address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support economic diversification.

A green job youth corps program would provide professional development opportunities for our next generation, which supports a shift toward a more sustainable economic future in Hawai‘i. This program would help empower ‘ōiwi leaders to drive economic revitalization, alleviate the strains of high unemployment, nurture positive learning habitats for our ‘ōpio, and bolster the responsible stewardship of our precious natural resources.

‘A‘ohe ‘ulu e loa‘a i ka pōkole o ka lou. There is no success without preparation. Please advance this measure!

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Senate Ways and Means Committee

Jennifer Kuwahara
Mililani High School

Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 9:45 am

I support HB 1176 RELATING TO A JOB CORPS PROGRAM

Aloha! My name is Jennifer Kuwahara. I am a science teacher at Mililani High School and a former team leader of KUPU's Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps program. I am testifying on HB 1176 Relating to a Job Corps Program. I testify in support of this bill unamended. Funding for a permanent 'āina management program is essential for the sustainability of our state. It will increase the capacity of organizations that manage our ahupua'a to engage in the resilience and employment of members of our community. I strongly support this type of work to engage our community in work that matters to the resilience of our communities, economy, and environment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1176 passing unamended.

Jennifer Kuwahara

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Submitted on: 4/2/2021 1:34:03 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn Bauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the passage of HB1176 HD1 SD1. The permanent establishment of a work force that provides conservation of Hawaii's natural areas and economically benefits the people in the Aloha 'Aina Corps will be a tremendous boon to our state. We saw with the pandemic and the lack of tourism many forest and marine areas started to recuperate from less use. Now is the time for conservation efforts to be leading rather than following. With our fragile natural environment at stake, the time is right to establish a permanent conservation work force.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 2:57:11 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas Callison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1176, April 7, 2021, hearing before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Douglas Callison.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Douglas Callison, and I am a construction worker by trade, specializing in Plastering. I was born and raised in California, and I came to the Big Island of Hawaii in 1990, and worked on many projects, homes, and resorts. The recessions of 1993 and 2008 closed down many projects, and there was a huge decline in construction employment. In March 2020, due to Covid-19, construction declined again. When tourism declines, construction declines. In my opinion, it would be wise to create industries in Hawaii which are NOT dependent upon construction or tourism.

Thanks to KUPU 'AINA CORPS, I was able to work at the Hakalau Sanctuary under the supervision of Susan Cordell PhD, (Director and Research Ecologist & Director of the Forest Service Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, Pacific Southwest Research Station) and Dr. Patrick Hart (Professor of the Department of Biology with the University of Hawaii in Hilo) in the program for Conservative Leadership (CLDP) with Kupu 'Aina Corps (KAC). This opportunity provided me with income, purpose, and hope for the future. I am very pleased with the renovative and restorative work that I was able to do for them. My Supervisors are wonderful people who worked closely with me and they were very supportive and appreciative of my work. I learned alot about Conservation from them in this program, and I feel that we need to create businesses which protect the land of Hawaii. I feel very strongly that Green jobs and programs like KUPU are very valuable, especially at a time like this when we are experiencing such a huge decline in employment of all kinds because of the Covid-19 pandemic and all that it entails. Please watch Kupu's video and take to heart the many genuine testimonials of my KUPU co-workers Please lend an ear to the voices of the people.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

Douglas Callison

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 3:25:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Leimomi Riley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB1176, April 7, 2021, hearing before the Hawai'i Senate Committee on Ways and Means, Leimomi Riley.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

My name is Leimomi Riley, and I am a Hawaiian Mother, Tutu, musician, and resident of the Big Island of Hawaii. I thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1176 Please pass this Bill.

I was born in Hilo in 1956, and I have seen many changes through the years. Plantations closed and resorts opened. Tourism became a major provider of employment to the people of Hawaii. I raised my children on the Big Island of Hawaii and I worked at many jobs as a single mother in order to provide for my family, sometimes working at 4 different part-time jobs at a time, and I am aware that it is a struggle for many families to provide for their households in Hawaii.

The Covid-19 pandemic has presented further complications in so many ways. We need to support green jobs and programs like KUPU to help address unemployment impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and to support businesses which are edifying to the natural resources of Hawaii and which are not dependent upon tourism.

I appreciate your time and consideration regarding this matter. Mahalo and Aloha!

Sincerely, Leimomi Riley

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Submitted on: 4/4/2021 12:50:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brooke Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

I write to you in strong support of HB1176 HD1 SD1, Relating to a Job Corps Program. I also request that you amend this measure so that it is inclusive of workers older than 30.

Government-sponsored job corps were proven effective at reducing unemployment, boosting the economy, and providing society with much-needed public services when President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration actuated such programs in response to the Great Depression. We are facing a similar unemployment crisis in Hawaii today, and one of the roles and strengths of properly run government is its ability to step in and provide the stimulating support that a job corps program certainly will for Hawaii's residents, economy, and environment. We've seen it work before - we know it will work now.

I request that the program be inclusive of those over the age of thirty; currently, the SD1 is focused on a youth job corps. People in their 40s have been just as hard-hit by the economic fallout of the pandemic as those in their 20s... and people in their 40s are more likely to have children and families who depend on them. They also have decades left to give as workers, are highly capable of acquiring new skills and knowledge, and as a result of their previous work experience, may prove assets to the program as employees capable of managerial positions. The focus on youth made sense during America's Great Depression in the 1930s, but in Hawaii today during the pandemic, it makes more sense to focus on workers in a wider range of ages.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this measure. Please pass HB1176 HD1 SD1, and please consider amending the bill to be inclusive of a wider range of ages.

Sincerely,

Brooke Jones

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 5:46:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Ritte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of HB1176.

Creating Aloha Aina jobs will benefit us today as well as the future generations!

Walter Ritte

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 10:57:08 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Galimba	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB1176 HD1 SD1.

This is a critical tool in our tool box to build a more resilient economy and build back better.

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 11:45:45 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
CAROLINE LANDRY	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear WAM members:

I hope you will support this bill. Developing skills in our island workforce by providing opportunities for meaningful work, a living wage doing so, and develop more ways to sustainably leverage the aina as a resource to support economic vitality, would benefit all residents.

Caroline Landry

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 11:51:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am in **strong support** of HB1176 HD1 SD1.

As a member of several sustainability groups on Hawaii Island, I appreciate the benefits that a Job Corps Program can bring, e.g., economic recovery, environmental revitalization, and enablement of social equity. We have the opportunity to mitigate the challenges and consequences that have been brought on by the pandemic with jobs that allow for economic diversification and a more sustainable economy. HB1176 HD1 SD1 proposes changes that will enable these jobs.

Thank you for supporting this important measure.

Noel Morin
Board Member
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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 11:57:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bennett Dorrance	Testifying for Touching the Earth	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I support this measure for developing a jobs corps as there are many in need for meaningful work and there is great need for labor support, especially if our island wishes to shift its economy from being so dependent on tourism. If this measure expands beyond land preservation and gets into farming and other services where our markets need support, Hawaii will achieve its goals around a more localized economy and and a more sustainable future (particularly with our food and land systems.

Thank you

Bennett Dorrance

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 1:13:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Coffman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha WAM committee members,

Please focus on the fact this is the last gasp in the year of covid for a Green Job Corps. This moment will not come again. Yet the need for this program will not only be with us but be cumulative for the next "seven generations."

It is at once a cultural, ecological, and economic need.

To give this life and meaning, insert the "green fee" provisions and rationale of the excellent SB666 and then let us continue to debate the merits publicly in conference. Having worked on this idea for more than a year, I can assure you that support for a Green Job Corps has expanded dramatically in recent months.

In that sense, the wind is at your back.

Tom Coffman

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 2:18:30 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharron Gonzalez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I strongly support this bill that will create jobs that benefit today as well as tomorrow. Mahalo for your time.

Sharron Gonzalez

Hilo, Hawaii

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 3:26:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Greene	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I Support This Bill HB1176 To Provide Jobs Gor We The Native Peoples of These LANDS ILLEGALLY STOLEN From OUR KINGDOM OF HAWAII Which

was Recognized By Over 60 Different COUNTRIES Around the WORLD.
When The U.S. THREW OUR QUEEN IN PRISON IN HER BEDROOM IN THE PALACE FOR OVER A YEAR.....

Mahalo,

Patricia Louise Leimomi Greene 938-0676

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 4:50:41 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamana Beamer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this important effort

Dr Kamana Beamer

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Submitted on: 4/5/2021 8:01:10 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Fitzpatrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Taking care of the land and investing in our youth to earn an income by taking care of the land is priceless! This is the modern day New Deal at the state level. Put people to work, get people off of unemployment, give our youth their first job since they graduated high school and the job market crashed, and take care of the land all at the same time. Seems like a win win to me.

Mahalo,

Fitz

Testimony presented to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
April 7, 2021 at 9:45am
By Farrah-Marie Gomes, Ph. D.

HB 1176, HD1, SD1 – RELATING TO A JOB CORPS PROGRAM

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

I am providing testimony today in strong support of HB 1176, HD1, SD1 which proposes to establish a state job corps program to help address the unemployment impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support economic diversification by giving youth and adults an opportunity to engage in meaningful work on the land and in emerging sectors. This program would provide individuals with an opportunity to upskill and/or retool for our changing economic landscape.

I am a resident of Hawaii Island and graduated high school in the same year that the Hamakua Sugar Co. closed. Three generations of my family worked for that plantation, my dad being one of those who worked until its closure. I witnessed firsthand how difficult it was for my dad to transition into another industry. Today, he is a member of the tourism industry and while he is eligible for early retirement, he is trying to hang on a few extra years for full retirement benefits. The current state of tourism on our island has us wondering if there will need to be one more "career change" for him or if he will need to just settle for early retirement benefits.

These are not the types of decisions we want our island residents to face after spending most of their life contributing to society. Yet, for my dad, he finds himself at another one of these crossroads with about a quarter of a century between two devastating economic disasters that impacted his career.

As I keep one eye on my dad and his situation, I keep my other eye on my teenage son who is keenly watching what is happening in the world around him. I am fully aware that how our island bounces back from this pandemic is likely to determine whether my son decides to stay on island or in the state after high school or not. I work in the field of education as a state employee and if there is one thing that I would like to impress upon us, it is this - let us learn from our own history and do what we can to prevent history from repeating itself. We cannot predict when the next economic disaster will hit Hawaii, but we can better prepare our workforce with the necessary, progressive, and transferable skills that can support them in being more adaptive and responsive to change, and at the same time, we must also cultivate a more sustainable and resilient economy that will be able to better withstand different tests over time.

That is why I strongly support HB 1176, HD1, SD1. While intended to help address short-term and immediate unemployment impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, I see potential longer term benefits for our island residents and our island economy. As we look at rebuilding our economy, we must look at how to rebuild our workforce and a state job corps program would be a great start toward that endeavor. I urge you to please support this measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1176, HD1. While my testimony is from the perspective of one family, I know many others with similar experiences.

Mahalo,


Farrah-Marie Gomes

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 9:06:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam J. Babica	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

THIS is what the state needs right now. Economic stimulus and diversification in one bill... good policy. I STRONGLY urge the committee to pass this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 9:26:59 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jake Sykes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo nui for taking the time to consider this Bill. I write in strong, passionate favor of prioritizing economic diversification through sustainable and 'Āina based development.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 9:43:17 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chasity Quihano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1176 HD1 SD1 to engage in our community in work that matters to our kaiaipuni (environment), the strength of our communities, and the generations to come.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2021 7:59:12 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/7/2021 9:45:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Faylene Mahina Duarte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

I am a small business owner, operating three Hawai'i based businesses. I am in full support of this Bill as it provide funds to establish a jobs corps program, giving youth and adults an opportunity to engage in meaningful work on the land and in emerging sectors. Workforce development is key to rebuilding a resilient diversified economy.

Sincerely,

Mahina Paishon-Duarte