

LATE TESTIMONY

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Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources
Date: Friday, January 30, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 325
HB 645
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Committee Chairman Mr. Ito and members:

Please **OPPOSE** this bill HB645!

Kaena Point State Park should not allow overnight camping. It would set a bad precedent. This park must remain close to camping.

It would be difficult to enforce the laws in protecting the natural resources this area possesses. There's been numerous abuse and irresponsible behavior from the public that have used the park during the daylight hours. I don't believe they would act any differently if they were to camp overnight.

There are no merits to this bill.

Mahalo,

Gwen F. Ilaban

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From: Sandra Arakaki, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

To: Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources

RE: H.B. No. 645

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2009

Time: 0900

Place: Conference Room 325 State Capitol- 415 South Beretania St

Dear Committee members,

HB 645 is very important to me and my family because it has been for decades our lifestyle to enjoy the land and the family experiences of outdoor activities such as camping during various times of the year. We live in the most remote populated place in the world that is graced with sunshine and beautiful scenery and to enjoy our outdoor activities when we can should not be restricted. Camping with family and friends is a way of life to our family, we go when we all can and it is a bonding time that we as family identify our culture and pass on our lifestyles to our children. **My family and I request that House Bill 645 be fully supported and made whole as written.**

MAHALO

Family in support of HB-641:

Michael Arakaki	Daisy Rosario
Daniel Arakaki, Jr	Jinei Arakaki
Wallace Maze	Nancy Arakaki
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Amber Maze	Liberta Pacheco
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Testimony for WLO 1/30/2009 9:00:00 AM HB645

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robin Fujikawa
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Submitted on: 1/29/2009

Comments:

Kaena Point deserves to be a place where campers can freely fish overnight. Wilderness can only be therapeutic to the health of a people when there is direct contact. O'ahu's wilderness is becoming limited to Kaena Point. Because of its inaccessibility, camping overnight is necessary for fishing there. For the health of the island, please allow unrestricted camping at Kaena Point.

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Representative Ken Ito, Chair, Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean
Resources

Friday, January 30, 2009
9:00 a.m. Conference Room 325

Testimony in Opposition to HB 645

Aloha! Chair Ito and members of the Committee:

My name is William J. Aila Jr. I am an employee of DLNR however the testimony provided here is that of my own.

The reasons for my opposition is as follows:

The bill is too broad.

It would include portions of the Wai'anae Coast where the community is working with DLNR to provide for camping permits at Makua Beach, which is part of Kaena Point State Park.

A more comprehensive plan to manage the Mokuleia, side of Kaena Point State Park is needed.

Kaena Point State Park is a fragile, sacred place, and this bill would allow for uncontrolled use and abuse.

DLNR is working with fishermen and other users to allow a system for fishing and camping and that effort needs to be completed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on HB 645.

January 30, 2009

To: The Committee of Water Land Use
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Fr: Ollie Lunasco
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Waialua, Hi 96791

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Ollie Lunasco and I am here to testify in favor of House Bill 644 allowing camping at Kaena Point State Park. Several years ago, the legislature enacted a law banning camping on our beaches. It was a result of problems with our homeless population cluttering our beaches. As a result of that law, it has created problems for our fishermen who fish over night. We have been harassed and cited by game wardens for camping or even possessing camping equipment in the Kaena Point State Park area.. We have tried for years working with DLNR and had no success in our endeavors. Those citations are criminal citations and must be adjudicated and whether you're guilty or not, it will be on your criminal record. What that law has done is make criminals out of our law abiding citizens.

Over night fishing has been a common practice for generations. I grew up spending many weekends and summers camping, fishing, and just enjoying my summer break. Today that is forbidden. What that law has done has made it difficult for us to fish over night. In your wisdom, I don't think that was the intent of the law.

I am here today asking you to make a wrong situation right; by passing this bill. By passing this bill, we will be allowed to fish over night and not be afraid to fall asleep and get cited by the game wardens.

Sincerely,



Ollie Lunasco

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Aloha,

My name is Chad Yasumura and I am in favor of seeing HB641 moving forward. I would like to be able to obtain info of all public right-of-ways. I feel that with so much development near the coast lines of all islands there is much restriction for the citizens of Hawaii to getting to the beaches for recreational purposes.

Aloha,
Chad Yasumura
Mililani, Hi
551-5752



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Aloha Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources,

In regards to HB645, I am in favor of seeing this move forward. I have been fishing in Kaena Point State park since the 1970's. We go fishing in there most times over night and we need to have the basic necessities to stay for however long we can stay. Items such as sleeping bags, tarps and coolers are considered to be camping paraphernalia which is not allowed after sundown with the current rules. I wish to have that changed to allow us to continue to take my family fishing which includes my wife, son and two very young girls. There are records of fishermen fishing in there since the 1920's.

We have attended numerous meetings to discuss how we can accommodated to continue overnight fishing with the proper survival equipment. The DLNR is refusing to budge on this matter and is not willing to allow to possess and use what they consider to be camping paraphernalia. Again there are certain essentials that are needed for my family's safety.

Aloha,
Chad Yasumura
Mililani, Hi
551-5752

 1/20/09

Victoria Lyman
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RE Bill 645

I am opposed to Bill #645 which lifts any restrictions on camping in Waiana Point State Park. It is premature to change the rules and laws governing Waiana Point Camping. The DLNR has been formulating a cohesive use plan that will both protect an endangered Waiana Point and allow public use.

I have lived at Waiana Point for thirty-six years. ~~It has been with great distress~~ I have observed with great distress the misuse of our aina. The recreational practices of our state residents have changed. SUV carrying both offroaders and fisherman have driven where ever and when ever they wish. The vegetation has been destroyed, mud runoff is killing our reefs. Where I could at one time gather sabb I now see only mud.

I am asking that this bill be withdrawn. A cohesive plan for its protection must be in place before we allow camping and unregulated use. If we do not take steps now to preserve our area there will be no land to use. No fish to fish. No plants to gather

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Re: Bill # 645

I oppose Bill # 645 because it lifts restrictions on camping at Kaena Point State Park.

As a child we walked out to the lighthouse for family picnics. Since then Kaena Point has been desecrated. ~~I wonder when the last time was that the state's standards of~~ turned into a mud bog stripped of its vegetation.

The time now is to think of how to protect Kaena and how our recreational choices will fit into the protection of Kaena.

We first need to develop a usage plan for Kaena and then develop camping. Therefore this Bill is premature, could lead to even more destruction and should be withdrawn.