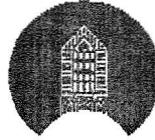


# LATE TESTIMONY



## BISHOP MUSEUM

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**February 8, 2009**

**TO: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources**

**FR: Bishop Museum  
Timothy Johns, President & CEO**

**RE: Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources  
Monday, February 9, 2009; 9:00 a.m. Rm 325  
Support of HB 980 Relating to Recreational Renaissance**

**Bishop Museum supports HB 980**, which fortifies the recreational renaissance program of the Department of Land and Natural Resources through various amendments to state law.

Bishop Museum works in partnership with The Friends of 'Iolani Palace to ensure the proper care and display of our ali'i treasures within the Palace. To do this, 'Iolani Palace must properly maintain its facilities as well have the ability to make improvements when necessary.

As drafted, HB 980 would allow for funding to enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources to upgrade and maintain its land-based facilities, which includes 'Iolani Palace.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 980.

# LATE TESTIMONY



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February 9, 2009

TESTIMONY TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN  
RESOURCES

9:00 AM Room 325

Representative Ken Ito, Chair

Presented By: James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition

Subject: H. B. 980 RELATING TO RECREATIONAL RENAISSANCE

**Conditional Support of HB 980 with proposed amendments**

Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

I am Jim Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC) speaking with conditional support of this bill. We are offering five amendments. This proactive plan, properly administrated would make a significant positive improvement in our Harbors, Parks, and recreational areas. These are our proposed amendments:

Page 4, Line 14-15: DELETE [as long as those moneys are not currently going to the general fund]

Page 10, Line 20-21: DELETE [issued to an owner of a commercial catamaran operating in the Waikiki area]

Page 13, Line 1-12: ADD "two times the moorage fee plus utility/common area maintenance fees assessed for a recreational vessel of the same size, whichever is greater.

Page 14, Line 7: ADD dry dock areas

Page 14, Line 11: ADD boat ramp widening, revetments, and improvements, dry dock access improvements

There are still many things to be worked out; with an over \$200 million deferred harbor maintenance shortfall, the devil is in the details.

For example: How do you protect the slip holders in a small rural facility utilized by the entire community--but having very limited slip holders or ramp users--from being massively negatively impacted if they actually had to support the cost of maintaining and repairing their facilities and did not get the collective help from the other harbors and resources?

Commercial boaters represent less than 3% of the total boats using these facilities yet produce close to 50% of all revenues derived from boater fees. Commercial boaters recently supported legislation to have their fees raised by 50% with the promise that this would provide enough extra revenue for DOBOR to upgrade our harbors. As an industry we just cannot afford any significant increase in what we are already paying. We are paying more than our fair share! We are not complaining, but do not want to see a draconian open ended fee system added on to our already strained resources to the point where it drives us out of business. Like I stated earlier, the devil is in the details.

If you will pass this bill with the proposed amendments I believe we can work with DLNR/DOBOR to work out the details.

Thank you,

James E. Coon, President  
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Jeannine Johnson, Legislative Sub-Committee Chair

## **Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2**

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February 8, 2009

### COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Rep. Ken Ito, Chair

Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

HB 980 RELATING TO RECREATIONAL RENAISSANCE.

Hearing: Monday, February 09, 2009 at 9 am in Conference Room 325

Aloha Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har and Honorable Committee Members,

As Committee Chair of the **Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2** Legislative Sub-Committee, it is my duty to inform you **Neighborhood Board #2** opposes HB980 which purports to provide funding and tools to enable the DLNR to upgrade and maintain state parks, trails and ocean recreational facilities to "world class levels" through various amendments to state law. **Neighborhood Board #2** represents over 6,000 households, with a population of almost 20,000 people (State of Hawaii Data Book 2002) in East Honolulu.

Although there was recent good news regarding Governor Linda Lingle's decision to change the land use designation of the Ka Iwi makai lands from urban to conservation, many in our East O'ahu communities were dismayed at the introduction of HB980 which establishes a special fund financed through the building of new facilities, land acquisition, building an industrial park, harbor fees, etc., all at the discretion of the DLNR.

The most troubling part of the "recreational renaissance" plan is the proposed building of comfort stations, cabins, camping areas, concession facilities, boardwalks, marina facilities, parking control stations and "other improvements" to be constructed at Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline. The community has fought for 30 years to keep this area in its natural state and vehemently objects to the DLNR using it to finance its upgrade and maintenance of its other parks.

Therefore, at its February 5, 2009 meeting, **Neighborhood Board #2** voted to oppose HB980 and support the deletion of the Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline from the DLNR's recreational renaissance plan. Your opposition to HB980 is respectfully requested.

Mahalo,



Jeannine Johnson  
Legislative Sub-Committee Chair  
**Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2**

cc via email: Chair Robert Chuck  
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## LATE TESTIMONY

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

February 9, 2009, 9:00 A.M.

*(Testimony is 2 pages long)*

#### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 980

Chair Ito and members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with over 5500 dues paying members statewide, supports the intent of HB 980, establishing a new methodology for funding and support our public parks and trails. The Sierra Club's mission is to "explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth" -- a mission made particularly difficult when our public parks, trails, and marinas are in a despicable condition.

It is clear that the current model of support for our public areas is broken. Hawai'i is one of most beautiful places in the world. This beauty, however, is not reflected in the deplorable condition of our public parks and trails. Years of neglect have made us too tolerant of broken bathrooms and reliant on volunteer organizations, such as the Sierra Club, to take on the responsibility to fix and maintain our trails.

Although almost everyone agrees our public resources deserve better, in the crush of budgeting, our parks frequently fall second to other critical components of government, such as the funding for education or the public health system. That is why the Sierra Club has reluctantly agreed to support the concept of charging a "visitor fee" for the sole purpose of supporting our public resources. This concept is somewhat antithetical to the Sierra Club's mission of getting people into the outdoors, but we cannot continue down the same path without making a change. We hope that this reluctant tradeoff will lead to more people enjoying the outdoors because of the improved facilities, educational opportunities, and enhanced relationships with outdoor organizations.

The Sierra Club also supports the concept of dedicating funds from the *appropriate* use of State lands. A constant source of dedicated funds will, hopefully, lead to better

management of our parks, trails, and marinas for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

We note that the Department of Land and Natural Resources has made extraordinary efforts to outreach with public organizations to explain the details of this program. We salute this effort, but hope that it continues. There is still a great deal of public uncertainty regarding DLNR's plans, which hopefully will be addressed as this bill is heard and in future public hearings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Defend Ka Iwi Coast  
Preserve Kamilo Nui Valley  
Hold the Urban Growth Boundary  
Enforce Public Right of Way Beach Access  
Uphold the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan  
Protect the authentic characteristics & natural beauty of East Honolulu

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Rep. Ken Ito, Chair  
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HB 980 RELATING TO RECREATIONAL RENAISSANCE.  
Hearing: Monday, February 09, 2009 at 9 am in Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har and Honorable Committee Members,

Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui (LHKH) is a non-profit, bipartisan community action group. We strive to promote sensible growth and respect for the land as well as upholding the integrity of the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (EHSCP).

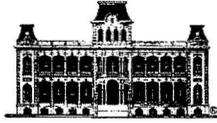
One of the visions of the EHSCP is to preserve the Koko Head-Makapu'u scenic district:

The rugged coastal lands between Koko Head and Makapu'u Point are among O'ahu's most unique and spectacular scenic resources, offering mauka and makai views from many vantage points... Protection of the scenic value of this view shed has island-wide importance because of its attraction to both residents and visitors. Preserving one of Oahu's most popular visitor resources is critical to our economy since tourism, our base industry, continues to grow in significance. Nowhere else on the island, with the exception of the Ka'ena coastline, are there elements of a natural environment in one large, contiguous area of undeveloped open space. Unlike Ka'ena, however, the Koko Head-Makapu'u coastline is easily accessible by vehicle. While easy access benefits the public's recreational needs, it can also contribute to degradation of the area's resources. Overuse, misuse, and potential urban encroachment, particularly in the Queen's Beach vicinity, are pressures which threaten the integrity of this coastal area. The resources of the Koko Head-Makapu'u region should be protected and enhanced. The publicly owned Koko Head Regional Park, which includes Hanauma Bay Beach Park and Sandy Beach Park, should continue to provide world-class recreational opportunities, but at the same time the value of these resources must be protected from overuse. Visual resources of the Queen's Beach and Queen's Rise sections should also be protected through creation of the proposed Ka Iwi scenic shoreline. Section 2.2.2.

The citizens of this state have fought for 30 years to keep this area in its natural, pristine state and we request your Committee amend HB980 so to delete the Ka Iwi State Park from the DLNR's recreational renaissance plan.

Sincerely,

Marian Grey, Vice President



## IOLANI PALACE

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**LATE TESTIMONY**

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### TESTIMONY OF KIPPEN DE ALBA CHU

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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES  
Rep. Ken Ito, Chair  
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

Monday, February 9, 2009

### **HB 980**

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har, and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of House Bill 980.

Iolani Palace State Monument is one of the locations listed in this bill. As a private non-profit tasked with maintaining and preserving state-owned property, The Friends has struggled with very limited funds. In fact, within the last decade, The Friends only received a one-time capital improvement project grant appropriation of \$1.5 million in 2003 to perform various repairs, restoration work, and disaster preparedness. Other critical maintenance projects have been deferred indefinitely, such as the deteriorating condition of the historic iron fencing and wall surrounding the entire Palace complex.

HB 980 seeks to address this lack of funding by issuing general obligation bonds. The Friends welcomes this approach, given that it is practically impossible for us to raise private capital funds for buildings we do not own.

In these times of economic hardship, we need to think creatively in trying to take care of some of our State's most important cultural treasures. We therefore embrace the "Recreational Renaissance" initiative by DLNR and urge you to pass this measure.

Thank you again for allowing us to testify in full support.



*For the Protection of Hawaii's Native Wildlife*

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# LATE TESTIMONY

**Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources  
Representative Ken Ito, Chair and Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair**

**Hearing: Monday, February 9, 2009; 9:00 A.M., Conference Rm. 325**

**Re: HB980, Relating to Recreational Renaissance**

### **Testimony Supporting the Intent**

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har and members of the Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources. My name is George Massengale and I am a long time member of the Hawaii Audubon Society. During session, I serve as their Legislative Analyst. Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony supporting the intent of HB980, which purports to fortify a recreational renaissance program of DLNR through various amendments to state law.

The Hawaii Audubon Society was founded in 1939, and has over 1,500 members statewide. The Society's primary mission is the protection of Hawaii's native birds, wildlife, habitats as well as our aquatic and coastal resources.

From our review of HB980, it appears to be a jobs creation measure that could qualify for federal stimulus funding. Given the severe downturn of our economy we appreciate the positive impact that this bill could have putting people back to work.

However we have concerns about the impact that this bill could have to our endangered, birds, animals and native habitats. We would note that many of the parks, beach parks, forest reserves, state monuments, wetlands, and wilderness preserves are home to many endangered species found on the federal endangered species list. We would point out that **Hawaii is the Endangered Species Capital of the World.** With hundreds of plants and animals listed as endangered or threatened, there are more endangered species per square mile on these islands than any other place on the planet.

The Society would hope that before any types of improvements outlined in HB980, serious consideration be given to ecological and environment impact. We also believe that there will be certain proposed improvements that will trigger environmental review and assessment. At this juncture the Society believes that potential ecological and environmental concerns have not been properly addressed. **We believe that before this bill moves forward DLNR be directed to provide that committee with a list of projects that could move forward immediately, those projects with "no significant impact" and a list of those projects would have a "significant effect" requiring an environmental impact statement.**

It is our recommendation that at this time, it would be prudent to defer **this measure** until additional information could be provided by DLNR can be given to the addressing the ecological and environmental impacts on those lands subject to propose improvements of HB980.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.

Sincerely,

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

George Massengale, JD  
Legislative Analyst

# LATE TESTIMONY

support

TO: Representative Ken Ito, Chair,  
House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources  
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Society for Hawaiian Archaeology  
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HEARING: February 9, 2009, 9:00 AM, House Conference Room 325  
SUBJECT: Comments on HB 980, Relating to a Recreational Renaissance

I am Dr. Sara Collins, Legislative Committee Chair of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 200 members that include professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation in general. We are testifying in support of HB 980 which will enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources to implement its proposed Recreational Renaissance plan. If implemented as proposed, the Recreational Renaissance provides the funding and policy commitments needed to significantly improve the protection and management of archaeological and cultural sites found in State Parks. Of the 54 parks open for public use, 19 include historic and archaeological sites that are listed in the National or State Register of Historic Places and 29 parks have archaeological site complexes representing a diverse record our cultural past.

While the improvements envisioned by Recreation Renaissance are far-reaching and systemic, there are three elements that are of particular interest to our organization and consistent with our mission:

Interpretation and Education: The plan calls for a major and almost immediate investment in the development and installation of interpretive displays and materials for selected parks. Many of the interpretive and education themes presented will focus on the archaeology and history of the parks and will further the publics' understanding of archaeology and the need for site protection.

Site Restoration: Archaeological site and historic building restoration projects are among the 2010 to 2016 capital improvement projects identified in plan. These restoration efforts will not only help preserve these sites, but make it possible for them to become an integral part of State Parks interpretive and educational initiatives.

Management of Cultural Resources: The policy commitments being made to improve DNLR's management of its recreational facilities also apply to its routine management of cultural resources. Just as facilities and infrastructure will be systematically inventoried and their condition monitored and repaired on a cyclical schedule, mechanisms and procedures will be established to systematically inventory and monitor the condition of its cultural resources, including archaeological sites. We are particular encouraged by DLNR's efforts to work with the National Parks Service (NPS) when developing an assets management plan. NPS cultural resource managers have made significant progress in adapting the NPS assets management plan, which was primarily facilities-oriented, to the management of cultural resources nation-wide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for considering our comments. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above telephone number and email address.

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## Testimony for HB980 on 2/9/2009 9:00:00 AM

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Testimony for WLO 2/9/2009 9:00:00 AM HB980

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Raymond A. Gruntz

Organization: Individual

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Phone: [REDACTED]

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Submitted on: 2/8/2009

**Comments:**

Here we go again, putting Large Boats in the Alawai Small Boat Harbor is a unsafe thing. Like I said 6 years ago, Paddlers,Suffers,Free Divers,and the resulting noise, of diesel engines, above my bedroom, DON'T MIX.You can bet Rep's of the Local Surfers & Paddles will be at these hearings.

As a Waikiki NHB #9 Member, the Waikiki Board Voted against, any( Commercial Activity) in our Ali Wai Small Boat Harbor 6 years ago.

The State at this time is doing a good job with the only self supporting Harbor in the State, the ALAWAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR,WE THE PEOPLE WANT TO KEEP IT A SMALL BOAT HARBOR.

THE LARGE BOATS DON'T MIX WITH THE SMALL ONES.

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Raymond A. Gruntz

Member Waikiki Board 9

Director Ilikai Marina Condo Assoc

Director Waikiki Area Residence Assoc.

Testimony to follow from the above will be forth coming.

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Testimony for WLO 2/9/2009 9:00:00 AM HB980

Conference room: 325

Testifier position: comments only

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Derrick W. Fenske

Organization: Individual

Address: [REDACTED]

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E-mail: [REDACTED]

Submitted on: 2/8/2009

**Comments:**

Why is the Lanikai Boat Ramp not included in this Bill. There are many users at this facility but it has become increasingly more difficult to launch a vessel at this site. I do not support any commercial activities for this site and it should not be left out of this bill. It is a beautiful spot located next to a beach (Kailua) that is very popular to residents and (increasing amounts) of tourists. I would like to see this ramp repaired and maintained. Perhaps a DLNR Enforcement Officer stationed here as well.

Mahalo,

Derrick W. Fenske

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February 8, 2009

### COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

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HB 980 RELATING TO RECREATIONAL RENAISSANCE.

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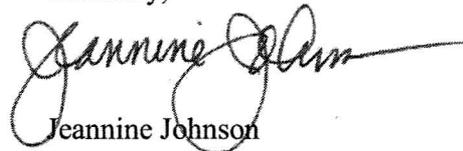
Aloha Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har and Honorable Committee Members,

I strongly oppose HB980 which funds the recreational renaissance program of the DLNR through various amendments to state law. HB980 would allow the DLNR full discretion to build comfort stations, cabins, camping areas, concession facilities, boardwalks, marina facilities, parking control stations and "other improvements," in addition to charging user fees, at Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline.

"The Ka Iwi coast is a precious place for all of Hawai'i and its people. The beauty of the Ka Iwi coastline and scenic view plane runs mauka to makai - from the mountains to the sea. **It was through the efforts of thousands of Hawai'i's citizens that this scenic coastline was spared from development.** The Ka Iwi coast symbolizes the movement of Hawai'i's people to preserve and protect the beauty and wonder of the special place of our islands. It is the preservation of this wild scenic coastline and the cultural ties Hawaiians had to the land and ocean that has brought our island people together to protect this special place." Ann Marie Kirk, Maunalua historian (emphasis added).

I humbly request you oppose HB980 or amend it to delete the Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline from the proposed list in Section 10. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeannine Johnson

cc: Sen. Sam Slom  
Rep. Lyla Berg  
Rep. Barbara Marumoto  
Ann Marie Kirk

# LATE TESTIMON

TO: Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources

DATE: Sunday, February 8, 2009

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HEARING: Monday, February 9, 2009, 9 a.m.

SUBJECT: HB 980 - Relating to Recreational Renaissance - oppose

Aloha Representatives,

Our island state allows only finite opportunities to experience the solitude and breathtaking beauty of nature offered by our state parks. I understand the need to maintain our parks. However, we also need to maintain a balance with our quality of life.

Over the years, we have added user fees to places such as Diamond Head and Hanauma Bay. These parks no longer offer the same pleasure they once did. Adding user fees to parks such as the Ka Iwi shoreline *at a minimum* would require a collection booth, more signs and toilet facilities. These types of improvements turn parks into tourist attractions and take away the natural appeal they have without them.

I have two boys, ages 10 and 6, who have yet to visit most of the places listed in Sec. 10 of this bill. I want to be able to show them the beauty of Kaena Point and the magnificence of the Ka Iwi shoreline without having to go through a line and "educational" booth.

Please remove the Ka Iwi shoreline, Kaena Point and any other parks that would require the addition of collection booths and other tourist improvements from the list. Once we start construction, we cannot return the land to its natural state, and part of Hawaii's most precious resource will be forever lost.