



For the Protection of Hawaii's Native Wildlife
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LATE TESTIMONY

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

HEARING: Monday, March 16, 2009; 9:00 A.M., Conference Rm. 325

Re: SB411, SD1, Relating to Ka'ena Point State Park

Testimony in Opposition

Chair Ito and Vice Chair Har, and members of the Committee on Land, Water, & Ocean Resources. My name is George Massengale and I am a long time member of the Hawai'i Audubon Society and during session I serve as their legislative analyst. We're happy to be here today to offer testimony in opposition of SB411, SD1, which would permit overnight camping at Ka'ena Point State Park

The Hawai'i Audubon Society was founded in 1939, and it is Hawai'i's oldest conservation organization. The primary missions of the society is to foster community values that result in the protection and restoration of native ecosystems and conservation of natural resources through education, science and advocacy in Hawaii and the Pacific

The Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve protects a vital sand dune and boulder slope ecosystem that harbors many native Hawaiian plant species. In addition seabirds, such as the wedge-tailed shearwater, both the red-footed & brown boobies, and the brown noddy can be seen off shore at Ka'ena. The reserve provides refuge and a nesting area for the Laysan albatross, and is a potential nesting site for the green sea turtle and Hawaiian monk seal. During the winter breeding season, humpback whales will frequent the waters surrounding the point.

One of the Reserve's greatest success stories has been the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service funded Ecosystem Restoration Project that has focused on alien species removal and native plant reintroduction. This has resulted in the recovery of the endangered "Moli" or Laysan albatross.



Ka'ena Point is an excellent example of the type of ecosystem that can be found in Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. The difference is that anyone on O'ahu can drive to Ka'ena Point to see the spectacular display of plants and animals.

Ka'ena Point is also a cultural resource for many of our residents who can trace their ancestors to this special place. Within the reserve is leina a ka'uhane (Spirit Leap) which is considered to be a wahi pana, a legendary place. Early Hawaiians used Ka'ena Point for fishing and feather collecting.

The Audubon Society, which strongly believes in stewardship, has concerns that allowing unregulated overnight camping would have a deleterious impact on the preserve and the many endangered wildlife species. We have additional concerns, especially given our state's economic situation, that DLNR would be **unable to adequately enforce rules prohibiting interference with endangered marine and bird species and the destruction of critical habitat. Let's not jeopardize what has taken so long to accomplish.**

We respectfully request that SB411, SD1, be deferred.

Sincerely,

George Massengale, JD
Legislative Analyst

Denis and Sandra Park

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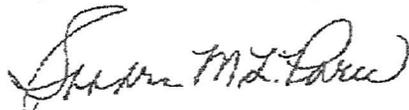
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Honorable Chair Ken Ito

In regards to SB411, SD1 we have strong reservations with this bill going forward. This bill puts change of the Administrative Rules into the hands of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The fishing community has been described as "passionate" about this issue. That is because DLNR has interpreted and enforced these rules (camping paraphernalia) with their own discretion up to this point in time.

We strongly support the concurrent resolution to this bill SCR12.

Sincerely,



From: Wallace Maze, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

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Janis Ilar

From: Sandra Arakaki, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

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Sandra Arakaki

From: Theresa Canto, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

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From: Michael Arakaki, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

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From: Brittany Maze, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

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From: Prestin Maze, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

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From: Daisy Rosario, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

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From: Cynthia Cantiberos, Hawaii resident living in Ewa Beach

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SB411 is very important to me and my family because it reflects a way of life our family has enjoyed for decades. While I am only 14 years old I have been fishing and camping as long as I can remember. The memories my family has shared with me is precious. I don't know my great grandfather because he passed away 16 years before I was born but I have been told many times of his love of the outdoors especially fishing and the many many times he took my great grandmother, grandmother, aunts and uncles fishing, crabbing and how he built a 14 foot boat and a canoe so they could venture into the water. We have a huge family and all of us are very very close and I believe bonding has been the reason we are close. Our family outings are always fun and I always cannot wait for the next time. When we go camping the evenings are enjoyable because my cousins, friends and I walk the beaches and coast line looking for things in the reef ponds, check out the sky's and look for satellites and then we talk story and play as long as we can till we have to sleep. And the food is always the best. What we experience is "good fun" and we are building our own memories to share with our families someday. Fishing and 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 Senate Bill 411 be fully supported and made whole as written.**

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