TESTIMONY HCR 320

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Testimony of LAURA H. THIELEN Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

> Thursday, April 15, 2010 3:40 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 320 –** SUBMITTING TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII FOR REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A LAND EXCHANGE.

House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 320 requests authorization to correct an inadvertent oversight in previously recorded conveyance documents for the land exchange authorized by Act 27, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003. The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports HCR 320, and will continue to work with Aloha Council Boy Scouts of America to resolve this outstanding issue.

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HCR 320

Senator Clayton Hee

We strongly urge passage of HCR 320 which supports the righting of a great wrong. Seven years ago a land exchange between the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the State of Hawaii took place and was approved by the relevant bodies including the Hawaii State Legislature. All the necessary public announcements were published. Everything was properly vetted and approved by all the legal entities involved. A fair deal was struck, one which met all the standards of state and federal law, and which would also meet the high standards of the Boy Scout Oath and the Boy Scout Law.

However, an inadvertent error was made in 2004 which omitted the relevant tax map key number, tax map key number (1) 5-9-05-077 from the recorded conveyance documents. And because of that, questions are now raised because much later, in 2009, Act 176, section 171-50 was passed, which now requires that any exchange of public land for private land be subject to disapproval by 2/3rds vote of either House or simple majority of both Houses of the Legislature. The argument being put forward in opposition to the clear and fair understanding of the facts and the law, is that the inadvertent technical error has voided the entire complicated and otherwise entirely legal exchange, and so the Boy Scouts are just out of luck in being able to keep and to operate Camp Pupukea, the only facility that they have on Oahu.

House Concurrent Resolution 320 has it just right. The land exchange in question was properly done. The parties told and acted the truth, and did their best, and reached an honorable and complete agreement which is a benefit to all concerned.

We urge the passage of HCR 320.

Thank you,

John Henry Felix Eagle Scout, Class of 1944 Testimony in Support of HCR 320 before Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony of Steven Matthew Hill

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testi mony in support of this resolution. I respectfully urge the committee to <u>pass</u> HCR 320. Thank you in advance for your support.

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I support the cleaning up of the title issues for the lands that were intended to be conveyed to the Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America at Camp Pupukea. Thank you.

Testimony in Support of HCR 320 before Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Testimony of Barry Sullivan
Legal counsel to Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America

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The Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs previously recommended adoption of SCR 228, S.D. 1, a concurrent resolution that is substantively identical to HCR 320. In Standing Committee Report No. 3064, this committee noted that section 171-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the introduction of a concurrent resolution for legislative disapproval such that, if the resolution is not adopted by the Legislature, the land exchange may occur. Like SCR 228, S.D. 1, HCR 320 seeks legislative approval to convey Parcel 77 in Pupukea to the Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America in order to correct the inadvertent omission of the parcel from the 2004 recorded conveyance documents. I respectfully submit that HCR 320 complies with section 171-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and simply provides additional legislative oversight to this exchange of public land for private land.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this resolution. I respectfully urge the committee to <u>pass</u> HCR 320. Thank you in advance for your support.

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