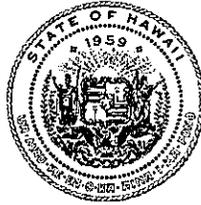


**TESTIMONY**

**SB 638**

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**Testimony of  
LAURA H. THIELEN  
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**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 6, 2009  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 638  
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS**

Senate Bill Number 638 establishes a two-year moratorium on evictions and establishes a master plan advisory committee for Kahana Valley (Valley).

As the Legislature considers a variety of ideas for Kahana, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is asking that the solution be guided by the original purpose for which the Valley was purchased, as a public park. The Valley was acquired for the benefit and enjoyment of all, and it is important that, as a public park, Kahana should provide a welcoming environment for all who visit. The Valley was purchased to protect it from development, and any solution should limit future development.

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## **SB 638**

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415 South Beretania Street  
COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
Honorable Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Honorable Members

Good Afternoon Honorable Senators WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE ,Hawaiian Affairs Committee

My name is Carl Pao Jellings rising in support of SB638

as far back as I can remember Hawaiians have resided in Kahana Valley .

Thank You for allowing me to testify

Ladies and Gentlemen of the board,

Aloha! In response to the following bills that have been introduced, mainly Bills ~~#635,~~ #638 and ~~#643~~. Thirteen residents including myself, believe that the current cultural interpretive programs in Kahana Valley should remain intact and as is. The Department of Land and Natural resources have worked tirelessly among residents, families and community organizations and entities to create the many unique cultural programs that are currently offered in the park. Some of these include loi, fishpond, lauhala weaving, oral history, la'au, hula and music. With support from the state and its committed staff and leadership assigned to work with the people of Kahana, the state and the residents of Kahana have developed a unique working cultural and interpretive program, that continues to grow.

We believe that the transfer of any land, management and or control, other than that which is in place in Kahana at this current time, will cause unnecessary and unneeded aggravation, frustration and anger to the residents and people of Kahana. We believe that the responsibility and future of all that Kahana has to offer, lies on the shoulders of those who know and care the most about this beautiful place, and that is the people who live there. We also feel that those individuals who were being evicted from their homes, should like all others residents in Kahana, relocate and take up residence with their families who have since, moved out of their old homes and into their new ones. Other than these six individuals, there are about 30 to 40 other individuals who have taken up temporary residence outside and within Kahana, who like them have been displaced. We ask that you consider the things that we share with you this day, that we, the upcoming generation and youth of the valley might be able to take a more genuine and active roll in the future of Kahana. So in closing, to all those who have worked hard to create and introduce bills #635, #638 and #643 that would ultimately change all that we have worked so hard to build, thanks but no thanks.

With Aloha,

James A. Mainaupo  
Anisa Pii Kahala  
Kauai Sherman  
Masina Kahala  
Kuulei Jenks & Ikaika Garvida  
Leelen Garvida  
Kahiau Wallace  
Kaimihaauao Wallace  
Whitney Martinez  
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs **SUPPORTS** SB 638, which would establish a two-year moratorium on evictions of residents from Kahana Valley State Park, and would establish a master plan advisory committee to create a living park master plan for Kahana Valley State Park.

OHA recognizes the unique opportunity presented at Kahana Valley, where an entire ahupua'a is under the sole ownership of the State of Hawai'i. Thus, the resources within this ahupua'a can be comprehensively managed from the mountains to the sea, ensuring that they will be available for generations to come. OHA also supports the residents of Kahana Valley, who have faithfully and respectfully worked to preserve and restore the area's resources, and shared the history and traditions of this special place with the larger community.

The completion of a living park master plan by an advisory committee, consisting of members who represent all of those who have an interest in protecting Kahana Valley, will be especially critical in providing the community with the opportunity to effectively manage this ahupua'a into the future.

Therefore, OHA urges the Committee to PASS SB 638.  
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Chairman Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chairwoman Jill Tokuda  
and committee members

February 5, 2009

Aloha,

I am a mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunty, niece, and granddaughter. My name is Lena Puanani Soliven. I am one of the 6 families that the state attempted to evict on October 27, 2008, from the Ahupua'a o Kahana.

We are lineal descendants of Kahana. As we look back we see our great grandparents, our grandparents, our parents, our selves, and as we look forward we see our children, our grandchildren, our great grandchildren.....

We are in support of legislation that would keep us on the land and in Kahana. We are "HAWAIIANS" living on HAWAIIAN LANDS living in our beautiful HAWAII NEI.

**Kahana** is where we live, teach, and share "OUR CULTURE" to family, friends, and even strangers, everyone knows that there is no place like **HOME**.

Mahalo  
Lena P. Soliven

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