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#### Comments:

Please pass this bill establishing an East Honolulu Fishpond Heritage area. We strongly support the measure with recommended amendments included in our testimony.

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# MAUNALUA FISHPOND HERITAGE CENTER

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#### In Strong Support of HB2820 HD1

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and Committee members,

On behalf of the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center I want to thank you for hearing this important bill. HB 2820 requires the DLNR to establish the East Honolulu Fishpond Heritage area on state property at Kalauha'iha'i Fishpond and nearby Kanewai Fishpond. We are in strong support and ask that the language be amended to allow for traditional management practices such as fish harvesting. We also ask that the term "Hawaiian fishpond" be added in the language for the heritage area. Our suggested amendments are attached below our testimony.

For centuries East Honolulu has been known for massive fishponds. The 523 acre Keahupua-o-Maunalua, was the largest in the Hawaiian Islands. The 41 acre Wailupe Fishpond and numerous others were all located in the region. These ponds supplied hundreds of pounds daily of mullet and awa that fed our island. The destruction of these fishponds over the last fifty years has damaged the fishery and overall ecosystem considerably.

With HB2820 the legislature has the opportunity to recognize the importance of our last remaining shoreline fishponds in East Honolulu by establishing a fishpond heritage area for their protection and revival. Our community 501(c)(3) organization has been working since 2007 to educate the public regarding these sites and would like to provide stewardship and restoration for these neglected sites.

Through our restoration project at Kanewai Spring adjacent to Kanewai Fishpond we have seen how ecosystems and traditional practices can rebound once properly care is provided by the community. These ponds were designed to feed the people of Hawai'i. To continue to lock them up from the community while they deteriorate is not beneficial to anyone. Your passage of HB2820 is critical in preserving these fishponds for the future.

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Mahalo nui loa,

### **Chris Cramer**

Chris Cramer President Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center

#### HB 2820 Proposed Amendments:

Specify Hawaiian fishponds in the language:

- 1) Preserve existing "Hawaiian fishponds" and historical sites, including <u>traditional fishpond structures while</u> making it permissible and desireable for repair, strengthening and maintenance of these <u>structures</u>
- 2) Preserve existing native Hawaiian fish habitat, plant habitat <u>as well as endangered species</u> that presently inhabit the area

Add new line:

4) Preserve customary and traditional uses of fishponds in the fishpond heritage area

Amend line c

(c) For purposes of this section, "east Honolulu fishpond heritage area" encompasses parcels:

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Comments: Aloha,

Please submit attach testimony in support of HB 2820. Mahalo Shane

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### KUAKINI HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF KONA Testimony of President Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelsen 82-6026 Manini Beach Road, Captain Cook, HI 96704



### HOUSE BILL 2820 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS

Before the House COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS Monday February 15, 2012 9:00 a.m. Room 329

Aloha Madame Chair Hanohano of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT TO HB 2820 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS

The Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona is a chartered club of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, serving the community since 2003. We are committed to uphold the long-held legacy, traditions, and philosophies of the Native Hawaiians. We are firm advocators in the community and are concerned about the welfare of the Native Hawaiian community.

Hawaiian fishponds are an integral part of society for hundreds of years. The importance of passing this bill is to create a heritage district for the preservation of the long-held practices of Native Hawaiian fishponds. This measure also addresses the preservation of spring water resources.

Madame Chair, and Committee Members, we urge that you support HB 2820 to designate Fishponds in East Honolulu as part of the heritage district.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration of our testimony.

'O wau no, Shane Akoni Nelsen President

For further information please contact Shane Nelsen, President of Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona at <a href="mailto:shane.nelsen@gmail.com">shane.nelsen@gmail.com</a>.

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Testimony Reference: HB 2820 HD1

Committee: HLT

Date of Hearing: Jan 15

From: Hawaii Farmers Union United

**SUPPORT** 

Testimony:

This is a worth cause.

It seems that there should be an amendment ordering DOT to GIVE gratis the property to DLNR for their management per this bill.

Hard to manage and be responsible if you do not own or control the property.

Perhaps an "agreement" could be made for management.

We need to clarify responsibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak for the family farmer in Hawaii.

Glenn Martinez HFUU President

FYI:

Hawaii Farmer Union United is the largest agriculture organization in the State of Hawaii that represents the small family farmers at the exclusion of GMO and Mega Corporation mono- crop industrial farms. With small family farmers on every island Hawaii Farmers Union is the only Grassroots farm organization where the members have direct voice.

Any testimony given to the Legislature is vetted to the membership. Often the testimony is a blend of opinions voiced directly from membership. We also encourage all individual members to submit testimony directly, particularly where there voice is different then the majority, thus all farmer voices are heard, not just the loudest.

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