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**Testimony COMMENTING on H.B. 393 H.D. 2, S.D. 1
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS**

SENATOR GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Hearing Date: March 31, 2015
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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the intent of this measure
3 to streamline the permitting process for loko i‘a projects, but has concerns that water pollution
4 controls be maintained. This measure would waive the requirement to obtain a Section 401
5 Water Quality Certification (WQC) if a project has received a notice of authorization to proceed
6 by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) under a Statewide Programmatic
7 General Permit (SPGP) for the restoration, repair, maintenance, and operation of a traditional
8 Hawaiian fishpond system (loko i‘a).

9 DOH continues to support efforts to streamline the permit process for loko i‘a projects.
10 Currently, DOH is actively working on the implementation of blanket conditional Section 401
11 WQC for the Department of the Army (DA) Nationwide Permits (NWP) for the state. If a
12 blanket WQC is put in place, a majority of loko i‘a projects would be covered and thereby would
13 not be required by DOH to obtain a Section 401 WQC.

14 The proposed measure is a complete waiver of all Section 401 WQC requirements for
15 loko i‘a projects including the requirement to comply with Water Quality Standards (WQS) in
16 HAR 11-54. DOH believes that this proposed measure, with its current language, would waive
17 the state’s rights and duty to assess and opine on the sufficiency of water pollution controls in
18 place for loko i‘a projects. The bill should state that “this waiver of water quality certification

1 does not exempt Hawaiian fishponds from requirements under HRS 342D and rules promulgated
2 thereunder including Water Quality Standards, except on rules on Water Quality Certification.”

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



HB393 HD2 SD1
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB393 HD2 SD1, which seeks to promote the restoration, repair, maintenance, and operation of traditional Hawaiian fishponds by waiving Department of Health water certification permitting requirements for those projects that have been vetted through the statewide general programmatic fishpond permit process.

OHA commends the intent of this measure, in seeking to support the restoration and rejuvenation of our traditional Hawaiian fishponds. Traditional fishponds, or loko i‘a, were and continue to be important cultural resources to Native Hawaiians. Demonstrating advanced engineering and aquaculture technologies found nowhere else in the Pacific, loko i‘a still serve as a source of sustenance, and today offer a wide range of educational opportunities for Native Hawaiians and the larger community. In addition, fishpond restoration has become a major part of the Hawaiian cultural revival movement, with a number of groups across Hawai‘i taking on the kuleana of bringing once-forgotten fishponds back to life.

Unfortunately, the permitting and approval processes for fishpond restoration have proven cumbersome, hindering efforts to revive these cultural treasures. Accordingly, OHA has consistently supported state and federal agencies’ efforts, as well as those of fishpond practitioners and cultural nonprofit organizations, in streamlining these processes, when appropriate, into an interagency programmatic permit. OHA understands that this bill now seeks to remove a separate and time-consuming permitting process required under the Department of Health’s water quality rules. OHA notes that notwithstanding this waiver, substantive water quality standards and protections will be maintained via the best management practices and other conditions required under the general programmatic fishpond permit process.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HB393 HD2 SD1.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2015
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State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 393 HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS**

House Bill 393, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 proposes to require the Department of Health (DOH) to waive the requirement to obtain a water quality certification for any person that has received notice of authorization to proceed from the department of land and natural resources office of conservation and coastal lands under the statewide programmatic general permit for the restoration, repair, maintenance, and operation of Hawaiian fishponds. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

Hawai'i State Senate Resolution 86 (2012) urged the Department, the Office of Planning (OP), and DOH to streamline the permitting process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds. To this end, the Department has been working with other state, county, and federal agencies have been working to integrate the many permits needed for the repair, restoration, maintenance, and operation of traditional Hawaiian fishponds.

Agencies have taken the following actions in support of the resolution:

- April 2013 – OP issues a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Statement.
- October 2013 – The Department publishes a Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment for activities related to the repair, restoration, maintenance, and operation of traditional Hawaiian fishponds.
- June 2014 – The Board of Land and Natural Resources approves a programmatic Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) ST-3703 for the repair, restoration, maintenance, and operation of traditional Hawaiian fishponds (Ho'āla Loko I'a program).

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Securing a Water Quality Certification for fishpond repair and restoration is the necessary final step towards creating a streamlined permitting regime.

The Department's Ho'āla Loko I'a program contains best management practices and water quality monitoring protocols that are in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act and with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, as well as with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

The Final Environmental Assessment reviewed the best available science, and concluded that repair, restoration, maintenance, and operation of traditional Hawaiian fishponds would have significant benefits to Hawaiian biocultural resources and long-term cumulative benefits to the State's coastal ecosystems and water quality.

The Ho'āla Loko I'a program has been funded and/or supported by a network of governmental and non-governmental entities, such as Conservation International (CI), Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA), the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, traditional fishpond practitioners, and others, with no additional budgetary requirements for the Department. Once the program is fully operational, application processing will be managed by the Department's Office of Conservation and Coastal Land and technical support for traditional fishpond practitioners (e.g., preparation of a guidebook, and water quality monitoring) will be supported by entities such as CI, KUA and others.



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Testimony of
Leimana DaMate
Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on
Judiciary and Labor

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In **SUPPORT** of
House Bill 393 HD 2 SD 1 - Relating to Hawaiian Fishponds

House Bill 393 HD 2 SD 1 waives the Department of Health water quality certification requirement for restoration, repair, and operation of Hawaiian loko'ia (fishponds) that are permitted under the Statewide Programmatic General Permit process, administered by the DLNR. **The Aha Moku supports this bill as it reflects the State's commitment to oversee the use and restoration of traditional Native Hawaiian fishponds.**

Prior to the arrival of guests from other lands, the Native Hawaiian population thrived upon the sustainability of their resources. Much of this depended on and centered on the loko 'iā, fishponds that served the needs of the community. Every ahupua'a on every island maintained, protected and sustained a fishpond for community subsistence needs. At one time, there were so many fishponds throughout the islands that they were a common sight and contributed to a healthy environment in which a vigorous Native Hawaiian people thrived. However, over the past two hundred years with the arrival of many western influences over the cultural and natural landscapes of the coastal areas, the maintenance of traditional fishponds became problematic. The permitting process for native Hawaiian loko'ia practitioners was problematic due to the difficulty in the necessary completion of numerous permits that are difficult to read or understand with agencies that had overlapping jurisdictions.

Ho'ala Loko I'a is a Statewide Programmatic General Permit for the repair, restoration, maintenance and operation of traditional fishpond systems in Hawai'i. It provides cultural practitioners with a single application and permit, The DLNR-Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands enables Native Hawaiians who have generational knowledge of loko I'a in their specific ahupua'a and moku to restore and maintain important fishponds that can benefit their 'ohana and communities. It also allows the traditional Native Hawaiian knowledge, methodology and cultural attachment to a fishpond to be perpetuated and shared - an important part of the sustainability of a Hawaiian ecosystem.

We support HB 393 HD 2 SD 1 and ask that this measure be passed. Mahalo.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

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Testimony in Support of HB 393
'Ahahui o Hawai'i

Aloha mai kākou,

'Ahahui o Hawai'i ("Hui") testifies in strong support for the passage of HB 393, which waives the Department of Health water quality certification requirement for restoration, repair, and operation of Hawaiian loko i'a that is permitted under the Statewide Programmatic General Permit Process, administered by DLNR.

Loko i'a served as an integral part of Hawaiian life. For too long, this permitting process has proved to be a barrier to restoring loko i'a. With the help of DLNR, this will no longer be as bogged down a process. This measure will enable communities across the islands to return to a traditional and sustainable way of providing food for itself.

The Hui is the Native Hawaiian Law Student Organization at the William S. Richardson School of Law. It was founded in 1973 and is the oldest student organization at the Law School. The Hui raises significant issues of concern to Native Hawaiians at the Law School and in the community. We have over 100 members who are current law students.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

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Position

We are strong support of this legislation.

Statement

In 2012, the Senate, through SR86, asked DLNR, the State Office of Planning and the State Department of Health to streamline the permitting process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds. Office of Planning quickly completed the required consistency statement. DLNR OCCL undertook a major effort to complete a FEA / FONSI (completed 2013) and Master CDUP working with twelve federal and state authorizing agencies to streamline the permitting process (completed 2014). The State Department of Health elements remain incomplete. This legislation resolves that issue by specifically amending HRS Section 342D-6.5, the chapter applicable to the water quality certification process for loko i'a, to provide a water quality certification waiver for projects authorized under the State's Master CDUP for the restoration of loko i'a.

This measure builds off of numerous measures that have encouraged the state to find mechanisms to streamline the permitting process for traditional Hawaiian fishponds. This is a request that has advocated for by fishpond practitioners, civic clubs and conservationists who recognize the significant environmental and community benefits that are gained from supporting fishpond restoration activities.

This bill has been carefully and narrowly crafted to provide a **waiver** to a limited scope of project activities that have been thoroughly reviewed for any environmental impact through the environmental assessment process. The FONSI, completed in 2013, found that these activities would have no adverse impact on water quality. This statute complies with the language of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341, which allows for **waiver** of certification requirements with respect to the applicable federal application. Similar waivers already exist within the current state regulations, HAR Section 11-9.1.04. The EPA has been consulted on this matter (Ellen Blake) and has the Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Health; both recognize that a waiver of the water quality certification process is authorized under applicable federal law and regulations.

We would like to address some of the questions that have arisen regarding this legislation. In situations where federally issued permits and licenses impact water resources, two distinct sets of policies come into play: the **Water Quality Standards** and the **Water Quality Certification** process. The **water quality standards** are, according to the EPA District 9: "Water quality standards serve as the foundation for the water-quality based approach to pollution control. Water quality standards are state or tribal requirements that define the water quality goals of a lake, stream, or other waterbody by designating the beneficial uses and setting criteria to protect those uses." **Water quality certification** is a process whereby the state reviews the impact of federally issued permits and licenses on aquatic resources. This legislation only waives the water quality certification process and has no impact on the water quality standards. An excellent EPA resource on this topic, which also sets for the currently guidelines and explains the waiver option, is available at <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/cwa/upload/cwa-401-handbook-2010-interim.pdf>.

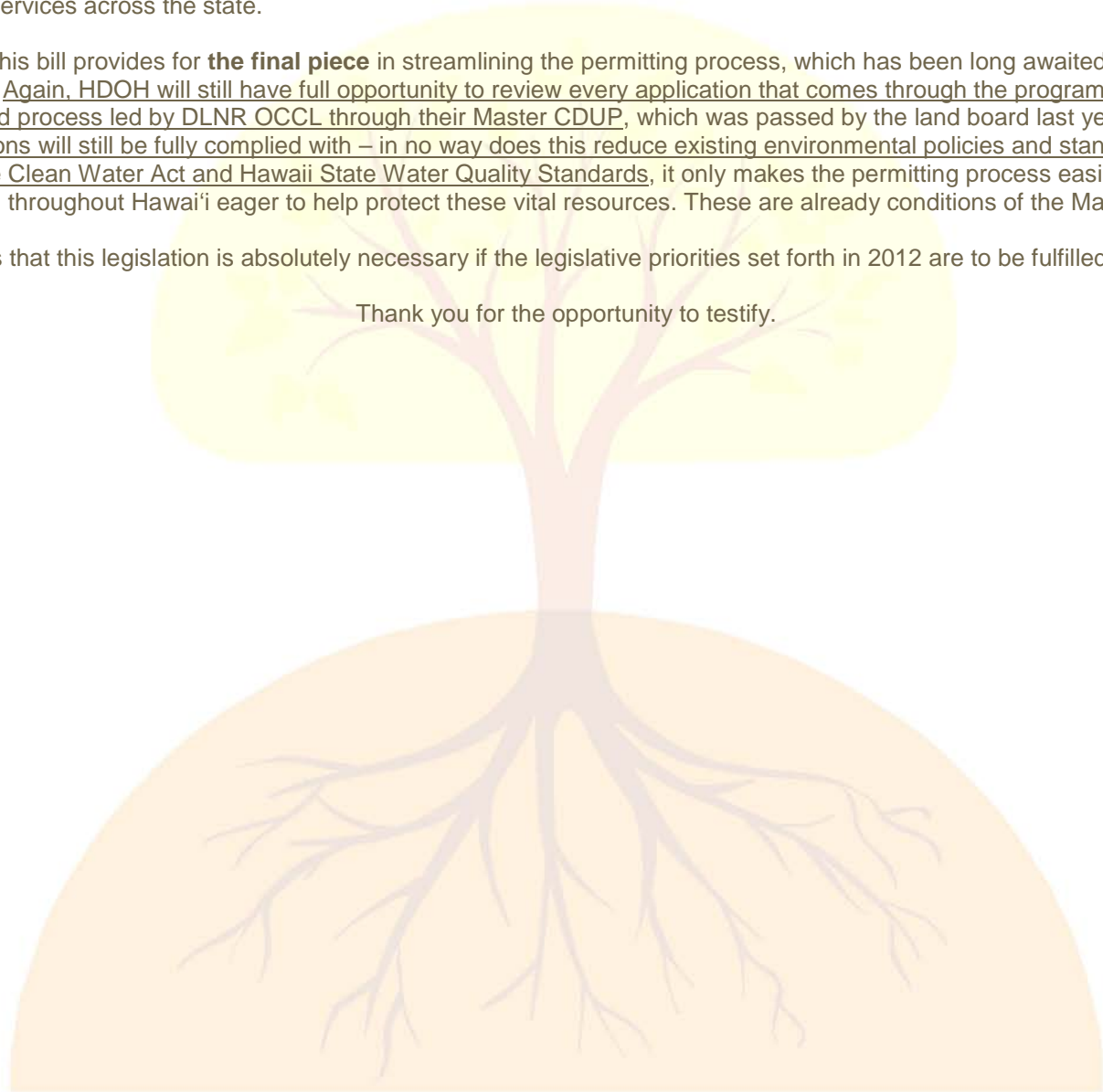
Additionally, the Master CDUP specifically grants the State Department of Health opportunity to review every application that comes into the program that will have a nexus with federal permits and/or licenses. Water quality training is currently being provided by third party nonprofit organizations to help ensure compliance with the Water Quality Standards. A guidebook is being developed with DLNR and Conservation International to further ensure all applicants understand the water quality requirements

and other conditions and best management practices required under the Master CDUP authorization. We firmly believe we have developed a robust network of partnerships across agencies, nonprofit organizations and private companies to help ensure compliance with the program, water quality standards and all the environmental and cultural resource protection laws that must be complied with in order to conduct activities under this program, resulting in not only programmatic success but also improved ecosystem services across the state.

We believe this bill provides for **the final piece** in streamlining the permitting process, which has been long awaited by the community. Again, HDOH will still have full opportunity to review every application that comes through the program, only through a streamlined process led by DLNR OCCL through their Master CDUP, which was passed by the land board last year. All laws and regulations will still be fully complied with – in no way does this reduce existing environmental policies and standards, including the Clean Water Act and Hawaii State Water Quality Standards, it only makes the permitting process easier for the many communities throughout Hawai'i eager to help protect these vital resources. These are already conditions of the Master CDUP.

The reality is that this legislation is absolutely necessary if the legislative priorities set forth in 2012 are to be fulfilled.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Kalihi Palama HCC	Support	No

Comments: The Kalihi Palama HCC fully supports HB393, RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS, that proposes to waive DOH water quality certification requirement for restoration, repair, and operation of Hawaiian loko i'a (fishponds) that are permitted under the Statewide Programmatic General Permit process, administered by the DLNR. (SD1). This is a positive step in which the state recognizes the opportunities that productive fishponds would have to food sustainability.

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To the Honorable Members of the Senate JDL Committee

IN SUPPORT OF HB 393 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS

Aloha nui,

Hawai'i has a rich and unique relationship with aquatic resources. Among the unique legacy resources of Hawai'i are loko i'a. The traditional cultural significance and modern value of loko i'a on the Hawaiian landscape cannot be overlooked¹. On the island of Lāna'i, we are engaging our community in place-based education, where Lāna'i serves as the living class room, inspiring stewardship of our heritage resources, cultural literacy and STEM related subject matter. Loko i'a are significant traditional resources and living class rooms in our long-term plan for returning a balanced sustainability on our island home. The work spans the island landscape from mountain top to the reefs, and **PASSAGE OF HB 393** is important to the long term vision of cultural stewardship on Lāna'i.

One of the many native narratives describing the importance of the matter before you today was penned by preeminent native historian S.M. Kamakau in 1869:

Dekemaba 2, 1869 (aoao 1)
Nupepa Ke Au Okoa

No ka mahi loko ia ana. O na loko ia, oia kekahi mau mea hooihiluhilu o ka aina, a ua kapaia he aina momona no ka nui o na loko ia, he mea kahiko loa no loko ia...

[Translation]

Pertaining to the cultivation of fish in ponds. Fishponds were things that beautified the land, and a land with many fishponds was called a "fat" land (*'aina momona*). They date from very ancient times...

We on Lāna'i encourage your positive action on this Bill, and thank you in advance.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Kepā Maly
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¹ In 2003 Onaona Pomroy Maly and myself, prepared a 2000 page ethnographic study on the history of Hawaiian fisheries and fishponds. Titled *Ka Hana Lawai'a a me Nā Ko'a o Nā Kai 'Ewalu*, A History of Fishing Practices and Marine Fisheries of the Hawaiian Islands. Compiled from Native Hawaiian Traditions. Volume 1: Archival Research, compiled from Native Hawaiian traditions, historical accounts, government communications, *kama'āina* testimony and ethnography. Volume 2: Oral history interviews, compiled from oral history interviews with *kūpuna* and *kama'āina*. Prepared by Kumu Pono Associates. Extensive background on the history of loko i'a may be found in the study.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 393 HD2 SD1 Relating to Hawaiian Fishponds
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 9:35AM, Room 016

For more than 35 years, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i has been working closely with government agencies, local businesses, private landowners, non-profit partners, and interested communities across the state to preserve the lands and waters upon which all life in these islands depends. The Conservancy is a private non-profit conservation organization that has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i, and support 19 coastal communities seeking to co-manage marine resources in partnership with the State of Hawai'i.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 393 HD2 SD1 as the final statutory authority needed to ensure that the Ho'āla Loko I'a general permit and programmatic agreement process will work to streamline and simplify the permitting process for repairing, restoring, maintaining and operating traditional fishponds.

Present day reef fish stocks around the main Hawaiian islands are just one-quarter of what they were a century ago. Our near shore marine environment today faces threats from anthropogenic stresses such as pollution, sedimentation, overharvesting, and an overall decrease in competitive advantage of native against non-native species. In addition, there is a lack of stable breeding populations, grazers to control algae, and natural nurseries for fish. Loko i'a can help address these conditions by increasing species diversity and juvenile survival rate of certain reef species. In addition, restored and well-managed fishponds can provide sediment mitigation, nutrient sinks, and water recharge. Their rock walls mitigate wave effects on springs, which attract and serve as habitat for fish.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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Alan Akao	Individual	Support	No

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Bianca Isaki	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bobby-John Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Restoring our loko i'a is crucial to increasing Hawai'i's capacity to produce sustainable food. Streamlining the restoration process will help to further that goal. I fully support.

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cheryl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Anything that is pono that we can do to keep the fishponds sustainable and working to help our people is what we should do.

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Elmer Kaai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB393 only focuses on waiving the water quality certification currently required by the Department of Health and simultaneously assists DLNR OCCL in moving forward the "one-stop shop" program that they have been working diligently for three years to implement.

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Jeffrey Oka	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of
JOHN N. (JACK) KITTINGER, PHD

In consideration of
HB393
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS

I strongly support HB393, which will support fishpond practitioners statewide in the maintenance and restoration of loko i'a.

This is an important piece of legislation that will waive some water quality certification requirements for restoration, repair, and operation of Hawaiian loko i'a (fishponds) that are permitted under the Statewide Programmatic General Permit process, administered by the DLNR.

I have ample experience working on regulatory issues surrounding traditional Hawaiian fishponds and it is my personal opinion that this legislation will reduce some of the barriers that have previously prevented fishpond practitioners in their efforts to restore loko i'a across the state. This bill presents great balance of protecting water quality while allowing basic restoration and maintenance activities that many fishponds are engaging in statewide.

Mahalo

Thank you,

John N. (Jack) Kittinger, PhD

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Karen Murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you in advance for supporting HB393 which is substantial support for more than mere lipservice to the advancement of Hawaiian food security.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly urge your committee to pass this bill. It is important to support organizations and individuals dedicated to restoring, repairing, and operating fishponds for the benefit of all. With DLNR's help, this permitting process will be a easier, which will expedite the operation of more fishponds. This is particularly important right now, as we search for ways to increase food security and become less reliant on importing our food. The bottom line is fishpond produce food. Please support the passage of this important bill. Mahalo!

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Testimony for JDL on Mar 31, 2015 09:35AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea Hong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB343, which streamlines the permitting process for renovating fishponds. Fishponds contribute to the self-sufficiency of these islands, and perpetuate Hawaiian practices and culture.

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Lisa Yang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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M Lee Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB393; food sovereignty and sustainable fishing are more important than ever - this would allow for revival and reinvigoration of traditional practices for the 21st century - without the red tape and years of waiting that should be left behind. Mahalo.

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Olan Leimomi Morgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a first year law student at the UH Richardson law school, and I fully support HB 393 because as a concerned local here in Hawaii I often wonder why we are so dependant on outside imports and how long this dependence can last. We should be better utilizing the resources and knowledge that we have here to sustainably feed ourselves. What better way to feed ourselves than to use already established skills and practices like the loko i'a systems. This bill will better enable us to set up loko i'a and redevelop this ancient art, to hopefully support the increasing need for food and renewable resources here in Hawai'i. Mahalo and please pass this bill.

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Rachel Gonzalez	Individual	Support	No

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RJ Brown	Individual	Support	No

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Roberts Leinau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Fish pond restoration should be more about pohaku and hana not so much palapala and more palapala for years.

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Roxane Stewart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a loko i'a practitioner submitting testimony to SUPPORT of this bill as a means to support fellow loko i'a practitioners in their arduous kuleana of restoring and revitalizing our loko i'a across the state. Most loko i'a struggle financially just to maintain their own existence in order to provide this valuable resource, for the children we educate and to the communities we "feed". In looking forward in our future as a island state to sustain our growing population, we will look to our loko i'a (that will hopefully be at the point of full production). We cannot get our loko i'a to that point without giving loko i'a practitioners the tools, the flexibility and the authority to do what they do best as the authority of these resources.

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Stuart Coleman	Surfrider Foundation	Support	No

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