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Before the Senate Committees on HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and WATER AND LAND

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In consideration of SENATE RESOLUTION 42, PROPOSED SENATE DRAFT 1 URGING ALL POLICYMAKERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO SUPPORT THE WAI'ANAE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN AND THE PRESERVATION OF OHIKILOLO

Senate Resolution 42, Proposed Senate Draft 1 urges all policymakers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support the Wai`anae sustainable communities plan and the preservation of Ohikilolo. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers comments on this measure.** 

An archaeological survey of a limited portion of the area in question identified over 400 archaeological sites. Some of them individually eligible for inclusion in the Hawaii register of historic places and national register of historic places, and collectively probably comprise an archaeological district eligible for both the Hawaii and national registers. Furthermore, it is highly likely that there are significantly more archaeological sites throughout the area that have not been identified because only a limited portion of the area has been systematically examined.

The area continues to be used for a variety of traditional cultural activities, including collection of significant resources for use in traditional practices. Given the number of archaeological sites and the historical and continuing traditional use of the area, there are almost certainly traditional cultural properties in the area — places of continuing cultural use and significance to native Hawaiians, and the Wai`anae community in particular. So far as the Department is aware, no systemic study to identify, document, and evaluate has been conducted in the area. Some of the traditional cultural places are like to be eligible for inclusion in the Hawai'i and national registers and may represent collectively register eligible districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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March 27, 2018

The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair and Members of the Committee on Water and Land Hawaii State Senate Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Shimabukuro and Rhoads, and Committee Members:

Subject: Senate Resolution 42, Proposed SD 1

Urging Policymakers and Residents of the

City and County of Honolulu to Support the Waianae Sustainable

Communities Plan and the Preservation of Ohikilolo

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **supports** Senate Resolution 42, Proposed SD 1, which urges all policymakers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan (SCP), adopted in 2012, and the preservation of Ohikilolo.

We appreciate this Resolution's acknowledgement that the Waianae Coast is a geographical area filled with important cultural and archaeological sites, including Ohikilolo. The Waianae SCP is a long-term policy planning document that is used to guide development in a manner that best serves current and future residents and businesses of the region. At the same time, the SCP respects the area's natural, cultural, and historical resources.

The Ohikilolo area stated in this Resolution is located outside of the Waianae SCP's Community Growth Boundary, and protection of this area is further supported by vision elements contained in the SCP. Specifically, the SCP calls for preserving all lands north of Kepuhi Point as open space, and for preserving and protecting cultural sites and cultural landscapes.

As you may know, the City Charter mandates that Honolulu's Land Use Ordinance and Capital Improvement Program be consistent with the Waianae SCP, as well as the other seven regional plans and the overarching General Plan. Furthermore,

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the DPP reviews all projects requiring a discretionary permit, including any related environmental documents, for consistency with the region's respective SCP or Development Plan.

We appreciate this Resolution's recognition of the value of the Waianae SCP, a product that involved extensive community engagement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Sokugawa Acting Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lu Faborito	Testifying for Makaha Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/26/2018 4:11:21 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/27/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

### Comments:

To the Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair; the Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

To the Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair; the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SR42 Proposed SD1** relating to the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan and the preservation of Ohikilolo.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SR42 Proposed SD1** and supports its passage.

**SR42 Proposed SD1** is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it urges all policymakers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support: (1) the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan, and (2) preserve Ohikilolo as open space.

Specifically, the Platform of the DPH provides that "The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment are essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement.

The conservation, preservation, and restoration of Hawaii's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint for the benefit of current and future generations.

We support the protection of our 'aina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage.

We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources.

We know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions. " (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 407-414, 417-423, 432-439 (2016)).

We support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs.

We support the growth of Native Hawaiian farming, agricultural and healing practices. We value and wish to foster the preservation of our host culture. (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 210-214 (2016)).

Given that **SR42 Proposed SD1** urges all policymakers and residents of the City and County of Honolulu to support: (1) the Waianae Sustainable Communities Plan, and (2) preserve Ohikilolo as open space, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours, /s/ Melodie Aduja

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# <u>SR-42</u>

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 8:16:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/27/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Comments	Yes

## Comments:

We note that SR42 was the "State Recognition" resolution that we STRONGLY OPPOSED, & which was deferred in committeee. Yet, now that resolution vehicle is being used for OHIKILOLO, as PROPOSED SD1, which we STRONGLY SUPPORT. Therefore, if this resolution is strictly for the protection of Ohikilolo, then we are in STRONG SUPPORT. Mahalo.

SR-42 Submitted on: 3/22/2018 4:36:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/27/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Perry	Individual	Support	No

# Comments:

I support the language in the SD1.

# **SR-42**

Submitted on: 3/24/2018 4:41:52 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/27/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	Yes	

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

While I whole heartedly support SR42 allowing Hawaiian Kingdom Citizens to selfidentify ourselves as such, AFTER acknowledging our U.S.A. Citizenship (under DURESS) as we engage in this American voting system...; however,

I'm providing STRONG SUPPORT FOR SR42 Proposed SD1 URGING ALL POLICYMAKERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO SUPPORT THE WAI'ANAE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN AND THE PRESERVATION OF 'ÅŒHIKILOLO.

I was born in Wai'anae (KMC, Honolulu), started & finished school in Wai'anae and have spent the bulk of my life here in Wai'anae. I'm still amazed at the wisdom of our people, na po'e 'o Wai'anae. As such, it is my kuleana to malama those things that make Hawai'i, Hawaiians and na mea Hawaii (Hawaiian things) so special that millions of people flock to my Homeland.

Ke Akua (God) put my people here because he knew we'd become one with our surroundings, especially our 'ĕ ina. We know we don't own it and yet we do, in our Hawaiian way. He ali'i ka 'ĕ ina; he kauĕ ke kanaka. The land is the chief; man is its servant 'ÅŒlelo Noeau #531 (Pukui, 1983). As such, I rise to protect 'ÅŒhikilolo and request the Legislature prevent any development past Kepuhi Pt, as stated in our Wai'anae Sustainable Communities Plan; thereby preserving and maintaining our open space.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify in STRONG SUPPORT OF SR42 PROPOSED SD1. Please pass this Resolution out of your committee.

Me kealoha,

Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

Concerned Wai'anae Resident

Hawaiian Kingdom

SR-42 Submitted on: 3/23/2018 11:13:15 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/27/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Laulani Teale	Individual	Support	No	Ī

# Comments:

This is long overdue, and important.

To Committee Chair: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

Testimony for:

RE: SR 42 URGING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO AMEND THE CHOICE FOR SELF-DECLARATION TO ALLOW THE AFFIANT TO IDENTIFY AS A PERSON BORN WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY THE STATE OF HAWAI'I OR A DESCENDANT OF ANY CITIZEN OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM THAT THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED AS A NATION PRIOR TO 1893.

I am a long time resident of Wai'anae & I totally support the mission and goal of the Friends of Ohikilolo to preserve, perpetuate, and protect the archeological sites therein.

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To Committee Chair: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

# **Testimony for:**

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I totally support the mission and goal of the Friends of Ohikilolo to preserve, perpetuate, and protect the archeological sites therein.

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To Committee Chair: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

# Testimony for:

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AS a former resident in the very last house on the island in Ohikilolo, My family & I totally support the mission and goal of the Friends of Ohikilolo to preserve, perpetuate, and protect the archeological sites therein.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Karen Murray	Individual	Support	No	1

Comments:

To Committee Chair: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro

# Testimony for:

RE: SR 42 URGING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO AMEND THE CHOICE FOR SELF-DECLARATION TO ALLOW THE AFFIANT TO IDENTIFY AS A PERSON BORN WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY THE STATE OF HAWAI'I OR A DESCENDANT OF ANY CITIZEN OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM THAT THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED AS A NATION PRIOR TO 1893.

I totally support the mission and goal of the Friends of Ohikilolo to preserve, perpetuate, and protect the archeological sites therein.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2018 9:36:40 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/27/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Natalie Santiago	Individual	Support	Yes	

Comments:

I support SR42.

I beleive Hawaii is overdeveloped and that now is the time to take positive steps towards neutralizing the negativity of greed and ego. I truly beleive those are the major reasons for the degradation and desecration's of our lands and oceans.

The Westside is the Bestside! The wild unadultered open spaces have a great impact on everyone's mental, physical, and spiritual health. The stunningly beautiful environment encourages Healing and love.

Na Wahi Pana O Kea'au a me Ohikilolo is full with energy! It holds several significant and irreplaceable cultural sites. It is a "sacred space", that holds the breath, heartbeat and spirit of my ancestors.

here is where I found my purpose in life, here is where my spirit is home, here is where I heal, here is where I reconnect to my creator, ancestors and my self.

Ohikilolo, here is a sacred space to Malama and aloha into perpetuity.

mahalo nui