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Date: February 6, 2024

House Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs

To: Committee Chair Representative Adrian Tam

Committee Vice Chair Representative Rose Martinez

SUBJ: House Bill 2715. Authorizes the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Malama Pu'uloa.

DATE: Wednesday, February 7, 2024

TIME: 10:00 AM

From: Anthony Chance, CEO and Founder of Hui O Ho'ohonua.

I am writing this Letter of Support for House Bill 2715. This Bill will provide an alternate method of funding the restoration of Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor). At no cost to the government, the fundraising fees from this specialty license plate will directly support the restoration of not only Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor), but the 12 freshwater streams that flow into Pu'uloa from the 12 Ahupua'a's that surround the Sacred waters of Pu'uloa.

Common Management Goals:

- Remove invasive mangrove vegetation from Pearl Harbor shoreline and off-shore islands
- Improve water quality throughout all watersheds associated with Pearl Harbor
- Restore native wetlands and shoreline vegetation
- Restore oyster, mullet and native bird populations
- Restore Hawaiian fishponds where possible
- Engage the community in resource management and education
- Collect data that serves to inform our efforts
- Increase inter-agency collaboration and capacity
- Increased fresh water and food security, especially urgent in the current economic climate of Hawai'i

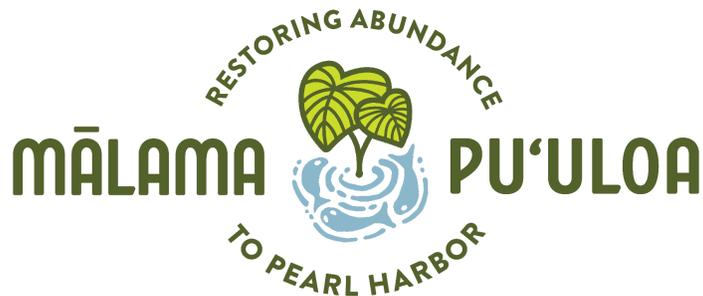
Watershed restoration:

- Associated habitat restoration for endangered/endemic species and mitigation required of the DoD
- Flood mitigation, associated with climate change and storm resiliency planning
- Decreased nonpoint polluted run-off and Pearl Harbor sedimentation

Sincerely,



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March 14, 2023

Rep. Adrian K. Tam, Chair
Rep. Rose Martinez, Vice Chair
Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs
Hawai'i State Legislature
State Capitol
415 Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of SB844, SD2, with requested amendment
Conference Room 309
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 10:00 AM

Aloha Kakahiaka Chair Tam, Vice Chair Martinez, and Members of the Committee,

Ali'i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club is honored and grateful to submit our testimony in strong support of SB844, SD2, which authorizes the issuance of special number license plates to commemorate Mālama Pu'uloa.

Ali'i Pauahi HCC was chartered in 1973 by beloved kupuna, many of whom were esteemed teachers in the DOE, who sought to perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture and traditions through education. Today, as stewards of the 500-year-old Loko i`a Pā`aiāu, the last remaining royal fishpond in Keawalauopu`uloa, through a MOU with the U.S. Navy, we continue their mission with the support of devoted community residents, the `Aiea Community Association, Living Life Source Foundation, lineal descendants, `Aiea High School's Hale Hāola, CTAHR, UH LCC, the Noa Webster Aluli Foundation, KUA, Hui Mālama Loko i`a, private and public schools and universities, businesses, military personnel, donors, visitors, and thousands of loving hearts and hands. Mālama Pu'uloa is also a special and cherished partner, indeed.

The costs of restoring this national historic treasure are significant, given its 80-plus years of degradation following the bombing of the Pearl Harbor shipyard, and require strategic partnerships to accomplish. We are grateful to you and the leaders of Mālama Pu`uloa for envisioning a new pathway to increasing vital resources for our work, as well as that of the dozens of beloved communities throughout the many-fingered lochs of the harbor.

To deepen the connection of the special plates to Pu`uloa, we respectfully request an amendment to the measure that will honor the mahele ancestors of Pā`aiāu, whose descendants have been striving for nearly a decade to address climate change impacts through traditional ecological knowledge. Many of these lineal descendants are esteemed and award-winning artists whose pieces are found in the collection of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and are displayed in the Hawaii Convention Center, State Capitol offices, public schools, and local, national and international collections. Their artistry will uniquely bring forth the essence of Pu`uloa and could even include community collaborations with area students and families that help to increase participation in the project, and ultimately, its success. An amendment that ensures preference for such artists in the design and educational elements of the plates will be greatly appreciated.

In the spirit of aloha and deepest gratitude, on behalf of ourselves and the future generations who will thrive in peace and abundance through your vision, we respectfully request your committee's passage of this measure.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Kehaulani Lum
President

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Dear Sir:

This testimony is being submitted in behalf of support for SB 844, SD2. It authorizes the issuance of special license plates to commemorate the work of Malama Pu'uloa.

Much like the efforts of Malama Pu'uloa and the care and cleanup of Pa'aiau Fishponds and the other fishponds and cultural landscapes surrounding Pearl Harbor has been the volunteer work at the Kalaeloa Heritage Park. The Kalaeloa Heritage Park is on property formerly known as the Barbers Point Naval Air Station. The work on all these properties especially at Malama Pu'uloa not only serve in the preservation of all these cultural landscapes but more importantly relationships.

It is also important to understand the history associated with of the immediate property of Malama Pu'uloa and the surrounding area. The island of Oahu was historically always under assault by both Maui and Hawaii Island. During the rein of Mailikukahi on the island of Oahu several chiefs from the island of Hawaii by the names of Hilo and Punaluu amongst others launched an invasion on the island of O'ahu in an attempt to seek out and kill the Chief Mailikukahi. This was a period just before Columbus discovered America. It was believed at that time that Mailikukahi was at Lihue, today known as Schofield. They assemble a fleet of some 3,000 canoes and landed in the exact location that Malama Pu'uloa is caring for. Long story short they never found him and suffered a horrendous defeat. No one made it back to their canoes. Both Punalu'u and Hilo were killed. Hilo was decapitated and his head placed on a pole and placed in the approximate area of Malama Pu'uloa and historically became known as Po'ohilo, "the

the head of Hilo”.

In closing, as one who is deeply involved in the preservation of the cultural history and the care of the many relationships surrounding Pearl Harbor, I am in support of SB 844, SD2.

Mahalo,

Shad Kane

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SB-844-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 11:23:35 AM

Testimony for CAI on 3/15/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Manulani Aluli Meyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB844 because it gives awareness to the issues and needs of Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor). We are in need of wider collaboration to help clean, clear, and mālama the waters and lands in and around Pu'uloa.

I would also like to amend the Bill to include: The design of the specialty plate will be created by a local artist that will be able to illustrate the Spirit of Pu'uloa. Multiple designs by multiple artists will be submitted to a cultural committee for selection of the plate design. All designs submitted that are not selected will also be promoted by the State to fundraise for the Pu'uloa (Pearl Harbor) restoration. This will help to support local artists and promote cultural competency.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2023 1:55:49 PM

Testimony for CAI on 3/15/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bert Weeks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill and ask you to pass this bill through committee. The work of Malama Puuloa, to take care of Pearl Harbor, is a massive undertaking that requires much community support and would benefit greatly from the additional funds provided by personalized license plates. This work is transformative and benefits so many people. I encourage the elected officials to go to a community workday and see the progress that this grassroots organization has made with minimal resources but an abundance of aloha for the land and people in their community. Please meet the young men who have grown up in Ewa and found a passion in transforming Puuloa into an area that they can be proud of and one day show the next generations how communities can come together to make a difference and restore a long neglected and polluted resource. With the resources from these license plates, we can support more young men and women from the community to take action and become leaders, to bring back the historic wetlands and fishponds of Puuloa, and create a space for the people of Ewa and all of Oahu to enjoy the unique and special areas of Pearl Harbor. Puuloa desperately deserves our help, and you have the opportunity with this bill to malama Puuloa.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2023 4:55:40 PM

Testimony for CAI on 3/15/2023 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Rogers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tam and Vice Chair Martinez,

I am the Ewa NB #23 Transportation Committee Co-chair and a frequent volunteer of the Malama Pu'uloa Project and I support SB844 SD2 with every drop of sweat and the sore muscles I endured after each workday. The Pearl Harbor Historic Trail (PHHT) and Leeward Bikeway (hopefully we come up with a more traditional name for the combined path) run adjacent to all three lochs of Pearl Harbor and encompass all the Ahupua'a in the Ewa Moku from Halawa to Honouliuli. The Hui O Ho'ohonua Malama Pu'uloa Project has already enhanced the PHHT and Leeward Bikeway through their efforts to removing invasive mangrove along a portion of the West Loch shoreline, the mouth of the Honouliuli Stream and portions of a couple of fishponds. They have also started a food forest along the path near Lehua Ave and much more. This continued action will help to create a world class recreation shared use path along the entire shoreline of Pu'uloa. Commemorating Malama Pu'uloa with its own license plate will educate and perpetuate the idea that we all have an obligation to restore this most magnificent body of water and its surroundings.

Thank you,

John Rogers

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 8:07:47 AM

Testimony for CAI on 3/15/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jared Kealii Chang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in support of SB844 SD2. Malama Puuloa is the steward that Kewalau o Puuloa needed after so many years of neglect. I have lived in West Loch Estates since 2010 and have witnessed first hand the benefit that Malama Puuloa has on the shoreline area and water resources. Since 2015, the transformation of the park, shared use paths, and shoreline areas around recreational piers, has been tremendous in improving water quality, user safety and natural aesthetics of the shoreline. Please consider passing this bill to support this organization that has and will continue to steward this special place on Oahu.

Mahalo,

Jared

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/15/2023 10:52:36 AM

Testimony for CAI on 3/15/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven T Streetman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this.