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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

House Committee on Finance

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

11:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 308 and Videoconference

In Support

H.B. No. 1371, HD1, Relating to the Sand Island State Recreation Area

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee on Finance:

The Office of the Governor **SUPPORTS** H.B. No. 1371, HD1, Relating to the Sand Island State Recreation Area.

Encompassing roughly 141 acres, the Sand Island State Recreation Area is an underutilized park that has the potential to become a recreational area, with expanded facilities and activities for the people of O'ahu and the State to enjoy.

The Office of the Governor is especially supportive of the section of this bill that proposes to create a Native Hawaiian arts and cultural center, which would help to serve the needs of the Native Hawaiian arts community. With the opportunity to create economic opportunities for Native Hawaiian artists and practitioners, the proposed cultural center could include canoe sheds and storage areas to house the canoes, paddles, life vests, and necessary equipment for the canoe clubs at Ke'ehi; a large open stadium facility for concerts and cultural events; classroom spaces; an art studio; outside facilities for carving and other cultural practices; and a potential commercial kitchen for the teaching of traditional food preparation, and a garden for growing traditional foods and other traditional practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
FINANCE

Tuesday, February 28, 2023
11:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1371, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

House Bill 1371, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to prepare a master plan for the Sand Island State Recreation Area. **The Department supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request, and offers one amendment.**

The Department appreciates the Legislature's recognition that Sand Island State Recreation Area is an underutilized park with aging infrastructure, facilities and undeveloped sections. In recent years we have applied prior legislative appropriations to target some areas, including sewer system upgrades, redevelopment of the softball field complex and associated facilities, and a large-scale shoreline debris remediation has been initiated. These projects have tackled issues within the developed area of the park, but the undeveloped section holds great potential for expanded facilities and activities as envisioned by this bill. The Legislature should be aware that a variety of temporary uses, including support for the city's adjacent Sand Island wastewater treatment plan upgrades are ongoing as well, and will also enhance and prepare park areas for future improvements.

The Department would like to point out that page 6 line 21 through page 7 line 11 of the bill refers to Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park, a City & County of Honolulu Park and requests that it be removed or clarified in an amended version.

The Department appreciates the consideration of an appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 as noted in the Standing Committee Report 434 for the proposed planning and necessary entitlements. The Department also looks forward to working collaboratively with community partners and Hawaiian cultural groups and practitioners interested in stewardship and revitalization of Sand Island State Recreation Area.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

DAWN N.S. CHANG
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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
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STATE PARKS

Written Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Finance

February 28, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

by

Ty Tamagawa, Founder

The Pillars LLC

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

Even though I am representing The Pillars LLC, this project has immense value to me as well. I grew up in the Lanakila Housing area, and have a vested interest in urban communities, especially the ohana in Kalihi. There is a felt need for projects like this, not just in Kalihi, but for local communities all around Hawai'i. I believe that developing Sand Island Recreation Area can be the start of something valuable and special for our state, especially, like this bill suggests, if it is done with the community in mind.

"The People's Park" is a great way to put it. There is a felt need for better parks in Kalihi, safer, more beautiful, and functional parks. Parks that serve the community, reflect the community, and honor them. These sentiments can be felt all over the US, this sense of community led development projects. Especially in Hawai'i, where there is a tension between the urban planners and the locals, this project can be an historic feat for the islands, that start the healing process and continuing of the path in our state progressing, and building more forms of equity.

Confirming what this bill has already stated, the users of this park are looking for improvements and added features. They want this park to be developed and taken care of. Not only that, but the people of Kalihi have a vested interest as well. Our team at the Pillars have personally surveyed park users before, but we have also been going out to the different communities of Kalihi, not only serving them, but also asking them questions about development here. We have already been doing community engagement for this project, and so far, it is a resounding yes of support. Aunties and Uncles want safer and cleaner areas for themselves and their family, young adults want more areas of community for activity and gatherings. Nonprofits want to support a project of development that serve our locals in such a special way. People want their voice to be heard.

I support HB1371. It is a project with profound results if done with the people in mind. You have a high potential opportunity here that can be used for the betterment of our state and its ohana. This is a park that not only will serve our current citizens and increase our island beauty, but will benefit our future generations as well.

Mahalo for your time.



Preserving & Perpetuating Native Hawaiian Cultural Traditions for Future Generations

February 27, 2023

Aloha Chair Rep Yamashita, Vice Chair Rep. Kitagawa
Members of the Committee on Finance,

RE: Strong Support of HB1371 HD 1

I am Vicky Holt Takamine, the Executive Director of PA'I Foundation and the kumu hula of Pua Ali'i 'Ilima. I am submitting testimony in Strong Support of HB1371 HD1 on behalf of the PA'I Foundation, a 501 c 3 non profit organization based in Kapālama, O'ahu. The mission of PA'I is to preserve and perpetuate Native Hawaiian cultural traditions and practices for future generations. We do this by creating spaces and opportunities for artists and cultural practitioners to share, demonstrate, display and practice their arts and culture.

Currently located in the 'ahupua'a of Kapālama, O'ahu, PA'I will be opening the PA'I Art & Cultural Center in Kaka'ako in the Fall of 2023. The 5,000 sq ft space will have a 3,000 sq ft performing arts space, an Arts Cafe and 1,000 sq ft meeting and training center for artists & cultural practitioners. While the center will be able to support the performing arts community and a limited number of other types of cultural practices, it is insufficient to serve the broader needs of the carving, fishing, lua (martial arts), canoe paddling, ocean activities and other Native Hawaiian events and cultural practices that need a lot of open space and/or access to the ocean. We believe that the currently undeveloped areas in this location may be a perfect location for a Native Hawaiian Cultural Center to serve the needs of this underserved community.

Once a thriving fishing village, the Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park and Sand Island State Recreation Area is now the home to the Hokule'a and 16 local and high school canoe clubs. The canoe clubs, located in the Ke'ehi Lagoon Beach Park serve nearly 2400 adults and youth annually year-round for after school and weekend activities. The Hawai'i Softball Foundation has done an incredible job of activating and maintaing the softball complex in the Sand Island State Recreation Area.

A comprehensive master plan to serve the needs of all users and adress aging infrastructures and facilities for this area will help to guide the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Harbors Division and all stake holders with guidance for improvements and development. In order help with these efforts, PA'I has submitted a grant request for \$100,000 to the National Endowment for the Arts for community outreach and design charette. We will advise if we get awarded any funding for this project.

Mahalo for considering this bill. We ask for your full support of HB 1371 HD1

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Aloha Chair Rep Yamashita, Vice Chair Rep. Kitagawa

Members of the Committee on Finance,

RE: Strong Support of HB1371 HD 1

Dear Chairperson Yamashita and Kitagawa and the House of Representatives
Members of the Community of Finance:

Aloha name is Kēhaulani Kupihea I am the founder and Executive Director of Mauiola Ke'ehi a Hawaiian non-profit organization based in the proposed location of Ke'ehi, Mauiola or also called (sand island) Our non-profit is a Hawaiian culture-focused, place-based education organization steeped in a rich history that provides transformative healing through culture and art. I have fished and paddled canoe here for over 40 years it is vital that we continue to perpetuate and uplift our ancestral ways of knowing. Our ohana is genealogically tied to the tidal islands of this Wahi Pana.

Hundreds of such villages thrived in pre-Western contact Hawai'i. The fishponds of the area once provided the Native Hawaiian population with a sustainable source of protein, none of the 41 fishponds are left in the Honolulu area. Ke'ehi is the home to the sacred tidal islands, Kahaka'aulana, Mokuoeo and Mokauea, whose rich cultural history includes the summer residences of **King Kalākaua, David Malo Kupihea** who was the last konohiki of the area, royal fishing & limu grounds, an area for teaching navigation, shark riders, and more.

We have led collaborative educational efforts several days a week with multiple community organizations and schools since 2010. Mauiola Ke'ehi currently partners with approximately 14 public and private schools, all of the University of Hawai'i colleges and over 50 different community groups. On an average year, Mauiola Ke'ehi engages approximately 1,500-2,000 people from the community, at least half of whom are Native Hawaiian and half who come from underserved communities afflicted by historical trauma and characterized by low-income status, low educational attainment, and minority ethnicity. While the program serves students of all ages, educators at all levels, and community members, the target population are kanaka maoli and kama'āina and at-risk populations, such as those recovering from substance use and returning to society from prison. It is vital for our community to have a space of healing.

Mahalo for considering this bill. We ask for your full support of HB 1371 HD1.

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Chair Representative Yamashita,
Vice Chair Representative Kitagawa
Members of the Committee on Finance

RE: Support of HB 1371 HD1

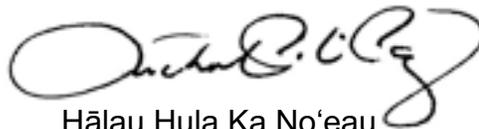
Aloha:

My name is Michael Pili Pang, Kumu Hula of Hālau Hula Ka No'EAU and Executive Director of Mu'olaulani. I am writing in support of the proposed Navite Hawaiian Cultural Center at Ke'ehi Lagoon/Sand Island area.

I am in favor of the revitalization of the area into a Native Hawaiian Cultural Center that will focus on hula, water activities, carving, lua, and other arts of Hawai'i which require connection to land and ocean to thrive. I have been informed that the complex will feature museum, classrooms, gardens, and other facilities to highlight Hawaiian culture for both local residents and visitors to our islands. The location near the ocean makes this an ideal spot for this type of cultural center; where the story of mauka to makai and the Hawaiian arts work together as an educational tool to tell of Hawaii's culture and its peoples.

I hope that this will be just one of many Hawaiian cultural centers that are needed in the islands that will help to maintain, preserve and promote Hawaiian history and our Island culture. I know this project will be a great asset for our future generations and I support this project.

Sincerely,


Hālau Hula Ka No'EAU

HB-1371-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Milton Holt	Sand Island Business Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Yamashita and members of the House Committee on Finance,

Relating to HB 1371 HD1

Sand Island Business Association (SIBA), and it's 112 tenants and 3,000 employees, are in strong support of HB1371 to develop a master plan and the creation of a Native Hawaiian Cultural Center in the Keehi Lagoon area of the Sand Island State Recreation Area master plan. Mahalo for for your consideration and support of our testimony.

Sincerely,

Milton Holt
Executive Director
Sand Island Business Association

Written Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Finance

February 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

by

Bobby Coloma, Avid Park User

Thunderboxing Kalihi

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I support this project because it would serve the communities nearby. Around here in Kalihi we do not have a lot of parks in the area, or quality parks for that matter, and it would provide healthy recreational usage for everyone.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for hearing me.

Written Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Finance

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by

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Thunderboxing Kalihi

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

There are not enough spaces and facilities like these in Kalihi. This project will provide a lot of community spaces and equipment for the kids and community if done right. I support this bill for the community, and for our kids. Kalihi needs more opportunities like these.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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February 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

by

Jeffry Mabute, Coach

Thunderboxing Gym Kalihi

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

Sand Island Recreation Area would be a great for the community, and provide a safe environment for kids. A lot of youth come into the boxing gym, and it keeps them off of the streets and out of trouble. Same thing with this project, this park can not only give them other opportunities to spend their time, but give them more outlets. This park will not only benefit the Kalihi or urban youth, but I believe it can benefit all of Oahu. This is a good idea.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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February 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

by

Kevin Agustin, Founder

Kingsman Boxing Gym

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I support this project because the kids of the community need an outlet, something or somewhere they can exert their energy. So the development of Sand Island Recreation Area would be perfect. A lot of the kids around the area also kids from low income housing, so it would be good for them.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Rjay Balintona, Boxer

Kakaako Boxing Gym

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

First off, I am from Kalihi and near the area that this project would definitely help serve. It would benefit the community; I think it would be for everyone too. Adults, kids, workers, teenagers, all of that. It can help relieve stress and help with health as well. It can also be a place to provide more jobs and expand the workforce, and provides opportunities to do more volunteering and good things in helping out the communities. At the end of the day, we are looking for places to help and give back. That is what it is all about. Community and helping each other out.

I support HB1371, Sand Island Recreation Area is a great place for these kinds of things to happen, creating greater community and goodwill.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Camille Kawamoto, Boxer

Kakaako Boxing Gym

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I simply support this bill because projects like these provide safe places of recreation and community for the ohana of Oahu, and is especially beneficial to urban communities.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for you time.

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by

Reno Abihai, Boxing Coach

Kakaako Boxing Gym

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I support Sand Island Recreation Area being developed because communities like these need safe places and more opportunities for positive community growth that promote health as well. In our Polynesian communities, public health is a concern, riddled with problems of weight gain and physical activity.

Development in Sand Island can also lead to facilities and opportunities to provide positive services like financial teaching, life skills, and maybe even addiction facilities. This place can become a great way to serve our communities and meet needs that our ohana deal with every day.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Joni Wong, Boxing Coach

Kakaako Boxing Gym

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I think this park is in a unique position to serve communities that need it the most. A lot of places have things like skate parks, soccer fields, and equipment like that, but with Sand Island Recreation area, we can bring more of that kind of stuff into these communities that don't have them, and are in need of them more. Sand Island is central, right off the freeway, and it is near town and a lot of communities that need these types of services and safe places.

Sand Island Recreation Area can also be used as a place to teach, provide services that schools do not provide much these days too. Let's get students in here, and the kids in general. PE, physical betterment, maybe teach them home skills, and provide facilities for parts of our community that is often forgotten about, like those with mental disabilities. I work with autistic kids as well, and I know they need help too. Either way, this place can be made to serve the community with the communities in mind and part of the process, to bring fulfillment into people's lives through facilities and providing a safe and positive gathering place for ohana.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for letting me speak.

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by

Jason Tiempo, Sous Chef

Kalihi Resident & Native

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

Aloha, I support this bill and project because growing up in Kalihi I saw the need for more community areas and local participation in important stuff like this. Projects like these is what saves communities and help ohana grow, especially the keiki and young adults. Kalihi and urban Honolulu in general would benefit a lot from this, especially if it becomes a park that is made for the community. It can also be a park that brings Oahu together in general, and can be a place for people of all walks of life to enjoy.

I know a place like this, if done correctly, would have helped me growing up as well to stay away from the streets and other negative environments. We need a safe place to gather and socialize.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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February 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

by

Michael Balasi, Founder

Thunderboxing Gym Kalihi

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

We need projects like these to get kids out of the street. Kalihi is coming bad. This project can set the younger generation to set an example of how our community should be. Instead of gangs and drugs, they can turn to other options like boxing and other outlets these types of areas can provide. I lived the same lifestyle. In between worlds. Boxing and gang life. So I know we need a place for healthier outlets and better safe gathering spaces to set a positive lifestyle for our youth.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Jackie Kurita, Resident

Thunderboxing Gym Kalihi

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

The park in Sand Island would be beneficial to the community and families of Kalihi because it would be fun and great for all ages. It will also be a place where families can engage together. Great for mental and physical health. Healthy for kid's development such as coordination.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Brandon Kekahio, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I support this project because the people need more stuff like this, especially our youth. Growing up in Kalihi, a place like this would have been super valuable and helpful in my upbringing. We got to get the people involved in what gets put on our land, and what kind of stuff is put in our communities. This kind of project can be a good start to change things in our islands, and create positivity in a time that is dark and unsure.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Kristen Kimura, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

Our people would benefit a lot from developing in that area. It is spacious, beautiful, and has a lot of potential. The keiki would love it here, and it would provide a great place for families to bond, and people from different backgrounds to come together and have fun with each other. Our urban families and youth are looking for safe places of community away from the drugs and trouble, this could be it.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for letting me testify.

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by

Chase Nanod, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I one hundred percent support this project. It will be very beneficial for the kids and families of the area, and turning it into a beautiful place that serves the community and is a reflection of it would definitely be something to be proud of. To many projects these days' people just build and do whatever they like. I want to see a park that is made for the people. This looks like a solid opportunity to do this.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Cortnie Tanaka, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

This is an awesome idea that would serve and benefit the kids and young adults highly. We need more spaces like this in Kalihi, I cannot think of any park that is quality in the Kalihi area. It is in such a great location too, a little far into sand island access road, but still such a good place.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for listening.

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by

Andrew Romandia, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Honolulu needs more things like this, especially parks. A lot of parks are starting to be made for tourists and other interests besides local needs and wants. Kalihi is also a place that desperately needs things like this. If this park is done right, it can help change communities and possibly trajectories of the youth.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Daphne Pohaku, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support this bill, it will be great for keiki and for the community. Trusting and giving the people the opportunity to the land is important as well. We should all share our duty to take care and build on our land. The park has a lot of potential and if done right could be a staple for the Hawaiian Islands for beauty and for community.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Christopher Ramos, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support HB1371, it is a great idea with a lot of opportunity and potential. If this is done right, the community of not just Kalihi, but Oahu in general would benefit from it. It will also be a place where locals can feel like they had a say in something that was made in their community. Also, it is also never a bad thing to beautify our land and clean up that place. It is super dirty and is a hazard as well.

Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Josiah Bejor-Barro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill whole heartedly. This is a great opportunity for helping out Native Hawaiians and urban youth of our islands. I believe if this park is done right, with community engagement and carefulness/genuiness, it can be a very special place.

Thank you for hearing me. Mahalo

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by

Austin Florino, Kalihi Resident

Oahu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support HB1371. I think Kalihi needs a park, not just any park, but a park with the people that live around it in mind. A people that live here, that have multiple generations of family here. Something for all of us, not just Kalihi, but all of Honolulu. Kalihi though really needs it, the kids need a place, the young adults need a place, families need a place. I think Sand Island is a key place too, it's part of Kalihi, but away from the streets and a secluded environment of its own, like a safe place.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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by

Sophia Maldonado, Kalihi Resident

Oahu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support HB1371. It sounds like an excellent idea for the locals and especially for the youth. I think this will help out a lot of the negativity that is going on around these parts, and it is a good idea for the future generations of the ohana that live here if we do it right.

I support it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

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by

Jimmy Simei, Business Owner/Ex KPT Resident

Mana'o Junk Removal

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

I support HB1371, this project sounds like the kinds of things we need more of in Kalihi. I grew up in KPT and got into all sorts of trouble. There was really nothing to do or a good community place to spend time at, so the streets is what I spent most of my time doing. I am done with all that and now I want to support stuff like this that can help the youth and families grow and have safe places to spend quality time at.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denzel Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB1371. This is a great opportunity for Hawaii to have more community led projects that can not only benefit those in need, but also help with the economy as well. It is very possible for this park to be both a park of the people, and a place where tourists can enjoy and experience the aloha spirit that so much come to seek out.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Shira Sax, Oahu Resident, Media Production

Hawaii

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support HB1371. I think the parks are underutilized and that communities aren't engaged as much as they could be. COVID 19 has prevented and imprisoned many people in fear. But I believe in a post Covid Hawaii, that parks and public places can once again be community hubs where people gather and celebrate and make lasting memories. Sand Island Beach Park along with many others have slowly started to see people returning, but not in the way or in the numbers as the past. HB1371's proposal to gather and encourage community leaders and businesses to not only pour in their resources, but also to take ownership can help us heal and thrive and become the Hawaii we all want it to be. I believe that it is time to partner with people of the community and the local private sector to stop wholly relying on the state to maintain and fund our public parks through taxes. People like me are looking and wanting to help make our communities better and HB1371 gives us a very possible way to do so.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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by

Luis Salazar, Honolulu Resident

Hawaii

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support HB1371. The depth of thought in this bill has exceeded expectations and gives hope to the future of the Sand Island area. The care for the history, culture, present issues, and future use of the land demonstrates a vision that has the possibility of transforming the "image" of Sand Island into a clean and safe family environment that will enable prosperity of the area and exceptional use of the facilities. I believe this plan will bring many people who live in proximity of Sand Island and on Oahu to visit and enjoy various activities with friends and loved ones. This bill also has the potential to benefit other respected organizations, such as, the University of Hawaii and its maritime training and education center. With its many avenues of approach in restoring, development, and respect to the history and culture of Hawaii I am in full support of this bill.

May "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Rayden Letua, Founder

Hood 2 Hood

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I believe this project is good because everyone knows where Sand Island is at. All the locals, the businesses around the area, it is a great central place for everyone. It is neutral as well, making it a ground for a lot of different kinds of people to meet up and come together.

I support HB1371.

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by

Rob Gross, Pastor

Moutainview Community Church

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

Like other states Hawaii has its share of challenges such as substance abuse, affordable housing, teen age sex trafficking and domestic violence. I believe the development of Sand Island Recreation Area will help stem the tide by bringing the community together. Some say it takes a village to raise a child, but it takes many hands working together, laulima, to build a healthy community. Our communities are only as strong as our families. When we raise healthy families we establish a strong foundation for generations to come.

When we heal the man, we heal the land. I support this bill because it espouses the values needed to heal and impact the individuals who reside in the area including unity of heart and purpose, compassion for those less fortunate and the spirit of aloha.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Quinnccen Toavia, Manager

Oahu Resident

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I support this project because I feel it is good for the community, especially in the urban environments. Though I am from the Westside, I am still familiar with environments like these. Where I live there is a lot of drugs and homelessness, and places like Sand Island Recreation Area can provide opportunities and a safe place to deter and stay away from things like these. More positive things to see. Especially for the kids I feel like, they will benefit the most. Keep them away from the streets, the drugs, and all that. Projects like these can reach and keep the young people away from these environments and show them other more positive things and situations. It will benefit the community a lot.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Chaz Miranda, Kalihi Resident

1430 Lanakila Avenue

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I believe that during this time where there is controversy with external interests taking advantage of our local resources and land, that projects like these are especially important. Take the Red Hill situation for example. Sand Island's condition can be attributed to the poor treatment it faced when military forces occupied it for their own gain. We owe it to our communities to rebuild these things that have been damaged. Projects like these will also give our communities around the islands hope and a great story to counteract the negativity that surrounds development and land usage. Doing this project as a community is important, specifically through local support and participation. I would love to see a park that has the local people in mind.

Also, I believe in projects that take care of nature and restore our Aina in things that were lost. Sand Island was not always in such a poor state; I have a strong connection to restoring what was lost.

Again, I support HB1371, and think it is an important project that can really help the stories and legacy of our ohana and islands.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Scott Kobayashi, Pastor

Missionary Church

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I was a youth pastor and am a local business owner who works directly with youth in the community. Parks & community centers are more important than ever in aiding the development of Hawaii's Keiki. I am in full support of HB1371 and believe in the potential and future of Sand Island State Recreation Area.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Aaron Larson, Pastor

Presbyterian Church

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

Having worked with families, teens and young adults, the need to have a place to gather to build relationships especially during this time of isolation and lockdown is more important than it ever has been. This will help motivate people to get out of their houses, connect with their ohana, and build deeper community roots and relationships, while being able to go to a quality safe place.

This is a unique opportunity for families to take ownership in a community way, and have a greater impact on their local community as well.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for listening.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angelique Shields	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I fully support HB1371. This is the kind of projects we need. The locals are tired of any kind of stuff happening to our land, and development not made with our input or us in mind. We need parks to be places of community and refuge for us, especially at risk areas.

Mahalo

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by

Axton Durand, Media Marketer

Kalihi Resident/KOKA

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support HB1371. I think it is something that can help the community and bring a better quality of life to the people on this island. I feel like this island should be taken care by its people as well. It is part of Hawaiian culture to malama the island. We should take care of our public spaces, not for just responsibility, but also our own mental health.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

James Westbrook, Co-Founder

Slapp Radio

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

Aloha, first and foremost I support this project, especially for Kalihi and the urban community, because it helps to set people in the right pathways. Projects like these are great for the kids and for their future. If you catch them early and get them with positive experiences of community and safe places, it can change their trajectory. If the kids and families benefit, we all benefit as a community and state.

I support HB1371, because it is a great opportunity for community strengthening and collaboration, and can provide positive teachings and experiences for the keiki of the next generation.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Dale Faulkner, Teacher

Oahu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I support HB1371 because this kind of projects are good for the community and keiki. Sand Island is a great place location and space wise to create a "People's Park". Places like Kalihi would benefit a lot from it, and it is a project that will reach our future generations.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Daniel Peters, Investment Advisor Representative

Oahu Resident

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

One of the first things that come to mind about parks, is I had my first birthday party at a public park, specifically Halawa Park. Even though it isn't the same park we are talking about, these types of experiences hold a core value to me. I love our state, and I believe in the importance of public recreational areas as a place of fellowship, community, and health. I think that is how community is built, when you have these places where people can gather, and I believe that part of the responsibility is for individuals in that community to maintain and upkeep those areas. However, I also value and appreciate the way our state of Hawai'i has provided in these different parks and areas, to be a place of communities and special memories.

Places like these build upon family. Family quality time, family activities, and family memories; so we are talking about legacy. I believe Sand Island Recreation Area can be a place of community based initiatives, where commissions such as these can be promoted and envisioned. These types of local participation and community building need to be in our parks, what better way than for a "People's Park", with Sand Island Recreation Area having so much potential. With the partnership of the state, and local communities working side by side, this can be progressive and good not just for Oahu, but beyond.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for letting me speak on this measure.

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by

Yvette Salazar, Oahu Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371

I support HB1371 because I think that Sand Island Recreational Park can be used for so much more, and has the potential to serve and benefit our communities around the island in a special way. Families and youth will have a safe place to go to, and parks have always been an integral part of urban life for health, communication, building of new relationships, and fun.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Brandon Gross, DVG Jiu Jitsu Founder

Kaneohe

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I believe this bill and project is important, because parks like these can provide an outlet for the younger generation, for the population of Kalihi and Honolulu area to come together in a safe place and participate in something that allows them to connect and have a better life. Projects like these provide opportunities for healthy social interaction, and can inspire people to have different vision for their lives. Great parks are melting pots of ideas and perspective, and if you get the community involved and participating in creating it, it would bring a lot of positivity and open the door for new ideas and vision to what is possible for urban communities and their youth especially.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Elmer Bolibol, Boxer

Kakaako Boxing Gym

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

I think this park could be a great place for the community to come and workout and chill. It would be good especially for the youth, instead of chilling in the hood and smoking weed, we could kick it there, relax, workout, and be productive. This place can provide a place so we don't hang in the hood and get into trouble.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Lynn Tamagawa, Kalihi Resident

Lanakila Avenue

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

As a Kalihi resident I find this project to be refreshing and a step in the right direction. Sand Island is a perfect place to develop for locals and to push forward collaboration between the community and builders of this island. It could be an historic project, and fully support its creation.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Keith Tamagawa, Kalihi Resident

Lanakila Avenue

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support HB1371. A community park that is directed by the people would be a great move to heal the relations between the people and developers. A quality community park would also help out Kalihi a lot. Families and youth don't have a lot of places like that in Kalihi. A lot of good things do not happen for Kalihi nor to Kalihi and the urban families in general. We should be healing the land and people, this project does both.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Derrick Bagaoisan, Avid Sand Island Park User

Thunderboxing Kalihi

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

Sand Island Recreation Area needs to be fixed, for the ohana and their keiki, for everybody. We also fish there every time, and we all want it fixed up. It has a lot of potential. It is always better when Hawai'i has even better places to go to. Sand Island Recreation Area can definitely be one of them.

I support HB1371.

Mahalo for your time.

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by

Julian Aponte, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I support HB1371. This is a good project, I support it. Kalihi needs more love, it needs help, and growing up in Mayor Wrights, this kind of stuff would have been great for me. The youth need it, the families need it, it can be a place of healing and love.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Bradley Anagaran, Kalihi Resident

Honolulu

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371. I support HB1371.

Growing up in Kalihi, I have had the opportunity to experience its many strengths and weaknesses. Kalihi has a collective identity, shared by its distinct sense of culture and diversity, but is overshadowed by tensions between residents, neighborhoods, and their overseers. Projects such as this have the potential to highlight Kalihi's strengths and further unify its residents to have a project that they can all feel included in. Having a park with the community in mind creates a deeper shared identity that reflects the wants, needs, and responsibility of its people surrounding it. After participating in many community engagement projects, I have seen and heard the need for a park like this where families from the surrounding areas of Kalihi can come together.

You have a very high potential opportunity to use this park to serve the families of the surrounding areas, bridge the divide between communities and the state, as well as serve future generations to come.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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by

Sophia Straton, Social Media Coordinator

Honolulu, Hawaii

HB1371- RELATING TO THE SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1371.

I believe that the investment into the Sand Island State Recreation Area development, as this Bill outlines, is an honorable and worthy undertaking for the betterment of and service to our beloved Hawaii families.

I support HB1371.

Thank you for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ponesawan Wheeler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill if passed will cost the people of Hawaii absolutely nothing. Upon passing it would afford a life natives would only dream of. I support this bill the same way I support love. With all of my heart.

HB-1371-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 7:08:09 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2023 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pedro Semorile	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

This bill is a great way to improve the Kalihi community and also give Native Hawaiian art a chance to flourish. I believe this park has great potential, and it should be put into the hands of those who would use it and benefit from it the most. Kalihi and those at risk need places like these for community and refuge. Please pass HB1371

Mahalo for your time.

HB-1371-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 7:10:07 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2023 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Naweli	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Bill 1371.

The people need more projects like this. There is so much bad energy from how most of our land is developed and who it is made for. This is could be a project of fresh air and that could bring back some trust between the locals and government.

Again, I support this bill, Sand Island is perfect, it is buss up, and needs the repair.

HB-1371-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2023 9:26:34 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2023 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kolani Brown	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello, I support this bill. Sand Island would be a great place to help with the at risk youth, and to help families and native hawaiians. This project sounds great and i hope it gets the attention it deserves. This can help change Kalihi and hawaii for the better.

Mahalo

HB-1371-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 11:28:11 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2023 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Suzan Danforth	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As an avid Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddler with a club based on Sand Island and as a resident of Honolulu for nearly 40 years, I see a great need for the development of an area for Hawaiian arts and activities. At minimum, the area must be thoroughly cleaned and well maintained, but ultimately the land should be used to promote the health of the Hawaiian people, inhabitants of Hawa'i and visitors engaged in local cultural practices. Aloha

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 12:55:07 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2023 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Moises Ebbay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill, it is good for the people, and sounds like a project that actually will support local communities, instead of just projects for people from the outside. Again, I support HB1371.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 12:57:45 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2023 11:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Calvin Brown	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HB1371. Sand Island is a perfect area for building and beautifying, it is an area that has been abused by military endeavors, and I would love to see it redeemed. I feel like rehabilitating this aina is our responsibility, and it should serve our community, instead of outside interests. I hope that this gets funded, and built. Projects like these help heal our people and land.

Mahalo