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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, April 6, 2023
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

In SUPPORT of
HB 361, HD1

RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS.

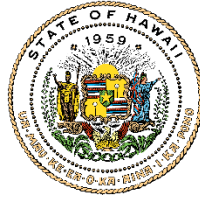
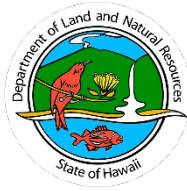
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 361, HD1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and its partner, or partners, for the continuation of benefits of the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

HSEO is a host-site for the Kupu 'Āina Corps program and believes that DLNR is well-suited to oversee the corps and to provide training and job experience for the workforce of the future. This program helps advance Hawai'i's clean energy and decarbonization goals, expands the green workforce, and launches a new generation of clean energy leaders. HSEO supports this and other green workforce development efforts, working together toward achieving 100% clean energy by or before 2045.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, April 6, 2023
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 361, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS

House Bill 361, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and its partner, or partners, for the continuation of benefits of the Green Jobs Youth Corps. **The Department strongly supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

Green Jobs Youth Corps funding previously appropriated by the Legislature has allowed the Department to partner with Kupu, a Hawai'i-based non-profit, to provide roughly 140 workforce or training opportunities per year. This funding provides important opportunities for emerging professionals to gain skills related to natural resource management, sustainable agriculture, clean energy, and other important industries in Hawai'i.

This program is already helping young professionals obtain full-time employment in these industries. Our partner Kupu estimates that roughly 2/3 of those who complete the program are transitioning directly into full-time employment, with the vast majority of those jobs being within sustainability fields. This program provides a critical pathway for young professionals to gain experience and enter into careers that help further the mission of the Department and the workforce of the State.

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



Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
IN SUPPORT OF HB 361 HD1
April 6, 2023, 10:00AM, Room 211

My name is Kevin Chang and I am the Executive Director of [Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo \(or KUA\)](#). KUA works to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups -fishers, farmers, families- to celebrate their places and pass on their traditions to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being.

KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports a statewide network of 36 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a growing group of over 60 Limu practitioners and supporters called the Limu Hui. Our vision of 'āina momona includes pathways to new economic and environmental regenerative opportunities for present and future generations.

KUA generally supports HB 361 HD1. This bill would continue to support the Green Job Youth Corps program within the DLNR to help address the unemployment impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support economic diversification. It would also appropriate funds for this purpose

Beyond supporting a stop gap in employment for our state the Green Job Youth Corps are important pathway to meeting the greater systemic needs we as a state identified during this pandemic: new workforce training, economic diversification, caring for our environment, and supporting businesses in Hawai'i as they work to make our state more self-sufficient and resilient

A primary function of KUA includes development of an 'auwai, a stream of resources, tools, bridges, relationships, and networks that help to cultivate and take our communities' work to greater levels of collective impact. A core catalyst for the flow in this 'auwai includes increasing the percentage of our economy which helps to manage and better the condition of the natural resources systems that sustain us. Indeed, the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization, with input from KUA and a number of partners (DLNR, Kupu, TNC, KS,OHA etc.) now tracks natural resource workforce development as a key part of a "Green Economy."

We are also supportive for what this opportunity could mean for increased environmental co-management, co-governance and uplifting an ethic of mālama 'āina. Our current state institutions lack in resources but also in institutional ethos and policies that could better bolster citizen stewardship of our home. Key new generation staff members -such as exist within the Division of Aquatic Resources community-based subsistence fishing area and DOCARE Makai Watch programs- that do more work in partnership with communities are the future of environmental stewardship.

A state job corps that can build a conservation workforce for Hawai'i is a necessary pathway toward uplifting the environment which sustains and undergirds the "economy" for our state. It also

further places our island community like others in the Pacific as a leader for environmental leadership and adaptation.

Please pass this bill out of your committee and mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Aloha 'Āina Momona.



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DATE: 04/04/23

FROM: Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA)

TO: WAM Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and WAM Committee Members

SUBJECT: In support of HB361 HD1 Relating to Green Jobs Youth Corps

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and WAM Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association(HFIA) Directors and members, please support HB361 HD1 Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

HFIA directors and affiliates have personally experienced the value and benefit that young people who have gained knowledge and skill via programs similar to the Green Jobs Youth Corps (such as Kupu's various programs) add to small organizations in areas such as conservation, sustainability, forestry and natural resource management. Such young professionals contribute to HFIA's operations daily behind the scenes conducting outreach and administrative tasks specific to our mission. We have also benefited from having several Kupu members at our site, Ka'ūpūlehu Dryland Forest, over the years and believe that similar benefits would come from working closely with a young adult placed by the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

Numerous other state, federal, and private conservation, sustainability, forestry and natural resource management teams will benefit from the State continuing to fund the Green Jobs Youth Corps. Meanwhile, young adults will gain valuable knowledge, skills and experience needed to ready themselves for a competitive career field. Additionally, funding the Green Jobs Youth Corps encourages the diversification of Hawaii's economy.

For these reasons, we hope that you will support HB361 HD1 Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

Mahalo,

Guy Cellier

Guy Cellier, Acting President, Vice President
Hawaii Forest Industry Association

Established in 1989, HFIA's is a nonprofit organization founded by people committed to sustainable forest management. HFIA's mission is to promote healthy and productive forests and a sustainable forest industry through management, education, planning, information exchange, and advocacy. HFIA has over 130 members including woodworkers, landowners, sawyers, foundations, foresters, growers, educators, environmentalists, architects, millers, ranchers, and others interested in HFIA's mission and goals.

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April 6, 2023

Committee: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Bill Number: HB 361 HD1, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps
Hearing Date and Time: April 6, 2023 at 10:00am
Re: Testimony of HPM Building Supply in support

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

I would like to submit this letter and written testimony in support of HB 361 HD1, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps. The purpose of HB 361 HD1 is to appropriate funds for the continuation of the Green Jobs Youth Corps program.

HPM Building Supply is a 100% employee-owned company serving Hawaii's home improvement market and building industry for over 100 years since 1921. With 17 locations across Hawaii and Washington State, HPM offers various services and products, including retail stores, building supply and lumber yards, home design centers, drafting and design services, and manufacturing facilities. HPM is dedicated to enhancing homes, improving lives, and transforming communities. The company is guided by its core values of Heart, Character, and Growth, striving to provide top-quality products and build exceptional customer loyalty. HPM has earned recognition as a leader in the industry for its products, services, and commitment to its community.

As a State-wide employer with over 500 employees, we appreciate the initiative to train and prepare the next generation entering the workforce. This bill continues to foster cross-sector collaboration and continue to work with private sector employers. This bill is also in line with HPM's values of Heart, Character and Growth. By creating new jobs and investing in these individuals, we give them the chance to contribute to our communities and set them on a path of professional growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provided testimony in support of HB 361 HD1. I strongly encourage your support and passage of this innovative measure.

Sincerely,

Dennis Lin
Community Relations Administrator



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**Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. 361, H.D. 1
Relating to the Green Job Youth Corps**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Submitted by Kupu CEO John Leong, hearing date April 6, 2023

Aloha e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is John Leong, and I am the Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Kupu, a statewide youth-focused conservation nonprofit. On behalf of Kupu, I am pleased to testify in **strong support** of **H.B. 361, H.D. 1, Relating to the Green Job Youth Corps**.

This measure would continue funding for the State Green Job Youth Corps, a program that provides employment and training opportunities for young adults in conservation, sustainable agriculture, clean energy, and other sustainability-related industries. As a community-based organization that partners with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to administer this program, we have seen firsthand the benefits it is providing to individuals and to the diversification of our economy. We thank the legislature for establishing this program in 2021, and for considering H.B. 361 so this program can continue to benefit Hawai'i's environment, economy, and young workforce.

As background, Kupu was established in 2007, in the early stages of the Great Recession. Today we are a statewide organization, developing youth and young adults through hands-on service training and early-career jobs in conservation and other sustainability professions. Since 2007 we have trained over 5,200 youth in conservation, sustainability, and environmental education. Young adults in Kupu have provided more than 3 million service hours during this time, which included planting over 1.5 million native plants and removing over 151,000 acres of invasive species. According to a study by Columbia University, the work of Kupu's young participants has generated an estimated \$172 million-plus in positive socio-economic impact for Hawai'i since our founding. We believe more investment in the green economy - as this bill provides - would enable similar economic benefits to our state, create jobs in related fields, and continue to diversify our economy.

We are honored to have played a role in the displaced worker employment and training program that served as the model for the Green Job Youth Corps. In 2020, we partnered with the state to administer the Kupu 'Āina Corps, which helped over 350 displaced workers during the unemployment crisis that characterized the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic. At the end of the 2020 program, 34 percent of participants reported that at the end of the program, they had secured long-term employment or a paid national service opportunity, some at the very same host sites through which they participated in the Kupu 'Āina Corps. Seeing the potential benefits of a similar program as part of the state's long-term strategy to improve our economy and reach out ambitious sustainability goals, the legislature created the Green Job Youth Corps through H.B. 1176 (Act 181 SLH 2021), and amended the program last year via S.B. 2768 (Act 33, SLH 2022).

The Green Job Youth Corps is currently benefiting young adults and sustainability employers across our state, and H.B. 361 would allow this to continue. Over 140 participants have enrolled in the Green Job Youth Corps, and have served at 70 different sustainability organizations in the first program year. Participants are gaining hands-on experience in conservation, sustainable farming, and sustainable energy careers. In terms of equitable distribution, Kupu is pleased to see the program reach deep into neighbor island communities, as roughly half of our participants and host sites are located outside of O‘ahu.

While the Green Job Youth Corps is currently still in its first programmatic year, we are already seeing positive employment outcomes among our early participants. Based on exit survey data, roughly two-thirds of those who have completed the program have or are transitioning directly into other employment, including positions in conservation science research, hands-on natural resource management, and food systems. Some participants are also – already – transitioning into unfilled sustainability positions with the State of Hawai‘i, helping to fill critical unfilled government vacancies. We know even more can be done as this new program improves over time, especially in terms of supporting new or emerging sustainability organizations and fields.

With the support of the Legislature, the Green Job Youth Corps can continue to support our environment and economy from the ground up, focused first on building a workforce of young adults ready to lead Hawai‘i into the sustainable and resilient future we want for our state. With the support of the committee, this program can especially deepen its impact within and outside of conservation, and catalyze sustainability industries and occupations that do not currently exist in Hawai‘i. Please allow for the continuation of the Green Job Youth Corps by passing H.B. 361, H.D. 1.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in strong support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Leong". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Leong, CEO
Kupu



**TITLE GUARANTY
HAWAII**

April 4, 2023

Committee: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Bill Number: HB 361, HD 1, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps
Hearing Date & Time: Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 10:00am (Room 211)
Re: Testimony of Title Guaranty of Hawai'i in support

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

We write in support of HB 361, HD 1, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps. The purpose of HB 361 is to appropriate funds for the continuation of the Green Jobs Youth Corps program.

Title Guaranty of Hawai'i is the oldest and largest title company in the state. We have been owned and operated by a kama'aina family since 1896 and we are proud to employ over 300 people who work in our branches all across the state. Being a longtime employer of so many people in Hawai'i, we know how important it is to invest in the next generation.

This bill allows Hawaii's youth and young adults to establish themselves in an accredited sustainable sector within the State. The additional resources help invest in education and training and are integral to combating unemployment.

We support HB 361 and appreciate the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Mike B. Pietsch
President and Chief Operating Officer
Title Guaranty of Hawai'i



Title and Escrow is our business. Hawaii is our home.





Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Testimony in Support of HB361 HD1: Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support and provide comments on House Bill 361 HD1.

Hawai'i Energy works to empower island families and businesses on behalf of the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to make smart energy choices to reduce energy consumption, save money, and pursue a 100% clean energy future. Energy efficiency – the energy we do not use – is the cheapest option to help us achieve our 100% clean energy goal by eliminating waste and being more efficient.

The bill provides necessary funding to ensure the Green Jobs Youth Corps is able to continue its promising efforts for the next two fiscal years. In its short existence already, the Green Jobs Youth Corps has trained over 100 young adults and deployed them to 70 employers or host sites in the areas of conservation, sustainable agriculture, and sustainable energy. As Hawai'i pursues a 100% clean energy future, we are going to need programs like the Green Job Youth Corps to help grow our sustainability-focused workforce.

Hawai'i Energy has had the privilege of working closely with the Kupu 'Āina Corps program, which has provided eight positions to help launch the initial year of the Hawaii State Energy Office Clean Energy Wayfinder program. The Clean Energy Wayfinders share information and opportunities for energy conservation, energy efficiency and clean energy adoption with Hawai'i's schools, community organizations, and households — especially those in low- to moderate-income (LMI), asset-limited, income-constrained, employed (ALICE), and under-resourced communities — to help increase energy conservation and efficiencies, lower monthly energy utility bills, increase access to clean transportation and renewable energy resources, and promote green career training and employment opportunities.

We look forward to supporting efforts to expand the Green Job Youth Corps program and programs like it throughout the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 361 HD1.

Sincerely,
Caroline Carl
Executive Director
Hawai'i Energy

HB-361-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 7:50:05 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition and Climate Protectors Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT!

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy
Supporting HB 361 HD1, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps.**

**Committee on Ways and Means
April 6, 2023, 10:00 am
Conference Room 211 and via Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) supports HB 361 HD1, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

Hawai'i's natural environment is the engine that drives our state's economy and a natural, recreational, and cultural treasure supporting our island lifestyle and livelihoods. Careful, thoughtful, and intentional conservation, management, and restoration is required to ensure our environment can withstand the increasing impacts of climate change while continuing to fuel our islands' economic engine. TNC is proud of our decades of working in partnership with so many local organizations, agencies, and communities to care for this vital and fragile resource.

The Green Job Youth Corps, based on a 2020 displaced worker training and employment program, is making a meaningful impact on Hawai'i's environment and economy. The program is an excellent example of a partnership between the state, the community, and employers. While this government program was originally established in response to the Covid-19 unemployment crisis, TNC has benefitted from the tremendous work of dozens of Kupu interns since 2011. These interns provide much-needed capacity to help us manage our native forested watersheds and coral reefs. These enthusiastic and committed interns have created positive environmental, cultural, and community impact across the islands while also learning under the mentorship of environmental experts. Through their work, these interns are making a positive difference right now while also paving the way for the next generation of conservationists dedicated to perpetuating our unique island environment and diversifying Hawai'i's economy. HB 361 HD1 would continue this program, which provides the platform and funding for additional Kupu internships and other green jobs across our islands.

As we work together to create a diversified economy, green jobs can and must play a role. We need programs like the Green Job Youth Corps to build our workforce and grow sustainability-focused industries throughout our state. By providing opportunities for local jobs while also paving the way for long-term green jobs, environmental expertise, and local leadership, this legislation is a key step in the right direction, and we urge the committee to pass it unamended.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 361 HD1.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i and Palmyra is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in thirteen nature preserves and work in over fifty coastal communities to help protect and restore the nearshore reefs and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties, and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and for the many benefits they provide to people.

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Committee: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Bill Number: HB 361, HD 1, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps
Hearing Date and Time: April 6, 2023 at 10:00am (Room 211)
Re: Testimony of Holomua Collaborative in support

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

We write in support of HB 361, HD 1, Relating to the Green Jobs Youth Corps, and appreciate you including it on today's agenda. The purpose of HB 361, HD 1 is to appropriate funds for the continuation of the Green Jobs Youth Corps program.

Holomua works to find innovative initiatives that help make Hawai'i affordable to all working families. We are especially interested in fostering cross-sector collaboration and supporting evidence-based policies that have shown or can expect to show a positive return on any taxpayer investment that is made in them.

The Green Jobs Youth Corps is a perfect example of all this.

Innovation: The program was created as an innovative way to connect people with good jobs following the unemployment crisis that was sparked by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, the Green Jobs Youth Corps has become a meaningful part of Hawaii's attempt to diversify our economy, keep people working in their own communities, and improve the state's environmental resilience.

Cross-sector collaboration: With initial federal government funding through COVID relief money and subsequent additional funding provided by the state, the Green Jobs Youth Corps has involved over seventy different employers in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors. And all these employers are involved in sustainable energy, conservation, or sustainable agriculture.

Based on exit surveys from program participants, graduates of the program have subsequently received jobs in a variety of sectors in a range of positions including nonprofits, state government, federal government, and more.

Evidence-based return on investment: The partnership between these private sector employers and the state and federal government has proved to be a wise investment of government resources. It is estimated that the first \$5 million in government funds invested in this program will produce \$18.4 million in positive socioeconomic impact.

We know young adults are unemployed at higher rates than the general population, causing lifelong negative impacts. The Green Jobs Youth Corps has successfully trained over 100 young people. Roughly half of the participants hail from the neighbor islands, over half live in households making less than \$25,000 per year, and almost half are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.



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This is the type of innovative, collaborative, evidence-based and place-based program that can serve as a model for the state and we are proud to support it.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Josh Wisch'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Josh Wisch
President & Executive Director



To: The Senate Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023, 10:00am

In support of HB361 HD1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and WAM Committee members;

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org **supports HB361 HD1** that would continue funding for the Green Jobs Youth Corps, a program that provides employment and training opportunities for young adults in conservation, sustainable agriculture, clean energy, and other sustainability-related industries. This serves to employ our youth of Hawaii while building a resilient local economy and a sustainable future.

The Green Jobs Youth Corps is an important part of restoring our economy and environment. This program will help advance Hawaii's clean energy and decarbonization goals, expand the green workforce, and launch a new generation of clean energy leaders. The Green Jobs Youth Corps is a win-win for the environment and a more resilient economy for Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important legislation.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

HB-361-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/3/2023 8:25:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No Such thing as Green Jobs this is all Bull Shit and the People of Hawaii Are getting Prety Tired of You Dums Trying to Trick people in to think that there is really something Calle d Green Jobs. Stop Wasting or Time and Tax Payer Monenys and Remeber WHO YOU WORK FOR !!!

Testimony in Support of HB361
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Jack Kittinger, and I am testifying as an individual in strong support of HB 361, relating to the Green Job Youth Corps.

In early 2022, the Hawai'i State Legislature approved the use of \$5 million in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to support a new Green Job Youth Corps. DLNR was the administering agency and partnered with Kupu to provide funding that would expand the existing Kupu 'Āina Corps program. The program was an incredible success.

This bill would build on that success, continuing the operations and positive impacts of the Hawai'i State Green Job Youth Corps. This program is helping young adults start careers in sustainable agriculture, conservation, and other sustainability fields. Over 140 young adults have participated in the first year alone, and many of them are moving directly from these positions into full-time, permanent green jobs.

I ask the committee to continue supporting this program and support HB 361.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,
Dr. Jack Kittinger

HB-361-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/4/2023 10:02:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support HB361 HD1.

HB-361-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 9:55:42 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Yoro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

My name is Yvonne Yoro and I am testifying in support of HB361 HD1 appropriating funds for the continuation of the green jobs youth corps.

This program is changing lives and diversifying our economy by helping young people start careers in conservation and sustainability. I have personally worked on this program and have seen our graduates go on to good paying, full time jobs in conservation and sustainability.

In passing this bill, we take steps toward diversifying our local economy and fostering the growth of the green jobs sector to protect and conserve our natural resources. This bill will help assemble a workforce of leaders ready to address Hawai'i's environmental and sustainability issues and lead the way to a more resilient future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB361 HD1.

Aloha,

Yvonne Yoro

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HB-361-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/5/2023 4:12:54 PM
Testimony for WAM on 4/6/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tom Coffman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members,

A key feature of KUPU’s testimony for Green Job Corps is its facilitating 70 community groups to employ and train young people in the environment. THIS PROGRAM IS REACHING OUT WIDELY, fulfilling its intent beyond expecttion. Please continue to support. Tom Coffman