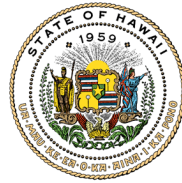


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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON  
WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM AND  
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026  
1:01 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224 & VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1949, HD1  
RELATING TO GREEN FEE**

Chairs Lee, DeCoite, and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai and Richards and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1949, HD1 that establishes the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard, to be administered by the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission. Appropriates funds.

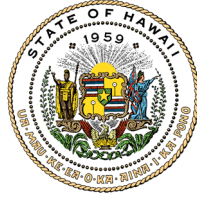
The Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (Department) supports this measure that furthers transparency and accountability of the Green Fee through the establishment of the program and public-facing dashboard.

This measure represents an important step toward protecting Hawaii's resources and environment for residents and visitors who rely on programs like the Green Fee to be administered effectively and efficiently, which this bill supports.

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

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Before the Senate Committees on  
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AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1949, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO GREEN FEE

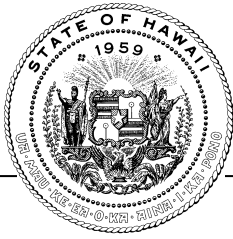
House Bill 1949, House Draft 1 would establish the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard to be administered by the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

Act 96, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2025, established a climate impact fee, or "green fee," by increasing the transient accommodations tax to fund specific projects to: 1) protect, manage, and restore the State's natural resources; 2) increase climate resilience and hazard mitigation; and 3) support destination management and sustainable tourism. Pursuant to Act 96, green fee revenues are deposited into the State's General Fund, and the Governor is required to request those revenues in the executive budget or supplemental budget for projects aligned with the three abovementioned green fee purposes.

House Bill 1949, House Draft 1 seeks to establish a statewide Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard to consolidate data, standardize reporting, and provide clear narratives and metrics illustrating how green fee revenues are used, where projects are located, and what environmental benefits are being realized. The Department appreciates the bill's stated goal of supporting transparency and accountability in the use of green fee funding.

Given the additional responsibilities and capacity required by the bill, the Department respectfully requests a sufficient appropriation to administer the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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**SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND, CULTURE, AND THE ARTS,  
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in consideration of  
**HB 1949, HD 1**  
**RELATING TO THE GREEN FEE.**

Chairs Lee, DeCoite, and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai, and Richards, and Members of the Committees:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) offers **comments** and **amendments** on HB 1949, HD1 which advances transparency and accountability in the administration of the Green Fee.

Providing a clear, publicly accessible dashboard to track revenues, allocations, and expenditures will strengthen public trust and demonstrate the State's commitment to responsible stewardship of these funds. Transparent reporting is essential to ensure that Green Fee investments deliver measurable environmental, climate, and community benefits.

OPSD also recognizes the strong foundation established by last year's passage of the Green Fee and the significant opportunity it presents to support sustainable tourism, environmental restoration, and climate and hazard mitigation statewide. The Green Fee represents a forward-looking investment in protecting Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources while strengthening long-term climate resilience and sustainable development for residents and visitors alike.

To ensure effective implementation, OPSD **recommends amending this measure to designate the Department of Budget and Finance as the administering agency** for the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and the Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard.

This amendment aligns and remains consistent with HB 1800 HD 1, the State Budget bill, which appropriates the State's Green Fee management and dashboard funds to the Department of Budget and Finance as the administering agency.

As the State's central fiscal agency, the Department of Budget and Finance is well positioned to manage the dashboard's fiscal tracking and reporting functions, given its established expertise in financial oversight and statewide reporting systems. Aligning administration within B&F would promote operational efficiency and clear fiscal accountability.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on HB 1949, HD 1.



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

‘Ōlelo Hō‘ike ‘Aha Kau Kānāwai

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1949 HD1**

RELATING TO THE GREEN FEE

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ka Wai, ‘Āina, a me ka Mo‘omeheu a me nā Hana No‘eau  
(Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Culture and the Arts)

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ka Ho‘omohala Waiwai a me ka ‘Oihana Ho‘okipa Malihini  
(Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism)

Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ka ‘Oihana Mahi‘ai a me ke Ao Kūlohelohe  
(Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment)

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Aloha e Chairs Lee, DeCoite, and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai, and Richards,  
and Senate Members of the Committees:

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS HB1949 HD1** which establishes a green fee transparency and accountability program and green fee resiliency impact dashboard to ensure that the public and decisionmakers understand how the green fee tax is being deployed to support community-led cultural and ecological restoration and protection projects, and thereby ensure the most productive and meaningful allocation of this important funding source over time.

OHA is the constitutionally-established body responsible for protecting and promoting the rights of Native Hawaiians.<sup>1</sup> Under the Hawai‘i State Constitution Article XII, section 7, the state has a specific duty to protect Native Hawaiian cultural practices, including practices that mālama ‘āina. OHA has long sought to promote the resiliency and health of our islands’ lands and natural and cultural resources. OHA is also a member of the Hawai‘i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission. Hawaiian cultural foundations are intimately tied to this ‘āina, shape our identity and worldview, and also provide guidance to plan for seven generations into the future. It is with these obligations

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<sup>1</sup> Haw. Const. Art. XII Sec. 5

– based on the constitution and to our mo‘opuna – that OHA offers these comments in support of this measure.

OHA supports transparent and data-informed decision making as hallmarks for good governance and good government. While the “green fee” will provide much needed funds to care for our precious natural and cultural resources that this bill acknowledges are foundational to Hawai‘i, the dashboard proposed in this bill will provide clear and timely data for transparency of how funds are allocated. In the coming years, the green fee is projected to generate up to \$100 million of revenue to the state each year. The proposed dashboard will be useful for both public decisionmakers and the larger community with a vested interest in the success of this program to understand how this significant source of funding is being distributed. Moreover, the dashboard will enable greater synergy and cross-collaboration among community groups leading funded projects, and thus help to accomplish the substantive goals of this program: to minimize and mitigate the growing impacts of climate change on our island home.

Native Hawaiian communities are uniquely impacted by climate change due to loss of cultural and ecological resources foundational for cultural practices. OHA understands that the impacts of climate change – such as coastal flooding and erosion and impacts to terrestrial and marine ecosystems – are already altering our natural and cultural environment with dire consequences for cherished places, native species, food security, and livelihoods. Native Hawaiian practices sustained upwards of 1 million kānaka maoli on these islands with minimal negative impact on the natural environment; we look forward to the inclusion of these practices as a specific strategy<sup>23</sup> to help the state achieve its climate goals.

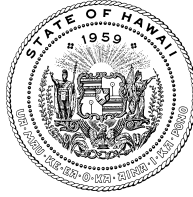
OHA respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1949 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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<sup>2</sup> Bremer, L.L., McGuire, G., Hastings Silao, Z. *et al.* Carbon benefits through agroforestry transitions on unmanaged fallow agricultural land in Hawai‘i. *Sci Rep* **15**, 5097 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-025-87891-y>

<sup>3</sup> Kurashima, Natalie & Berio Fortini, Lucas & Ticktin, Tamara. (2019). The potential of indigenous agricultural food production under climate change in Hawai‘i. *Nature Sustainability*. 2. 10.1038/s41893-019-0226-1.



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**Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture, & the Arts,  
Senate Committee on Economic Development & Tourism and  
Senate Committee on Agriculture & the Environment**

Wednesday March 25, 2026

1:01 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 and Videoconference

**With Comments  
House Bill No. 1949 HD1, Relating to the Green Fee**

Chairs Lee, DeCoite, Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai, and Richards, and Members of the Senate Committees on Water, Land, Culture, & the Arts, Economic Development & Tourism and Agriculture & the Environment:

The Office of the Governor offers **comments** on H.B. No.1949 HD1, Relating to the Green Fee. The Office supports the intent of HB1949 HD1 and recognizes the importance of establishing a publicly accessible, regularly updated transparency platform that demonstrates the State's commitment to accountability and responsible resource management.

As reflected in GM2 of the Supplemental Budget, the Office of the Governor agrees with the Green Fee Advisory Committee's recommendation to allocate a portion of Green Fee funds for monitoring and evaluation. The Office prefers the House Finance Committee's decision in HB1800 HD1 to assign monitoring and evaluation responsibilities to the Department of Budget and Finance, given that the Department already oversees and manages the allocation of state funds.

The Green Fee represents a transformative opportunity to ensure that those who enjoy Hawaii's natural resources also contribute to their care. To maximize the effectiveness of these funds and maintain public confidence, transparency, oversight, and accountability are essential. We believe that both the management of these funds and oversight of related responsibilities are best placed within the Department of Budget and Finance.

We respectfully request the Committee's consideration in amending HB1949 HD1 to align more closely with existing legislative language.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Testimony of the Office of the Governor  
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**Chairs Lee, DeCoite, and Gabbard  
WLA, EDT, and AEN Committees**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
1:01 PM**

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB1949 HD1 RELATING TO THE GREEN  
FEE**

Aloha Members of the House Committee on Finance,

The Hawai‘i State Youth Commission was first created through Act 106 in 2018, “to advise the governor and legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the youth of the State.” The Hawai‘i State Youth Commission’s Education legislative committee is in **strong support** of **HB1653 HD1**.

As stated in the bill, the impact that the Green Fee may have on giving back to the Hawai‘i and its residents is incredible. However, we recognize that the politicization of environmental protection efforts alongside erosion of trust in the state may obscure the trajectory of the fee’s mission—which is why we are in support of the various methods of funding accountability provided by this bill.

We believe that the tasks of monitoring and reporting allocated to the Hawai‘i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Committee are pertinent to securing further approval and support of the Green Fee by Hawai‘i residents. If we establish security around this particular climate

solution, perhaps we can look forward to enough trust to take on further issues. Therefore, the Hawai'i State Youth Commission strongly urges the committee to **PASS HB1949 HD1**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

The Hawai'i State Youth Commission

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# HAWAI'I GREEN GROWTH

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Mission: Hawai'i Green Growth is a trust-based network organization that drives collective impact through measurable concrete action, inspiring local and global communities to advance regenerative economic, social, and environmental goals.

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March 23, 2026

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*Forum*

### Testimony in Strong Support of HB 1949 HD1

Aloha Chairs Lee, DeCoite, and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai, and Richards, and Members of the Committees,

Athline Clark  
*Vice Chair*  
*Chaminade University*

My name is Kalani L. Ka'anā'anā, CEO of Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG), and I am submitting written testimony in **strong support** of **HB 1949 HD1**, which would establish the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and the Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard (GRID).

Randy Moore  
*Hawai'i Department of*  
*Education (retired)*

We know firsthand what it takes to build public transparency infrastructure that works — our Aloha+ Dashboard tracks measurable progress toward statewide sustainability goals across agencies and sectors, and demonstrates how accessible data platforms strengthen accountability, improve coordination, and connect investment to outcomes. The GRID is designed to do exactly this for the Green Fee.

Pauline Sheldon  
*UH School of Travel*  
*Industry Management*  
*(retired)*

As a member of the Care for 'Āina Now Coalition, HGG has advocated for the Green Fee to be implemented as a strong, transparent, equitable, and community-guided program. HB 1949 HD1 directly advances each of these pillars.

Jason Jeremiah  
*Kamehameha Schools*

Juliette (Lia) Sheehan  
*Atherton Family Foundation*

In its first year, this is the moment to build the accountability and transparency mechanism to ensure that the legislature, kama'āina, and visitors can see where revenues flow, which projects they support, and what results are being achieved.

Kazumi Ogawa  
*United Nations*

HGG respectfully urges passage of HB 1949 HD1. We stand ready to support the Legislature and relevant agencies in designing a dashboard that reflects best practices in public data transparency and community accountability, and welcome any opportunity to advise on implementation.

Ulalia Woodside-Lee  
*The Nature Conservancy*

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Mahalo,



Kalani L. Ka'anā'anā  
Chief Executive Officer



**Care for 'Āina Now Coalition Letter  
 HB1949: Relating To The Green Fee  
 In support of Tracking, Transparency, & Accountability for Hawai'i Green Fee**

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HB1949 on behalf of the Care for 'Āina Now (CAN) coalition.

Care for 'Āina Now is a diverse coalition of more than 70 organizations, businesses, and community leaders from across Hawai'i dedicated to protecting, restoring, and responsibly managing Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources. CAN advocates for dedicated funding to support 'āina stewardship, climate change resilience, and natural disaster mitigation, with a strong focus on ensuring Green Fee revenues are used appropriately, transparently, and in alignment with community and environmental priorities.

The Green Fee represents a significant and promising investment in Hawai'i's future. It provides needed revenue to support climate resilience, sustainable tourism, and environmental stewardship, helping us close the \$560 million annual conservation funding gap. For this policy to succeed long-term, the public must be able to clearly see where funds are going, how decisions are made, and what outcomes are being achieved - in their communities and through the dashboard.

**We urge the Legislature to support HB1949, marking a strong commitment to transparency and accountability to track the green fee fund.** HB1949 and move this measure forward. We are grateful for your leadership in this process, and welcome ways to support as a long-standing coalition of conservation community leaders.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



**These community groups, organizations and businesses support funding for ‘āina, resilience, restoration, protection, management, and stewardship solutions for the communities of Hawai‘i.**

1. Agripelago
2. Agriculture Stewardship Hawai‘i
3. Blue Planet Foundation
4. Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory
5. Care About Climate
6. Citizens’ Climate Lobby Hawai‘i
7. Climate Future Forum
8. Conservation Council for Hawai‘i
9. Conservation International
10. Conservation Council of Hawai‘i
11. Coral Reef Alliance
12. Delphi Cinema
13. Excurinsure
14. Everblue
15. Fish Pono–Save Our Reefs
16. Friends of Hanauma Bay
17. Full Circle Farm
18. FutureSwell
19. Global Preservation Initiative
20. Good Food Movement
21. Hanalei Initiative
22. Hawai‘i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA)
23. Hawai‘i Alliance for Community Based Economic Development (HACBED)
24. Hawaiian Council
25. Hawai‘i Environmental Change Agents
26. Hawai‘i Green Growth



27. Hawai'i Impact Collaborative
28. Hawai'i Land Trust
29. Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition
30. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund
31. Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition
32. Ka'ala Farms
33. Kailua Beach Adventures
34. Kauai Climate Action Coalition
35. Kauai Farm Planning
36. Kanu Hawai'i
37. Kingdom Pathways
38. Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA)
39. Kuleana Coral Restoration
40. Kupu
41. Limahuli Garden and Preserve
42. Leftover Love Co
43. Mālama Huleia
44. Mālama Learning Center
45. Mālama Maunaloa
46. Mālama Pupukea-Waimea
47. Maui Bicycling League
48. Maui Ocean Center
49. Maui Ocean Center Marine Institute
50. National Tropical Botanical Garden
51. Native Ecosystem Services
52. The Nature Conservancy
53. North Shore Community Land Trust
54. Ocean Music Action
55. Palehua Conservation Initiative
56. Papahānaumokuākea Marine Debris Project



57. Parley for the Oceans
58. Pono Hawai'i Initiative
59. Protea Zero Waste Store
60. Resources Legacy Fund
61. Reuse Hawai'i
62. Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i Chapters
63. Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i
64. Sustainable Moloka'i
65. Travel2Change
66. Trust for Public Land
67. Wai'oli Valley Taro Hui
68. Waipā Foundation
69. Wakeful State
70. Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations (WAI)
71. Wild Kids
72. Young Progressives Demanding Action
73. Zero Waste Hawai'i Island

Mahalo for your consideration to protect Hawai'i's natural resources.



## **TESTIMONY from Kupu on HB1949: Relating To The Green Fee**

Aloha Chair DeCoite , Chair Gabbard, Chair Lee, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keone Nakoa, and I am the Vice President of External Affairs at Kupu. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Kupu in **strong support of HB1949**.

Kupu is a statewide nonprofit organization based here in Hawai'i that focuses on creating programs that empower youth and young adults with opportunities to learn, serve, and work in ways that restore environments and communities. Our programs seek to build a local workforce that is prepared to address Hawai'i's unique challenges, and create community-specific solutions. As an organization that helps people transform their love for the environment into a professional career, the state legislature's bold action in bills like Act 96 last year and HB1949 stand as a testament to the strong leadership role our islands can fill around the world.

We are immensely grateful to the many people and groups that were instrumental in helping to pass the Green Fee, including members of these committees. The historic legislation passed last year, Act 96, bears a clear promise to reinvest tourism generated revenue back in our 'āina. HB1949 is a timely and necessary step to help fulfill this promise by improving visibility in how the funds are being used and what the tangible impacts are—to Hawai'i residents and tourists, alike. This bill will strengthen public trust in the Green Fee and create long term buy in and community support of the funds, which are crucial to the ultimate success of Act 96.

These funds are incredibly timely, as we witness the impacts of climate change on our communities first hand. Floods like those that have occurred throughout the pae 'āina this week make our environment more vulnerable by eliminating brush and canopy via downed trees, which allows invasive species to take root more easily. This increases our wildfire risk greatly and paves the way for future disasters. One of the programs included in the Green fee proposal would fund resilience crews which would create more direct pathways for experienced workers to come in and support recovery and clean up following a disaster.

For Act 96 to achieve its visionary goal, Green Fee revenues must support Act 96's three express priorities: environmental stewardship, climate and hazard resilience, and

sustainable tourism. Passing the fee was an important act of leadership, but it is only the beginning. What will ultimately determine success is whether residents and visitors can see the positive outcomes these funds make possible. Green Fee revenues will support key projects across multiple state agencies in partnership with community organizations, including establishing a statewide climate disaster resilience workforce, developing green jobs and training opportunities in natural resource management, and supporting land stewards and education and engagement for visitors at popular trails. Yet today, there is no simple way for the public to understand where the money goes or what it is accomplishing.

HB 1949 fills this gap by establishing a publicly accessible Green fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard (GRID). This dashboard would allow residents and policymakers to track revenues from allocation to expenditure and evaluate project outcomes in a clear and consistent manner. This is critically important as the data on the GRID will help us to tell a story of Hawai'i as a leader in climate resilience, and to demonstrate what is possible when initiative is taken to address these issues head on. For example, over the last 5 years Kupu has produced an estimated \$115 million of economic benefit; and for every dollar in funding it receives, Kupu generates ~\$6.25 in operating capacity. Impact results like these are easily understood and will help build trust and confidence in the new Green Fee mechanism.

The Green Fee represents a real opportunity to invest in resilience, restoration and the long-term care of 'aina. HB 1949 helps ensure that opportunity is realized by making results visible, building trust and doing so in a way that is practical for those carrying out the work. Kupu strongly urges the committee to pass HB 1949 and move this measure forward to help ensure the best stewardship of these funds possible.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Keone Nakoa  
Vice President of External Affairs, Kupu

To: Senator Chris Lee, Chair  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts (WLA)

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Committee on Economic Development and Tourism (EDT)

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Herbert M. “Tim” Richards, III, Vice Chair  
Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)

From: Carmela Resuma, Member  
Green Fee Advisory Council (GFAC)  
**HB1949 HD1 – Relating to Green Fee Appropriations – Support with Comments**  
**[Wednesday, 03-25-26 / 1:00PM / Conference Room 224]**

Aloha Chairs Lee, DeCoite, and Gabbard; Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai, and Richards; and Committees on WLA, EDT, and AEN,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1949 HD1, which establishes the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard.

Since the House Committee on Finance (FIN) hearing on this measure, the Green Fee Advisory Council (GFAC) has continued advancing its [Year 1 Recommendations](#) through the legislative process. As decisions move closer to appropriation and implementation, the need for a clear, consistent, and publicly accessible system to track outcomes becomes even more critical.

We support this system since it will build upon the process by which the GFAC developed the Year 1 recommendations, a process grounded in a transparent, inclusive, community-informed approach. At this stage in the legislative process, it is important to reaffirm that transparency is not only about reporting outcomes but also about ensuring that how decisions are made remains fair, consistent, and accessible to all.

When the GFAC first convened last September, our charge was clear: develop a fair and transparent evaluation process and provide the Governor with prioritized, high-impact funding recommendations for the first year of Green Fee funding appropriations.

To meet this goal, the GFAC developed a standardized evaluation framework based on the guidance of existing state plans, climate data, best practices from funders and grant makers, and community input.

Project ideas and proposals were evaluated based on five core criteria: results, relevance, readiness, relationships, and region.

In total, the Council reviewed more than 500 public project ideas submitted through its Public Ideas Portal and over 100 formal project proposals submitted by state departments and agencies, amounting to over \$2 billion in funding requests. Each proposal was reviewed by multiple evaluators, with conflict-of-interest safeguards in place throughout the process.

The Year 1 Recommendations are the result of this rigorous review process and direct input from community stakeholders from mauka to makai, across the pae‘āina, many of whom have demonstrated their ability to partner with both public and private entities to deliver impact.

(See full description and funding amounts in the [Funding Recommendations Grid](#).)

It is important to note that the Council’s Year 1 Recommendations intentionally do not designate specific implementing organizations. This approach is deliberate and central to maintaining an equitable and inclusive process. Naming specific recipients at this stage would limit opportunities for broader participation and unintentionally favor certain entities over others before a full and open public procurement process is conducted. Instead, by deferring the identification of implementing organizations to state agencies through established procurement pathways, the State, including the Legislature, can ensure that all qualified organizations across communities and islands have a fair opportunity to compete based on merit, capacity, and alignment with the intent of Act 96. This reinforces both transparency and fairness in how these funds are ultimately deployed.

It is paramount that a transparency dashboard is created and funded to ensure the continuity of public accountability for this process. Importantly, HB1949 HD1 builds on this foundation by ensuring that both the decision-making process and the outcomes of funded projects are visible and accessible to the public. A dashboard would also empower the legislature to track whether funded projects are progressing as intended, compare outcomes across agencies and investment categories, and inform future budget and policy decisions. This ensures that Green Fee investments are not only appropriated thoughtfully but also monitored and refined over time.

Green Fee implementation requires consistent cross-agency coordination. A dashboard with a standardized reporting structure enables both the legislature and state agencies to measure performance consistently, identify gaps or delays early, and share best practices across agencies.



The proposed dashboard creates a common framework for accountability, helping ensure that all implementing entities are aligned in how progress and outcomes are reported.

The recommendations were informed by the community, and a dashboard will allow both visitors and residents alike to build trust in how the funds are being used by demonstrating where investments are being made, what progress is being achieved, and how these efforts are improving environmental and community resilience. This transparency is especially important given the Council's commitment to a process that does not predetermine recipients but instead prioritizes fairness, openness, and accountability at every stage of the process.

Many Green Fee investments, such as wildfire mitigation, watershed protection, and coastal resilience, will deliver growing benefits over time. Establishing a strong accountability system now ensures that progress is tracked consistently from the outset, data can inform future funding cycles, and the return on investment for prevention-focused projects can be evaluated. This positions the Green Fee as a long-term, data-informed program, not just a funding mechanism.

As this measure moves forward, we respectfully encourage consideration of alignment of dashboard metrics with existing state plans and climate/resilience benchmarks, clear expectations for agency reporting to ensure consistency and usability, and phased implementation that prioritizes core transparency functions while allowing the system to evolve over time.

The Green Fee represents a generational investment in Hawai'i's future. Establishing strong, practical accountability now reinforces the GFAC's transparent, community driven selection process and ensures this commitment to equity carries through implementation with effective, transparent, and measurable results.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Committees to pass HB1949 HD1.

Mahalo nunui for your consideration and continued leadership.

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
Carmela Resuma, Member  
Green Fee Advisory Council (GFAC)

**HB-1949-HD-1**

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Testimony in Support of [HB1949](#)

Position: Support

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Jeannette Gurung, Executive Director of Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN) headquarters in Kona on the Big Island. I am submitting written testimony in strong support of HB1949, which would establish a public transparency dashboard to track the allocation and use of revenues generated by the Hawai'i Green Fee. I believe strongly that transparency and accountability are of critical importance to the successful use of these funds; I would like to see them used effectively to assure the long term health and well being of the aina and for our communities.

The Green Fee represents a significant and promising investment in Hawai'i's future. It provides needed revenue to support climate resilience, sustainable tourism, and environmental stewardship, helping us close the \$560 million annual conservation funding gap. For this policy to succeed long-term, the public must be able to clearly see where funds are going, how decisions are made, and what outcomes are being achieved - in their communities and through the dashboard.

A publicly accessible dashboard is a practical and necessary tool to ensure:

- Accountability in how public funds are distributed
- Public trust in the Green Fee program
- Equitable investment across communities and ecosystems
- Data-driven evaluation of program outcomes over time

In addition to the necessary tracking component of the fund, I strongly support green fee funds should be used to resource community-based organizations who already lead stewardship efforts across Hawai'i. State agencies should partner with organizations through contracts, grants, and other financial mechanisms to promote a collaborative and comanagement model for project success. Hawai'i is fortunate to have many very committed and capable not for profit and community groups that should be engaged in this work.

During the first year of green fee implementation, we have a kuleana to ensure the fund is set up with integrity and strength. A transparent and community-driven fund will also empower community members, practitioners, and policymakers to learn from what works and continuously improve how funds are deployed.

I respectfully urge the Legislature to pass HB1949 and affirm Hawai'i's commitment to transparency, accountability, and community-centered investment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony and for your leadership on this important issue.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Dr. Jeannette Gurung

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Senate Committees on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts; Economic Development and Tourism,  
and Agriculture and Environment

### **Support for HB 1949 HD1, With Suggested Amendments**

Aloha WLA/EDT/AEN Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members,

The board of Kauai Path, Inc., an educational non-profit, would like to express strong support for HB1949 HD1 to establish the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Resiliency Impact Dashboard.

**As the State develops reporting standards and performance metrics under this program, we urge this essential refinement: ensure that multi-benefit infrastructure projects, including multi-modal active transportation corridors (often referred to as bike or shared use paths), are clearly included as desired climate resilience and hazard mitigation measures.**

Across the islands, these projects have been shown to provide:

- Redundant evacuation capacity in disaster-prone regions
- Low-carbon transportation options that reduce vehicle miles traveled
- Improved access and safety for residents, visitors, and vulnerable populations
- Post-disaster mobility and emergency access when primary routes are compromised

Recent events across Hawai'i underscore the importance of resilient, multi-modal infrastructure that supports both everyday mobility and emergency response. Clearly representing such projects within the Green Fee reporting framework will help demonstrate their value and support consistent evaluation alongside other resilience investments.

HB1949 HD1 represents an important step toward building public trust and ensuring that Green Fee investments deliver meaningful, measurable benefits for Hawai'i's people and environment. We respectfully urge your committees to advance HB1949 HD1.

Mahalo for your leadership and for the opportunity to provide testimony. Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tommy A. Noyes  
Executive Director  
Kauai Path, Inc.

Kauai residents working together to preserve, protect, and extend access island-wide through the design, implementation, and stewardship of non-motorized multi-use paths.



Testimony Before The  
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts (WLA)  
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism (EDT)  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment (AEN)

**IN SUPPORT OF HB1949 HD1**

March 25, 2026, 1:01 p.m., Room 224 & via Videoconference

We are Olan Leimomi Fisher and Kevin Chang, Kua'āina Advocate and Executive Director, respectively, testifying on behalf of [Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo \(or KUA\)](#). "Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo" stands for "grassroots growing through shared responsibility," and our acronym "KUA" means "backbone." **Our mission is to connect and empower communities to improve their quality of life through the collective care for their biocultural (natural and cultural) heritage, serving as a "backbone organization" that supports creative and community-driven solutions to problems stemming from environmental degradation.** Hawai'i's biocultural resources continue to be negatively impacted by political, economic, and social changes, and the increasing dangers of climate change make fostering and empowering resilient communities acutely critical.

Currently KUA supports three major networks of: (1) over 40 mālama 'āina (caring for our 'āina or "that which feeds") community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together); (2) over 60 loko i'a (fishpond aquaculture systems unique to Hawai'i) and wai 'ōpae (anchialine pool systems) sites in varying stages of restoration and development, with numerous caretakers, stakeholders, and volunteers known as the Hui Mālama Loko I'a ("caretakers of fishponds"); and (3) the Limu Hui made up of over 50 loea (traditional experts) and practitioners in all things "limu" or locally-grown "seaweed." **Our shared vision is to once again experience what our kūpuna (ancestors) referred to as 'ĀINA MOMONA – abundant and healthy ecological systems that sustain our community resilience and well-being.**

**KUA strongly supports HB1949 HD1 as an incremental step towards 'āina momona.**

This bill would establish a public transparency dashboard to track the allocation and use of revenues generated by the Hawai'i green fee.

KUA supported the passage of Act 96 (2025), and is grateful for the opportunity that this new funding source will provide to mālama 'āina efforts across Hawai'i. The new green fee represents a significant and promising investment in Hawai'i's future, helping us close the estimated \$560 million annual conservation funding gap. However, to ensure success, it is essential that this new funding maintain accountability and transparency from the very start. This dashboard would also allow for easier reporting, evaluation, and justified improvements as the fee structure matures.

We also acknowledge and hope to amplify the many supporters calling for a portion of these funds to support the various existing and forthcoming community mālama 'āina groups through a community stewardship grant program in partnership with DLNR. The state cannot carry the kuleana

of its public trust responsibilities, collaborative mālama ‘āina is the future of conservation and is growing both in Hawai‘i and worldwide.

The communities we work with are committed to ensuring the long-term health of our biocultural resources that they have cared for and depended on for generations since time immemorial. **We believe protecting our environment, the foundation of our very existence, is about sustained and long-term commitments toward achieving ‘āina momona abundance once again.** To get there requires continued accountability, transparency, and genuine investments in collaborative mālama ‘āina efforts, including through this bill. Our decisions today will continue to shape the future that our keiki’s keiki’s keiki will one day inherit – we hope for a future of shared and harmonious abundance, and hope you do, too.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to submit testimony. Please **PASS** HB1949 HD1.

**Aloha ‘Āina Momona no nā kau ā kau.**



## Care for 'Āina Now Coalition

March 25, 2026

Hawai'i State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts  
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Re: Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1949 HD1, Relating to the Green Fee

Aloha Chairs Lee, DeCoite and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai and Richards, and esteemed members of the committees,

On behalf of the Care for 'Āina Now Coalition leadership committee, we write in **strong support** of HB 1949 HD1, relating to the Green Fee. This measure would establish a public-facing dashboard to track the distribution and use of revenues generated by Hawai'i's Green Fee.

The Green Fee represents one of the most important recent investments in Hawai'i's environmental future. These funds are intended to strengthen climate resilience, protect natural resources, and support responsible visitor management—while helping address the estimated \$560 million annual shortfall in conservation funding statewide. For this ambitious policy to succeed over time, it is essential that residents have confidence that resources are being allocated fairly, strategically, and in ways that deliver meaningful benefits for local communities and ecosystems.

HB 1949 HD1 advances that goal by creating a transparent and accessible system that allows the public to understand where Green Fee revenues are being invested, how funding decisions are made, which communities and ecosystems are benefiting, and what outcomes are being achieved over time. This level of visibility is critical to building public trust, promoting accountability, and ensuring that the program is guided by data and continuous improvement.

The Care for 'Āina Now Coalition also supports the initial spending recommendations developed by the Green Fee Advisory Council. These recommendations reflect a thoughtful, community-informed approach to investing Green Fee revenues in projects that strengthen ecosystem resilience, improve water quality, support stewardship of public

lands and waters, and advance climate adaptation priorities statewide. We particularly support investments that fund community-based organizations to carry out critical environmental restoration, stewardship, and resilience work in coordination with state agencies. Across Hawai'i, nonprofit and grassroots organizations already serve as frontline stewards of our lands and waters, bringing deep place-based knowledge and strong community relationships that are essential to successful project implementation.

As the Green Fee enters its first year of implementation, Hawai'i has both an opportunity and a responsibility to establish this program with strong transparency and accountability from the outset. A well-designed public dashboard will empower communities, practitioners, and policymakers alike to track investments, understand outcomes, and ensure that Green Fee revenues deliver long-term benefits for the people and places of our islands.

For these reasons, the Care for 'Āina Now Coalition respectfully urges the Committee to pass HB 1949 HD1 and continue advancing transparency, accountability, and community-centered stewardship of Hawai'i's natural resources.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.

Care for 'Āina Now Coalition Leadership Committee

# HAWAI'I OCEAN LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE



March 25, 2026

Hawai'i State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts  
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Re: Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** for HB 1949 HD1, Relating to the Green Fee

Aloha Chairs Lee, DeCoite and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai and Richards, and esteemed members of the committees,

The Ocean Legislative Task Force—a coalition of more than 150 individuals across over 20 organizations statewide—**strongly supports** HB 1949 HD1, relating to the Green Fee. This measure would establish a public Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and a Resiliency Impact Dashboard.

HB1949 HD1 will ensure that the public can see how Green Fee revenues are allocated and what impacts those investments are producing for Hawai'i's environment, communities, and ocean resources. A transparent dashboard is essential to building trust and empowering Hawai'i's residents, policymakers, and ocean stakeholders with real-time data on where funds are going and how priorities are being met.

The Ocean Legislative Task Force also supports HB1949 HD1 because transparency will help the public and lawmakers understand how funding recommendations from the Green Fee Advisory Council align with our state's critical environmental needs. The Advisory Council—a diverse group of local experts convened to guide the use of Green Fee resources—has identified an initial slate of projects that will directly benefit Hawai'i's marine and coastal ecosystems, including:

- **Community-driven Coral Reef Resilience and Restoration**  
Funding to support coral and coastal restoration initiatives that enhance coral health, increase coastal resilience to storm impacts, and strengthen collaboration between community partners and state agencies.
- **Monitoring and Assessment of Reef and Nearshore Ecosystems**  
Investment in ocean monitoring programs to track water quality, reef conditions, and nearshore fisheries resources, which are essential for adaptive management and protecting ecologically significant areas statewide.

*The Hawai'i Ocean Legislative Task Force advocates for measures that advance cesspool conversion and wastewater management, protect Hawai'i's coral reefs and reef fish, ensure transparent and sustainable implementation of the Green Fee program and long-term environmental staffing, and support other measures that strengthen Hawai'i's coastal and marine ecosystems.*

- **Marine Resource Co-management and Enforcement Partnerships**  
Funding for community co-management efforts and expanded marine resource enforcement collaborations, which support volunteer Makai Watch groups and bolster protection of coastal and marine areas.
- **Pilot Cesspool Conversions in Priority Coral Hotspots**  
Targeted support for cesspool conversion efforts in critical coral reef landscapes (such as Hōnaunau), addressing ocean water quality at its source and reducing sewage discharge that harms reefs and nearshore waters.

These recommended investments highlight how Green Fee revenues will be put to work protecting Hawai'i's ocean ecosystems, improving water quality, and supporting community-based stewardship—outcomes that are consistent with the mission of the Ocean Legislative Task Force. A public dashboard, as proposed in HB1949 HD1, will allow all stakeholders to track these kinds of strategic environmental investments over time, ensuring that funds intended for ocean and watershed health are visible, evaluated, and continuously improved.

For these reasons, the Ocean Legislative Task Force strongly urges the Legislature to pass HB1949 HD1 to affirm Hawai'i's commitment to transparency, accountability, and long-term, data-driven stewardship of our marine environment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this critical measure.

*The Hawai'i Ocean Legislative Task Force advocates for measures that advance cesspool conversion and wastewater management, protect Hawai'i's coral reefs and reef fish, ensure transparent and sustainable implementation of the Green Fee program and long-term environmental staffing, and support other measures that strengthen Hawai'i's coastal and marine ecosystems.*



**Hawai'i State Senate**  
**Committees on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts,**  
**Economic Development and Tourism, and Agriculture and Environment**

HB1949, HD1 – Relating to the Green Fee

**RE: Strong support of HB1949, HD1**

March 25, 2026

Aloha Chairs Lee, DeCoite, Gabbard; Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai, Richards; and Members of the Committees,

Hawaiian Council writes in **strong support of HB1949, HD1**, to establish the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard (GRID). The Green Fee was created with a clear promise that visitor revenues would be reinvested in Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources. This bill fulfills that promise by improving transparency, standardizing reporting, and giving the public a clear view of how these dollars are allocated and what outcomes they deliver.

As an organization dedicated to advancing the interests of Native Hawaiians and their connection to the 'āina, Hawaiian Council recognizes the transformative potential of the Green Fee in supporting community-based sustainability projects. From ahupua'a stewardship to visitor education, the Green Fee has potential to revitalize Hawai'i's environment and infrastructure from mauka to makai.

The establishment of a transparency program and impact dashboard are essential to promote informed decision-making and accountability for all stakeholders of Green Fee projects. HB1949 ensures that Green Fee investments remain aligned with their intended purpose and are evaluated consistently across agencies. With a large portion of proposed Green Fee projects turning to 'ike kupuna (ancestral knowledge) and the historic work of aloha 'āina activists for guidance, it is crucial that Native Hawaiian communities have an accessible means to track the progress of projects and work collaboratively with state agencies.

He ali'i ka 'āina; he kauā ke kanaka—the land is chief; the people are its servant. The task of protecting and stewarding the 'āina is the collective responsibility of all of us, including legislators, state agencies, and community advocates. For these reasons, Hawaiian Council

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respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS HB1949, HD1**. Mahalo for your commitment to accountability towards sustainability projects protecting Hawai'i nei.

Me ke aloha 'āina,

**Madelyn McKeague**

Director of Advocacy, Hawaiian Council

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**March 23, 2026**

Senate Committees on:  
Water, Land, Culture and the Arts  
Economic Development and Tourism  
Agriculture and Environment  
**Testimony in Support of [HB1949](#)**  
**Position: Support**

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Saman Dias**, Chair of the Maui Bicycling League and lead advocate for the West Maui Greenway. I am writing in strong support of HB1949 HD1, which establishes a Green Fee transparency and accountability program and public-facing resiliency impact dashboard.

This measure is an important step in ensuring that Green Fee revenues are used effectively, transparently, and in alignment with Hawai'i's climate resilience and environmental goals.

A centralized dashboard that tracks project-level funding, implementation, and outcomes will strengthen public trust and enable better decision-making across agencies. It will also provide an opportunity to clearly demonstrate the real-world impact of Green Fee investments in our communities.

As the State develops performance metrics and reporting standards, I respectfully encourage consideration of **multi-benefit infrastructure projects that deliver measurable climate resilience outcomes**. For example, multi-use trails and active transportation corridors can:

- Provide **redundant evacuation routes** in disaster-prone regions
- Reduce **vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions**
- Support **post-disaster mobility and emergency access**
- Improve safe access for residents and visitors

The West Maui Greenway, a planned 24-mile corridor, is one such example. Following the Lahaina wildfire, the need for additional evacuation capacity and resilient infrastructure has become clear. Projects like this demonstrate how climate resilience, transportation, and community safety can be addressed together.

As the dashboard is implemented, ensuring that these types of **multi-benefit, resilience-oriented projects are clearly captured and evaluated** will help maximize the effectiveness of Green Fee investments statewide.

Mahalo for your leadership and for advancing transparency and accountability in the Green Fee program.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
Saman Dias  
Chair, Maui Bicycling League  
Lead Advocate, West Maui Greenway

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saman Dias', written in a cursive style.

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March 25, 2026

WLA/EDT/AEN Hearing, Conference Room 224

## HB 1949 HD1 Relating to the Green Fee – In Support

Aloha Chair Lee and Vice Chair Inouye, Chair DeCoite and Vice Chair Wakai, Chair Gabbard and Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the WLA, EDT and AEN Committees,

Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea (MPW) is a Hawai'i non-profit organization founded on the North Shore of O'ahu in 2005, working to replenish and sustain the natural and cultural resources of the Pūpūkea and Waimea ahupua'a through community stewardship, education, and partnerships.

### **MPW strongly supports HB 1949 HD1.**

The bill establishes a Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard to **strengthen oversight and improve visibility into how green fee revenues are distributed and what outcomes they are producing statewide.**

As an organization implementing stewardship projects in partnership with state agencies, MPW understands the importance of sustained investment paired with clear accountability. **Transparent reporting supports informed decision-making, improves coordination, and builds public confidence in the effective use of public funds.**

**HB 1949 HD1 represents a prudent investment in fiscal transparency that enhances our collective ability to steward 'āina responsibly and effectively.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony. Please pass HB 1949 HD1.

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## CLIMATE FUTURE FORUM

**Testimony in Support of HB1949 - Green Fee Transparency and Accountability  
Hearing with the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, the Senate  
Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, and the Senate Committee on Agriculture  
and Environment**

Monday March 23, 2026

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Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the WLA, EDT, and AEN Committees,

On behalf of Climate Future Forum we are writing in strong support of **HB1949 HD1**, which establishes the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard.

The Climate Future Forum empowers youth (ages 14–26) to actively engage in shaping and advocating for climate policy and legislation. By bringing together youth, educators, policymakers, and nonprofits, the forum fosters meaningful dialogue on climate action priorities and provides actionable steps to address climate change in Hawai'i. Through discussions involving over 100 youth, the forum has identified key high-priority areas, including regenerative food systems, climate and the economy, clean energy and transportation, climate justice and equity, and sustainable infrastructure.

From a youth perspective, transparency is essential to accountability. The green fee represents a significant investment intended to protect Hawai'i's natural resources, strengthen climate resilience, and support a sustainable economy. HB1949 HD1 ensures that young people and the broader public can clearly understand how these funds are being allocated and whether they are achieving their intended outcomes.

The Climate and the Economy working group has consistently emphasized that climate solutions must be fiscally responsible, community-aligned, and deliver measurable public benefit. Transparent tracking of green fee revenues helps build public trust, supports better decision-making, and ensures that climate investments strengthen local communities, protect 'āina, and contribute to long-term economic resilience rather than short-term gains.

As youth who will live with the long-term impacts of climate change and economic decisions made today, we believe that open, accessible information is critical to maintaining public confidence and ensuring that climate funding truly serves present and future generations.

Mahalo nui,  
Julie Tam

Climate and the Economy Working Group Leader, Hawai'i Climate Future Forum.



**Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts**

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Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair

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Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**Re: H.B. 1949, H.D. 1 – Relating to the Green Fee**

**Position: Support**

Aloha Chairs Lee, DeCoite, and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai, and Richards, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Antoinette Davis, and I have had the honor of serving as Executive Director of the Activities & Attractions Association of Hawai'i (A3H), a nonprofit 501(c)(6) trade organization, since 1997.

A3H supports this measure because transparency and accountability are essential to building public trust in how green fee revenues are collected, allocated, and spent. The creation of a public-facing dashboard and annual reporting structure will help policymakers, stakeholders, residents, and visitors better understand whether these funds are being directed to the purposes for which they were intended.

Last year, A3H opposed the creation of the Green Fee because our industry was not experiencing the increased visitor spending reported by the State, and we did not support imposing additional costs on visitors unless the revenues were clearly tied to defined uses and measurable outcomes. H.B. 1949, H.D. 1, helps address that concern by creating a framework for greater transparency, public accountability, and clearer tracking of project funding and results.

Our hope is that this measure will provide meaningful visibility into where green fee revenues are going, how they are being used, and what outcomes they are producing for Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and the opportunity to testify.

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Antoinette "Toni Marie" Davis

Executive Director

Activities & Attractions Association of Hawaii, Inc.

*Statewide 501 (c) (6) not-for-profit Trade Association*

**TO:** SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair  
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Committee

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM  
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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair  
The Honorable Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Committee

**FROM:** Terry George, Chief Executive Officer & President

**RE:** Testimony in Support for HB 1949 HD 1, Relating to the Green Fee

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 1:01 pm

**LOCATION:** Hearing Room 224

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The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) **supports HB 1949 HD 1** relating to the creation of a green fee transparency and accountability program and green fee resiliency impact dashboard. Protecting natural resources is a priority area within HCF's CHANGE Framework under the Natural Environment sector. HB 1949 HD 1 will help ensure transparency and accountability relating to Green Fee spending, with a designated entity to track and fund, as well as create a publicly accessible dashboard so that constituents and community members can see how Green Fee funds are being spent. Transparency preserves and increases public confidence.

Protecting the 'āina, preserving the ocean and its marine life, and ensuring fresh water is critical to the future of our people. The Green Fee will provide important investments in land stewardship, conservation, and biocultural revitalization efforts, and transparency relating to these investments is equally crucial. **We respectfully urge the legislature to advance HB 1949 HD 1.**

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy  
Supporting HB1949 HD1, Relating to the Green Fee  
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts  
Committee on Economic Development and Tourism  
Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
March 25, 2026 at 1:01 pm  
Conference Room 224 and via Videoconference**

Dear Chairs Lee, DeCoite and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai and Richards, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify today. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Hawai'i and Palmyra strongly supports HB1949 HD1, which establishes the Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program and Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard, to be administered by the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission.

Hawai'i faces surmounting environmental challenges including wildfires, disappearing coastlines, bleached coral reefs, and an underinvestment in the management of our natural and cultural resources. As an island region, our community safety faces growing risk the longer we go without significant funding toward environmental protection and restoration. Hawai'i is in immediate need of additional resources to conserve and protect our ecosystems, native species, coastlines, and the community livelihoods that depend on these resources. Act 96, which increased the TAT by 0.75% and extended its collection to the cruise ship industry, is a generational investment in Hawai'i's natural resources, will build climate resiliency and allow us to better manage our state as a visitor destination.

HB1949 HD1 advances Act 96 by ensuring that the public can clearly see how green fee revenues are allocated and used. By creating a statewide transparency dashboard, the bill provides communities with a central, accessible place to track green fee spending, project outcomes, geographic distribution, and environmental benefits. This level of visibility is essential for building and maintaining public trust, especially as green fee investments expand across the islands.

The Governor's green fee-related budget requests include major investments that align with urgent statewide needs and directly overlap with the on-the-ground conservation work that partners like TNC help deliver. These include:

- ***Native Species and Terrestrial Ecosystems:***

This subcategory of requests would fund a number of critical actions to restore the forests, grasslands and support communities across Hawai'i. By investing in watershed protection and partnerships, this funding would ensure that we can act now to remove the ungulates that decimate our landscape, control dangerous invasive species, and continue the everyday work we need to restore our native forest and fight against forest-bird extinction. TNC and our partners are already

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leading work like this across the main Hawaiian Islands, including at the 84,000 acres TNC manages on Kaua'i (Wainiha Valley and Kanaele Bog), Moloka'i (Kamakou, Pelekunu and Mo'omomi), Lāna'i (Kānepu'u), Maui (Waikamoi and Kapunakea) and Hawai'i Island (Kona Hema and Ka'ū). However, additional, sustained investment is direly needed to protect the functions of our forests and watersheds.

- *Aquatic Resources and Coastal Ecosystems:*

This subcategory of request would help steward the long-term sustainability and health of our aquatic resources, including reefs, fisheries, wetlands, and nearshore ecosystems. Investments in coral nurseries, reef restoration, hybrid reef structures, marine debris removal, and comprehensive monitoring of coral reefs, water quality, and fisheries conditions align with work that TNC and partners carry out across the islands. Strengthening loko i'a resilience, restoring nearshore habitats, and supporting the revival of traditional aquaculture systems are crucial for reinforcing mauka-to-makai connections and community-based stewardship. Together, these efforts improve ecosystems health and protect the coastal communities, cultural practices, and food systems that depend on them.

- *Wildfire Mitigation:*

This subcategory of request would support critical work to reduce wildfire risk and build community resilience statewide. By investing in vegetation management, climate-hazard modeling, and Firewise community preparedness, the State can directly address the conditions that fuel extreme fire behavior in Hawai'i. TNC has worked to restore native vegetation, remove ungulates, and pilot innovative post-fire recovery.

- *Coastal and Flood Mitigation*

This subcategory of request would strengthen the nature-based systems that protect our coastlines and waterways. Wetlands that absorb floodwaters, reefs that reduce wave energy, and ahupua'a restoration that improves interconnectedness all provide powerful defenses for communities of Hawai'i. With sea level rise, king-tide events, and shoreline erosion, these defenses need consistent funding to remain effective.

These types of projects are essential to safeguarding the future of Hawai'i, and HB1949 HD1 ensures that every dollar is visible to the public. A statewide dashboard gives residents, cultural practitioners, nonprofits, and community stewards the ability to track progress, see outcomes, and understand how these investments are addressing real needs.

HB1949 HD1 is an important step toward ensuring that the State's green fee revenues are used transparently and effectively, giving the community a clear, accessible way to understand how funds are allocated, spent, and distributed across islands and agencies. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1949 HD1.

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*Guided by science, TNC 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 84,000 acres in 13 nature preserves and 18 managed areas and have supported over 50 coastal communities to help protect and restore the nearshore reefs and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands.*

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**LATE**

**HB-1949-HD-1**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

**STRONG SUPPORT!**

**HB-1949-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/24/2026 8:21:22 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carrie Ostroski	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committees,

I wholeheartedly support HB1949, for a transparent, accountable process and assessment of the Green Fee. This is a vital investment in Hawai‘i, that demonstrates leadership and the ability to leverage and propel existing and ready-to-go projects critical to our coastlines, coral reefs, biodiversity, etc., providing climate resilience, sustainable tourism, and environmental stewardship. I support the dashboard, community partnerships with state agencies, and the proposed projects submitted by the qualified and skilled Green Fee Advisory Council.

I live in Waikoloa and am personally and professionally engaged with several of these project areas. I see the need, the dedication of the stewards and community leaders, and the potential to leverage existing momentum, philanthropy, and other public and private investments.

Mahalo for your support of HB1949 and the opportunity to submit testimony.

Carrie Ostroski

Waikoloa

**HB-1949-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 1:34:22 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB 1949 HD1. Mahalo.

**HB-1949-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 7:10:29 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

I am testifying in strong support of HB1949, which would establish a crucial public transparency dashboard to track the allocation and use of revenues from the Hawai‘i Green Fee. As we move to implement this landmark program, transparency is not an optional feature—it is the essential foundation for public trust, accountability, and long-term success.

The Green Fee represents a historic opportunity to generate dedicated revenue to close our state’s staggering \$560 million annual conservation funding gap. For this promise to be realized, the public must have unwavering confidence in how these funds are managed.

A publicly accessible, user-friendly dashboard is the most effective tool to provide that confidence. It will allow every resident, practitioner, and policymaker to see in real-time where funds are being allocated, which projects are being funded, and what measurable outcomes are being achieved in their own communities.

Specifically, this dashboard will ensure:

- **Public Accountability:** Taxpayers and visitors contributing to the fund have a right to see exactly how their money is being spent, ensuring it is used efficiently and for its intended purposes.
- **Equitable Investment:** Transparency allows us to track whether investments are being made equitably across all islands and communities, preventing any region or need from being overlooked.
- **Data-Driven Improvement:** By making project data and outcomes visible, the dashboard will create a learning ecosystem, allowing us to identify and replicate successful strategies and continuously improve the fund’s impact over time.

Furthermore, I urge you to ensure that the dashboard’s data reflects a commitment to resourcing community-based organizations. The most effective and equitable use of Green Fee funds is to partner with the groups who are already on the ground doing the vital work of stewardship, restoration, and climate resilience. The state should act as a strategic funder, deploying resources through grants and contracts to empower this existing network of practitioners in a true co-management model.

In this first year of implementation, we have a profound kuleana to build the Green Fee program with integrity from the start. A robust transparency dashboard is not just about tracking dollars; it is about building a lasting covenant with the people of Hawai‘i that these precious resources will be managed wisely, openly, and for the benefit of our ‘āina and future generations.

I strongly support HB 1949 and ask for your favorable passage of this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-1949-HD-1**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our islands need serious help. Our reefs are dying fast. We need to convert our cesspools and reforest ASAP so to protect our reefs so they can stop dying. It's depressing!! Please help our aina!

**HB-1949-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 7:28:44 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Doorae Shin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Doorae Shin and I am submitting testimony in **support** of HB1949, which would establish a public transparency dashboard to track the allocation and use of revenues generated by the Hawai'i Green Fee.

As a longtime environmental advocate in Hawaii, I know firsthand how valuable properly funding the environmental sector is. And for the recent Green Fee to succeed and be trusted, the public must be able to clearly see where funds are going, how decisions are made, and what outcomes are being achieved in their community. Accountability, ethics, and efficacy in the use of the Green Fee funds will determine not only the success of the program and its intent, but it will also build trust between the State and the public.

In my experience working for Surfrider Foundation, Kokua Hawaii Foundation, and more, I know deeply how many community organizations do the important work across our islands to protect our environment and conserve our ecosystems, all with very limited funds. That is why I strongly support that the revenue from the Green Fee should be used to fund community-based organizations who have already lead stewardship efforts across Hawai'i for decades. State agencies should partner with organizations through contracts, grants, and other financial mechanisms to promote a collaborative and comanagement model for project success.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Doorae Shin



Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 3:10 pm

Senate Committees on Water, Land, Culture, and the Arts, on Economic Development and Tourism, and on Agriculture and Environment

HOUSE BILL 1949 – RELATING TO THE GREEN FEE

Position: Support

Me ke Aloha, Chairs Lee, DeCoite, and Gabbard; Vice Chairs Inouye, Wakai, and Richards; and Members of the Committees on Water, Land, Culture, and the Arts, on Economic Development and Tourism, and on Agriculture and Environment:

HB1949 establishes a Resiliency Impact Dashboard to be administered by the “Climate Commission”. Given the complexity of multiple priority local issues, to be handled by a variety of agencies, there needs to be a scorecard and a sorting mechanism to optimize the efficient use of funds generated by both taxpayers and visitors via the Green Fee.

The Commission, with its broad perspective and reach into multiple related issues of environmental and community protection, is the appropriate agency to manage this key function. Ostensibly, possible overlaps or conflicts between agencies managing the State’s response to these challenges can also be evaluated through the dashboard mechanism. Of course, there are hazards in making such comparisons, but a sensitive evaluative instrument may help raise the bar for decision-makers. The Climate Commission is likely the best prepared to develop such evaluative expertise.

Mahalo for the opportunity to address this issue,

/s/ Charley Ice, Hoa’āina, Waimalu, O’ahu;

retired Hydrologist, Commission on Water Resource Management (25 years) and Planner at DHHL (10 years); former OEQC Executive Secretary; House legislative staffer; and intern at DoH and DPED. former Chair of O’ahu Democratic Party Region 5 (’Aiea-Pearl City);

**HB-1949-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/23/2026 10:52:18 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Dadds, PA-C	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Ryan Dadds, am in strong support of this bill.

Healthy reefs function as critical natural infrastructure - improving water quality, supporting biodiversity, sustaining cultural and subsistence practices, and reducing coastal erosion and storm impacts. Herbivorous reef fish play a key role in maintaining reef health and resilience.

The commercial aquarium trade directly undermines these ecosystem functions by removing essential reef species for ornamental use. Decades of extraction have reduced reef fish populations and degraded reef ecosystem health that Hawai'i communities rely on.

This is a public trust issue - Hawai'i's reef ecosystems must be managed for the benefit of present and future generations, not depleted for private commercial gain. This is especially critical as reef ecosystems face increasing stress from climate change and land-based pollution.

HB2101 represents an important step toward protecting reef health, water quality, and long-term coastal resilience. We support this measure and urge the Legislature to consider expanding these protections statewide.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support on behalf of Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i's three chapters and members statewide.

**HB-1949-HD-1**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Suparna Vashisht	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1949 because I want to see how the green fees are being used to protect Hawai'i's natural resources like the water quality in our oceans and waterfalls, the health of our marine wildlife and coral reefs, and the health of our soil and terrestrial wildlife.

**HB-1949-HD-1**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of HB1949. It sounds like a good methodology for transparency and ease of navigation. We are going to need as much help as possible with green projects for reforestation and ocean conservation. Mahalo for your consideration.

**LATE**

**HB-1949-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/25/2026 9:42:24 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/25/2026 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynn Kader	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

**TO:** Senate Committees on Water and Land / Economic Development, Tourism / Agriculture and Environment (WLA/EDT/AEN)

**Hearing Date:** March 25, 2026, 1:01 PM — Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Lynn Kader, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of this measure. I am an Environmental Studies student at Hawai'i Pacific University, graduating this May, with hands-on fieldwork experience in habitat restoration and invasive species management across O'ahu. I am deeply invested in the long-term ecological and cultural health of our islands.

Hawai'i's natural environment is not only the foundation of our quality of life, but it is the basis of our economy, our identity, and our future. The Green Fee generates significant revenue from the millions of visitors who come each year to experience what makes Hawai'i extraordinary. What has been missing is a clear, accountable structure ensuring those funds are directed meaningfully toward the environmental resilience they are meant to support. This measure addresses that gap directly.

As an Environmental Educator at Parley for the Oceans, I worked directly with communities to build awareness around the threats facing our ocean ecosystems from plastic pollution to the compounding pressures of climate change. One of the most consistent challenges in that work was the disconnect between the urgency we communicated in education settings and the lack of visible, accountable action at the policy level. People wanted to know: where is the money going, and is it actually working? This measure answers that question in a meaningful way.

Parley's model is built on the idea that awareness must translate into action, and that action must be measurable and transparent to build lasting trust with communities. The Green Fee Resiliency Impact Dashboard reflects that same philosophy at the government level. When residents and environmental advocates can see exactly how visitor-generated revenue is being deployed whether toward coastal restoration, freshwater protection, or climate adaptation infrastructure an it closes the loop between public investment and public accountability. That kind of transparency is what makes communities partners in conservation rather than bystanders to it.

The Green Fee Transparency and Accountability Program would create a formal mechanism for tracking how these funds are allocated and spent. This is long overdue. Residents, conservation practitioners, and policymakers deserve to know whether Green Fee revenue is actually reaching the ecosystems, communities, and climate adaptation efforts it was designed to protect. Vague reporting has historically made it difficult to evaluate impact or course-correct when funds are misallocated.

Placing this program within the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission makes strong institutional sense. The Commission already works at the intersection of science, policy, and community need. Giving it the tools, data infrastructure, and appropriated resources to fulfill this expanded role strengthens Hawai'i's ability to respond coherently to the climate challenges ahead.

As someone entering the environmental field and planning to build my career here, I want to work in a state that takes stewardship seriously — not just in words, but in accountable action. This measure represents exactly that commitment.

I respectfully urge the Committee to pass this measure.

Mahalo for your time and your service to our communities.

**Lynn Kader** Environmental Studies, Hawai'i Pacific University Honolulu, Hawai'i