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Testimony of  
RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE  
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Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

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1:05 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2599, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO AQUATIC PROTECTION

House Bill 2599, House Draft 1 proposes to require the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to manage the aquatic life and aquatic resources of the State, giving the highest priority to protecting, restoring, and maintaining ecosystem integrity and use the best scientific data available. It would also require DAR to set goals to substantially increase coral-reef resilience around O'ahu and to develop a framework to meet those goals, with annual reports to the Legislature. **The Department supports this bill and offers the following comments.**

Coral reef ecosystems statewide, and particularly on O'ahu, have experienced significant degradation due to long-term, cumulative impacts from multiple sources, including coastal development, watershed degradation, recreational and commercial overuse, invasive species, fishing pressure, and warming ocean temperatures. While halting or reversing this decline can seem daunting—especially given global climate stressors—coral reef ecosystems are inherently resilient, and evidence shows they can recover when adverse impacts are reduced. In most cases, however, there is no single solution. Threats to ecosystem health vary by location, and identifying the most effective management actions requires a careful understanding of local ecosystem drivers and dynamics. To support this, managers must rely on the best available science, integrating both western scientific approaches and local ecological knowledge.

DAR understands the importance of ecosystem-based management, as well as the importance of involving local resource users, and has developed a wholistic nearshore

management strategy called the Holomua Marine Initiative (Holomua). Holomua, which in the Hawaiʻian language means “to progress and move forward into the future,” brings local fishers, cultural practitioners, and community representatives together with scientists and resource managers to collaboratively develop island-scale management actions aimed at improving the health of nearshore resources. Importantly, these actions extend beyond fishing regulations to address other key drivers of ecosystem integrity, including water quality and quantity, land-based sources of pollution, commercial and recreational use, and degraded habitats. Addressing these issues requires coordination across multiple agencies and authorities and depends on strong partnerships to achieve shared goals for nearshore ecosystem health and coral reef resilience.

Holomua was first launched on Maui in October 2022 as a pilot management planning process. The Maui planning team is currently finalizing its proposed management plan and draft rules for Maui, and DAR will be launching the Holomua process on Hawaiʻi island this summer. It may be another two years before the Holomua process is launched on Oʻahu.

The requirement for DAR, by July 1, 2027, to publish goals to increase coral reef resilience on Oʻahu by December 2030 and to create a framework for meeting these goals is ambitious, but it would help expedite the Holomua management planning process when it comes Oʻahu. Temporary rulemaking authority could also be a useful tool for DAR to implement expedited management actions if deemed appropriate. The Department appreciates the requirement to include recommendations for additional funding, positions, and legislation in each annual report and hopes the Legislature will provide the necessary support for DAR’s Holomua efforts.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

# HAWAI'I OCEAN LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE



March 23, 2026

Hawai'i State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts

Re: Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** for HB 2599 HD1, Relating to Aquatic Protection

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and esteemed members of the committee,

The Ocean Legislative Task Force—a coalition of more than 150 individuals across over 20 organizations statewide—**strongly supports** HB 2599 HD1, relating to aquatic protection. This measure requires the Division of Aquatic Resources within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to prioritize ecosystem integrity in managing Hawai'i's aquatic resources, use the best available science, and establish coral-reef resilience goals for O'ahu with a framework and annual reports to the Legislature.

Healthy coral reefs and nearshore ecosystems are vital to Hawai'i's cultural heritage, food security, shoreline protection, and economy. Yet our reefs continue to face unprecedented threats from climate change, pollution, invasive species, and unsustainable use. HB 2599 HD1 provides a long-overdue statutory directive that elevates the protection, restoration, and maintenance of ecosystem integrity to the highest priority in aquatic resource management.

By centering the use of the best available scientific data and requiring measurable coral-reef resilience goals and a clear implementation framework, this measure will improve transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in state aquatic management. Annual reporting to the Legislature will ensure ongoing evaluation of progress and adaptive decision-making grounded in the latest science.

For kanaka maoli and visitor ocean users alike, healthy reefs are not optional—they are essential. HB 2599 HD1 strengthens the State's ability to steward these irreplaceable ecosystems, protect reef-dependent species, and safeguard the ecological services that sustain island communities.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2599 HD1.

*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.*

**HB-2599-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/21/2026 5:24:06 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/23/2026 1:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Culbertson	Testifying for Big Island Reef Keepers hui	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lee and Senators of the committee,

This bill is necessary to put a legal stamp of authority on what heretofore has been a week-kneed policy within DLNR known as the "hierarchy of uses" principle. That principle promulgates priorities for agencies (for instance 'DAR') to maintain the **highest protections** (also flowing from the 'precautinary principle') for the resource at issue, followed next by resident personal and traditional uses, and *lastly, and only if not in conflict with the higher priorities and interests*, some commercial uses (with appropriate oversight and compensation for that oversight built in).

What we have seen with, for instance, the "Aquarium Trade" is the *inversion* of the heirarchy to favor commercial interests over residents, their traditional and less intensive uses, and damage to the reefs from massive extractions of herbivore reef fish by the "Trade".

Time is running short to amend this abuse.

Please pass HB 2599!

Sincerely,

R A Culbertson

Honokaa

Member,

Big Island Reef Keepers hui

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy  
Commenting on HB2599 HD1, Relating to Aquatic Protection  
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts  
March 23, 2026 at 1:05 pm  
Conference Room 224 and via Videoconference**

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify today. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Hawai'i and Palmyra supports HB2599 HD1, which requires the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to: manage the aquatic life and aquatic resources of the State, giving the highest priority to protecting, restoring, and maintaining ecosystem integrity and use the best scientific data available; and set goals to substantially increase coral-reef resilience around O'ahu and develop a framework to meet those goals, with annual reports to the Legislature.

TNC's mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends, and TNC strongly supports policies that preserve and sustain the integrity of ecosystems in Hawai'i. We believe that only by applying the best available Indigenous and Western science, together with traditional ecological knowledge, can we solve the most challenging conservation problems in Hawai'i. For our reefs, this means supporting flexible management that maintains the composition, function, and structure of ecological systems, so they can withstand environmental pressures, adapt to changing conditions, and continue supporting our communities for generations to come. This includes protecting the diversity and abundance of native species, safeguarding ecological interactions, maintaining water and habitat quality, and ensuring that ecosystems remain resilient in a rapidly changing climate. Maintaining ecosystem integrity preserves not only individual species or places, but the essential functions that enable ecosystems to continue providing environmental, cultural, and economic benefits.

HB2599 HD1 provides a constructive path forward by reinforcing conservation priorities while allowing flexibility for adaptive management as conditions evolve. By requiring consideration of factors such as water quality, fisheries management, coral restoration, enforcement, and recreational use, the bill reflects a systems-based understanding of reef ecosystems. TNC looks forward to continued collaboration with DAR and other partners as Hawai'i advances policies that support healthy, resilient marine ecosystems for current and future generations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on HB2599 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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Conference Room 224

**In SUPPORT of HB2599 HD1: RELATING TO AQUATIC PROTECTION**

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

On behalf of our more than 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS** HB2599 HD1, which provides the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) with much-needed direction in its mission to uphold the public trust in our nearshore resources.

Hawai'i's nearshore ecosystems - particularly around O'ahu - are experiencing rapid declines driven by land-based pollution, climate-driven bleaching, sedimentation, invasive species, and cumulative overuse. These declines have had and will continue to have a significant and growing impact on the vast public interest in our ocean waters. The coral reefs and ecosystems we are witnessing being degraded are essential to our cultural and ecological integrity, food security, climate resilience, and economy, including by supporting subsistence and nearshore fisheries, protecting shorelines from erosion and sea-level rise, maintaining biodiversity and habitat integrity, and sustaining recreation and tourism. Without intervention, many of O'ahu's impaired reef ecosystems will continue to degrade or collapse in the coming decades, to the significant detriment of present and future generations.

Unfortunately, despite the public trust's mandate that our natural and cultural resources be proactively protected for both present and future generations, and not "passively allow[ed] to fall into ruin,"<sup>1</sup> DAR does not appear to have a consistent and coordinated plan to address the pronounced and ongoing declines in O'ahu's nearshore resources. For example, despite its stated commitment to supporting marine resource management through community collaboration, DAR has instead dedicated significant amounts of its very limited staff time and resources to develop proposed regulations for the reopening of the aquarium collection industry – an industry and a proposal that has been strongly and continuously opposed by the very communities it is purporting to partner with.

HB2599 HD1 accordingly provides DAR with a much-needed vision and direction for its future work, by:

1. Prioritizing ecosystem integrity in the management of Hawai'i's aquatic resources;
2. Requiring DAR to use the best available science to guide decisions; and
3. Establishing clear coral-reef resilience goals for O'ahu, supported by a framework and annual progress reports to the Legislature.

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<sup>1</sup> Ching v. Case, 449 P.3d 1146 (Hawai'i 2019).



This mandate aligns with modern ecosystem-based management approaches and provides needed structure for DAR's long-term resilience planning.

Importantly, HB2599 HD1 does not impose new rules or restrictions on fishers and other ocean users, does not mandate closures or create enforcement requirements, and does not require appropriations this fiscal year. This bill simply clarifies DAR's priorities, encourages improved coordination, and provides for greater transparency and accountability in its fulfillment of the public trust, without creating unfunded mandates or regulatory burdens. While primarily focused on O'ahu, where the situation has grown particularly dire, this measure could create replicable strategies that can also benefit our neighbor islands – hopefully, before they experience similar levels of degradation and decline.

Hawai'i must take proactive steps now to preserve our nearshore ecosystem systems for future generations. HB2599 HD1 supports that goal by ensuring DAR has a clear, science-guided directive and a transparent reporting structure that may benefit the public for decades to come. For these reasons, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** HB2599 HD1.

Mahalo for your consideration and for your commitment to Hawai'i's marine resources.

**LATE**

**HB-2599-HD-1**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/23/2026 1:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jenny Yagodich	Testifying for Malama Pūpūkea-Waimea	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT for HB2599 HD1

Aloha,

This bill takes an important step by prioritizing ecosystem health and resilience, using science and long-term planning to guide management. Strengthening reef resilience will help our nearshore environments better withstand climate change, pollution, and other stressors, while supporting natural recovery rather than continued decline.

Mahalo,

Jenny Yagodich, Director of Educational Programs & Makai Watch Coordinator, Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea

**HB-2599-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 2:06:53 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/23/2026 1:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strong support for HB2599

**HB-2599-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/20/2026 7:53:23 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/23/2026 1:05:00 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 writing in **strong support** of HB2599, a critical measure that would reorient the management priorities of the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) toward protecting, restoring, and maintaining ecosystem integrity, with a specific focus on substantially increasing coral reef resilience around O‘ahu.

**Why Is This Important?**

Our coral reefs are the rainforests of the sea. They sustain marine life, protect our shorelines from wave erosion, support our local fishing and tourism economies, and hold profound cultural significance for our communities. Yet these vital ecosystems are under unprecedented threat from climate change, ocean acidification, land-based pollution, and physical damage. The time for passive management is over. We need active, science-driven restoration and a clear commitment to ecosystem health.

HB2599 does two essential things.

**First, it establishes a clear and binding management priority.** The bill requires DAR to manage aquatic life and aquatic resources giving the **highest priority to protecting, restoring, and maintaining ecosystem integrity** and to use the **best scientific data available** in doing so. This may seem like common sense, but it represents a fundamental shift.

Too often, management decisions have been reactive, piecemeal, or balanced against extractive interests without a clear statutory mandate to prioritize the health of the ecosystem itself. This bill provides that mandate. It says that when decisions are made about our aquatic resources, the primary question must be: what is best for the long-term health and resilience of the ecosystem?

**Second, it sets a specific, actionable goal for O‘ahu.** The bill requires DAR to set goals to substantially increase coral reef resilience around O‘ahu and to develop a framework to meet those goals, with annual reports to the Legislature.

This is not an abstract aspiration; it is a concrete directive. It recognizes that O‘ahu's reefs—facing intense pressure from urbanization, recreational use, and runoff—require targeted, measurable action. And by requiring annual reporting, the bill ensures transparency and

accountability. The Legislature and the public will be able to track progress, or the lack thereof, and hold DAR accountable for results.

### **The Science Supports This Approach**

Recent research underscores both the urgency and the feasibility of active reef restoration. Studies on Hawaiian reefs have documented challenges such as juvenile corals settling on unstable rubble, which inhibits their survival. Destabilized substrate, often caused by storms or physical damage, can prevent reef recovery even when coral larvae are present. This highlights the need for active interventions—substrate stabilization, herbivore protection, and other science-based restoration techniques—to complement natural recovery processes.

HB2599 positions DAR to lead in this work. By requiring the use of the best scientific data available, the bill ensures that management decisions and restoration goals are grounded in evidence, not guesswork. And by focusing on ecosystem integrity, it moves beyond a narrow species-by-species approach to a holistic vision of reef health.

### **Herbivores Matter**

While the bill's text as summarized focuses broadly on ecosystem integrity and coral resilience, we know from years of scientific study that herbivorous fishes—like parrotfish and surgeonfish—play a critical role in reef health. They graze on algae that would otherwise overgrow and smother corals. Protecting and restoring herbivore populations is one of the most effective strategies for building coral reef resilience. HB2599's ecosystem integrity mandate should be interpreted to include robust protection for these vital species.

### **Accountability and Transparency**

The annual reporting requirement is a key feature of this bill. It ensures that the goals set by DAR are not just filed away and forgotten. Each year, the Legislature and the public will receive an update: What goals were set? What progress has been made? What obstacles have arisen? What adjustments are needed? This creates a continuous feedback loop of planning, action, evaluation, and improvement.

### **A Commitment to Future Generations**

Our keiki and their keiki deserve to inherit healthy, thriving reefs. They deserve to know the wonder of swimming above a living coral garden, not a graveyard of rubble. HB2599 is a commitment to them. It says that we will not stand by while our reefs decline; we will act, we will prioritize, and we will measure our progress.

I urge this committee to pass HB2599 and give DAR the clear mandate and direction it needs to protect, restore, and maintain the health of our coral reefs for generations to come.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



**HB-2599-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/22/2026 3:24:11 AM

Testimony for WLA on 3/23/2026 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Hixon	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. As a professional marine biologist who has studied Hawai‘i's coral reefs since the 1970s, I believe this bill is a step in the right direction for saving our coral reefs ***if an only if*** the following sentence in the bill is truly implemented (emphasis of key words added): "The legislature further finds that ***immediate action*** is needed to protect and restore coral reefs around the State and especially around the island of Oahu." I fear that the details of this bill will allow DAR to continue to delay meaningful action. This is why I urge the committee to amend this bill to include explicit realistic benchmarks, similar to the approach taken by SB3201 (some of whose benchmarks are unrealisic). An example of much needed immediate action for Oahu is SB2972/HB1750, which would begin replenishment of key fish populations that allow corals to flourish. Please, Hawai‘i's coral reefs are suffering terribly, especially around Oahu, and they will continue to degrade unless immediate remedial action is taken (especially with the ever-warming ocean causing increased coral bleaching). We cannot wait 4+ years for the Holomua Marine Initiative to finally be implemented on Oahu. Mahalo for your consideration.

TESTIMONY ON HB 2599 HD1

March 22, 2026

Aloha,

I am a marine scientist with 40 years of experience conducting research on Hawaiian coral reefs. I support HB2599, but I suggest strengthening the language in the bill which compels DLNR to take meaningful action. Specifically, with a new El Niño likely to develop in 2026, it is very likely that resulting ocean warming may result in significant coral bleaching by 2027. **Immediate action** is needed to protect and restore our coral reefs. DLNR's Holomua Marine Initiative, while highly commendable for its emphasis on community input, is simply too slow. **It will take years to fully implement Holomua on O'ahu, and we are simply out of time.** The next mass coral bleaching and mortality event to affect our reefs could well represent the end of our coral reefs as we know them. I thus urge the committee to amend this bill by including realistic benchmarks and milestones, and by requiring immediate action (such as the actions presented in SB2972, to protect herbivorous fishes).

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randall Kosaki".

Randall Kosaki, Ph.D.

SUPPORTING HB2599 HD1

**LATE**

Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts  
Hearing on March 23, 2025 at 1:05 pm  
Conference Room 224 and videoconference

My name is John Kawamoto, and I strongly support HB2599 HD1. Hawaii's identity and well-being are inseparable from the health of our ocean environment.

Our coral reefs face serious threats from pollution, climate-driven bleaching, sedimentation, invasive species, and overuse. Protecting these ecosystems is critical—not only for our cultural and ecological heritage, but also for food security, climate resilience, and our economy.

This bill directs the Division of Aquatic Resources within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to prioritize ecosystem integrity in managing Hawaii's aquatic resources, using the best available science. We should do no less.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass HB2599 HD1.

**LATE**

**HB-2599-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/22/2026 1:49:18 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/23/2026 1:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Uilani Naipo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support for this measure. Best available science must include **traditional ecological knowledge** and be applied with a **hierarchy of duty to public trust resources** as Hawai'i's biocultural heritage—the largest ocean and the most biodiverse marine environment in the world.

Hawai'i is plagued by factors working against the sustainability of our coral reefs. Do recognize that science includes different bodies of knowledge, to include traditional ecological knowledge. A hierarchy of duty to public trust resources prioritizes solutions that best serve our public trust biocultural resources.

Please support this measure.



*He Lawai'a no ke kai papa'u, he pōkole ke aho; He Lawai'a no ke kai hohonu he loa ke aho" "A fisherman of shallow seas uses a short line; a fisherman of the deep sea uses a long line."*

**KALANIHALE**

**LATE**

March 23, 2026

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

My name is **Kaimi Kaupiko**, and I submit this testimony on behalf of **Kalanihale** in **strong support of HB2599 HD1**.

Kalanihale supports this measure because healthy coral reefs are essential to the well-being of Hawai'i's people and coastal communities. As the bill recognizes, coral reefs provide shoreline protection, sand production, fisheries, recreation, tourism, and spiritual connection. The measure also properly acknowledges the serious cumulative threats facing reefs, including erosion, sedimentation, nutrient runoff, ocean warming, acidification, fishing pressure, and recreational overuse.

As a lifelong member of the Miloli'i community and a descendant of families whose lives have long been tied to the nearshore waters of South Kona, I know this issue is not abstract. For communities like ours, the health of the reef is directly connected to subsistence, cultural practice, intergenerational knowledge, and our kuleana to care for the resources that sustain us. When reef systems decline, our families feel that loss in real and immediate ways.

HB2599 HD1 is important because it requires the Division of Aquatic Resources to manage aquatic life and resources by **prioritizing the protection, restoration, and maintenance of ecosystem integrity**, using the **best available scientific data**. That is the kind of standard Hawai'i needs if we are serious about long-term stewardship and real restoration of marine abundance.

We also strongly support the bill's requirement that DAR set goals to significantly increase coral-reef resilience around O'ahu and create a framework for measuring annual progress using the best available science. The inclusion of water quality and quantity, herbivore biomass, fisheries management, enforcement, coral restoration, and recreational-use impacts reflects the comprehensive and ecosystem-based approach needed to protect our reefs.

Just as important, this measure requires coordination with other relevant management agencies, at least one public hearing on O'ahu, and annual reporting to the Legislature. Accountability matters. Reef protection must be implemented, measured, and strengthened over time, not just discussed.

Although this bill focuses on coral-reef resilience around O'ahu, its approach has broader significance across Hawai'i. In Miloli'i and other coastal communities, our relationship to the kai is rooted in stewardship, food security, and cultural continuity. Measures like HB2599 HD1 help affirm that aquatic management in Hawai'i must prioritize ecosystem integrity, resilience, and long-term care for the public trust.

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of the deep sea uses a long line."*

**KALANIHALE**

For these reasons, **Kalanihale strongly supports HB2599 HD1** and respectfully urges the Committee to pass this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**Me ka ha'aha'a,**

**Kaimi Kaupiko**  
**On behalf of Kalanihale**

**HB-2599-HD-1**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/23/2026 1:05:00 PM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kawika Ruddle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of HB2599, we need to start to care for our oceans or they won't be around for future generations.

Mahalo

Kawika Ruddle

**LATE**

**HB-2599-HD-1**

Submitted on: 3/22/2026 9:26:32 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/23/2026 1:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Diane Ware	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I strongly support this bill HB 2599 for the protection of our near shore ecosystem.

Malama pono,

Diane Ware Volcano 96785