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SCR-186

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 11:50:00 AM
Testimony for GVO on 3/23/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Brown	Testifying for Punahou School	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Community,

My name is William Brown, I am a 7th Grader at Punahou School. I am so grateful that you have allowed me to testify in strong support of SCR186 designating April as Tree Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii. Trees cool heat absorbing streets and buildings up to ten degrees Farenheit by releasing water vapor into the air through their leaves. My brother and I have grown up shaded by a huge canopy tree (a monkeypod) which keeps our house and street cool for my friends and I to play in the yard and streets and brings fresh oxygen into the air. We are so thankful for our beautiful great trees. I know firsthand how trees are essential to my home, community, Hawaii and our environment. We would really be grateful if you pass this measure.

Thank you,

William Brown

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Robert Brown	Testifying for Punahou School	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee,

Hello! My name is Robert Brown, and I am a 7th grader at Punahou school, I like to play under a tree a lot. I am in strong support of SCR186/SR151, Designating April as Tree Awareness Month. I know that trees are an important tool to combat climate change, reduce society's carbon footprint, and help communities become healthier. We have a tree in our backyard. It gives us shade, it brings down the temperature, and when we are playing under my tree, we have a nice, cool, place to play. We really appreciate you if you pass this measure.

Thank you,

Robert Brown

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Lauren Lerner	Testifying for Punahou School Sustainability Club	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee,

I submit testimony in strong support of SCR186/SR151 designating April as Tree Awareness Month in the State of Hawaii. My name is Anna Lauren Lerner, a member of the Punahou Sustainability Club. As a lover of Hawaii's beautiful environment, the fact that trees reduce UV-B exposure by almost 50% which provides protection to children from exposure to ultra violet rays on school campuses and playgrounds where they spend hours outdoors is of utmost importance. While we are enjoying good temperatures now, Hawaii is getting hotter each year and in a few months we will be suffering from the increase in temperatures. Thank you for your time and accepting my testimony.

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Written Testimony before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 (3:00 pm)

**RE: SCR186/SR151 DESIGNATING APRIL AS TREE AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.**

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, Members of the Committee on Government Operations:

Trees for Honolulu's Future is a nonprofit organization with a vision for a tree-filled island that preserves and enhances our quality of life, especially in the face of climate change.

We support the above-referenced resolutions, which designate the entire month of April as tree awareness month in Hawaii.

The resolution does a good job in citing the multiple benefits of trees that are well documented by research and noted in the resolution. Sadly though, Honolulu has been losing urban tree canopy over the past years so any and steps that can help reverse this concerning trend are welcomed.

We do note that Arbor Day in Hawaii is in November to match with the best time to plant in the islands; however, in talking with the drafters of this resolution we understand that the intent in designating the month of April to raise awareness is to stay away from the busy Thanksgiving/Holiday Season, which is certainly understandable. To us, every day and every month should be for tree awareness and promotion, so we don't have a position on when to designate such.

We urge this Committee to approve both resolutions and send to the Senate floor for adoption.

Thank you.

Daniel Dinell, President

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C. Kai Lucas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz

Trees are a very inexpensive way to fight climate change, with collateral benefits such as erosion control, fruit, flowers, bird habitats and timber. Please pass this resolution to raise awareness of thier benefits.

mahalo,

Kai Lucas