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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES**

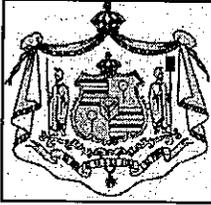
**Monday, April 2, 2012
11:00 A.M.**

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 86/HOUSE RESOLUTION 60
URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RECOGNIZE MOKAUEA ISLAND AS A
CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE AND INCLUDE MOKAUEA ISLAND
ON THE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

House Concurrent Resolution 86/House Resolution 60 seeks formal recognition from the State on the educational and cultural importance of Mokauea Island to Native Hawaiians and the rest of the state. It also seeks recognition for the Mokauea Island on the State and National Registers. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) takes no position on these resolutions and offers the following comment.

The Department State Historic Preservation Division currently has in place a process for nominations to the State and National Registers. Nomination forms are available on our website, and the Department encourages the project proponents to call our office and speak with our staff to help them through the nomination process.



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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

**HCR86/HR60(HSCR1358/1359-12)
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND
AND OCEAN RESOURCES
Monday, April 02, 2012; 11:00a.m.; Room 325

Aloha Chairman Chang, Vice Chair Har and members of the House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supports House Resolution 60 and House Concurrent Resolution 86 that urges the State to give proper recognition to Mokauea Island as a cultural and educational resource. It also urges that Mokauea Island be placed on the Register of Historic Places.

Old time residents of Mokauea tell of being able to walk across to Kalihi-kai during low tide before the lagoon was dredged to accommodate amphibious "flying boats." In the old days they never lacked for the bounty of the ocean but "progress" happened. A few residents continue to make Mokauea their home and keep the traditions alive.

It stands to reason that placing Mokauea Island on the State Register of Historic Places would greatly enhance the opportunity for Mokauea to be placed on the National Register also.

We urge the passage of these resolutions. Mahalo.

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