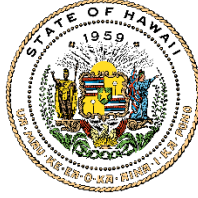


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Testimony of
DAWN N.S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 23, 2023
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 148/HOUSE RESOLUTION 150
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
INVESTIGATE, REVIEW, AND PURSUE ALL APPLICABLE CIVIL CLAIMS AND
CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE OWNER AND COMMERCIAL OPERATOR
OF THE YACHT "NAKOA".**

House Concurrent Resolution 148/House Resolution 150 request the Department of the Attorney General to investigate, review, and pursue all applicable civil and criminal actions against the owner of the vessel "NAKOA". **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of these measures, and offers the following comments.**

The Department, with the support of the Department of the Attorney General, is investigating, reviewing and pursuing legal actions against the owner of the vessel "NAKOA". The Department appreciates the introducer and the Legislature's support to pursue legal actions when natural and cultural resources are harmed. Hawai'i's precious and fragile coral reefs need protection and support. The Department defers to the Department of the Attorney General (AG) on the substance of this measure and stands ready to assist the AG where needed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on these measures.

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March 21, 2023

TO: The Honorable Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 23, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR148/HR150, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE, REVIEW, AND PURSUE ALL APPLICABLE CIVIL CLAIMS AND CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE OWNER AND COMMERCIAL OPERATOR OF THE YACHT "NAKOA"**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important resolution. This resolution's purpose is to urge the Attorney General's office to take legal action in response to the *Nakoa* running aground at Honolua Bay on February 20, 2023.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The February 20, 2023 incident has raised questions about possible violations of environmental laws and administrative rules in connection with operation of the *Nakoa* and, more broadly, about the legality of business practices engaged in by the yacht's owner and operator.
2. Access to Honolua Bay and protection of the greater Honolua-Mokulēia Bay Marine Life Conservation District are State and County priorities.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 8:38:11 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamara Paltin	Councilmember Tamara Paltin West Maui	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e JHA committee,

I am writing in strong support of this resolution as both the Councilmember representing West Maui and the current President of the Save Honolua Coalition. I started receiving calls in the early morning of February 19 about the grounding of this luxury yacht through March 5, when DLNR was able to have the yacht freed and continue to get calls to this day. This is a very serious issue because Honolua Bay is so loved and treasured by such a broad range of people both near and far, many of whom, like myself felt powerless to do anything to protect this space. There are three legally installed and permitted sets of Day Use Mooring Buoys at Honolua, that are supposed to be only for day use and if another party is waiting, use should be limited to 2.5 hours, vessels are to be tied at both stern and bow and there should be no overnight mooring. In the lawsuit against Jim Jones, by the yacht Nakoia's owners, the plaintiffs allege, the personal trip was in violation of the contract they had, and the Captain that Jones claims was on the vessel at the time was not an approved Captain to use the boat. The Bare boat (demise) charter scheme that Jones reported to the media (Civil Beat) is not a valid business model here in Hawaii because they are considered commercial activity. I am not sure he was ever issued a valid commercial use permit as one of his vessels is foreign made and can not be operated commercially in Hawaii State waters until the documentation has been changed. It defies common sense that a licensed 100T commercial Captain would moor overnight on a day use mooring buoy, not secure the bow and stern, not have someone to stand watch, not set up the alarm systems that would alert them they are drifting and not remove their belongings from the boat as it was grounded. It seems as though the initial work directed by Jones also made the situation worse as when the boat was first grounded, it was in a different position than where it ended up Tuesday morning when the fuel began to leak. There has also been assertion that previous businesses that this individual has run are in court and were not operated in accordance with the law either. Please fully investigate this incident to protect the people of Hawaii from more of Mr. Jones reckless schemes that seem to have hurt not only many people of this State but also our precious ecosystems. The area where the boat was leaking hazardous fluids used to be community tako grounds and is probably the reason it is just outside of the marine life conservation district, corals, live rock and habitat and it has been completely decimated. I also acknowledge that a lot of what I have written I have gathered from various news sources and legal papers but could be wrong and so a full and thorough investigation needs to be done to sort out fact from fiction and hold those responsible fully accountable for their actions. Ignorance of our laws is no excuse to not be held accountable.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony,

Tamara Paltin, President Save Honolua Coalition, Maui County Councilmember, West Maui

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 4:13:39 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
john carty	Save Honolua Coalition	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

The Save Honolua Coalition strongly supports HCR148. Having worked with the community, DLNR, Coast Guard, and Salvage Companies from the beginning of this disaster as well as been given access to the site for all 13 days, we feel we have a unique and accurate perspective of the incident. Through it all, we have been measuring public response and collecting public opinion. It is the overwhelming opinion of the community that justice be served to the strongest extent of the law.

Here are some examples of Jim Jones' negligence and/or incompetence that resulted in great damage to our reef and marine ecosystem.

- Illegally tied up to a 2.5 hour mooring for over two days and two nights
- Did not check the mooring to see that it was not strong enough for a 120 ton yacht
- Voided his insurance by not having a licensed captain onboard
- Did not have a warning device activated to alert him to being adrift
- Did not have a watch system organized with his crew/passengers
- Did not organize an effective rescue attempt while the DLNR gave him a chance over the first 48 hrs resulting in two wasted days. Meanwhile the yacht got pushed further up the rocks.
- Left his bilge pump on while grounded resulting in a large diesel spill
- When given the chance, did not remove loose items and rubbish on board even though there was a good chance that the boat would sink during salvage (he did remove valuables)

Honolua Bay is precious to our community and people all over the world. Please pass HCR148 so that justice be served to the greatest extent of the law and that the public's deep appreciation and concern for Honolua Bay be honored in doing so.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:43:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curren Ohama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

He has to pay big time. Set your standard high with this one. Make an example out of him.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:59:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christiane Keyhani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I request that the department of the attorney general investigate, review, and pursue all applicable civil claims and criminal charges against the owner and commercial operator of the the yacht "Nakoa".

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:00:53 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni catugal	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We must hold him accountable for his poor decisions of using the day mooring for his luxury family getaway. If nothing is done, similar situations in the future may occur.
thank you

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:07:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole LeClaire	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The owner and operator of the yacht Nakoia should be held fully responsible for his actions!

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:44:58 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Henry McNamara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HCR148. Jim Jones' negligence and incompetence resulted in great damage being caused to our reef and marine eco system in Honolua Bay. Honolua Bay is precious not just to our community but to people all over the world and justice must be served.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:54:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kainoa Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because too many times individuals choose to ignore proper procedures and feel that rules that are put in place to protect ecologically sensitive areas do not apply to them and also fail to take the proper precautions to avoid any mishaps and end up causing wanton damage and their excuses always start with " It wasn't my fault...." Make them take responsibility for their actions!

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 11:56:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl hendrickson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support Investigation of Jim Jones negligence on Memorial Day weekend 2023 in Honoalua Bay. This man ignored laws applicable to marine preserves and basic maritime laws and regulations. Hawaii is not a private playground. He needs to be held accountable and made example of. For Hawaii is not Disneyland. Respect of our land and sea must be enforced.

Many Mahalos

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 4:01:50 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Annie Reeves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HCR148. Jim Jones' negligence and incompetence resulted in great damage being caused to our reef and the marine ecosystem at sacred Honolua Bay. Honolua Bay is precious not just to the local community but to people all over the world and justice must be served. In addition to Mr. Jones it would be prudent to also pursue charges against Kevin and Kimberly LeBlanc Albert and their Trust, The Albert Revocable TRust UAD 6/3/1997 and Restated 1/7/2020, as well as Captain Kim. The Alberts who are also owners of this vessel are equally culpable. They provided the funding to Mr. Jones so this ecological disaster could happen. All of these individuals must be held accountable to the gross negligence in such a sacred area. Mahalo Nui!

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 4:19:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sue Reeves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HCR 148. Jim Jones negligence and incompetence resulted in great damage being caused to our reef and marine ecosystem in Honolua Bay. Honolua Bay is precious not just to the local community but to people all over the world and justice must be served. In addition to Mr. Jones, Kevin Albert, and Kimberly LeBlanc Albert, the Albert Revocalbe Trust.UAD 6/3/1997 and restated January 7, 2020, Noelani Yacht Charters LLC and Captain Kimberley Kalalani Higa, should all be held accountable for the negligence in the sacred space called Honolua Bay. Mahalo Nui'

Sue Reeves

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 6:05:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roland Spence	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HR148. Jim Jones's negligence and incompetence resulted in great damage being caused to protected natural resources and marine eco system in Honolua Bay. Jim Jones's has demonstrated intentional disregard of environmental protections and he must therefore be punished to the fullest extent of the law. If Jim Jones is allowed to walk away from this with a slap on the wrist, it will not only empower him to continue his reckless behavior, but it would also embolden others to act the same.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 6:37:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bex Molina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HCR148. Jim Jones' negligence and incompetence resulted in great damage being caused to our reef and marine eco system in Honolua Bay. Honolua Bay is precious not just to our community but to people all over the world and justice must be served.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 6:40:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angel Carrier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There must be consequences for the negligence of the owner/operator of the "Nakoa" luxury yacht that ran aground in a marine sanctuary.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 7:38:23 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Burghardt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I SUPPORT this bill which requests that THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATEs, REVIEWs, AND PURSUEs ALL APPLICABLE CIVIL CLAIMS AND CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE OWNER AND COMMERCIAL OPERATOR OF THE YACHT "NAKOA". Having been to Maui, Honolua recently, I saw personally the destruction that the Nakoia inflicted not only on the reef but the people of that area. For too long, we have had rules for our land, water but the enforcement and follow through have been lacking. It should not take a plea of the people, govt. to ensure that our place is protected. I SUPPORT HCR 148 and strongly encourage the legislature to do so as well and that there should be immediate and consistent follow up to make sure it is done.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 8:48:05 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Kurisko Chadwick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a long time resident of West Maui. I was an avid supporter of Honolua Bay and Lipoa point being designated a protected conservative area and always will be. When the Nakoia was illegally moored overnight at Honolua Bay, eventually broke the mooring and drifted, to subsequently do an immense amount of damage to the protected coral reef, all of Maui was devastated. The owners and operators of The Nakoia and Noelani Luxury Yacht Charters, Jim Jones and The Albert Trust need to held fully accountable, both criminally and monetarily.

West Maui residents cherish our Marine conservation area of Honolua Bay. It is one of the last protected and pristine coral reefs in West Maui.

When this yacht ran aground onto the reef, it was done only because of blatant arrogance and ignorance. Jim Jones should have been aware of the strict day use only, no overnight, mooring rules for Honolua Bay. Jim Jones should have been aware that the mooring was never intended for a ship of Nakoia's size. He claimed ignorance and should therefore have his captain license suspended and be held accountable for extreme negligence. He was told numerous times by local residents, of the illegality of overnight mooring at Honolua Bay. He insisted anyways. He clearly displayed blatant arrogance when he went ahead and moored overnight. The unfortunate actions of his arrogance thus followed.

Jim Jones and The Albert Trust need to be held accountable, to the fullest extent of the law, both criminally and monetarily.

If not, a grave example is set in motion in regards to illegal mooring and immense coral reef damage, when occurring in legally a protected Marine Life Conservation District.

Help to set an example and continue the protection of Honolua and all conservation areas in Hawaii.

Best,

Amy Chadwick

Lahaina, HI

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 9:34:25 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malia Marquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kākou,

Mahalo for this much needed proposed Bill. HCR 148 will certainly help to hold people accountable for their actions. This was unacceptable on so many levels. Its time to show others they cannot just "shrug their shoulders" and call their actions a "mistake". Jim Jones must have some kind of consequence for the harm he inflicted to our 'āina. Mahalo for your time on this very important matter.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Malia Marquez

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Submitted on: 3/22/2023 10:17:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaya Givensel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I AM REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE, REVIEW, AND PURSUE ALL APPLICABLE CIVIL CLAIMS AND CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE OWNER AND COMMERCIAL OPERATOR OF THE YACHT "NAKOA".

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 11:08:32 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lee Chamberlain	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I beleive this to be a case of gross incompetence on behalf of the owner and crew on board the vessel. The crew obviously did not have the competence to be operating a vessel of that size in the Hawaii chain of islands. The crew did not understand anchoring requirements of a vessel of that size and did not establish proper watch over the vessel on the mooring. The Honolua Bay is overused as is and this calamity brings more attention to the need for more overwatch and consequence when such events occur.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 12:49:52 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dawn Valentino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HCR148. Jim Jones negligence and incompetence resulted in the damages that are being caused/are caused to our reef and marine eco system at Honolua Bay. Honolua Bay is important not just to our community and the people of Hawaii, It important to many whom visit from all of the world.

Justice needs to be served and those whom have cause significant damage should be held accountable.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 1:08:48 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Halas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure and urge the Hawaii Atty General to prosecute the owner(s) of the yacht Nakoa to the fullest extent of the criminal and civil laws. Susan Halas, Wailuku, Maui

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 4:05:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Haiku, HI, I write in SUPPORT of HCR148. Jim Jones' negligence not only resulted in significant damage to the reef, but he recklessly endangered the marine ecosystem of Honolua Bay. This entire saga demonstrated the stressful complexity and significant costs in time, energy, resources, and taxpayer dollars required to respond to these types of preventable environmental emergencies. Beyond highlighting a need to revisit how communities are resourced across the state to prepare for this type of incompetent behavior by private parties and commercial entities, it also emphasizes the importance of taking all steps necessary now to minimize the number of times disasters like this one happen again. To that end, an investigation by the AG's office to hold all parties accountable to the fullest extent of the law is an imperative part in the public's collective efforts to prevent future environmental harms.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Cox
Haiku, HI

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 3:55:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott H	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

On behalf of myself and my family. I write to you today in support of HCR148. Jim Jones needs to be held accountable for what he has done to Honolua bay. The level of incompetence and negligence in such a precious and fragile ecosystem, is appalling. I/WE urge you to investigate, review and pursue all applicable claims and charges against the owner and commercial operator of the yacht "NAKOA". Set a precedent that helps to protect Honolua bay, for us and our future generations.

Mahalo

Scott Douglas Holland

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 6:27:02 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brissa Christophersen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HCR148. Jim Jones' negligence and incompetence resulted in great damage being caused to our reef and marine ecosystem in Honolua Bay. Honolua Bay is precious not just to our community but to people all over the world and justice must be served.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 8:10:14 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie Layzer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The department of the attorney general should pursue all applicable civil claims and criminal charges against the owner and commercial operator of the "Nakoa." The owner was negligent and showed complete disregard for the law and for the care and consideration of Honolulu Bay.

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 9:43:30 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriela Ramirez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of HCR148. Jim Jones negligence and incompetence resulted in great damage being caused to our reef and marine eco system in Honolua Bay. Honolua Bay is precious not just to our community but to people all over the world and justice must be served. Protect the aina!

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 10:26:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan McCall	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm not one to really question or get in the middle of the judicial system, but as a mariner born & raised on Maui in the US Coast Guard I have to say Mr. Jones should be punished for his negligence of operating his motor vessel NAKOA running it aground at Honolua Bay to the max of what can be done by the Hawaii judicial system.

As someone with a boat in HI and a business operating a boat in HI, Mr. Jones should have known he was not allowed to stay overnight at Honolua and that boats can only be there for only a few hours at a time each day. A prudent mariner would research the rules of a destination prior to planning a voyage.

This rule I know has been broken by many others with boats many times and that they may have not been punished, however, this rule is in place for many reasons and we can all foresee one of the reasons was to lessen the chances of a boat running aground in the marine reserve...

Therefore this rule being broken should help be grounds for the Attorney GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE, REVIEW, AND PURSUE ALL APPLICABLE CIVIL CLAIMS AND CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE OWNER AND COMMERCIAL OPERATOR OF THE YACHT "NAKOA".

I hope the AG can grip its teeth into this to get what the state can financially, even criminally against Mr. Jones. Ignorance should not be a means of going unpunished.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify.

V/R

Lieutenant Dylan McCall

US Coast Guard

HCR-148

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 10:37:37 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/23/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

Mahalo for this opportunity to write testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HCR148, and mahalo to Representative Cochran for introducing this resolution! I fully support this effort. Enforcement against these crimes against our environment must be realized to demonstrate the importance our natural resources has to our community and culture and to deter others from this destructive behavior.

Mahalo!

Keani Rawlins-Fernandez