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Testimony for WAL on Feb 8, 2013 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chuck Prentiss	Kailua Neighborhood Board	Support	No

Comments: Restoring funding to DOCARE is critical. In Kailua we have seen what happens to our beaches and the near shore islands when DLNR does not have the resources to enforce existing rules for the necessary protection of these areas from degradation and overuse.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Darrell Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Poaching is rampant, especially with the poor economy, when is our state going to finally put our natural resources as a priority? This is a good first step. thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marjorie Ziegler		Support	No

Comments: Everyone agrees more DOCARE enforcement is needed to protect our natural resources. More funding is needed. Please pass HB 1330. Mahalo nui loa.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kenny kinoshita	Na Kane O Ke Kai	Support	Yes

Comments: More funds more officers needed to enforce our laws

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Richard Fairclo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is imperative that enforcement of the laws increase. It is a joke on Maui that law breakers illegally kill the fish and harm the reefs.

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Karen Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please add back the DOCARE funds. This department does so much and under the Lingle administration, its funding was severely curtailed. Please pass this bill.

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Lance Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of HB 1330. The Native Hawaiians have always viewed the oceans resources as key to their survival. For that reason, they imposed the kapu system to ensure that future generations will be taken care of by the resource. Fast forward to today, though we have on paper rules and regulations on the taking of ocean resources, these laws that seek to perpetuate the kapu system which is for our future generations only represents written words on a piece of paper. Without proper enforcement, those that disregard the law will only continue to take without consideration of the future generations. I urge you to look online in the social networks such as facebook's Hawaii Spearfishing Forum. There is general consensus that better enforcement is needed. Also, please look at the fishes that are being brought up.

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Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As someone who has lived on Maui all of my life, I have had first hand experience in seeing the depletion of marine resources around Maui. I know for a fact that a major cause of this is due to the blatant disregard of established rules and regulations. Only with the support of DoCARE enforcement can we ensure that the rules and regulations lawmakers create will work to sustain resources for your and my children.

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Jeff King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Far too much goes on when no one is watching. This is the opposite of character and integrity. People who break the law have little integrity - hence they need to be watched more. Please restore DOCARE enforcement funds to put these important enforcers back on line.

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"Glenn"	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support the restoration of DoCARE officers with consideration to "command & control" which is supervisor to officers.

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Al Bayless	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please give DOCARE more money so they can do their job properly. We need better enforcement of the fishing ban at Ahihi Kinau Natural Area Preserve to prevent the poaching of fish that is going on there. This is a true Maui gem, that needs better protection.

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Norton Chan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support restoring funds to DOCARE. We NEED to have more enforcement to back up our CURRENT rules, not make more unenforceable ones without increasing staffing. Enforcement should be 24/7 like HPD. Lawbreakers don't only operate 7am-4pm. Please make it pono!

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Paul Hanada	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB1330 to restore funds cut from the DOCARE budget. Thank you.

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Jason Sugibyashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a responsible fisherman it upsets me every time there are reports that cast a bad light on our culture. From overcatch, bycatch, poaching, life & safety issues, enforcement encourages everyone to play by the rules. In recent years I believe it has been lack of enforcement, funds, & resources that has allowed such rampant abuse.

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Cal Hirai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please restore the funds for these DOCARE positions. I believe this to be a wise investment. These positions are needed to protect our natural resources and economy for future generations. Mahalo

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Wallace Murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Adding more budget to help enforcement is a great idea. we need more DLNR officers around the entire state. passing bills on bag limits and sizes can only be helped out more by more enforcement. without enforcement individuals are depleting out already suffering reef ecosystem. increasing the budget will also help with the education for our younger generation who might not have the same opportunities in the future.

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alex filous	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to restore funding to Docare so more conservation officers can be hired to protect Hawaii's marine resources. I am an avid fisherman and I believe that Hawaii's marine resources are a treasure that we are obligated to pass on to future generations. I witness violations of Hawaii's fishery laws on a regular basis and do to the lack of enforcement agents our resources are not protected. The fish and other marine life of Hawaii are the life blood of the islands. Healthy marine resources support tourism, fisheries and tradition and we need more people to protect them. As a voter, I hope that you take this opportunity to restore funding to DOCARE so that Hawaii's fish populations can be perpetuated in to the future.

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Dennis Yamaguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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John Seebart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please pass this bill as a first step to more funding for DOCARE. The Hawaiian environment is a treasure of humanity, as well as the wellspring of the state's economy. DOCARE is both over-tasked and understaffed. As a Makai Watch volunteer, I know first-hand that it is almost impossible to get a DOCARE officer to respond to the state's Kahekili Herbivore Fisheries Management Area, KHfMA, at North Ka'anapali. None of the volunteers blame the officers, we know they are overwhelmed. Most of the volunteers feel that our efforts could multiply the effectiveness of DOCARE if only they had the resources to respond. This scenario plays out elsewhere too. There are volunteers all over the state whose efforts could do much more if utilized effectively by DOCARE specifically, and DLNR in general. In particular, volunteers participate on a daily basis in many special and critical locations throughout the state. However, from an enforcement point of view, we are limited to being the remote eyes and ears for DOCARE. Without the necessary numbers of officers to respond, the immense potential value of these volunteers is largely being squandered. This bill is a good first step to funding more enforcement officers. Please help to multiply the effects of volunteers by providing more DOCARE officers, and pass HB 1330 Mahalo, John Seebart

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Lucienne de Naie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Chair Evans and Committee members Please support this bill and restore funding for our DOCARE officers. On Maui, DOCARE officers have a tremendous responsibility to protect our resources. Our DOCARE officers work hard and maintain good relationships with the community. Thanks for your consideration Lucienne de Naie

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Dale B. Bonar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: DOCARE has been badly hampered by the funding cuts and lack of additional support over the past several years. This critical agency is responsible for protecting the lands that sustain us, economically, spritually, culturally and, importantly, financially. Please restore and support this legislation.

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Brad Oehrlein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With our fish numbers declining. Enforcement will greatly help with illegal poaching. Talks are all over the Internet about the lack of enforcement.

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Jacob Blaiz Ramey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel that the lack in enforcement on laws that pertain to fish and game such as size, bag limits is substantial. The only time in the 25 years growing up as an avid spearfisherman and shore fisherman that I have seen a game warden (fish and wildlife?) is one time on Sept 1st 2009 during the opening of lobster season. Not once have I been asked or even talked to about my catch for the day, I have never had to show my catch. I feel that out of 25 years of fishing on Kauai and Maui I should have been asked once or twice?

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Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Every year we see our natural resources deteriorate more & more. These undermanned & underfunded guys are ofeten a last line of defense fighting overwhelming numbers to cover an impossibly large arae of aina & kai. PLEASE give them this manini support before it is all gone. Mahalo,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ty Shitanaka	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have never once been checked by a game warden whether I have been catching fish that are undersized or otherwise illegal. The same goes for a lot of my friends who are fishermen as well, that they have never been checked. I think this is a big problem because even though regulations are made, people will not follow it if there are no enforcement policy. That's where the extra money will come in. The money could be used for extra game wardens, better regulations and enforcement. I would like fish to still be around for my kids and my grandkids, and I understand that fish are a resource that needs to be managed strictly. My idea is that better enforcement of the rules will allow fish to be a sustainable resource for years to come.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erin Crouch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support restoring funding to DOCARE. They are in the position of protecting our precious ocean resources and there are too few officers with not enough money to do an adequate job at current funding levels. Hawaii depends on safe, sustainable oceans for its economy, please restore (if not increase) funding.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Trevor Hartwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am sorry, I just submitted a response regarding the wrong bill. I have attached the response. I fully support this bill, I oppose the bill which bans catching uhus. Please note that I support funding DOCARE and my previous correspondence was incorrect and should be deleted.  
Trevor Hartwell

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Max renigado	Lanai Hunters United	Support	No

Comments: i reside on Lanai and with only 2 game wardens with only 1 truck. there is they little they can do. poaching still happens. it's about time the State of Hawaii takes out natural resources seriously. remember our overall industry "tourism" relies on our Natural Resources. the tourist DO NOT come to hawaii for our bad traffic, big city buildings, locked gated access n schools of invasive species/yellow tangs and so forth.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Sensui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Enforcement is an essential part of the protection and management of our natural resources, including our fisheries. I support this bill. Aloha, Dean Sensui Executive Producer Hawaii Goes Fishing

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robin Newbold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Fish populations continue to decline on Maui. While DLNR has provided many regulations they are not followed due to lack of enforcement. DOCARE needs funding to do its job.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shauna Kehau Springer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support to restore the funds that were cut from the DOCARE budget as their division is a critical component to help steward our land & ocean resources.

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Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair  
Rep. Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water & Land

Friday, February 8, 2013

**Testimony in Support of HB 1330, Relating to DOCARE**

I am a full time commercial aquarium fisherman on Oahu. I am proud to be part of what I know is a vibrant, healthy, and sustainable fishery that contributes to our economy, while providing thousands of people in Hawaii and around the world an opportunity to enjoy the ocean and its creatures. I also understand that the privilege of being allowed to earn a living from the ocean carries with it a certain amount of responsibility, both to conserve the resource upon which we depend and to be conscious of the needs of others in our community.

As such, I am in support of HB 1330 which will increase the funding available to the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement. Having a stronger enforcement presence on our waters will improve the effectiveness of our fishing regulations. This, in turn, will benefit all of us who use the ocean in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

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

Matthew Ross



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Keith Kamikawa	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Liz Foote	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this legislation - it's been known for years that DOCARE is underfunded and this constraint to enforcement consistently comes up in any marine conservation strategic planning initiative I have been involved with over the years, which is many. And as a co-coordinator of the Kaanapali Makai Watch program, I can attest to the need for enforcement in the region of the Kahekili Fisheries Management Area specifically. This is a priority site at both state and federal levels, and DOCARE has not had a significant presence there, despite a demonstrated need. This is true for many other areas as well, and due to lack of capacity. We have dedicated and engaged volunteers who want to make a difference, but their impact is limited without a DOCARE presence and follow through.

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To whom it may concern,

I believe that this bill should go through. As a fisherman and diver, I've only ever seen an officer once in my whole life which I find very disappointing. If this bill is to pass, the funds that DOCARE receives will hopefully be used to increase the amount of enforcement on ALL islands. With things like the current "Uhu Bill" generating so much public outcry, the passing of this bill would be steps to a good alternative. More officers would equal more enforcement of the current rules and regulations. Right now, people are relying on others to "fish responsibly" and not break the current rules, but since the DLNR's officers are hardly to be seen, illegal activities flourish. With the passage of this bill, there will be more officers and thus better protection for our limited ocean resources.

Troy Maeda  
Mililani, Oahu

I am in support of House Bill 1330, and other measures to provide resources for, and strengthen the ability of DOCARE officers to effectively enforce state regulations that protect Hawaii's unique natural resources. As an avid ocean user I have seen the decline in Hawaii's coastal resources over time, and witnessed numerous resource violations within marine protected areas. In living on Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui I have seen how the shortage of DOCARE officers to respond to these calls has allowed repeat offenders to frequent protected areas as their own 'ice box' with no regard to the regulations in place, the health of the resources, or any regard for other people's rights to experience/use the resource.

Through my own experiences as a marine biologist monitoring protected areas I have seen poachers return to a protected area even after receiving a ticket and paying the fine, as the penalty for such violations does not exceed the benefit of fishing. In other words it's worth paying the fine for the fish they can get, and if we do not have the resources for DOCARE to prosecute new and repeat offenders this mentality will prevail and spread. Not only do we need more DOCARE officers in enforcing the current rules we need stricter penalties.

Increasing the number of DOCARE officers enforcing these rules will not only help preserve Hawaii's natural resources, but it will also generate funds for the states through fines and asset seizures. I fully support HB 1330, and as my elected officials I ask for you to pass this bill and support our DOCARE officers.

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Jason Redulla	Individual	Support	No

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, February 8, 2013  
8:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1330  
RELATING TO THE  
DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT**

House Bill 1130 proposes to appropriate funds to restore the general fund budget of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (Department) Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE). While the Department appreciates the overall concept of this bill as it includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives, the Department is nonetheless concerned about the cost implications it will have on the Administration's Biennium Budget Request.

In 2009, due to economic decline, DOCARE's general fund budget was reduced from \$1.7 million dollars to approximately \$500,000, a reduction of about 2/3 of the general fund budget. This resulted in the elimination of eighteen (18) positions, reductions in funds for overtime and current expenses, and the elimination of funding for equipment and motor vehicle replacements. Seven (7) more positions were abolished in July 2010. As a result, DOCARE was left with an operating budget of \$540,000 to patrol the lands under the Department's jurisdiction on six islands, which reach from the top of the mountains to three miles out to sea. This jurisdiction encompasses nearly 1.3 million acres of State lands and 3 million acres of ocean and coastal waters, as well as 750 miles of coastline. It includes state parks, historic sites, forests and forest reserves, aquatic life and its sanctuaries, game management areas, public hunting areas, and natural area reserves. It also includes protecting the public's safety when using natural and cultural resources under the Department's jurisdiction.

In addition to the cost cutting measures (mandating furloughs, implementing hiring freezes, etc) mandated by the Governor, a directive was issued by the Department's Chair at that time, which directed each division including DOCARE to reduce total cost differentials (overtime, night differential, compensatory time, pay adjustments) by 50% from the prior fiscal year. Coupled with the Governor's measures, this directive had a devastating effect on DOCARE's operations.

**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
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In order to meet these cost cutting measures, DOCARE was forced to adopt the following:

- Scheduling officers to work during the hours of 6 am to 6 pm, thus eliminating work that created night differential pay.
- Eliminating regular and holiday overtime unless the overtime was reimbursed by other agencies.
- Assigning two officers per vehicle, per shift, to reduce motor vehicle gas/oil/repair costs. While aimed at cutting costs, this measure also limited patrol coverage, response to complaints and requests for service from the public.
- Cutting non-essential programs and services. For example, the after hours live answering service was eliminated as officers were not able to respond to complaints after 6 pm.
- Delaying the purchase of vehicles and equipment (body armor, communications, equipment, ammunition) that are critical to public and officer safety.

Through the generosity of the Legislature, DOCARE received funds from supplemental budget requests approved by the Legislature to purchase body armor for officers and to purchase radio equipment to comply with the Federal narrow banding requirement. DOCARE also received \$250,000 to partially restore its operating budget, however, this amount was not enough to restore the operating budget as a whole.

The Department recognizes that the restoration of DOCARE's general fund budget is essential, so that the Department can continue to enforce Hawaii's natural and cultural resources laws to the fullest extent possible. The Department will continue to pursue federal funding opportunities and explore partnerships with other state agencies, public/private partnerships, and county/state partnerships.





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Tina Kekoolani	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am involved in natural resources conservation and the protection of marine resources and have been for over 12 years. I am a native Hawaiian, born and raised in these islands. My family includes fishermen and farmers alike, so I have seen the condition of our resources from mauka to makai dwindle and become abused and blatantly misrepresented due to human greed and ignorance. DoCare and its officers are so important and necessary to the health and quality of the natural resources in our Hawaiian Islands. Even their mere presence in and around our marine reserves, our harbors, our parks, our forests, etc. is a deterrent to malicious behavior and theft of Hawaii's precious natural resources. They are key in helping these resources grow and flourish, so that many more future generations can benefit from them, and they too can learn to better protect and conserve what's left in our natural world. DoCare officers also provide an important bridge between the unknowing visitor, the local hunter and gatherer, and those in conservation. The spectrum of their work and the expanse of their influence to improve Hawaii is great. DoCare needs more financial assistance as soon as possible. DoCare needs more well-trained officers. DoCare deserves our utmost respect and support to grow and flourish, so our natural food sources can grow and flourish as well. Mahalo!

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Randy Awo	Individual	Support	Yes

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Lance Holter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Lance Holter. I am a 33 year resident of Hawaii. I have raised three daughters and a grandson in Hawaii. I want my Hawaii Legislature to make decisions that consider my childrens' futures. I believe the economic engine for Hawaii is our unique and fragile environment. The Environment is the Economy. That's why we have Hawaii as the number one tourist destination in the world and our beaches and beach towns and landscapes are always in the top 10 best in the World. This is why we have to invest in protecting our natural assets , unique ecosystems , oceans, seashores, streams, mountains and natural wonders. This is why Hawaii's economy works and is sustainable and only if we protect these natural assets. I am in complete support of returning the funding to DOCARE. As a matter of fact we should increase the funding to DOCARE and make Hawaii a showcase to the rest of the world by how we protect, preserve and restore our Natural World. By the way that's in the State Constitution and mandated by Law that we do so. It's our responsibility and we owe it to our children and their children. Aloha, Lance Holter, Paia, Maui. cell 283-1056 .

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