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Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 310 Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii 96813 Via email only

FOR THE BOARD MEETING IN HONOLULU ON Friday, June 28, 2024: ITEM E-1

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CONTINUE REVOCABLE PERMIT SP002 ISSUED TO HUI MAKA'ĀINANA O MAKANA

Aloha,

I have been a resident of Hawaii for sixty one years and of the island of Kauai for more than fifty. Over those many years, my wife and I have observed a substantial improvement in the management of cultural and natural resources by the Division of State Parks. In particular, the partnership at Hā'ena State Park with the community has been remarkably successful.

We commend both State Parks and the  $H\bar{a}$ 'ena community for their many years of hard work and dedication in managing and maintaining the park and its resources. From the standpoint of residents of the island with frequent off-island guests desiring to see the highlights of our island, it is clear that the current system for management and reservations works very well.

I strongly support continuing the Revocable Permit issued to Hui Maka'āinana o Makana as well as a long term lease and/ or concession agreement for the management of these important resources.

Me ke aloha ha'a ha'a,

