



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**Testimony in support of Agenda item C-1
Board of Land and Natural Resources**

July 26, 2024

9:00 AM

**DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.
1151 Punchowl Street, 1st Floor**

Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I strongly support the County of Kauaʻi's request for an immediate right-of-entry and subsequent transfer of one acre of DOFAW's Lihu'e property, known as the Pua Loke Nursery and Arboretum. Based on the urgent need for the County to quickly move forward with the proposed expansion of the County's Kealaula Supportive Housing Project, I further support the removal of the condition that "the County shall relinquish or agree to relinquish lands suitable for DLNR's functions."

Kealaula has proven to be a successful, supportive housing model that provides safe and comfortable housing while also helping ensure the transition into permanently stable housing. The planned expansion of Kealaula will double the capacity of the project, serving a vital need for our community.

My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives and as a resident of Lihu'e. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 586-6270 or via email at repevslin@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Evslin".

Luke Evslin