

**From:** [Jennifer Chiwa](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony at 4/11/25, 9 a.m. Meeting in Support for Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Popoki Place  
**Date:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 7:09:21 AM

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Aloha Chairperson Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

I strongly support the measure granting Popoki Place approval for a Right-of-Entry. Allowing Popoki Place to use land would be beneficial to both cats and wildlife. It's my understanding that Popoki Place provides care for both cats removed from wildlife habitats and cats from overpopulated rescue groups.

Please consider supporting this measure to help Popoki Place with their work.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa  
Makiki and life long resident of Oahu

**From:** [Jennifer Wood](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] A win/win for cats and wildlife habitat  
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Hello,

I am so excited to hear that DLNR may open space for Pōpoki Place O'ahu Cat Sanctuary to care for free-roaming cats. This is such an amazing win/win - as it both protects wildlife habitats, keeping birds safe, and helps care for those cats in a protected environment, reducing the free-roaming cat population. I truly hope you approve this measure!

Mahalo,  
Jennifer Wood  
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**From:** [Lois Crozer](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Popoki Place Cat Sanctuary land  
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Aloha,

I am so thrilled to see this on your agenda! PLEASE approve this. This piece of land would allow the removal of feral cats from other public lands that people have been caring for for YEARS and bring them to one place so they can be properly managed. It's the humane way to deal with this problem of wild cats on our public lands that might have toxoplasmosis and hurt our endangered Monk Seals. The seal population is struggling, and with this land, maybe one of the reasons for Monk Seal decline can be removed. Also, this could be a learning opportunity for us to showcase how to care for animals and show some compassion. It's a great learning opportunity, and it helps the aina as well.

Lois Crozer  
Kailua

**From:** [Linda Warashina](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] "Right of Entry" for Popoki Place  
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April 10, 2025

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources of the State of Hawaii,

Please grant Popoki Place Oahu Cat Sanctuary approval for "Right of Entry" to help them reach their goal of creating a refuge for Free-Roaming cats. A cat sanctuary would protect animals; cats and endangered native birds, allowing both to coexist. Besides spay/neuter, local/off island adoption and (unfortunately) euthanasia, a sanctuary is a key piece needed to humanely control Oahu's cat population. It can be done! Lanai Cat Sanctuary has been successful on the island of Lanai for over 20 years. Oahu's cats need a place of refuge such as this. Please approve "Right of Entry" for Popoki Place Oahu Cat Sanctuary. This will make Hawaii an even better place, where we take care of all and no one (no matter how small) is left behind.

Mahalo.

Respectfully,

Linda Warashina  
Resident of Pearl City, Oahu

**From:** [Leslie Witten](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Hearing on April 11, 2025  
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Aloha e Honorable Chang and Esteemed Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Leslie Witten. I serve on the Board of Directors for O'ahu Cat Sanctuary. I also lead a school-run cooperative TNRM program of over 50 people at Le Jardin Academy in which we humanely manage the cat population on campus while working to protect the biodiversity at Kawainui Marsh located next to our campus. Additionally, I volunteer for several rescue organizations such as Cat People of O'ahu and Poi Dog and Popoki to help rehome cats from the landscape. I also independently TNR in my Waialua/Haleiwa community, frequently supporting sterilization and rehoming of cats at the Haleiwa Harbor and also in Ka'ena Point State Park. I am writing testimony to strongly support the Right of Entry to Parcel 53 for Pōpoki Place O'ahu Cat Sanctuary.

Supporting the Right of Entry to Parcel 53 for Pōpoki Place O'ahu Cat Sanctuary (PPOCS) is an essential next step in creating a much-needed cat sanctuary on O'ahu. PPOCS has been working diligently for years with the Hawaiian Humane Society, Representatives from City and County, Representatives from the State, and important conservation agencies like DLNR in order to find an appropriate piece of land to facilitate a high-quality, well-planned cat sanctuary that will remove feral cats from delicate ecosystems and also serve as a pressure-relief valve to overwhelmed animal rescue organizations which is a missing piece to the feral cat issue. Granting a Right of Entry allows for the next steps of due diligence and pono land stewardship.

Stewarding and conserving Hawaii's precious biodiversity and ecosystems is of the highest priority. Establishing a large-scale feral cat sanctuary to move the needle on solving the island's cat crisis is overdue. Please support the development of Pōpoki Place O'ahu Cat Sanctuary in all ways, including this critical piece of allowing Right of Entry to Parcel 53.

With much heart and gratitude,  
Leslie Witten

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**From:** [1Leilani Ng](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Popoki place easement rights  
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Esteemed members of the BLNR

We support granting access rights to Popoki Place. It is a long time coming with planning and securing a location that would benefit the entire island community promoting conservation of our all protected species along the shorelines and beyond.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Leilani Ng  
Founder  
Aloha Kitty TNR

**From:** [Stacey Arnold](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please grant right of entry to Popoki Place Oahu Cat Sanctuary  
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I am writing to request that you grant right of entry to Popoki Place Oahu Cat Sanctuary. This would be the first step in establishing a partial solution to the free-roaming cat population on Oahu.

Most people, whether they love cats or hate them, want to reduce the number of unowned cats on our island.

Cats threaten ground-nesting birds. A fenced in cat sanctuary would provide a place for cats removed from protected habitat.

Cats can cause toxoplasmosis, which is a threat to ocean mammals such as monk seals. Litter boxes on the sanctuary would be managed very carefully.

Shelters on Oahu do not have the capacity to take in all the kittens being born and pet cats being abandoned on our island. While spaying and neutering cats is the ultimate solution, a cat sanctuary would provide a pressure-relief valve for over-crowded shelters. I volunteer at Lucky Paws Shelter, and while we try to get as many cats as possible adopted, some cats are not socialized enough (i.e. are too feral) to be adopted. We would love to have a sanctuary where we could send those cats. They are miserable in cages.

A large-scale cat sanctuary is a critical missing link in managing the free-roaming cat population on Oahu.

Leilei Shih, PhD, Sierra Club National Marine Team Chair sums it up: "Popoki Place is the best solution with the highest potential I have learned of to date, and the first solution that makes sense from every perspective."

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**From:** [Stephanie McLaughlin](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Stephanie Kendrick](#); [Stephanie McLaughlin](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oahu desperately needs a large cat sanctuary like Lanai has  
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Please support the measure granting Popoki Place Oahu Cat Sanctuary approval for a "Right Of Entry" to secure 20 acres of unused land on the North Shore of Oahu from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I have visited the Lanai Cat Sanctuary and talked with the operators who run it and I have talked extensively to the founding member of the sanctuary, Kathy Carroll. I have always felt that Oahu needed a cat sanctuary similar to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary to house all of the cats around the island without a home. On Lanai, it has been a win-win situation for the homeless cats and for the bird population. Not only that, it is a very popular tourist destination for cat lovers all around the world. Moreover, cats who enjoy human interaction also have the chance to be adopted.

Please, please, PLEASE, support this measure and grant Popoki Place Cat Sanctuary approval for the "Right Of Entry" to secure the north shore land they need. Killing homeless cats is not the answer. Please show compassion and do the right thing.

Aloha,  
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**Stephanie McLaughlin**  
"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

**From:** [Serena Phillip](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Popoki Place O'ahu Cat Sanctuary  
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Aloha,

Please grant Popoki Place the "Right of Entry" at the 20 acres of unused land on the North Shore of O'ahu from DLNR.

It will bring a resource to our community that would play an important role in reducing the Free-Roaming cat population and it's impact on wildlife.

Mahalo,  
Serena