

**RES22-293  
Testimony**

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Meeting Date: Jan 11, 2023 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Chair, Vice Chair &amp; Members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Zhizi Xiong (Angela Melody Young). I'm testifying in strong support of the resolution on behalf of my grassroots, ROAR Rescue Of Animal Rights. We rescue animals and advocate for humane treatment of all animal species.</p> <p>The penguin pool at the Sea Lion Cove is enticingly exciting. The frameless glass railing is a combination of modern design &amp; safety that meets building code requirements. In addition, the Honu Conservation &amp; Education Center, The Sea Lion Pool and the Hawaii Ocean Theater will be receiving renovations.</p> <p>Sea Life Park has 3 conservation programs: The Green Sea Turtle Program, the Native Seabirds Program and the Hawaiian Monk Seal Program. The programs provide specific solutions to address &amp; protect wildlife and the marine ecosystems here in Hawaii. The Sea Lion Pool is for the Hawaiian Monk Seals. This species has a small population of 1,500 seals. It is the most endangered seal or sea lion species in the US. The species is making a slow recovery thanks to conservation efforts. The Sea Life Park Seabird Rehabilitation Facility heals native birds. The federally-protected Wedge-tailed and Newell's shearwater chicks are particularly vulnerable during breeding season and the Park assists with hundreds of the native birds. Most of the adult turtles at the park are over 65 years old and still producing offspring. Over 16,000 turtles have been released from the Park. Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles are one of the few species of turtles in the world that have seen numbers rise in recent decades. Because of raising awareness &amp; conservation efforts turtles are no longer endangered.</p> <p>ROAR is looking forward to the renovated Sea Life Park and we are in strong support of these efforts to conserve wildlife. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Zhizi Xiong</p>		