

RES25-063
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 256

INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS (ILA)

INTERNATIONAL & LEGAL AFFAIRS (ILA) Meeting

Meeting Date: Apr 30, 2025 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Glenn Wakai	Email: senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Apr 29, 2025 @ 06:00 PM



SENATOR GLENN WAKAI
HAWAII STATE SENATE
Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

April 30, 2025

Councilmember Scott Nishimoto, Chair
Committee on International & Legal Affairs
Honolulu City Council
City Council Chamber
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the International & Legal Affairs Committee,

My name is Senator Glenn Wakai and I am writing to express my strong support for Resolution 25-63, which urges the Hawai'i State Board on Geographic Names to officially rename Sand Island to Mauiola.

Renaming the island to its original name of Mauiola is a thoughtful and appropriate action to reflect the historical and cultural significance of the area. While many know it today as Sand Island, the name Mauiola connects us to the deeper history of the island, particularly its role as a place of quarantine and the meaning behind the name itself, which refers to healing and renewal.

Recognizing original place names in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i is one way we can promote awareness of and respect for Native Hawaiian culture. It also helps preserve the unique identity of our communities and the stories tied to the land.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in support of this renaming initiative and I look forward to your committee's passage of this resolution.

Mahalo,

Senator Glenn Wakai
Kalihi-Salt Lake-Foster Village-Aiea-Pearl City