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Agenda Item (*) Bill 14-CD-1

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Written Testimony

I am writing to submit my personal support and testimony for the O`ahu Surfrider Foundation, Surfrider Spirit Session program. For the past year and half, my husband and I have been dealing with a lot of turmoil in our lives as a result of our daughter's bad choices. To make a long story short, after hospitalizations at Kahi Mohala and Queen's Hospital our daughter's psychologist recommended her for the Surfrider Spirit sessions. We applied her for the program not knowing what to expect. We hoped, however, that the program would somehow inspire and motivate our daughter to stop her risky behavior and make good choices for herself and her future. As our daughter's Surfrider Spirit sessions come to an end, we cannot express how grateful we are to the mentors,

counselors, and therapists in the program. They have not only taught our daughter how to surf but they have helped her to be more confident, independent, and learn to love herself. The change in our daughter's outlook in life is so positive that the program's motto "catching waves to change lives" is a true testament to the programs ability to reach at-risk teens and find a connection with them through surfing. We whole heartedly support the program and cannot thank everyone enough for giving our daughter a hope and a future as she continues to be a Champion in Training!

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