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# **Speaker Registration/Testimony**

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**Meeting Date (\*)** 2016-06-01  
**Council/PH Committee (\*)** Council  
**Agenda Item (\*)** Bill 15, CD2PD1,  
**Your position on the matter (\*)** Oppose  
**Representing (\*)** Self  
**Organization**  
**Do you wish to speak at the hearing? (\*)** Yes

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**Written Testimony**

Testimony of Ronette Kawakami to the City Council Re: Bill 15, CD2, PD1, Capitol Budget, proposal to cutfunding to the preservation of Kanewai spring. The Kanewai spring is an important cultural site that has been in the stewardship of committed volunteers from the Maunalua Fishpond heritage center. It has never been the intention of MFHC to use the site for any commercial purposes. The plans for the site have always been for preservaton and education, never for commercial purposes. Both myself and my daughter, who will be majoring in environmental studies, have volunteered to help clean up the site (which as long been an eyesore) last year. We are impressed with the committment, hisotircal knowledge and the care anf time MFHC has dedicated to the preservation of Kanewai spring, The preservation is for all residents of Hawai'i, not just for the comfort and enjoyment of the few. Recently, I had the opportunity to show

the site to a visiting Supreme Court Justice from South America, as an example of a community based effort of preservation and environmentalism in Hawai'i. I am strongly opposed to this amendment and the shifting of funds away from the preservation of Kanewai spring. Aloha and thank you for your consideration of my testimony. Ronette M. Kawakami

**Testimony  
Attachment**

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