Sample Testimony:

Dear Chairs Chang and Inouye, Vice Chairs Kanuha and Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Housing and Water and Land Committees,

I OPPOSE SB 2884, which appears to support affordable housing but is really a special interest legislation that would remove water protections across Hawai`i. Our water is precious and we all have a duty to protect our islands' source of life for present and future generations. The Commission on Water Resource Management and our Water Code should be supported, not legislated into approving anyone who wants to take water for any use.

This bill would allow automatic water permit approval everywhere for all sources and all purposes, even in the many areas of the state designated after communities worked years to have water permits receive more scrutiny. It would effectively "undesignate" the state and remove the few protections for public trust water uses outside of water management areas.

Please HOLD SB 2884. Mahalo nui!

[Your name]