

KIKIAOLA LAND COMPANY, LIMITED**LATE TESTIMONY**

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Committee on Economic Development and Business Concerns
Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair

HB No. 3286: Relating to Mining

Kikiaola Land Company supports HB 3286: Relating to Mining. The bill amends Chapter 205 to allow mining for sand, rock, gravel and other materials suitable for use and used in construction and activities ancillary to mining, including processing and storage, within the agricultural districts as a permitted use.

Rock is vital to our economy because it is an essential component of two basic building materials: concrete and asphalt. All of the islands do not presently have enough operating quarries to meet current demand for basalt aggregate. If we cannot meet the demand from local quarries, we would need to IMPORT rock and the cost of that will be **two to four times the present cost.**

Therefore, it is essential that we find new means to develop new quarries to meet the local demand and eliminate the need to import rock.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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