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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES  
AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
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10:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of  
**HCR 258**  
**REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING TO COORDINATE THE  
CITY AND STATE AGENCIES IN ADDRESSING THE OVERGROWTH OF  
VEGETATION ON KAHALA BEACH.**

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, and Members of the House Committee on  
Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports House Concurrent Resolution No. 258. OP  
has been facilitating group meetings with the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands  
(OCCL) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Planning  
and Permitting (DPP) of the City and County of Honolulu, the Kahala Community  
Association and the neighborhood Board No. 3, Waialae-Kahala, to collaborate issues of  
overgrowth of vegetation on Kahala Beach and explore management responses.

OCCL and DPP have demonstrated enthusiasm and cooperation in dealing with  
the issues. We would be happy to continue working with them and the community to  
assure a successful solution to the encroaching vegetation situation in Kahala.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.