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HB 1543 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources

Public Hearing – February 6, 2009
9:15 a.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 325

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HB 1543 appropriates funds to a task force attached to the University of Hawaii School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) to provide recommendations to prevent, mitigate, and reverse beach erosion at Kailua beach. We emphasize that our testimony on this measure does not represent an official position of the University of Hawaii.

University of Hawaii researchers and extension agents are already involved along with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in examining the causes and extent of erosion at Kailua Beach. There is already planning, coastal research, sea-level calculations, public participation, and inter-agency components built into the DLNR and University of Hawaii Sea Grant project to address the problem.

We can see no reason for appointing a task force to examine beach erosion at Kailua beach. The funding allocated to support the task force could be better spent supporting the present DLNR and Sea Grant effort to address the problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.