

Testimony to the Committee on Water & Land
Friday, January 25, 2013; 8:30 am
Conference Room 325

Speaking in Support

RE: HB 17

Chair Representative Evans, Vice Chair Representative Lowen and Members of the Water & Land Committee:

My name is James E. Coon. I am speaking as a concerned citizen and a charter member of Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai the Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC). I speak in **Support of HB 17**.

This bill would make ACT 160 SLH 2010 permanent. I believe that ACT 160 has proved its purpose in establishing a mechanism to preserve public access to our shorelines. Establishing public access to the shoreline is one of the important objectives of the Coastal Zone Management Program.

I humbly ask you to pass this important piece of legislation and make ACT 160 SLH 2010 permanent.

Sincerely,

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Testimony in Strong Support of HB 17

**HOUSE BILL 17, RELATING TO COASTAL AREAS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

**THE HONORABLE CINDY EVANS, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND**

**ALOHA CHAIR EVANS, VICE CHAIR LOWEN AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:**

Please support HB 17. Pristine, world class sandy beaches are now lush private vegetative oasis. This measure can provide the tools needed to stop the premature loss of highly valued public trust lands, the beach.

Irrigation and fertilizer are commonly used to establish thick unnatural strands of vegetation on the beach. Plants now occupy much of the sandy beach along the scenic Wainiha and Hā'ena coast. The dunes are choked with masses of thick copious vegetation. There are serious impacts to the coastal zone from the unabated human manipulation of our sandy beaches. Our beaches are simultaneously experiencing erosion and vegetative encroachment, shrinking the beach. By manipulating the vegetation, landowners gain control, use and ownership of what rightfully are public trust resources.

Pollutants: Fertilizer is applied on our sandy beaches in the active beach zone as shown in front of this Hā'ena Beachfront vacation rental seriously impacting the coral reef.



In many areas, safe lateral access is completely gone due to planted vegetation . Please support HB 17 .
Mahalo, Caren Diamond