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Comments: BIG BIG MAHALO for your support of HR70, it speaks eloquently of the issues facing our residents!

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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Monday, March 17, 2014
8:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 96/HOUSE RESOLUTION 70
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO FIND A
SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO PROVIDE PARKING AND SECURITY PERSONNEL
FOR THE MAUNAWILI FALLS TRAILHEAD**

House Concurrent Resolution 96/House Resolution 70 urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to find a short term solution to provide parking and security personnel for Maunawili Falls trailhead. **The Department supports these resolutions and offers the following comments:**

The Department is aware of the problems that access to the rail poses to the community. When the trail access was originally established, the Department made an arrangement with the private landowner that controls access to the trail to create an off street parking area. The conditions that compelled the private landowner to provide off-street parking at that time have expired while parking on the street has become a nuisance for the neighbors, hence the resolutions. The Department, to address the current problem, has begun negotiations to create another agreement with the private landowner to move parking off the public streets again.

Many, including the Department, feel the preferred long term alternative involves a parking area off the street on private land. The state forest reserve that hikers are transiting is entirely land-locked by private land, so no solution can be created without cooperation by the private landowner

Regarding the short-term solutions suggested until a permanent plan to accommodate visitor vehicles is in place:

It is possible that the Department could have a parking monitor if funds were provided, but there are no resources at present for such a private contract. That person would ideally be an off-duty

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Honolulu Police Department officer, as the state has no jurisdiction on county streets and private property. Funding for a private security person who could advise people about littering and parking issues would also be a possibility.

Closing trails is difficult, due to rules that are designed to protect public access rather than restrict it. Historically closures have not always been successful, even with daily enforcement such as with the Stairway to Heaven trail in Haiku.

In summary, the Department will continue to work with the community and the adjacent private landowner to develop a solution to the issue, and will try to develop a public education program to make trail users more respectful of the neighbors.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to support these resolutions.