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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Philips	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Honorable Chair Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen and Committee Members, I'm a 30 year resident of the North Shore and a small business owner. Thank you for taking the time to consider this legislation and read my testimony. I'm writing to ask you to vote yes on SB3035 as well as amend it to include the DLNR as a co partner. Over the past 30 years I have watched the North Shore change from a sleepy little plantation town in to a MAJOR TOURIST DESTINATION, yet our infrastructure has seen very little improvements. The North Shore is also the back yard and play ground for the residents of Oahu. It is the home of the Triple Crown of surfing and arguably the home of the most famous surfing spots on earth. Laniakea in particular is home to the best North Swell spot in all the islands. With the right conditions it offers a long amazing wave to ride. Many hundreds of local surfers typically enjoy surfing there on a daily basis during the winter surf season. Tourist also love to stop there to view green sea turtles year round and it's a beloved fishing spot for Hawaii's fishing community. Safety too is a big concern for this area, due to the close proximity of the highway to the beach and the lack of safe parking in this are. Ever since barriers where placed across the street from Laniakea Beach people dart out from behind cars running across Kamehameha HWY to get to the shore line. Most people, not all, make it across the street with out getting struck by vehicles, but as it is now they have to run very quickly to do it, as there are no crosswalks or pedestrian safety measures in the area. By voting yes on this legislation, the relocation of Kamehameha Hwy. and the creation of a way side park with the DLNR, you will be helping to create a legacy for generations to come. In short the current situation is very, very dangerous and this legislation is an important step to fix it. Aloha, Carol Philips Haleiwa

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

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

**Monday March 17, 2014
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3035, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO CONSERVATION**

Senate Bill 3035, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for planning for, and construction of, the realignment of Kamehameha Highway mauka of Laniakea Beach on the north shore of Oahu. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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Melinda Ahn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My husband surfs four times a week and needs places to park. Not only is it more difficult to park it's more dangerous for the tourist that are now walking on the road. Sincerely with Aloha, Melinda Ahn

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Larry McElheny	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen, and Committee members, I strongly support SB3035 SD1 because it will benefit local residents and the thousands of vistors that travel and stop along Oahu's North Shore each day. Mahalo for hearing the bill and keeping the bill alive. Respectfully, Larry McElheny 59-272 Pupukea Road Haleiwa, 96712

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Gil Riviere	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, Chair Evans and Representatives, SB3035 would be improved if it were changed back to its original structure with DLNR lead agency in developing the Laniakea Wayside Park. The traffic situation through Laniakea has been intolerable for years and the recent decision by DOT to block parking must not remain as an indefinite "solution." The wayside park is a thoughtful solution that will improve ocean management, public access at this popular beach and transportation flow along Kamehameha Hwy. Thank you for supporting this project. Gil Riviere Waialua, HI

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S.B. 3035, S.D. 1
RELATING TO CONSERVATION

House Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent with strong reservations as we feel the bill is unnecessary. We feel this bill is not needed because we have started a shoreline erosion project that also addresses climate change for that segment of Kamehameha Highway at Laniakea Beach. This segment of Kamehameha Highway has been inundated by high surf, which has negatively impacted the safe, efficient and accessible highway system along this corridor.

The current project effort is on the development of a federal and State environmental assessment document. As part of the federal process we have been working with the community since May 2011, and expect to complete the federal and State environmental process in June 2015. The alternatives being considered, at this time, do include two realignments of Kamehameha Highway mauka of Laniakea beach.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Randolph G. Moore
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March 15, 2014

The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
and members of the Committee on Water and Land
The House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI

Dear Representative Evans and members of the Committee on Water and Land:

Subject: SB 3035 SD 1 HD 1

I encourage your support of SB3035, which would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation to realign Kamehameha highway mauka of Laniakea beach on the north shore of Oahu.

The reasons for supporting this bill have been eloquently set forth in standing committee report no. 2350 of the Senate Committees on Water and Land and Transportation and International Affairs.

The Laniakea beach area will be increasingly subject to beach erosion as climate change results in sea level rise and greater intensity of storms that send winter surf to this area. If the beach is to be protected for future residents and visitors, the road will need to be relocated mauka.

The proposed realignment of Kamehameha Highway will enhance the experience of visitors to the area and will improve traffic and pedestrian safety and traffic flow for residents and visitors alike.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Randolph G. Moore

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Hearing on SB3035 SD1
House Committee on Water & Land (WAL)
Hearing: March 17, 2014, 9:30 am Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Lowen, and Committee Members:

I write in **STRONG SUPPORT OF SB3035 SD1** introduced by Senator Clayton Hee, whose senate district includes the project area. The original version of this bill (the key provisions of which, in my view, should be *re-inserted*) would establish a State wayside park at Laniakea and Chun's beaches on the North Shore of O‘ahu. The original bill proposed to put the Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR) in the lead on the planning and supplemental land acquisitions necessary to create a new “wayside” park in collaboration with the community and surrounding landowners -- particularly Kamehameha Schools, the State Department of Transportation (DOT), and the City and County of Honolulu. *The current version of the bill – mauka realignment of Kamehameha Highway -- is still very important and should be passed by WAL.*

The major purpose of the bill is to ensure expeditious realignment of the stretch of highway near Laniakea Beach Park. But we also need to ensure a *comprehensive solution* to an insufferable decade of unregulated visitor traffic and pedestrians haphazardly crossing Kamehameha highway. The lack of action by DOT has created a severe safety problem for residents and visitors, jammed up the highway for miles on virtually every weekend and now on weekdays (despite the barriers), and created havoc for the green sea turtles for which this beach is essential resting and foraging habitat. For over ten years, the community has patiently waited for a permanent solution. None has appeared despite a huge investment of community and agency time, money, goodwill, and energy. The new “temporary concrete traffic barriers” installed by DOT at the site are an embarrassing eyesore and certainly not a long-term solution. In the meantime, the small beach basking habitat for the turtles is eroding and this iconic protected species is becoming the unfortunate “label” for community frustration and the state’s mis-management of traffic and people.

Please view this short KITV video on why the barriers are not a good solution:
<http://www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/30-days-have-come-and-gone-since-the-controversial-barriers-went-up-at-laniakea/24611648>

The realignment task force led by DOT has languished for years and narrowly focused on the highway, without adequate consideration for the high natural resources, scenic, cultural, and recreational values of this area. Ten years ago, the City set aside several acres of land at Laniakea and Chun’s for beach parks (which can provide critical site anchors for an overlay of a state wayside park) but the City’s efforts to create these two support parks has also stalled. Kamehameha Schools (KS) has indicated its support for this new “state wayside park” approach.

DOT has testified in support of SB3035’s intent but says it is already doing the job well – this is, unfortunately, not a statement with which community members would agree. The solution for this area must be a comprehensive **State(DOT+DLNR)-City-KS-community solution** – it can build on these prior efforts but should solve the problems in both adjacent areas with a single solution

and must consider the impacts of climate change and beach erosion, already a significant problem in this area.

A state wayside park (such as the state has created at Nu‘uanu Pali, La‘ie Point, and Makapu‘u) will be a fresh integrated approach, changing the focus from just “moving the highway mauka” (which seems to be an area of near-universal agreement) to a comprehensive solution that appropriately protects the high natural resource and scenic values of this area. The state wayside park at Nu‘uanu Pali reportedly generates \$300,000 a year in revenue for State Parks from the charge to *non-resident* parking fees (residents are not charged). A well-designed wayside park can provide a safe, controlled, and educational experience for visitors briefly passing through the North Shore, be a model for how state beach parks can be resilient and adaptive to climate change, be a revenue generator, and – with a good design -- also give highest priority for local uses of the beaches of this area, protect the state’s precious public trust assets, and protect turtle habitat.

Although the specific design is “to be determined,” the broad inter-agency and collaborative approach of the bill is critical to a successful solution for the severe traffic mismanagement problem that adversely impacts anyone going “circle island” as well as those who live on the North Shore.

I have attached the Star-Advertiser Feb. 18 2014 editorial that strongly supports SB 3035 for your information.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Denise Antolini

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“Lawmakers have seized an opportunity to deal with the North Shore erosion problem in a way that makes sense: by pairing the goals of protecting the highway and improving public use of the shoreline. State Sen. Clayton Hee has introduced Senate Bill 3035, in response to the traffic jam caused by visitors crossing busy Kamehameha Highway to glimpse the turtles near Laniakea Beach. Especially during the high-surf season of the winter months, the additional traffic mess is hard to stand. Barriers erected to prevent parking by highway-crossers have had some modest success, but it's only a stopgap solution. The real answer, as Hee has concluded, is to accommodate people and their cars on the makai side of the highway, which is where they want to end up, anyway. If the state can do that while moving the highway inland and away from the surf that's been undercutting the roadbed, so much the better.

The original version of Senate Bill 3035 specified the creation of a Laniakea state wayside park and directed the state Department of Land and Natural Resources to spend whatever general obligation bond money was set aside for that purpose. It also directed the Department of Transportation to realign the highway mauka of the park. Hee, who does not sit on the deciding

committees, said he felt the DOT has been "negligent" in responding to the problem, letting an earlier appropriation for the realignment lapse. The idea was to put DLNR in the driver's seat, he added. However, the Senate committees hearing the bill (Water and Land, Transportation and International Affairs) apparently decided that a wider conversation on the best way to handle the park development was needed. Its draft eliminates the language about the park and makes SB 3035 strictly a highway bill.

The committee report indicated that the first order of business was to protect the highway, and urged DOT officials to put the highway back onto the Hawaii Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, enhancing its priority status. It endorsed the DOT testimony that favored, once highway realignment is initiated, a discussion among agencies about the best ways "to enhance protection of the Hawaii green sea turtle and service the public in its desire to view and experience this popular species."

What matters more than the sequence of events is that there's some kind of coordination here to make the best use of public land and money, addressing the twin issues of erosion and beach access. If that's managed successfully here, the plan can serve as a template for many more coastal areas where these issues arise.

To that point, Hee is also pressing for another piece of legislation to expand the area where comprehensive shoreline management planning can take place. SB 3036 would allot an unspecified amount of money for the Sea Grant College to create a North Shore beach management plan covering the area from Sunset Beach to Waimea Bay. The focus would be on dealing with erosion and other threats of sea-level rise, but smart planning would produce coastal road adjustments that mesh well with recreation, too.

These bills should pass, sending a clear message that further delay is simply intolerable. Government may drag its heels on a highway project, but erosion won't wait forever. The end result we don't want is for the sea to claim Kamehameha Highway.

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Nancy Ravelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Give the beach back to the people, give us decent access. Thank you.

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Comments: Vote yes on SB3035!

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Comments: Do it before the road falls into the ocean.

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