

Honolulu, Hawaii  
January 20, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 17

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 17 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COASTAL AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect public access by making permanent the Department of Land and Natural Resources' authority to require that owners of abutting private property maintain beach transit corridors free from interfering or encroaching vegetation and to enforce penalties for noncompliance.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Kailua Neighborhood Board; Life of the Land; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; the Office of Planning of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and three individuals. The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 17 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,

*Cindy Evans*

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CINDY EVANS, Chair



