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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerry Jacques	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the creation of a working group to explore options in addressing the flooding issues at Kahuku High School. The campus has had these flooding issues since I began my schooling at Kahuku as a kindergartener in 1982, and finished by schooling at Kahuku as a senior in 1995. My parents both taught at Kahuku for almost 40 years, and the flooding issues were always a problem. Mahalo for your time.

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TO: The Senate, Committee on Education; Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs; Committee on Water and Land

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REGARDING: SCR 113 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO THE FLOODING ISSUES AT KAHUKU HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. (PROPOSED SD1)

TESTIMONY: I am in support of this proposed measure to address flooding issues at Kahuku High and Intermediate School. Safety must be a priority in our schools and for our children in order for learning and excellence to prosper. I am currently a teacher at Kahuku High and Intermediate School. I am also working on a master's degree in urban and regional planning with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at UH Manoa. I see firsthand as a community member and then also as a planner the basic but urgent need for planning and disaster management. Our location on the North Shore, Koolauloa side of Oahu especially require that we plan for natural events. My alma mater – Kahuku High – needs the capacity that DLNR, the County, and the Army Corps may provide. Please let me know how I can assist a future working group as it pertains to shaping and implementing feasible practices and policies necessary in addressing flooding concerns at Kahuku High and Intermediate School.

Best,

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halona wily	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha. I am an Alumna of Kahuku high school class of 1993. My family moved to the school district in 1976. My sisters and I have been attending the high school since 1976-1993. The conditions at the. School have been under par for many years. Currently with on hour of good rain our feild , track, and some class rooms go under water. It has been such a night mare as a student to have to wade through the water to get to class. As a seventh grader I vividly remember being in Pe and having to cross the field and track to get to my next class. Thinking this is one of those days where nature was something to be in awe of. After a few weeks it happened so often even as a child you knew it was unsafe, unsanitary, and the result of poor planning. There is something to be said of the red raider community. Anything that has been provided for has been taken care of by staff member and community member alike. I also remember coming home from a volleyball game and it was raining. We had just gotten a new gym floor and we all anew the drill and rules to take care of it. All of a sudden the water went over the curb and was washing into the gym I waves. My mom myself and the pe teacher and a few other children hurried and got mats and mops and school bags and trash cans and anything we could think of. We stayed all night to protect that gym floor. We are asking to have our facilities and floor plan looked at and have the measures taken to make this a sustainable school. Something that grows and progresses. Uses the latest techniques to problem solve and make this campus safe. Thank you for your time.

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Keanuenue Nikora	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Senators, Thank you for taking the time to consider SCR113. The Kahuku High School track and field are in desperate need of repair and renovation. As an alumna and parent of a Kahuku High School freshmen I write to urge you allow funding to provide the appropriate relief for necessary repairs at Kahuku. There is a joke in the community that Kahuku High has no swimming pool...until it rains. With no drainage system, typical rainfall (which happens often at Kahuku) quickly turns our track and field into a boggy, muddy, swimming pool. There are very few alternative places for our students to exercise or practice so we make due often exposing them to unnecessary injury. Our bleachers need immediate attention. They are an accident waiting to happen. Teenagers seem naturally drawn to danger and unfortunately no amount of yellow safety tape will prevent a curious high schooler from exploring this hazard. The bleachers are an accident (and impending law suit) waiting to happen. Again I hope that you will support this SCR113 and allow the appropriate funding necessary to allow Kahuku High School to remain the pride of the north shore, not the joke of it. Mahalo for your time.

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Benjaline Medlock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, My name is Benjaline Buttell Medlock and I am a Kahuku High School alumni, class of 1990. My mother Moevanu Vaifale Buttell is also an alumni as is many of my relatives and friends. I appreciate the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of the Senate Concurrent Resolution 113, that seeks to provide relief for Kahuku football field facilities. Although I no longer live in Hawaii and reside in the state of Arizona, I visit Hawaii as often as feasible and was extremely sad to see the condition of the football field facilities. I would venture to say that the bleachers are the same ones that were there when I attended Kahuku and when my mother attended (class of 1972). The dilapidated condition these bleachers are in as well as the other football field facilities are an embarrassment. They are heavily corroded and more importantly, unsafe. Unless I am ignorant to any news of this, I am surprised that there have been no injuries as a result of their poor condition. The flooding that has plagued our field continues and we understand that a long term solution is needed, but for the short term, Kahuku's athletic program must remain viable due to the fact that its home athletic events generate much needed funds for the school's programs. I don't have to tell you that our community has no money and a large percentage of our students would be considered vulnerable and disadvantaged. Having something as small as renovating or reconditioning these bleachers would boost the students' morale as well as the surrounding supportive community. I know that I do not stand alone when I say that I urge you to pass this resolution today as well as to seek immediate relief measures to timely resolve this safety hazard before Kahuku's next football season starts on August. It is my understanding that the principal, elected government leaders and the entire Red Raider Nation stands behind resolution and is willing to join together to find a short-term solution to this long standing problem. I appreciate your prompt attention and action to this matter and look forward to hearing positive plans toward changing the makeup of Kahuku's football field facilities. Mahalo nui loa, Benjaline Buttell Medlock

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Tupu Wheeler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for having this hearing. Please do not neglect us at Kahuku High School any longer. The repairs and upgrades are a matter of public safety. Aloha for your kokua.

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