

LATE TESTIMONY

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I support SCR 104 and SR52.

I am an ardent supporter of this measure to protect our streams and wetlands from the effects of construction run off. Numerous projects on the windward side have used minimal control measures, and even BMPs per their approved plans, ~~that~~ are regularly overwhelmed by the normal, heavy rains very common on the windward side. The control measures should be adequate to protect our environment from the run-off from a 10 or 50 year event; however, they currently are not. Additionally, the contractor should be required to pay for the removal of the run-off and clean-up of the pollution caused by inadequate measures. Unfortunately, a small fine (eg \$25,000) rewards the contractor; it is simply cheaper to pay the fine than prepare an adequate run-off control measure. And a \$25,000 fine is much, much cheaper than paying remediation costs that could be well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. If stricter controls are not put in place and developers are not held responsible for remediation, they will continue to significantly damage our state wetlands, marshes, ponds, canals, and beaches! The secondary effects include destruction to our wildlife habitats and death to our wildlife. Both of these alternatives are unacceptable. Let's act now to prevent future destruction.