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Carty S. Chang	DLNR	Support	Yes

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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
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**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015
2:30 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 204
RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT FOR THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU**

Senate Bill 204 proposes to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program (UH Sea Grant) to create a beach management plan for the north shore of Oahu stretching from the Kawailoa to Waiale'e ahupua'a. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget request.**

This legislation endeavors to improve understanding and management of beach resources along the fifteen-mile stretch of coastline from Haleiwa through Sunset Beach, which is of primary importance to state residents and visitors from around the world for its beautiful beaches, world-class surf breaks, and marine resources.

As you know, part of the Department's mission is to manage coastal areas and ocean resources through the Department's Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL). A recent study by researchers from the University of Hawaii (UH) and United States Geological Survey¹ finds the 73% of beaches along the north shore of Oahu are undergoing a long-term trend of beach erosion (shoreline retreat). The threat of seasonal erosion and inundation during large waves may be an even greater hazard along many north shore beaches. Management and conservation of north shore beaches is further challenged by a legacy of concentrated development too close to hazard-

¹ Fletcher, C.H., *et al.*, 2012, National assessment of shoreline change: Historical shoreline change in the Hawaiian Islands: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 2011-1051, 55 p.

prone shorelines, as well as impacts from intensive public use. Frequency and severity of coastal erosion and coastal flooding events will only increase with increasing rates of sea level rise in the coming decades.

The Department has been especially busy with beach management efforts on the north shore over the past year with a series of highly publicized coastal erosion events in the Sunset Beach area. The Department is working closely with local residents and county and federal agencies to coordinate and authorize short-term solutions to manage these erosion problems, while also working to protect public beach and marine resources.

The Department, county, and federal agencies that share regulatory oversight of the north shore, as well as the local community and property owners would greatly benefit from improved scientific information on beach processes through a coordinated, community-supported beach management plan guiding future beach management efforts.

The Department has worked closely with UH Sea Grant for over 10 years in support of the OCCL's Coastal Lands Program. Collaborative efforts between the Department and UH Sea Grant include development of the Kailua Beach and Dune Management Plan in 2010. UH Sea Grant is ideally suited to develop a north shore beach management plan as a neutral broker and due to the organization's affiliations with UH researchers and expertise in community extension and outreach.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Bradley Romine	Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committees on WATER AND LAND and
HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ARTS
Tuesday, February 10, 2015; 2:30 pm
Conference Room 224

By
HAWAII SHORE AND BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 204 RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT FOR THE NORTH SHORE

Senate Bill 204 appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program to create a beach management plan for the north shore of Oahu stretching from Kawailoa to Waiale'e.

The Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association (HSBPA)* supports Senate Bill 204. Recent dramatic beach erosion events on Oahu's North Shore have threatened homes and property. Many HSBPA members have been active participants in observing the events and advising homeowners and government agencies on how best to preserve their property, yet maintain the unique character of the North Shore coastal environment. This environment is dynamic and complex. A comprehensive assessment and modern management plan would benefit the North Shore community and offer a path forward to understand and preserve one of Hawaii's most valuable treasures.

The North Shore community has recently expressed strong interest and support for a beach management plan. The development of a regional beach management plan requires the support and participation of the larger community in order to ensure successful implementation of priority management strategies. In this respect, the HSBPA also supports and encourages the planned "community conversations" to discuss the objectives of the plan and allow an opportunity for the community to share their comments, ideas and concerns for the management of this community resource.

*The Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association (HSBPA, <http://www.hawaiishoreandbeach.org/>), formed in 2014, is an organization of private sector, academic, and government professionals, students and local community members dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Hawaii's beaches and coastal environments. The HSBPA aims to bring together various members of the coastal community to foster dialogue and cooperation on beach and coastal resource conservation, management, and regulation; supporting professional development of chapter members; and providing education to students and community members on Hawaii's beaches and coastal environments.



Thank you for considering our testimony on this bill. Please consider HSBPA a resource should you have any questions or want more information about beach preservation and restoration. We can be reached at aloha@hawaiiishoreandbeach.org.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Water and Land
and Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
February 10, 2015 at 2:30pm

By
Robert Bley-Vroman, Chancellor
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SB 204– RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT FOR THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU

Chairs Thielen and Taniguchi, Vice Chairs Galuteria and Inouye, and members of the committees:

The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program strongly supports SB204 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget. This legislation endeavors to improve the scientific understanding and sustainable management of beach resources along North Shore of O'ahu from Kawailoa to Waiale'e ahupua'a, roughly Laniakea to Sunset Beach. This heavily used coastal stretch is world renown for its beautiful beaches, world-class surf breaks, and marine resources and warrants a dedicated regional beach and dune management plan to conserve and sustainably manage this unique area.

The North Shore community has expressed strong interest and support for a beach management plan. The development of a regional beach management plan requires the support and participation of the community in order to ensure successful implementation of priority management strategies. In this respect UH Sea Grant also supports and encourages the planned "community conversations" to discuss the objectives of the plan and allow an opportunity for the community to share their comments, ideas and concerns for the management of this community resource.

SB204 provides support for the development of a coastal processes study and creates a science-based north shore beach management plan, with substantial community and stakeholder input, over a two-year period. The University of Hawai'i is well positioned to carry this out and has successfully developed similar beach and dune management plans in Hawai'i including the [Kailua Beach and Dune Management Plan](#) and the [Beach Management Plan for Maui](#).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

<http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/kailua-beach-and-dune-management-plan>
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Denise Antolini	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Inouye and members: As a North Shore resident, I write in strong SUPPORT of SB204. This bill is important not just to the North Shore but to all coastal communities in Hawaii because it will, first, produce current and credible scientific information about coastal erosion, and, second, develop a realistic community action plan for addressing imminent coastal threats. Last session, the predecessor of this bill -- SB3036 -- passed every committee with overwhelmingly positive testimony. The reasons for such strong support: the impact of coastal erosion particularly in this area of the North Shore is significant and needs immediate attention. Thank you for your support of SB204 and for the opportunity to testify.

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