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Jordan Hart	Hyatt Kaanapali	Support	Yes

Comments: The Hawaii Legislature has acknowledged the value of Kaanapali Beach to the Island of Maui and State of Hawaii via passage of SB 497 Relating to Beach Nourishment. SB 497 funds one half of an \$800,000 project budget for planning and permitting of a beach nourishment project to protect Kaanapali Beach. The Kaanapali Beach Walk is a coastal recreation resource open to the general public which traverses 1.33 miles of scenic Kaanapali, which is currently threatened by shoreline erosion. The beach nourishment project proposes to add approximately 75,000 cubic yards of sand to Kaanapali Beach as a longer term shoreline protection action. Beach Nourishment will also protect the Kaanapali Beach walk. SCR125 resolves to encourage the Department of Land and Natural Resources to allow for aggressive, but temporary protection of the Kaanapali Beach Walk the larger Beach Nourishment can be completed. I urge you to support the interim protection of the Kaanapali Beach Walk while the larger beach nourishment project can be completed.

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Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Joint Hearing Room 325 11am Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>

State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Regarding: SCR 125, SD1 Proposed HD1

EXPRESSING ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR A UNIQUE AND AGGRESSIVE APPROACH BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO USE DURABLE AND TEMPORARY GEOSYNTHETIC MATERIALS AS NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE KAAPALI BEACHWALK FROM SHORELINE HAZARDS UNTIL THE BEACH NOURISHMENT PROGRAM AT KAAPALI BEACH CAN BE COMPLETED.

Dear Chairs Yamane and Ing and members of the House Committees on Water and Land and Ocean , Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs:

My name is Wayne N. Hedani and I am writing to you as President and General Manager of Kaanapali Operations Association, Inc. (KOA) in support of this resolution. KOA is a membership organization which represents over 5000 units of hotels, condominiums, commercial properties, recreational facilities and residences in the Kaanapali Beach Resort. The Kaanapali Beach Resort annually produces over \$2Billion in economic impact to the County of Maui and State of Hawaii.

The Kaanapali Beach Resort is one of the first and remains one of the foremost masterplanned destination resorts in the world. Planning of the resort began in the 1950's and includes many features now replicated by other destination resorts throughout the world. One of these features is the Kaanapali Beachwalk.

- **Masterplanned walkways.** Each property in Kaanapali is required to provide walkways both Mauka and Makai of their properties to tie into the walkway masterplan. This system of walkways now stretches from the Hyatt Regency Maui to the south to the Honua Kai Resort to the North tying in over 6000 units of hotels and condominiums and extends over 3 miles in length along the beach providing safe lateral access along the beach for residents and guests alike. It is estimated that over 18,000 people per day utilize this walkway. This walkway system now ties into the County of Maui's walkway which leads towards Lahaina Town. At 18,000 people per day, this comes to 6,570,000 people trips per year using our walkways. It is a graphic success story of a masterplanned walkable community not centered on the automobile.

The County of Maui and State of Hawaii encourages livable and walkable communities with concepts such as "complete streets". The Kaanapali Beach Resort is an example of this successful concept implemented today. Beach Walkways which are enjoyable and safe are now an integral part of visitor and resident satisfaction.

Due to recent and recurring high wave events due to climate change and sea level rise, properties and the beachwalk have been threatened by beach erosion. This erosion can be serious at times and create escarpments which can be dangerous to visitors and residents using the walkway.

Countering the effects of beach erosion takes collaboration between the private and public sectors. The Kaanapali Beach Resort has committed to the renourishment and restoration of Kaanapali Beach through a 50/50 partnership with the DLNR on beach restoration which is still several years away due to permitting. During the interim, temporary measures to protect our beachwalks are needed until the nourishment is implemented. The Kaanapali Beach Resort has committed \$3.8M in funding to the DLNR as our 50% share of the Kaanapali Beach restoration project to be implemented in 2017 or 2018. It is a shining example of innovative partnerships for the common good.

In the interim, we encourage your support of measures as described in the above resolution to ask the DLNR to pursue innovative solutions in the interim.

Sincerely,

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cc KOA Board of Directors  
Kaanapali Beach Resort Properties

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Comments:

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State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 125, SENATE DRAFT 1,  
Proposed SENATE DRAFT 2  
EXPRESSING ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR A UNIQUE AND AGGRESSIVE  
APPROACH BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
USE DURABLE AND TEMPORARY GEO-SYNTHETIC MATERIALS AS  
NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE KAA NAPALI BEACH WALK FROM  
SHORELINE HAZARDS UNTIL THE BEACH NOURISHMENT PROGRAM AT  
KAA NAPALI BEACH CAN BE COMPLETED

Senate Concurrent Resolution 125, Senate Draft 1, Proposed Senate Draft 2 expresses endorsement and support for a unique and aggressive approach by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to use durable and temporary geo-synthetic materials as necessary for the protection of the Kaanapali Beach Walk from shoreline hazards until the beach nourishment program at Kaanapali Beach can be completed. **The Department supports the intent of the resolution and respectfully offers the following comments.**

The Department notes that erosion control structures built with geo-synthetic materials (e.g., heavy-duty sandbags, tarps, and "geo-tubes") are a form of shoreline hardening that should be employed cautiously. These structures can have similar impacts on beaches as concrete seawalls and rock revetments by accelerating beach loss and limiting access to the shoreline in front of the structure.

The Department is working with the Kaanapali Operators Association (KOA) to restore the natural beach environment at Kaanapali. This includes the ongoing development of a beach

restoration project through a public-private cost-share agreement with KOA. We have been working with resort property owners along Kaanapali Beach for several decades to address beach erosion which threatens the integrity of the pedestrian walkway feature. We believe that the best option for the protection of the walkway is to restore the beach. We are hopeful that we will be successful in obtaining the necessary permits to proceed with the beach restoration project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.