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Testimony of  
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Before the House Committee on  
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 21, 2017  
10:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 194/HOUSE RESOLUTION 122  
TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR INCREASING WATER CIRCULATION  
IN POKAI BAY

House Concurrent Resolution 194/House Resolution 122 urges the United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to collaborate to create a mechanism for generating water circulation in Pokai Bay on Leeward Oahu. **The Department acknowledges the intent, however, respectfully opposes these resolutions due to the lack of funding and resources.**

Any project, whether executed in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or by the Department, would require funding. There is no funding available to the Department at this time to accomplish the intent of these resolutions whether to provide funds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to meet cost sharing requirements or for the Department to acquire the services of a consultant to conduct studies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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Comments: My name is C. Pono Higa and I am testifying in support of the intent of HCR194 and its companion HR122 because Pokai Bay is a place of significant social, recreational, and cultural importance to the people of Waianae. Further, the health and safety hazards addressed in HCR194 and HR122 warrant, at a minimum, an investigation into the pollutants and quality of the sea water, as well as the surrounding area. If such study finds pollutants in the sea water and/or surrounding area with adverse affects to people, sea life, and ecosystem; action must be taken immediately to mitigate such. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

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