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

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
10:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 88, SENATE DRAFT 2
URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND OTHERS, TO
COLLABORATE TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR INCREASING
WATER CIRCULATION IN POKAI BAY ON LEEWARD OAHU

Senate Concurrent Resolution 88, Senate Draft 2 urges the United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), and others, to collaborate to research and develop a plan for increasing water circulation in Pōkaʻī Bay on Leeward Oʻahu. **The Department acknowledges the intent of this measure and provides the following comments.**

The intent of this measure is to address concerns with alleged environmental and health risks in Pōkaʻī Bay (Bay) due to runoff from surrounding surfaces, illegal dumping and user-induced contaminants.

After a water quality assessment is completed and if improved water circulation is deemed necessary, the Department can work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to come up with cost estimates to pursue design options that can be provided to the legislature for funding consideration. Studies would also be needed to assess the structural integrity of the breakwater if redesigned, as well as movement of sand when high surf enters the Bay. Unfortunately, the Department does not have the capacity to pay for such research and design studies with our existing operational funds.

The Department notes that it is working to address the issue of boats being moored in the Bay for longer than permitted, through administrative rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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| Desiree Hikuroa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha Chair Ing, Vice Chair Gates and Committee Members: My Name is Desiree Hikuroa and I am testifying in support of SCR 88 / SR 34 and HCR 194 / HR 122 because I have personally been affected by the poor water quality of Pokai Bay. As a child, I would play in the shore while my mother would canoe paddle. I would end up with unusual rashes on my chest that were unexplainable. One day we showed up at the beach, and there were piles of dead file fish and other trigger fish all along the shore. These phenomenal events have led me to not want to take my own child to Pokai Bay. As a fisherwoman, I am aware that fishermen/woman will discard unwanted parts of their catch into the ocean right in front of the harbor. That, coupled with the constant flow of marine traffic and canal runoff leads, and unexplainable wounds lead me to believe that there are unusually high amounts of bacteria that pose a risk to our community. Please consider testing various parts of the bay for bacteria and other contaminants that may pose a risk. Mahalo for your consideration, Desiree Hikuroa Makakilo, HI

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| Javier Mendez-Alvarez | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Carl M Jellings Sr | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Strong Support

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