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Submitted on: 4/10/2021 6:34:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Kobayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitting written testimony from Ann Kobayashi in support of HCR 147.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2021 5:03:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Winona T Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HCR147 that it be passed whereas members of government and of the community work together to make necessary recommendations for the flood mitigation of East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue. This is important for the people of Manoa to have a voice and input on how these issues dealing with their community. The public has a right to be notified what is happening in their neighborhood.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2021 5:38:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audrey Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This needs to be fixed and if it needs a committee to fix it, can one be formed quickly to do so? Thank you!

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Submitted on: 4/11/2021 7:06:56 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carla Sahin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to see the flooding problem at Oahu ave and east manoa road fixed.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2021 7:51:28 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jerry lam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

i have been a manoa resident for 45 years. the flooding at the main intersection of manoa avenue and oahu avenue has been a recurring problem through a major intersection into manoa valley. please pass this resolution so we can plan to have this remedied! thank you.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2021 10:04:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thalya DeMott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I've been a Manoa resident for over 20 years and the University/Oahu Ave/E. Manoa Rd intersection has frequently been flooded during rainy weather. Please work on resolving the problem. Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 4/11/2021 11:37:54 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**THE SENATE of the THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2021**

Committee On Water And Land

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,

Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair,

Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Senator Kurt Fevella, Senator Gil Riviere,

Aloha kākou,

I am in strong support of resolution HCR 147 that is “REQUESTING THAT A WORKING GROUP BE CONVENED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS on flood mitigation at the intersection of East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue.”

My name is Bruce Lum and I applaud Representative Dale Kobayashi for having the backs of the Manoa residents who have suffered and tolerated the very chronic decades of flooding at the intersection at Oahu Ave. and Manoa Rd. This chronic problem has been further exacerbated since Manoa Valley has transitioned from a mixed-ag-residential zoned community of the early 1950’s to the dense residential-commercial community of today.

As a child, I used to walk across a wooden plank over the Manoa Stream at Kahaloa Drive when the original Manoa School site moved to the present day site. At that time, even during the heaviest rains, flooding at Kahaloa and the Manoa Stream was nothing as threatening as it is today. The small drainage channels surrounding the present Manoa School and Manoa District Park were well maintained and assisted greatly in the abatement of upper Manoa Valley flooding. Today, some of those drainage channels are filled in and some are over grown. The elimination of those channels is part of the reason for the disrupted and deficient drainage system at the subject intersection of HCR 147.

What ever is causing the flooding at the confluence in this intersection’s drainage

system needs to be identified and fixed for the sake of this Manoa community's safety and peace of mind.

I strongly concur with the convening of a working group to make recommendations on flood mitigation at the intersection of East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue as called for by HCR 147. The decades of flooding at the Oahu Ave. and E. Manoa Rd. intersection must stop, and I hope that you will collectively vote "aye" to adopt this resolution now.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 147.

Sincerely,
Bruce Lum

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Submitted on: 4/12/2021 7:27:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Watase	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye and committee members,

I SUPPORT HCR147 which creates a working group to come up with recommendation to mitigate the flooding at Oahu Avenue and E. Manoa Road. This flooding has been an ongoing problem for decades. The flooding at times blocks off direct access to over half of Manoa Valley and police are called out to reroute traffic. This critical intersection, heavily traveled and leads to Manoa MarketPlace, Manoa Fire Station, Manoa Library, Manoa Innovation Center, UH Astronomy Dept, and many schools and parks. This issue needs to be prioritized in order to get the attention it deserves and to hopefully fix this long overdue flooding problem. Please vote in SUPPORT. Mahalo, Dave Watase

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Submitted on: 4/12/2021 5:51:06 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elton Fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Chair

Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee

Dear Chair Inouye and members of the Committee:

I write in support of HCR147. Although I am Vice Chair of the Manoa Neighborhood Board, I write in my individual capacity as a resident of Manoa Valley.

I was a child when my family moved into Manoa in 1961. I live in the original house, located in the back of Manoa Valley, that I inherited from my parents.

Ever since I can remember, the intersection of East Manoa Road and Oahu Ave. floods whenever it rains heavily. It floods on average 6-12 times a year and perhaps more. I always wondered why the City didn't do something about it. I assumed that the flooding was due to the leaves and debris clogging the mouths of the storm drains. The flooding causes the intersection to become hazardous to drive through, so whenever it rains hard, I take an alternate route.

As a Manoa Neighborhood Board member, I have found out that the storm drain line is too narrow. It also must go through University of Hawaii property. Thus, the State must be involved in the solution. The cost might be somewhat large.

I support the creation of a group to look into a solution to this problem. Manoa residents should not have to put up with driving conditions that could damage their vehicles. And they should not have to wait 60 years before anything gets done.

Thank you.

Elton Fukumoto

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Submitted on: 4/12/2021 10:30:53 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lila Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to address the problem with this area's frequent flooding which this bill does. I am a neighbor who frequents this area and am aware of the problem.

Thank you,

LilaGardner

Makiki

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Submitted on: 4/12/2021 9:00:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan H Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need more of these support groups involving state, city, and community members for our community problems/issues.to get things done.

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Testimony for WTL on 4/14/2021 1:35:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kari Watase	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Kari Watase. I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. I attended University of Hawaii at Manoa to obtain my college degree. I fully support forming a working group that will find permanent solutions to the flooding problem at Oahu Ave. and E. Manoa Rd.

Mahalo!