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Testimony of
Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the House Committee on Transportation

Friday, March 19, 2021
10:30 a.m.

**Support for HCR 180/ HR 149
Relating to Makaha Beach Park Master Plan**

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ilagan and Members of the House Committee on Transportation,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on HCR 180 and HR 149. This resolution urges the Department of Transportation, Mayor of the City and Council of Honolulu, and Honolulu City Council to reroute Farrington Highway in accordance with the 1998 Makaha Beach Park Master Plan (MBPMP).

Participants in the Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku), Moku of Waianae and Ahupua'a of Makaha supports these measures.

Under the Hawaii State Aha Moku Process, our foundation originates in the translation of ancient chants dating back to the 9th century and focuses on “Malama Ke Akua (Honor God), Malama Ka 'Aina (Honor the Land), and Malama Na Iwi Hanau O Ka'Aina (Honor the people born of the Land). An extremely important part of our process is the natural order of this protocol. Our protocol honors the traditional Hawaiian cultural burial customs and practices as they are generationally done on each island, each moku and each ahupua'a.

In the Ahupua'a of Makaha, there has always been strong support for the 1998 Makaha Beach Master Plan, particularly in preserving and protecting the existing shoreline, protecting and restoring much of the natural and original wetlands that were disrupted by the design of the current Farrington Highway, and restore the natural flow of water from the Makaha watershed to the loko 'ia which is perceived generally as wetlands. Although not specifically mentioned in the Master Plan, as it is written it is anticipated by the traditional *na iwi hanau o Makaha*, the generational families of Makaha that fishing and gathering will be restored and enhanced once the alignment is completed because this will balance the unique ecosystem of that place.

Thank you for the opportunity to state our support for HCR 180 and HR 149 and urge this committee to adopt them.

Respectfully yours,

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HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 12:54:40 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Keaulana	Buffalo Surfing Classic	Support	No

Comments:

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A long-term concern is anticipated sea level rise. Farrington Highway is so close to the shoreline that during big swells, sand covers the road requiring tractors to move the sand off the highway. Eventually nature will claim this area and all the money invested in these bridge repairs will be wasted. This is why we have petitioned for the Mā• kaha Beach Master Plan since the late 1980s which would reroute the highway eastwards towards the mountains around the park.

In light of these issues, I humbly request your vote in support of HCR180/HR149. The 1998 Mā• kaha Beach Master Plan would allow for an accessible and beautified park. More importantly, it would be a pre-emptive response to future environmental issues and in the best interests of our residents' and visitors' safety.

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Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 12:59:46 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

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Bunky Bakutis	Buffalo Surfing Classic	Support	No

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Submitted on: 3/19/2021 4:09:22 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan C Conniry	Highway Patrol	Support	No

Comments:

With supporting evidence on Instagram I declare that the highway is unsafe for the public and sufficient actions for the public safety need to be considered and taken accounted for. I support the decision of rerouting Farrington Highway mauka around Makaha Beach Park

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Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Ilagan, and Committee Members:

I am in strong support of HCR 180 / HR 149 “Urging the Department of Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and Honolulu City Council to reroute Farrington Highway in accordance with the 1998 Makaha Beach Park Master Plan.”

I have been requested to share with you concerns and support from residents for this resolution, and against the current plan set forth by the DOT.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration

Sincerely,

Michael Oshiro

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Aloha,

I am writing this testimony to request that the City reroute Farrington Hwy mauka around Makaha Beach. I have lived and worked in the Wai'anae coast for 44 years. As a person who loves the ocean and water sports, I have spent most of my free time at Makaha Beach. It is my "home" where my children were raised and we have become part of the large extended beach 'ohana.

There are several reasons why I believe rerouting the temporary by-pass road on the beach will be detrimental to the environment and the community:

-Safety issues

To use the public restrooms and showers, or parking lot we currently need to cross the road. This is especially dangerous for

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our keiki. Cars speed through the area, even with the speed bumps. There are also frequent convoys, especially on the weekends, and heavy traffic from people leaving Makua and Yokohama Beaches making it difficult to cross the road. Traffic will continue to increase as our population grows.

-Environment

The sand shifts constantly with seasonal storms and ocean swells. The winter and summer swells shift the sand from one side of the beach to the other and this instability would damage a temporary road built on the beach. "Stinky Pond" rages and overflows into the ocean with heavy rain. These natural phenomenons will destroy any structures on the beach, wasting money the City can't afford. In addition, the debris from the destruction will pollute the ocean. We need to protect this beautiful westside treasure.

I urge the government officials and the Department of Transportation to listen closely, with respect, to the community members impacted most by the "improvements". Those who have spent their lives at the beach have an innate knowledge of the ocean swells, winds, tides, storms. We are trying to protect our beach, our keiki, and save the City and State funding by building a more permanent road not subjected to destruction by storms and swells. Imagine a park with adequate parking, minimal traffic to keep pedestrians safe. Listening to our Kupuna and respecting their wisdom and doing what is pono restores trust in the

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government and empowers a community which has traditionally been neglected.

Mahalo for your efforts to represent your community and express our concerns,

Kathy Terada

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Don't waste tax dollars and use the master plan to go ma uka.

Niniau Kawaihae

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Put the money in the masterplan. Not a band aid project they tryna rush into to screw da westside once again.

Tommy Boteilho

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Make another road from Kili Drive to the Makaha bathrooms. Why are you gonna build a road in front of a river? Condemn the bridge is unsafe and make the new road the only road

Rayden Keaulana

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We worked on this 20 years ago.... what ever happened to that master plan ?

Anonymous

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Protect Makaha Beach Park!

Gibby Ma

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Wow they really want there to be a lot of traffic westside. These guys really know how to bite off more than they chew with Traffic Related projects, the Waianae side suffers from enough traffic and faulty lights. You cannot implement things from other states or communities without first taking a look at the community and its residence to see if that would do good or bad in the community. Those traffic lights were bad seeing how there is an uncontrolled homeless problem that keeps messing with the lights. All the new bathroom projects are for nothing because they end up vandalized within days. The upkeep by C&C is lacking on so many levels.

John Kukahiko-Kealohanui

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Stop with these construction destruction nature plans...let the ppl and its animalistic microscopic inhabitants be... Almost 80 percent of greenery worldwide is gone..... Stop now please....

Poreesha

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The current bridge is rusting and contaminating the fishpond, I have tried cleaning the area many times and both the city and bws deny any responsibility for the land or water. Hopefully the area is managed in the best way for the land.

Adam Scott

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Don't waste money on temporary repairs, spend the money on the permanent plans, which is the mauka master plan

Alex Kauhi

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It would seem that the temporary road would correspond with the master plan which goes around the beach, not through the beach.

Also, it seems economically out of touch to plan and invest in a third road proposal that will be removed. The temp road could be a start for the eventual road that will serve Makaha. I’ve always heard, if you do it right the first time, you don’t have to handle it twice. Saves money, resources and time.

Jo Stroud

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Howard Hedani

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Everything about this project doesn't make any sense there's not one thing to support it besides fixing the bridge. But putting a whole road on the beach then making a metal bridge by the ocean just doesn't make sense at all

Dain

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I lived over in Makaha and crossed that bridge every day. They should easily be able to make a bridge that spans that whole area. I agree that putting a roadway onto the beach is a real bad idea. The environmental concerns come to mind... and then I don't think they're gonna make a whole road so if it's just hard pack rock or dirt then someone is gonna get stuck.

Big waves or rain could it all up.

Erick

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#waianaestrong and malama Makaha !!

Adel Coi

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Aloha.

I live on the east coast of the mainland but Makaha holds a very special place in my heart.

I urge you to please reconsider the plan to build a temporary road on the sand through Makaha.

Surely there are more prudent & less harmful ways to fix the two bridges.

If the threat to the people & the environment alone does not motivate you reconsider. then the wasting of funds & resources should.

Mahalo for your time.

Jana Crawford O'Brien - New Jersey

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Choose the sane path and build new highways away from the beach. The oceans ARE rising and it is time to consider that when building anything on a coastline. Repairing highways that are in imminent danger of being washed away is not a wise use of capital.

Sandra Englund

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Hello,

My name is Sierra Hampton. I am writing in support of Makaha Beach, and against the proposed plan to reroute the road over the beach. This is a very important beach to many Native Hawaiians and the people who come to visit this beautiful country. The sand is not stable to be built on, it will wash away the road when it rains and the two river mouths flood. Flooding into the ocean is what rivers are meant to do, it is not sustainable to obstruct that and put things in their path. The expenses from fixing the road when it washes out will place an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers.

Many young people also walk to access this beach, and placing a busy road directly on the beach poses a danger to them as they walk along fast cars and through gullies.

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It also seems short-sighted to move the road closer to the water when sea level rise is imminent and well documented. This project will be a burden and a hazard to the community and the budget and should be scrapped. Please restart a proposal with the consultation and consent of the community and the Native Hawaiians who still belong to this land and must be the leaders on all issues concerning it.

Thank you for your time.

Sierra Hampton

Masters Student

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TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION AND PROTECTION OF MAKAHA BEACH PARK BY MOVING FARRINGTON HWY MAUKA OF THE PARK

AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED IN THE 1998 MAKAHA MASTER PLAN AND CURRENTLY PROPOSED BY REPRESENTATIVE: CEDRIC GATES' RESOLUTION HCR180

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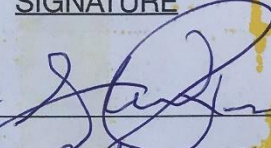
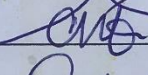
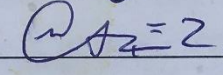
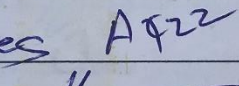
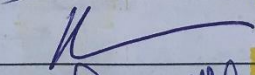
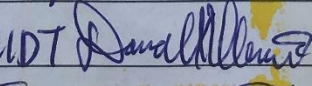
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10.	Theresa Medeiros		81159 Maipela St.
11.	IKAIKA S. NAEHU - FREITAS		87-201 MIKANA ST.
12.	Leonard Goode		84-265 Farrington #605

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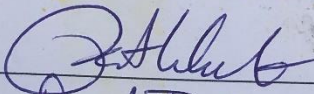
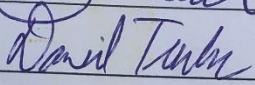
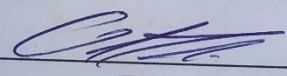
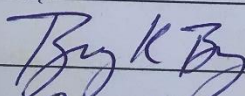
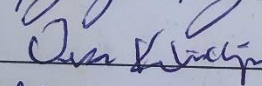
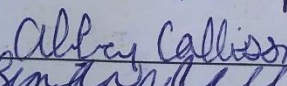
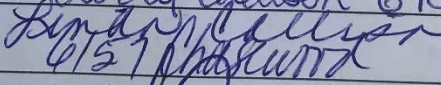
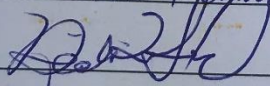
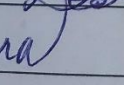

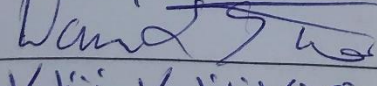
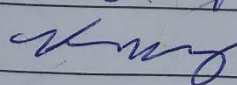
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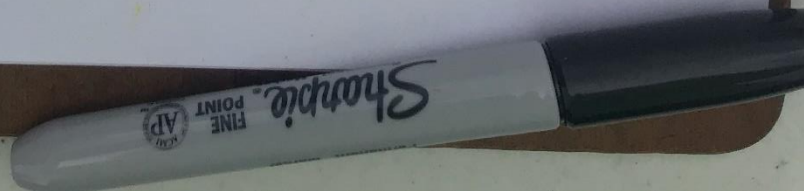
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6.	Anthony Collins	Anthony Collins	84-590 Kepoua Waikea
7.	Winston Bess Custales	Winston Bess Custales	84-106 MAKAHA Beach
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Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:01:31 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael I Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in SUPPORT of HCR 180, which would call for moving Farrington Highway Mauka of it's current location in Makaha. This is long overdue and was promised to use a long time ago.

I have lived in Makaha all my life, I have seen the bridges slowly degrade overtime, I've heard a lot of stories about how 'they're gonna make the park bigger, they're gonna build the road away from the ocean to make the park safer'. I've seen the sand wash out during high surfs, almost up tot he road, I've seen the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki. I've seen a temporary bypass road built onto the sand before, where the proposed bypass road would be. These roads are suppose to last 2 years, I seriously doubt they would last one before being washed out and cutting off everything North of Kili Drive until it could be rebuilt.

I am asking that they consider going through with the realignment of Farrington Highway MAUKA rather that building a bypass MAKAI of the current road. I would say that Bridge 3 should be rebuilt, bypassing traffic up Makaha Valley, concurrently while building the new Farrington highway in accordance with the 1998 Master plan. Once both the road and Bridge 3 are in place, Bridge 3A can then be replaced as funds are available since it will no longer be necessary

HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 8:24:00 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Luke Kaakau Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HCR180 and want to ensure that all parties involved stick with following the 1998 Makaha Beachpark master plan. Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 3/17/2021 9:34:34 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marissa Baptista	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Marissa Baptista and I currently live in Moanalua, but am looking at purchasing a home in Makaha and support the request to the Department of Transportation and the City to reroute Farrington Highway mauka around MÄ• kaha Beach Park.

HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 9:53:14 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayden Keaulana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I opposed this bill. I believe a better solution will be another road connecting from kili Dr to Makaha beach parking lot. Making a bypass road on the beach side in front of 2 rivers/streams is a environmental issues. If these rivers were to brake open there will be no other way to access. Not even emergency vehicles will not be able to respond. Please consider aloha

HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 8:51:31 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Biller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a resident of Makaha, I fully support the rerouting of Farrington Highway for the reasons described above. The local community was not fully consulted before the decision was taken to rebuild th bridges without rerouting the Hawaii. The state and federal governments must do a better job of protecting our community, evironment, and precious resources.

HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 9:23:57 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tara Rojas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

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HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 11:01:56 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alyssa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HCR180. Makaha Beach Park needs to be preserved for generations to come and the damage that will be done if the highway is constructed on the beach cannot be undone. There are many environmental reasons for HCR180 including that Makaha is prone to flooding and high surf advisories, and putting the road any closer to the ocean will surely lead to future damage.

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HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 11:11:15 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keoni Keaulana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of HCR180. I grew up at Makaha Beach, and myself and my family want it to be preserved. It is our hope to keep the highway off the beach and instead to have to road rerouted Makua side as proposed in the original Master plan. There are a lot of concerns we have if the highway is to be on the beach. These include the erosion of the new potential road, the environmental damage, and the fact that when heavy flooding and high surf advisories happen, the new potential road will surely be damaged. Keeping the road makua side as HCR180 suggests, would allow our Keeki to safely cross the road to use the bathrooms and would also prevent the environmental damage as stated above.

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Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JANA CRAWFORD O'BRIEN	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha. I live on the east coast of the mainland but Makaha holds a very special place in my heart.

I urge you to please reconsider the plan to build a temporary road on the sand through Makaha.

Surely there are more prudent & less harmful ways to fix the two bridges.

If the threat to the people & the environment alone does not motivate you reconsider. then the wasting of funds & resources should.

Mahalo for your time.

Jana Crawford O'Brien - New Jersey

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HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 2:32:34 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessie Novotny	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

"It is a curious situation that the sea, from which life first arose should now be threatened by the activities of one form of that life. But the sea, though changed in a sinister way, will continue to exist; the threat is rather to life itself." -Rachel Carson, *The Sea Around Us*

I implore you to deeply consider HCR180 in order to protect Makaha Beach and those beings who rely on it for sustenance and life. No road is worth the destruction of our moral responsibility to our shared earth.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 2:48:32 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alyson Hiapo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern, I, Alyson Hiapo do support HCR 180 in relocating Farrington hwy away from MÅ• kaha beach for the sake og safety for visitors, kÅ«puna and keiki wanting to cross farrington to enjoy our internationally known surf spot.

mahalo nui,

Alyson Hiapo

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 4:25:41 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amanda Shea Kryger	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I am writing as a resident of MÄ• kaha to voice my opposition to a temporary road makai of Farrington Highway. A new section of highway should be added further inland to replace the current section alongside MÄ• kaha Beach. The section of road by the beach is dangerous for pedestrians and children, and is often clogged with people trying to park, turn around, exit onto the road, etc. The temporary solution of a road makai of Farrington is not a solution at all. It will put beachgoers at further risk of harm with the normal traffic in addition to construction. It's just not smart, and we need to do better. Please *invest* in MÄ• kaha. We don't want a bandaid.

LATE

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 5:21:10 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bronze Fonoimoana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 5:27:56 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martinea Trippett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a life-long resident of Makaha, I am urging the DoT, Mayor, and Honolulu City Council to act in accordance with 1998 Makaha Beach Park Master Plan and HCR 180 to avoid an irreversibly devastating and unnecessary rerouting of Farrington Highway on the makai side of the beach park. There is already a plan that was agreed upon that the community accepted, and that the US Army Engineer Corps and DLNR each independently confirmed was the best option to prevent further unnecessary erosion of the beach park. Please listen to the people of Makaha, and those who know and love the beach. Listen to the experts who have agreed that the best course of action is to reroute AWAY from the makai side, further inland. Furthermore, the very real concerns of disrupting the current waterflow would be absolutely detrimental to the community; we have already seen the effects of diverting the natural ebb and flow of water with the catastrophic flooding that happened in Haleiwa. There will be large swells, heavy rains, and other natural and unstoppable occurrences that a makai side road expansion would add a more destructive and unpredictable element to; the 1998 plan completely nullifies any uncalculated risk from a makai road expansion. If there is a lack of existing funds for the original plan to be completed, then there is absolutely no room to allow for the funds that will be needed to rectify any damages caused by a makai road in the event of the aforementioned natural instances. There is much at stake with this project beside the physical environment of the beach; failure to adhere to the agreed upon 1998 plan will only further sow seeds of resentment between the people of the West Side and the governing powers that are meant to listen and act in service of the people. It is my sincere wish that the original plan be adhered to, and the further preservation and improvement of Makaha Beach Park be upheld.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 5:35:56 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nicole wiedemann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this construction.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 6:30:36 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isaac Swain	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Isaac and I am in opposition of the bill HCR 180 being passed. Two main reasons why I oppose it is because of the possible outcomes that may happen during its construction, because of the inconvenience it would case to local commuters, and also due to the amount of money which would be wasted on futile efforts.

The temporary road that the bill indicates will be installed runs through a pair of deep ditches. Needless to say that if a big swell or flood washes up on the site, there will be a possibility of the road being destroyed and result in the loss of funds provided for its construction. Another worry is for the local surfers and those who travel by foot. People use the bridge as means of crossing onto Makaha beach. And of the bill goes through, people would need to cross the ditch alongside cars in order to get by. Their safety precautions would greatly increase along with the risk of cars accidentally harming a pedestrian. Which brings me to discuss the inconvenience to commuters.

Some problems that drivers may experience is a chance of having a contraflow lane on the location. In order for drivers and the construction to be in the same area, one would be without a doubt needed. But with the amount of people driving to and from the premises, the likes of traffic would significantly increase alongside the hazards both cars and pedestrians might face. It would also be worthy to note that this risk would be greater if weather conditions become rainy or the site floods.

And the last reason is in regard to the funds which would be provided towards the construction. With the anticipated sea level rise, it would be more than likely that some day during the two-year period, it will experience problems of potential flooding within the ditch. It would only serve to waste the provided funds in efforts that would be for nought. Which brings me to include the fact that the highway is too close to the shore. It would be more sufficient if the bridge be rerouted away from Makaha beach than rather have the state highway directly on sand. Not only would it decrease the chance of hazards but would be much more resistant to heavy rains and floods from the beach.

So to conclude my testimony, I have stated my perspective on the passing of bill HCR 180 and provided my reasons to why I think it shouldn't continue. Please take my views into perspective and consider whether to go through with the bill or not. Mahalo.

LATE

HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 6:47:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Giselle Kananiokakai Guerrero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Creating this road endangers the community and especially the children who walk and bike to makaha beach. This plan will put the highway closer to the beach and closer to all of the keiki who love Makaha. We also have many storms where the river floods and it would flood the ditch and wash the road away, so building this road would be a waste of money. Not to mention the king tides and rise in sea level that also threatens to flood the ditch.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 6:56:22 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chani Maunakea-Forth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a lifelong resident of the Wai'anae Coast, I am deeply concerned by the current plan to construct a temporary bypass road over the beach at Māhaha Beach Park. In the last couple of weeks alone we have experienced torrential rain that has wreaked havoc on the islands. It is highly likely that a bypass road on the beach would be swept away in a similar manner to the one at Waimea Bay in 2000 due to inland flooding or storm surge. The 1998 Makaha Beach Park Plan is a comprehensive approach to meet the needs of this community. As we continue to see the effects of climate change in sea level rise and beach erosion, it becomes evident that replacing the existing bridge is a bandaid solution to a much more serious problem. The road must be constructed inland, to preserve the natural wonder of Māhaha beach for future generations.

LATE

HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 7:13:11 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
adrian marin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Rerouting the highway is the only option to protect the land, but it also will protect the residents that live in the are.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 7:46:46 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Puanani Jelf-Albert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The people of the Waianae moku know their land and beaches better than those not from Waianae moku. Please listen to the community's concerns regarding the rerouting on the makai side, as it's based not only on native understandings of the water and weather patterns of the area, but it's also informed by climate change realities and comes from hearts that care for the community and want to see it thrive.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2021 8:03:27 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tori-Lyn Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Tori-Lyn Smith. I am a proud native Hawaiian wā• hine submitting testimony on behalf of myself and our 'ohana that resides and own our home in MĀ• kaha valley. I am a mother of two (2) keiki, and am a social worker (MSW) who works with youth at a Wai'anae non-profit organization. I am submitting testimony in opposition to HCR180 that would reroute Farrington Hwy to the makai side of the current bridge/road. The reasons we oppose this resolution are as follows:

1- Safety - MĀ• kaha swells are massive in the winter. We have watched each year the water moves closer and closer to the existing road. Some years, the water hits against the existing road. During recent year -- sand has had to be replenished and moved to MĀ• kaha beach because the swells took so much of it. Creating a road even closer the the ocean from the existing road is a waste of tax payer dollars. Also, having a road even closer to our beach will create a hazard and unnecessary danger.

2- Environmental Impacts - Where is the EIS? Was there one done recently? Constructing a road on the beach will allow construction and paving waste to enter the ocean and affect our already fragile ecosystems. This is not pono.

3- Outdated Plans - Plans created in 1998 should not apply in 2021 (nearly 23 years later). MĀ• kaha has changed immensely since 1998 (geography, topography, erosion, traffic, etc.). We have been to MĀ• kaha beach at least once a week for the last 6 years. We have watched the beach changed before our eyes. Plans created in 1998 no longer apply to the current needs of the area.

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HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 9:26:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BRIAN KEAULANA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a long time Makaha resident and I am in strong support of this resolution.

The current situation at MÄ• kaha Beach Park is dangerous given that Farrington Highway splits the beach park in half with the beach on one side and the showers, comfort station, canoe hale, and parking lot on the other side. For easier access, most people park on the sand makai of Farrington which results in this area being prone to collisions as people reverse out of the beach onto the busy highway and as pedestrians constantly cross back and forth. Rerouting the highway makai, which is the current plan according to the Department of Transportation, would only exacerbate this issue.

A long-term concern is anticipated sea level rise. Farrington Highway is so close to the shoreline that during big swells, sand covers the road requiring tractors to move the sand off the highway. Eventually nature will claim this area and all the money invested in these bridge repairs will be wasted. This is why we have petitioned for the MÄ• kaha Beach Master Plan since the late 1980s which would reroute the highway eastwards towards the mountains around the park.

In light of these issues, I humbly request your vote in support of HCR180/HR149. The 1998 MÄ• kaha Beach Master Plan would allow for an accessible and beautified park. More importantly, it would be a pre-emptive response to future environmental issues and in the best interests of our residents' and visitors' safety.

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HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 9:51:01 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Juanita Torres	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Cars don't belong on the Sand or the beach, we are here to take care of our land and preserve it for the future of our Keiki, we as a community can problem solve! Malama Aina ALL the time.

LATE

HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/18/2021 11:16:13 PM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nahoku Kahana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in opposition of bill HCR 180. The reason for my opposition is because the City and County needs to really take into consideration the concerns of the environment and the people that reside in this area. The concern is that the water needs to be directly diverted into the ocean as it has been over the years. One thing I know for a fact is that you cannot fight water. The mass is way too heavy as we have witnessed over the past week where major floods have occurred throughout Hawai'i. Putting a temporary road on the sand just seems like the worst idea ever as this area is known to have heavy surf. As we have witnessed places with heavy surf and water flow experience the effect of mass erosion, as we have seen on the O'ahu's north shore which is what will happen to the road in this situation. This is a safety issue that needs to be taken into consideration and addressed. Building a temporary road on the sand is just preposterous. The best thing that the City and County can do is to highly regard the concerns of the people and families of MĀ• kaha who have lived and breathed here from generation after generation. Do what is right and make sure that whatever is done, is done in a "PONO" manner that concerns the betterment of the surrounding environment and the people of this environment. Mahalo a nui loa for your time and patience.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

NĀ• hĀ• kĀ« Kahana

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Submitted on: 3/19/2021 2:40:30 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This beach is vital to locals, construction of the highway on it would be a major loss to our community.

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HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/19/2021 6:21:57 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trinity Hobdey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support.

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HCR-180

Submitted on: 3/19/2021 6:36:02 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2021 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Benyshek	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to oppose HCR180, which would reroute Farrington Hwy to the makai side during bridge repairs. The proposed region includes two drainage ditches that pose a hazard to road stability, especially considering the recent flooding events on our island. Additionally, the effects of sea level rise will continue to damage nearshore structures and should be considered in any long-term developments.

Thank you for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carmen	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha Kakou,

My name is Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano a Waianae born and raised wahine, my mom and dad use to bring us to MÄ• kaha to swim, fish, dive now I bring my Keiki here once a year to remember their grandpa as his ashes are laid to rest here so are my uncles, and cousins one day so will I this is how important MÄ• kaha Beach is to our ohana.

On April 1 construction is set to build the Bypass directly on MÄ• kaha Beach to begin repairs to a structural sound bridge reinforced and repaired twice, in the [2011 EIS](#) it states that the Alternate 3 (Ma Kai) route was rejected. So we have ask our selves why is the State continuing with this alternative? Once bridges are repaired wouldn't that mean Makaha Master Plan would be null and void? Why haven't they progress with OMPO to curate the Master Plan.

While Design Alternative 3 meets the purpose and need of the proposed project to replace the existing deficient bridges, **it is not considered a viable nor feasible alternative and is rejected from further consideration** based on: (1) the need for acquisition of new highway **right-of-way is undesirable because of potential for major economic and social disruption to property owners**; and (2) in combination with the need for acquisition of large portions of land, would move a segment of Farrington Highway and the reconstructed bridges closer to the ocean. This Farrington Highway Replacement of MÄ• kaha Bridges No. 3 and No. 3A Final Environmental Assessment 3-5 is **undesirable based on existing conditions involving seasonal periods of heavy surf which could damage the new bridges and adjoining segment of the highway, and pose increased and unnecessary risk to public safety.**

This is why since the late 90's the Master Plan was bought to [Oahu Metropolitan Planing Organization](#) as a community there are so many things to gain from this plan such as recreational areas, expansion of the beach, multi-purpose field, elimination of repairs due to beach erosion storm waves, and an insured way in and out of the west end of Oahu. so with all these studies done why hasn't it been done yet?

Makaha Beach Park Master Plan was completed in 1998 for the City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation. A concept that was illustrated in that plan was a realignment of Farrington Highway to the north-east of Makaha Beach Park. The plan noted that a draft detailed project report and **Environmental Impact Survey ("EIS") was prepared for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in November 1985, and the preferred proposal was to realign Farrington Highway on the ma uka (i.e. "mountain") side of the proposed project site.** The Stated benefits of this realignment were: 1) increased **recreational use** (in a community that has grown ten times its size since 1998), 2) **expansion of the beach**, 3) **additional parking** (for a beach park currently with very limited parking, to the point where people must park illegally on the sand), 4) **elimination of highway repairs due to beach erosion and storm waves**, and 5) **insured access in and out of the west end of the island of Oahu.** The realignment of Farrington Highway is included in the current Oahu Regional Transportation Plan as a long-range project. However, the 1998 master plan only presented the idea as a concept and estimate the potential impacts, costs, benefits, and feasibility of realigning Farrington Highway.

There's been no work on moving this alternative forward, as a result, today we're having to protest, and [petition \(save makaha beach\)](#) the bypass and bridge repair. I've created this petition to show all of our decision-makers what the community has been saying for decades now that is to move the Farrington highway off and further inland.

Makaha residents and Oahu's general people, Malahini (visitors) who use this highway to travel further west to other beaches will still be exposed to these issue of climate change and the receding shoreline in 2016 [Hawaii News Now](#) reported:

The affected area is both city and state property. State Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, whose district includes Makaha, wants **the government to bring in extra sand each summer to mitigate the effects of winter erosion**

This is where I see an issue we have people who are still in office till this very day who gave assurances of relocating the highway and it's never followed through. We are tired of this frankly!

Mayor Kirk Caldwell is talking to state transportation officials about relocating the highway, but such a project would be years in the making.

In the meantime, the city and state are still trying to formulate how they'll tackle Makaha's worsening erosion.

These bridges are also in the FEMA flood zone, an unsafe highway which is the only highway that goes through a beach park, its so unsafe for Keiki to use the comfort

station or parking area and it'll always be if we continue on with this bypass instead of the master plan.

The Māhaha Master plan fixes all stated issues, it'll be better for the [muliwai \(wetlands\) stated in the 2011 EIS findings](#) to go around it, we also have Anae (mullet) once a sustainable food source as well as ['o'opu](#) another food source and used for cultural practices such as offerings. We also have 'opae and the [Hawaiian Damselfly](#) once known to be endemic to this area but hasn't been seen since the 80's due to water being cut off to this natural flow.

Cleghorn also indicates the possible importance of a pond/wetland area just mauka of the highway: **“This pond and wetland may have offered rich resources for the Hawaiians of the area, and the pond may have been used as an inland fishpond during the prehistoric and early historic eras”** (Cleghorn 1997:33). George Arakaki, Landis Ornellas, Lucio Badayos, Albert Silva, and other kāhuna interviewed for this assessment mentioned that in the past there was **traditional gathering of fish such as awa awa, holehole, 'o'opu, and 'opae in the stream that abuts the project area.**

Eddie Kamaheua made referral Albert Silva. He said people would fish in **Māhaha Stream for 'opae, and 'o'opu .**

The community is concerned that there should be no adverse effect on any of the on-going activities in the surrounding area during the proposed bridge replacement. Traffic control and the possibility of encountering inadvertent burials were also of concern.

These concerns have fallen upon deaf ears for so long my Ohana and I are in total support of this bill and hopes to Holomua (progress) on the Master Plan.

Mahalo for allowing our voices to be heard!

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Please move the highway off the beach (sand). It's not safe for all the keiki and pedestrians who have to walk along the beach. If it rains, the road would get flooded and unsafe for drivers and may have the potential of getting ruined. How would people get to work? People have to pay bills. Plus it would ruin the natural environment that brings so much peace and joy to the people of this island. Mahalo.

Aloha, Janice Giles