

HR-136

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Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco, and members of WAL,

Breaking news, February 28, 2022 "As beach disappears, house collapses into ocean on Oahu's North Shore" <https://www.khon2.com/local-news/north-shore-house-collapses-onto-beach/>

We are at a pivotal point for sea level rise and coastal erosion in Hawai'i. Your leadership on this issue is appreciated.

I write in **strong support** of HCR136 and HR136, REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NORTH SHORE COASTAL RESILIENCE WORKING GROUP.

As a 30-year resident of the North Shore (both Ke Nui Road and Pūpūkea), I am very familiar with the severe coastal erosion issues that have become acute in this coastal area.

In mid-2021, when Surfrider Foundation reached out to me and others in the community to form the North Shore Coastal Resilience Working Group (NSCRWG), I readily accepted the invitation to volunteer my time to this year-plus-long effort.

I felt that the erosion situation along North Shore beaches was urgent, that inter-agency cooperation was critical, and that broad community engagement was essential to come up with sound solutions that protect the public trust resources at stake, ensure homeowners and agencies adapt to rising sea levels, and that we all collaborate on resilient solutions to the inevitable coastal erosion in our islands' future.

After a year of meetings with this highly committed group -- and with the world witnessing just a month ago the first house in Hawai'i to literally fall into the ocean from climate change/sea level rise right along this area that we are studying -- I feel even more strongly now about the importance and potential of this Working Group.

As the resolution indicates, the NSCRWG has met five times and seeks to complete its work with recommendations for adaptation planning and solutions this Summer.

This resolution recognizes the value of the Working Group process and supports the efforts of the NSCRWG to find creative solutions to very complex problems involving many stakeholders.

The goal of the resolution is to encourage the City and County of Honolulu to further this community engagement process, to make progress toward solutions based on the Working Group's recommendations, and to consider the Working Group as a possible model for similar community efforts.

Thank you for supporting this resolution and the NSCRWG!

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