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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022
9:30 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 430, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 82/HOUSE RESOLUTION 73
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE MOUNT KA'ALA NATURAL
AREA RESERVE TO INCLUDE THE SLOPES OF MOUNT KA'ALA,
PARTICULARLY IN THE WAIALUA DIRECTION**

House Concurrent Resolution 82/House Resolution 73 urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to explore the possibility of expanding the Mount Ka'ala Natural Area Reserve to include the slopes of Mount Ka'ala, particularly in the Waiialua direction. **the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports these measures.**

The Department is willing to explore the option to expand the Mount Ka'ala Natural Area Reserve to further protect native ecosystems. A map is attached which shows the Reserve, and the adjacent Mokulē'ia Forest Reserve which is also managed by the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife for native ecosystem, watershed, and other resources. Below (north) of those Reserves is private land.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

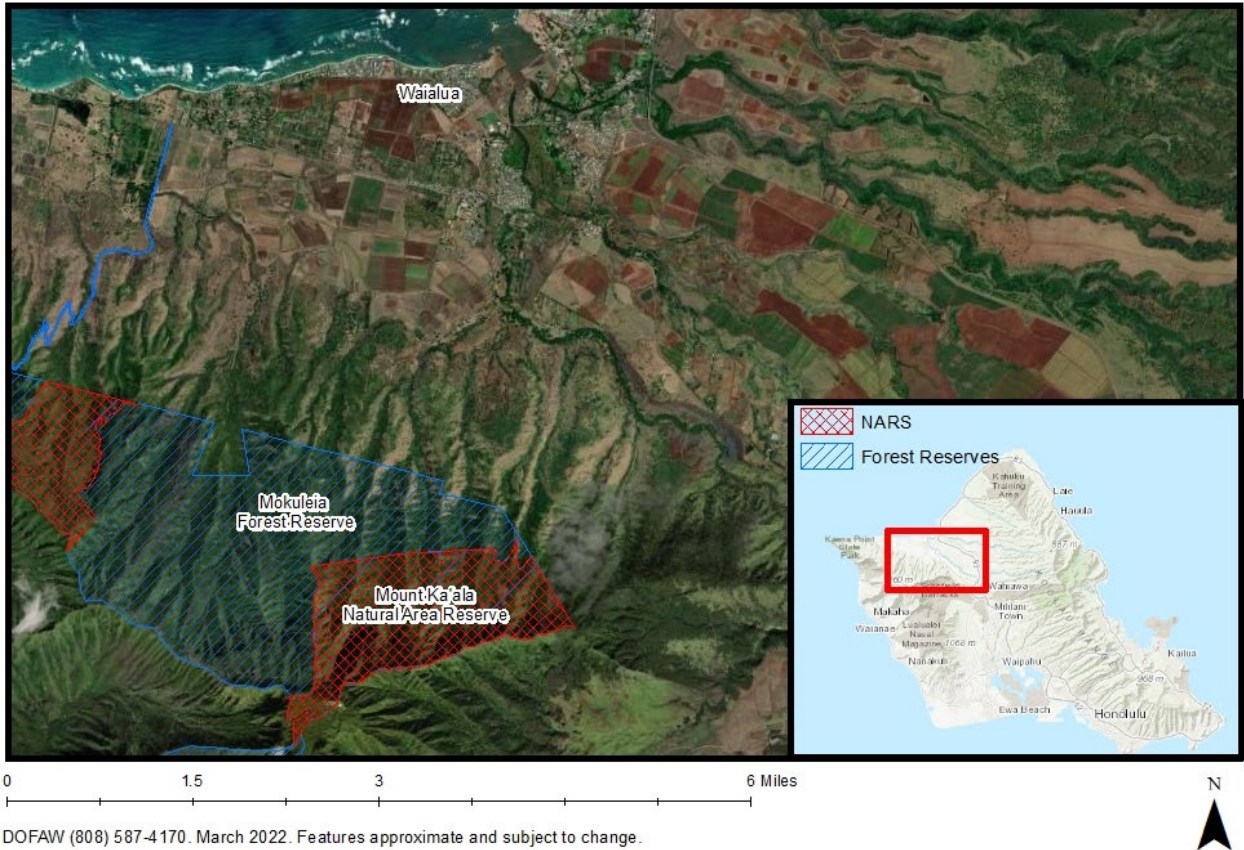
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Mt. Ka'ala Natural Area Reserve



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Racquel Achiu	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

ALOHA & MAHALO for the opportunity to testify on HR73. My support is for the intent of HR73 and the ultimate protection of Mount Ka'ala. Mahalo to Representative Quinlan for introducing this resolution and starting this long overdue conversation. Mount Ka'ala is at great risk of being littered with inappropriate, unnecessary, misuse of land through development and non-compliant projects. Since reviewing the resolution as it is written, i have had the opportunity to speak with DLNR and was fortunate to have a healthy conversation on the concerns and potential options for the protection of Mount Ka'ala. Exploring options to support conservation and protection of Mount Ka'ala (and its use) warrants further consideration in reviewing land use guidelines, boundaries and zoning laws while also supporting existing, in compliance landowners/tenants.

I am very comfortable in speaking for not only myself and my ohana but also for our North shore communtiy when I say, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ACT NOW. TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE & PROTECT THE INTEGRITY AND EXISTENCE OF MOUNT KA'ALA. Mount Ka'ala is of significant importance, historically, culturally & resourcefully. Our islands are losing their rich and majestic character ar a rapid pace. Protecting Mount Ka'ala and its integrity use and history is paramount. MAHALO

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Kathleen M Pahinui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha - I support the intent of this resolution and want to see a serious effort for preserving Mt Kaala. Per the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan: Preserve scenic views of the mountains, coastal pali and shoreline areas including mauka and makai views seen from near shore waters and heavily traveled areas such as Kamehameha Highway, Farrington Highway and Kaukonahua Road.

There is serious concern that the development now going on on the side of Mt Kaala will forever ruin these views. The green and majestic beauty of this mountain must be protected in perpetuity.

Malama aina,

Kathleen Pahinui

Waiialua Resident