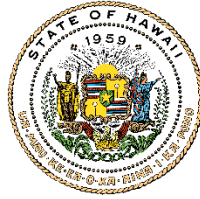
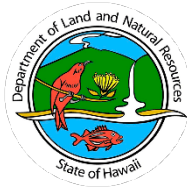


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Before the House Committee on
FINANCE

Monday, April 3, 2023
2:30PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1254, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO THE KAIWI COAST

Senate Bill 1254, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 2 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to petition the Board of Land and Natural Resources to designate certain lands as the “Kaiwi Coast State Park” and appropriates funds. **The Department supports this measure.**

The Department deeply appreciates this measure’s support for safe public access and sufficient stewardship of the Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline.

The amount of CIP funding needed to implement the planning, design and construction for the proposed bicycle and pedestrian pathway still need to be determined. The Department is appreciative of the consideration of funds for the establishment, planning, and design of the park and improvements related to implementing a bicycle and pedestrian pathway, and suggests One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to enact parts of this endeavor.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

Monday, April 3, 2023

2:30 p.m.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Conference Room 308

Re: **Strong Support for SB1254**

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and FIN Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing Friends of Hanauma Bay to testify in **strong support of SB1254** which would designate the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park. It would also establish protection and directions for land management, and positions, within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for this new State Park.





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The lands of the Ka Iwi coast extending from Hawaii Kai to Waimanalo for almost seven miles are an invaluable natural asset for the people of Hawaii. Framed by dramatic mauka-to-makai views and natural landscapes; cultural and historic features; popular recreational areas; and landmarks such as Koko Crater, Hanauma Bay, Makapu'u Lighthouse, and the lava tube known as Halona Blowhole, Kaiwi comprises the last wild and undeveloped coastal lands in east Oahu.

Designating the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park is a culmination of an extraordinary and unwavering decades-long commitment by the entire East Honolulu Community to protect and preserve this last undeveloped acreage in east Oahu in perpetuity.

Our children and grandchildren thank you in advance for passing SB1254!

With Aloha,

Lisa Bishop
President
Friends of Hanauma Bay

SB-1254-HD-2

Submitted on: 4/2/2023 7:47:05 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2023 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Livable Hawaii Kai Hui is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community organization serving East Honolulu since 2004. We strive to promote sensible growth, respect for cultural & natural resources, and upholding the integrity of the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan.

April 2, 2023

Hawai'i State House of Representatives
Committee on Finance
Meeting on April 3, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room 308 & Videoconference

RE: **Strong support and comments for SB1254 SD2 HD2, Kaiwi Coast State Park**

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and FIN Committee Members,

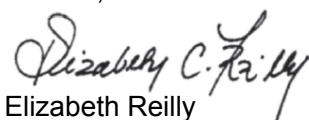
As an organizing member of the Ka Iwi Coalition and contributor to the Maunaloa-Makapu'u State Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui testifies in **strong support** of SB1254.

LHKH proudly stewards the Ka Iwi Coast Mauka Lands with the support of communities and individuals not only from East Honolulu, but across O'ahu and beyond. As such, we take particular interest in SB1254 and are eager to support what we hope is the final push to create the Kaiwi Coast State Park.

The Hui is excited to see the State taking up this initiative that aims to protect and preserve the cultural and natural resources of Kaiwi Coast in perpetuity, especially because it respectfully seeks to engage community members and stakeholders in the planning process. That said, while we are encouraged by such mindfulness, we hope this inclusivity and a commitment of adequate resources extend throughout the park's lifetime. Also, we hope that the effective date is brought up to at least 2024.

We'd like to send a big mahalo to this Committee for hearing this measure and considering the decades of grassroots stewardship that brought us all to this momentous point. Special thanks to Senator Chris Lee, Senator Stanley Chang, Representative Gene Ward, Representative Mark Hashem, and all their teams for working with us on this effort for years. We look forward to the passage of SB1254 and our continued collaboration.

Mahalo,


Elizabeth Reilly

Founder/President



Dylan Ramos

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SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 3, 2023

2:30 PM

Conference Room 308

In **SUPPORT** of **SB1254 SD2 HD2**: Relating to the Kaiwi Coast

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **supports SB1254 SD2 HD2**, which will help to facilitate the management and stewardship of O'ahu's long-cherished Kaiwi Coast.

Volunteers and members of the Sierra Club of Hawai'i have endeavored for decades to protect the natural and cultural integrity of the Kaiwi Coastline, helping to control invasive species, protect native species habitat, and maintain trails that allow residents and visitors to enjoy this area safely and with minimal impacts. Most recently, Sierra Club volunteers have successfully advocated for the installation of boulders and a designated parking area to prevent vehicular degradation of the sand dunes and adjacent coastal areas of Wāwāmalu.

By facilitating the consolidation of land use authority under the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and by providing resources needed to steward this special place, SB1254 SD1 HD1 will help to ensure that the ecological and cultural character of our Kaiwi Coast remains intact for current and future generations to steward, appreciate, and enjoy.

The Sierra Club does note that this measure does not contemplate the sale or gift of lands from the state to non-state agencies, and that HRS § 171-64.7 would therefore not be triggered by its provisions. See HRS §171-64.7(a), (f)(1). Accordingly, to avoid unnecessary confusion, the Sierra Club does recommend that the exemption to the requirements of HRS § 171-64.7 on page 2, lines 16-17 be deleted.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge the Committee to **PASS** SB1254 SD2 HD2.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB 1254 SD2 HD2, relating to the Kaiwi Coast

Aloha Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Committee Members,

My name is Travis Counsell, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

Hawai'i Bicycling League strongly supports SB1254 SD2 HD2, which requires the department of land and natural resources to petition the board of land and natural resources to designate certain lands as the "Kaiwi coast state park". Also establishes certain conditions for the Kaiwi coast state park and appropriates funds for the Kaiwi coast state park and Maunaloa-Makapuu scenic byway improvements.

The Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline, which includes the Maunaloa-Makapu'u scenic byway, is a space that deserves additional protection. It is also a very popular destination for recreational activities including biking, walking, hiking, and beach activities. This has resulted in an increase of roadway users, on a highway which lacks adequate infrastructure to safely protect all users. This bill emphasizes the need for roadway improvements that focus on the safety of people who walk and bike.

Hawai'i Bicycling League members participate in multiple weekly group bicycle rides along this area. Additionally, HBL's signature bicycling event, the Honolulu Century Ride, attracts over 2000 participants annually and proceeds along this shoreline with an aid station at Sandy Beach Park.

We strongly urge you to pass this legislation to protect this important shoreline and ultimately create a safer space for all to enjoy. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

Ride Aloha,

Travis L. Counsell
Executive Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League

SB-1254-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/31/2023 9:32:46 PM

Testimony for FIN on 4/3/2023 2:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

I support this Bill.