

20 March 2023, updated 11 April 2023

Re. Hawaii State Resolution 198 & State Concurrent Resolution 193

To whom it may concern,

I support State Resolution 198 and State Concurrent Resolution 193, which propose to improve the parking lot space and access at Kea'au Beach park and to move the Oahu's west-most turn around point for The Bus to the improved Kea'au Beach park space. Doing so will solve several significant safety hazard issues along Makau Street (these are detailed below). The proposed improvement will also give The Bus drivers a good place to take their break and to use the restroom etc. (they currently stop along Farrington at Makaha Beach, which is not ideal). As an added advantage, SR198 would serve to improve public access to Kea'au Beach Park.

The Bus currently uses Makau Street as a turn-around spot when it reaches its west-most destination and turns back toward town. The Bus turns left from Farrington Highway onto Lawaia Steet, then left onto Makau Street, then ~0.4 miles along Makau back to Farrington (see Figure 1 left). The proposed turn-around is ~0.4 miles north of the current turn-around spot (see Figure 2 right).

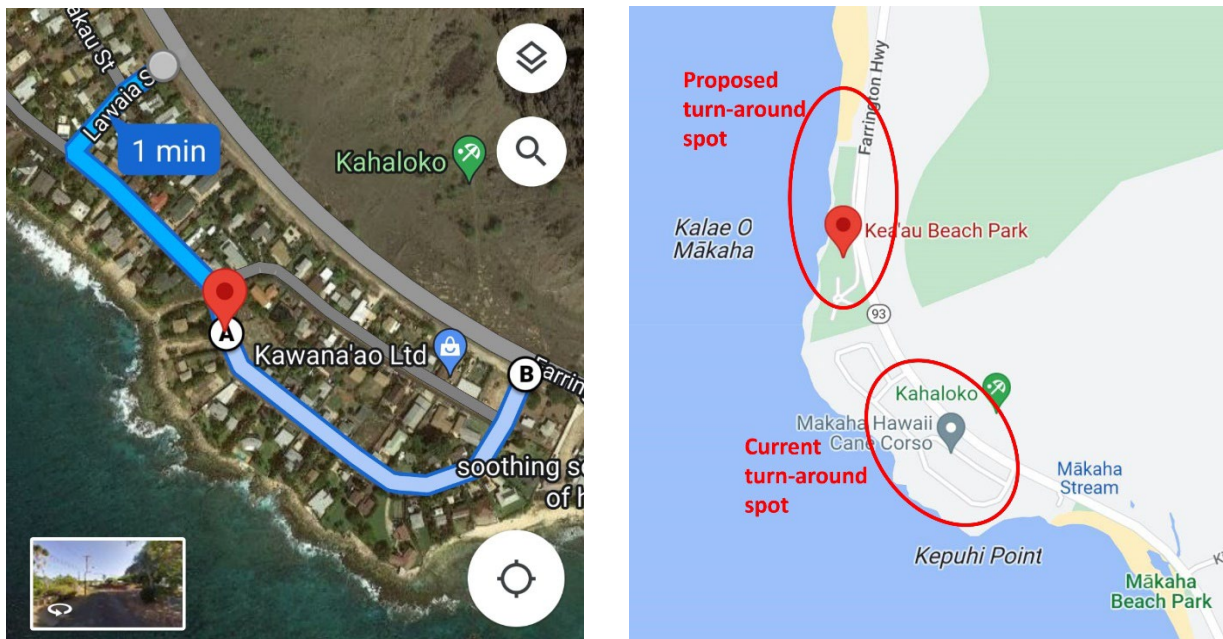


Figure 1. Google Screenshot of (left) The Bus turn-around route through the busy residential beach neighborhood along Makau Street and (right) Location of proposed turn-around spot (top) relative to current turn-around spot (bottom)

The residential beach loop north in question is immediately north-west of Makaha Beach. It is generally a safe, family-friendly, active beach neighborhood. Makau Street itself has grassy shoulders with no sidewalks, and private property/houses on both sides. Vehicles must slow down and sometimes need to stop/pull over to pass each other, especially around bends. People often park their cars along the side of

the street (on the grass) to visit friends/family and/or to get to beach access points, so it's generally necessary to walk on the street itself. See Figure 2 which shows The Bus driving on Makau Street. Meanwhile, residents, visitors, children, and families walk, skateboard, and bicycle along Makau Street to enjoy the neighborhood, visit family/neighbors and to access the beach. Kids often play in the street.

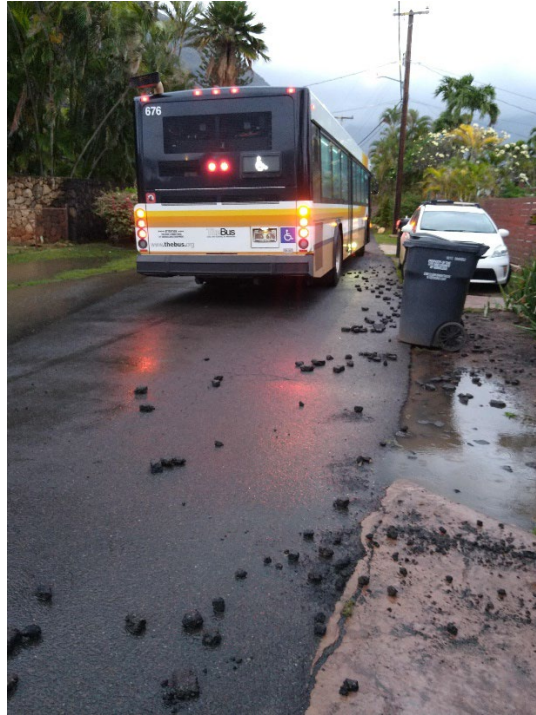


Figure 2. The Bus on Makau Street.

Because Makau Street is relatively narrow and is so heavily used, it is not safe for The Bus to use it as a turn-around point. I've seen several close calls involving kids who unexpectedly spilled out from driveways into the street while playing. I've heard of 2 pets that were run over by The Bus after darting out from adjacent homes. I've personally had to dodge out of the way of The Bus several times as it rounds the corner to head back to Farrington.

Having The Bus drive along Makau Street is dangerous during the day, and even more so at night as the street is poorly lit and has several corners. It is a dangerous situation for pedestrians. It is also dangerous for vehicle drivers, especially while pulling out of driveways (directly onto Makau Street). Having to loop through Makau Street is not fair to The Bus drivers who need to navigate the busy, inappropriate residential portion of their route toward the end of a long leg.

Please consider SR198/SCR193. It will help ensure the safety and well-being of Makau Street residents, neighbors, and visitors, as well as that of The Bus drivers.

Respectfully submitted by
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Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rufus Kimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a 11 year resident of Makau street and have had numerous near-misses with The Bus on the Makau street loop. Many of The Bus drivers speed as they drive through the area and more than once I have been forced off the road in order to avoid a collision. There are also many children and elderly residents that enjoy walking the Makau Street Loop to Makaha beach or for exercise and the speeding buses often pose a safety concern. In addition, having all the city buses use Makau street as a turn around causes an increased deterioration in the surface of the roadway - not to mention noise pollution for an otherwise quiet residential neighborhood.

I cannot think of any benefits to having The Bus continue to use Makau Street as its official turn around route. I agree that the turn around should be relocated to keeau beach park or some other acceptable location.

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Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Roland Prianto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My family and I moved onto the Makau loop in 2015, and love this magical kid friendly neighborhood. The Bus has been a constant concern and subject of discussion for us and many other residents in the neighborhood. I have personally issued complaints to The Bus regarding drivers driving way too fast down our neighborhood street. We don't allow our children to walk to the beach access (3 houses away) alone, because we are worried that the bus will come speeding through the neighborhood. We warn our guests about pulling out of our driveway cause the bus drives so fast past our home. Many times we have avoided near misses at the corners where the street is too narrow for the bus to navigate and stay in its lane, usually we have to pull off the road and onto the shoulder of the road to allow the bus to pass. The streets simply are not designed for vehicles that large to travel them. It was a topic of discussion when we purchased the house and more than one neighbor has discussed moving from the neighborhood partly due to the bus driving past at high speeds at all hours of the night (24hr bus route). Often times there are multiple busses with little to no passengers even on them. I have spoken with The Bus drivers and they claim the speed limit is 25mph for our small neighborhood streets with blind corners. The same speed limit as major roadways (Kapolei Parkway) across the island. There are many young children playing in the street in our neighborhood, since it is usually very quiet and safe (apart from the Bus traffic). Many people walk their dogs or take evening strolls through the neighborhood and everyone discusses the dangers and constant disruption of the bus. I am terrified that one day the bus will cost serious personal injury or death if the bus continues to use our small street/neighborhood as a turnaround. Lack of a better solution should not be the reason that The Bus uses Makau St as it's turnaround and puts the residents and their families and pets in danger.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 1:42:19 PM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gina Davidson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support the removal of the bus route from Makau Street and established onto Farrington Hwy. As a 16 yr resident on Makau, we have experienced many near misses with the Bus as it speeds down our residential street. I have sent in video of the Bus speeding near kids at play. I have reported the Bus when driven off the road at the blind turn. The bus would better serve our community with its path removed from our street and moved to Farrington Hwy. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 3:41:31 PM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jenny Orebaugh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am a resident of Makau Street and believe it is unsafe to have the buses operate in our neighborhood. I do believe the drivers are courteous and doing the best they can in the situation and I do believe the route is necessary in the area. I think an alternate turn around in the Keaau area would be the best and safest solution.

As the buses turn onto Lawaia and then onto Makau Street they are not able to turn in their own lane. I have had to stop and reverse my car more times than I can count. While that isn't ideal - it does get worse... After the buses make those turns, they then continue down the very middle of the street around multiple blind curves on their way back to Farrington. There WILL be a head on collision with a vehicle on one of those turns.

An alternative turnaround would be safer. It would allow those who choose to live at Keaau's closer access and Makau residents can quickly walk to Farrington stops or utilize the HandiVan. Thank you so much for your consideration.

DEAR CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Testimony for **193 SCR REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO RELOCATE THE BUS TURNAROUND OFF MAKAU STREET TO KEAAU BEACH PARK OR THE SURROUNDING AREA.**

My name is Ray Kinlock and I am the owner and resident at 84-267 Makau Street, Waianae, HI, 86792
I am writing testimony to have the bus route that runs down Makau Street moved permanently to Farrington Highway with the terminus being the Keaau Beach Park.

For consideration:

The Waianae Transit center sits on property that is owned by the City and County of Honolulu

The transit center occupies about one quarter of the property.

Waianae Transit Center

Parcel Number 860010290000

Location Address 86-52 LEIHOKU ST

Project Name

Legal Information PAR 1: LOT 673 3.946 AC MAP 70 LCAPP 1102 WAIANAE COMMUNITY TRANSIT CNTR SUBJ/E
Class INDUSTRIAL

Land Area (approximate sq ft) 335,020

Land Area (acres) 7.6910

For consideration:

The Beach Park has plenty of room to accommodate

The Keaau Beach Park is approximately 38.04 acres

State of Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu

Keaau Beach Park

Parcel Number 830010360000

Location Address 83-281 FARRINGTON HWY

Project Name

Legal Information KEAAU BEACH PARK

Property Class PRESERVATION

Land Area (approximate sq ft) 1,657,371

Land Area (acres) 38.0480

The Keaau Beach Park already has existing legal state highway ingresses and egresses and navigational roads within the park boundaries that have been used by commercial tour busses and large tractor-trailer vehicles.

It also has restrooms that can be used by BUS personal for break purposes rather than parking on the side of Farrington as is done now.

Moua Street and Upena Street are very similar neighborhoods with loops like Makau Street and are not subject to the unsafe and large volume of traffic that the busses generate.

Makau Street has also been flooded annually by ruptured water main breaks that just happen to occur where the pavement and sub soils are shifted by the constant tremendous pressure that these busses exert on a neighborhood road that is not meant for this type of extra heavy neighborhood traffic.

Safety is the most critical of all issues regarding the use of the buses on roads that was not engineered for them.

The keiki can't play on our street because of the severity and lack of space that these busses present when they come down the street. We can't even walk our pets without having to grant the busses the right of way.

Local cars are forced off the side of the road onto private property in order for the bus to pass.

We do not have sidewalks on Makau Street so the buses push everything pedestrian or vehicular onto private property sometimes with damage resulting to the owner's property.

The ridership reports that were issued earlier did not say how the cohort numbers were ascertained.

If the numbers were collected from the covid and post covid period the numbers could be artificially inflated as school students were issued The Bus passes.

We are already paying taxes, fuel and maintenance for the school busses which they should be on to get to and from school so students should not be included in any ridership cohort numbers.

Please remove the buses from Makau Street neighborhood and put them on Farrington Highway where commercial and large vehicular traffic belongs.

Respectfully Ray Kinlock

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 6:42:00 PM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Ochsenbein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please help out our keiki and our neighborhood, by relocating the the bus turn-around from Makau St. to Kea'au Beach Park. There is plenty of undeveloped space to do so. The buses constantly traversing through our small, otherwise quiet neighborhood, cause not only considerable noise, but they are also dangerous. They often speed down our small residential road, probably to get back on schedule. The cannot navigate down the road without using both lanes. They damage our road as it has had to be repaired often. Most importantly they are a safety hazard to our Keiki..

Many mahalos for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 7:07:35 PM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
NANCY JONES	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Kila, and Honorable Committee Members:

I present this testimony to SUPPORT of SCR 193, SD 1 — which urges the City and County of Honolulu to relocate the bus turnaround off Makau Street in Makaha to Keaau Beach Park or the surrounding area.

Currently, the Makau Street bus turnaround area just north of Makaha Beach Park is located in a residential area with Makau Street no more than a narrow, unmarked two-way street with vehicles parked on BOTH sides of the roadway. This poses a continued, serious traffic hazard not only for bus drivers and riders, but also Makau Street area residents. To alleviate this problem, the current bus turnaround should be moved north to the Kea`au Beach Park area – ideally to a widened/larger parking area, which would allow for buses to easily turn around and return south back to Kapolei and Honolulu.

For all of the above reasons and to make TheBus more accessible to more Leeward Coast residents and beach-goers, I respectfully urge your Committee to please pass SCR 193, SD1— with sufficient funding, if possible, and to please ensure that this effort commences ideally in 2023 to benefit Leeward Coast communities as soon as practical.

Mahalo for this opportunity to present this testimony supporting SCR 193, SD 1.

Nancy Jones

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Submitted on: 4/11/2023 7:20:28 PM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zeb Jones	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Zeb Jones

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Submitted on: 4/12/2023 4:44:46 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesse Orebaugh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please reroute The Bus off of the Makau St loop. There have been many instances had I not taken action (i.e. stopped, pulled off the road, etc), I would have been in a head on collision or side-swiped by The Bus. The curve at the south end of Makau St creates an enormous safety issue as it is "blind" and The Bus takes up more than half the street when it makes the turn on the curve. Additionally, the hazard exists for pedestrians, ohana, and keiki while walking in that area. A vehicle that size going 25 mph (or greater ... I've witnessed it) creates an unacceptable hazard for the ohana in the Makau Street loop.

Mahalo for your consideration and immediate action in eliminating this long due relocation of The Bus turnaround.

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Submitted on: 4/12/2023 8:29:20 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Coughlin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support the SR193 proposal to relocate the bus turn-around from Makau St. to an alternate location at Kea'au Beach Park or the undeveloped area of Kea'au Beach Park. I am a 38-year resident and homeowner at 84-302 Makau St., Makaha. My concerns regarding the bus turn-around route on Makau St. follow:

- At blind corners along the route, the road is not wide enough for opposing traffic. I am regularly required to quickly pull off the road to allow the bus to pass.
- Bus speed is a safety issue for our young children and pedestrians. There are no sidewalks or bike paths along this route. When my daughter was growing up, she was not allowed to ride her bicycle on our street because of safety issues with the buses.
- There are frequent water main breaks on Makau St. and the wear and tear to the road surface is ongoing due to constant bus traffic. My mailbox was hit by the bus while the bus was avoiding a large pothole caused by a water main break.
- The Bus needs a safe and secure turn around area where the safety of our residents is not jeopardized.

Respectfully,

Julia Coughlin

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Waianae, HI 96792

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Submitted on: 4/12/2023 8:46:24 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Fleckles	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Honorable Members of the House and Senate, thank you for hearing my testimony. We have lived on Makau Street in Makaha since 1992. Every day, the bus goes right down our narrow road from early morning til late night.

I support this proposal, as it accomplishes two important things. First - it removes large busses from traversing roads that were not designed/built to accommodate the traffic. This is an older neighborhood with narrow roads, and children playing in the street. The busses come by at speeds that are clearly not safe (the neighborhood has filed many complaints with The Bus over the years), and the level of traffic causes much wear and tear on these smaller rural roads. With this new turn about, The roadway for the bus can be purpose built to accommodate both the size and weight of the busses to ensure a safe, easier to maintain route for them. It will also benefit the neighborhood by removing this traffic which will benefit the health and safety of all.

Secondly, the land in question is currently not in use and has become a waste-land of sorts. Houseless people have set up camps all along the coastal land from just past Ke'aau's beach part all the way past Makua, and the piles of trash and hazardous waste continue to accumulate. This would, in effect bring a small parcel of that land back to a better use. It might also encourage more view and easier access for law enforcement personnel to respond to issues and enforce as needed in a way not previously possible.

We as a neighborhood have been asking The Bus to slow down and to move this turn around for years and years, always to no avail. This appears to be a simple and effective solution. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony.

SCR-193-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/12/2023 8:58:34 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Dadd	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

December 17, 2019 and April 12, 2023

To: Department of Transportation Services

City and County of Honolulu

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Aloha, Wes Frysztacki,

I am writing to you to respectfully ask that The Bus turn around currently located on Lawaia and Makau Streets off of Farrington Highway at the very end of Waianae be relocated to Kea'au Beach Park. I am well aware that The Bus has been utilizing Lawaia and Makau Streets as its turnaround location for many years, however, it is time for a change!

Our neighborhood is requesting the re-routing of The Bus turn around for the sole purpose of providing SAFETY for our keiki, families, and pets! Throughout the years, our neighborhood has added more homes, which equals more families. Our young keiki ride their bikes, skate boards, and scooters to the beach throughout the day, from sunrise through sunset, while holding their boogie boards, surf boards, fins, and towels on Lawaia and Makau Streets. We continue to have numerous extremely close calls with our young keiki almost being hit by multiple buses each and every day! The buses, many of them double buses, are way too big to safely drive through our small, unlined streets in our neighborhood, especially at 25mph! The buses drive down the center of our neighborhood roads and fully cross over into the oncoming traffic lanes to make turns from Farrington to Lawaia, from Lawaia to Makau, and on the turn at the far end of Makau Street. Residential vehicles have to pull off of the road and into the grass to avoid being hit by the huge buses that are not able to remain in their lane on the small streets in our neighborhood. Families walking their dogs in the mornings and evenings need to stop walking, move onto the grass, and turn our heads away from The Bus multiple times throughout their walk, since The Bus kicks up loose pebbles, dust, and dirt from the street and covers us. The buses constantly circling through our neighborhood continue to be a major safety concern!

Honolulu Police Department has been going door to door asking residents on Lawaia and Makau Streets for information regarding a homeless murder suspect who resides at Kea'au Beach Park, but walks through Makau and Lawaia streets to catch The Bus, since there is currently no bus stop for the many homeless residents who ride The Bus and live at Kea'au Beach Park and beyond. Homeless people continuously walk through our neighborhood to the last bus stop on the west side, which is in our neighborhood, and take our mail and packages out of our mailboxes, urinate on our yards, attempt to open our car doors, and throw trash on the ground. **WE DO NOT WANT THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE AND MURDER SUSPECTS WALKING THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO CATCH THE BUS ANYMORE!**

Lastly, the constant noise pollution caused by multiple empty buses cruising through our neighborhood all day and all night long is absolutely unnecessary! The buses are empty- no riders are even riding the buses! We have listened to these loud buses rev throughout our neighborhood for long enough, and we are done! It is time to change the turnaround route.

A completely realistic and logical turn around for The Bus, and a location where it is much more convenient for many more riders to catch The Bus, would be to move the turnaround location to Kea'au Beach Park. There is plenty of room for the buses to turn into the far (Ka'ena) end of Kea'au Beach Park and exit at the other (Makaha) end of Kea'au Beach Park. The Bus riders who reside at Kea'au's and beyond will be able to ride The Bus much more easily, since the Kea'au stop is much closer to where they live. The current one stop on Lawai'a Street and one stop on Makau Street would be relocated to Farrington Highway, as it is for ALL of the other streets and neighborhoods from Ko'Olina to Makau Street, aka the ENTIRE Waianae Coast!

Please give me a call at your earliest convenience to discuss. I look forward to having an open-minded conversation about relocating The Bus turnaround. It is time for a change!

Sincerely,

Lori Dadd

Makau Street resident

Testimony on SR193

- I have been a resident homeowner on Makau Street for over 40 years. My neighbors and I have been trying to stop The Bus from reversing course to return to Honolulu on our street. This is a residential neighborhood with walkers, children playing, bicycle riders, etc. The road does not have sidewalks. The curve next to my driveway is not wide enough for both The Bus and any passenger vehicle. Meeting the bus requires a pull off onto the grass. When The Bus re-enters Farrington Highway, because Makau Street is ninety degrees to Farrington Highway, it is forced to swing into the oncoming lane of traffic. These are very dangerous situations.
- This bill proposes a turn around in the developed area of Kea'au Beach Park. I believe that this alternative would just move the problem to a mostly quiet but well used park. Officials at The Bus oppose this option because of the steepness of the entrance to the park and the difficulty in re-emerging onto Farrington Hwy.
- I propose that instead of using the actual Kea'au Beach Park that the area just after the park, referred to as the undeveloped area of Kea'au Beach Park be used for the turnaround. This area is continually used by the homeless that the HPD is constantly moving and the C&C constantly cleaning. The area is somewhat blocked by concrete piers, but people are always moving them to get access to dump rubbish, tires, etc. A simple turnaround with a bus waiting area and even some restrooms for the bus drivers would be a great improvement and upgrade to the area, over the constant bus traffic through a narrow residential street or one of the beautiful parks on the Waianae Coast.
- Submitted by Thomas A. Likos, Jr. 84-314 Makau St. Makaha.



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Submitted on: 4/12/2023 10:09:19 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole McGregor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This Bus NEEDS to be moved off Makau ST. This is a quite strret where I grew up and have way to may close calls of the bus almost hitting kids and petS when it comes around the corner. Someone WILL get hit soon its only a matter of time. The bus makes the street unsafe for the Kekiki to play and neighbors to walk around. There is a perfect turn around spot at the beach park. There are restrooms for the bus driver and even a spot where they can park and wait. Lots of the bus users get off on our street and walk all the way over, it would befit them. There is no one on our street who utilizes the bus anyone who gets off walks over there anyways. KEEP THE KDIS SAFE! KEEP THE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE! MOVE THE BUS!

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Submitted on: 4/12/2023 10:14:37 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ThomaLee Olsen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This has been an ongoing problem since the bus lines went in to this small narrow street neighborhood - the Park turnaround solves all the problems and embraces the future safety of residents and guests!

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Submitted on: 4/12/2023 10:55:43 AM

Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jackie Mcgregor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this case.

Testimony regarding SR193

My name is Janet S. Klingensmith. I live at 84-307 Makau Street. I have lived at this property, as a homeowner since 2009.

I live at the curve of Makau Street and have continuously expressed my concern about The Bus using this narrow residential street for the turn around for the buses which come down the West side from the Farrington for years. It is dangerous for the citizens of this street. Most of the buses that pass by are void of any passengers. Although it may be a convenience for the bus to use this street as a turnaround it is not safe.

I personally have witnessed many close calls with children, adults, as well as cars. Personally, I am worried every time I walk my dog in my neighborhood. When the bus makes the curve in front of my property it can hardly see far enough in front of it to see what is coming ahead. Many people access the beautiful Makaha Beach from this street and walk with children, coolers, beach chairs and boards. They should not have to worry about the often-close calls with a bus.

There are no sidewalks, and the road is too narrow for any realistic street parking, pedestrians, and 2-way traffic on a sunny day, much less when it rains as our street has a definite drainage problem, making safe navigation even more difficult. The bus has literally made waves going down my driveway, which I have personally had to mitigate by expanding my drains and adding a small driveway berm. The rain is only going to get stronger with the climate change.

Prior to the covid pandemic I have spoken with riders from as far as Nanakuli who drive to our neighborhood to be guaranteed a seat for the ride to Honolulu, which amazed me. Ideally there should be a place for riders of that distance to "park and ride". The rail legitimately has no plans to come out this far, so the bus is it for commuting without driving.

Please do the right thing for the safety of tax-paying citizens and visitors to this area. The Kea'au Beach Park would be a much better solution as there is parking, restrooms and it is not a residential area. There have been many close calls due to the bus on Makau Street, and although most of the bus drivers have slowed down in recent years, it is not a safe turnaround street for all the buses.

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Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Chou	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT SCR193

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Testimony for TRN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tony Kampmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is much needed as having bus speeding through residential area with no sidewalks and narrow roadway is very dangerous. Many people regularly use Makau st for access to beach, lots of families and small kids. Not to mention 13 breaks in water main for which there is no other possible or mentioned cause has wasted over \$1,000,000.00 of our tax money and damaged residents properties for decades. Please finally do the right thing!!!

LATE

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Submitted on: 4/13/2023 5:08:57 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rose Kampmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident on Makau St since 2008....15 years !!

There is a city bus EVERY 15 minutes going down our street from 6am-10 pm every day. That is over 60 buses (not one bus) a day going down a RESIDENTIAL street. That is alarming in itself !! There is NO other street on the entire island of Oahu that has 60 buses a day going down a residential street. Why...because we are west side and we are constantly being left behind with good infrastructure. Appears quite discriminatory to me and my neighbors. We have had enough. Besides the very apparent dangers of 60 buses a day going down a narrow, sidewalk less residential street there is constant damage to our street, our waterlines are constantly broken because of the buses and damage and pollution to our homes. 60 buses a day vibrate through my home causing windows and foundation to shudder. The toxic brake dust from cars and the buses swirl around in the air every time (every 15 minutes) a bus goes by blowing into my yard and inside my house. It gets so bad at times when my daughter who has asthma can't breath and we have to close all our windows. Closed windows and doors out in the countryside of Hawaii ??

The shear noise of 60 buses a day going down a residential street in Hawaii makes a complete mockery out of the word paradise. Not to mention it affects our quality of life and REDUCES the value of our homes !!!!

However the main and foremost concern is the safety issue. It is simply NOT SAFE for 60 buses a day to be going down a narrow, sidewalk less residential street! There are several public beach access ways on this street for families to get to the beach. Numerous times we neighbors have all witnessed young keikes running across the street to the beach access almost getting struck by the bus coming around a blind corner. I have personally screamed out "watch out" more times than I care to keep track of. There are many young kids that go unaccompanied to the beach (because heck they should be able to) that don't use caution (cuz heck they are kids) that are in constant danger of being killed. Not only the kids but us adults trying to get out of our driveways playing Russian roulette with bus barreling down around a blind corner. Heaven forbid our neighbors walking their dogs or pushing their babies in a stroller have to jump in the bushes to allow the buses to zoom by. Heaven forbid it's trash day (twice a week) and cans are out and the street becomes even narrower and harder to see around . Heaven forbid the weekends when numerous cars park along property lines so families can get to the beaches, the street is even more extremely narrow and dangerous. Well it should not be heaven forbidding this but it should be our government officials who we elect into office and pay dearly for their salaries to be looking out for us constituents and forbidding this type of activity on a residential street. A questions for all

of you here today listening to this hearing and making decisions...would you want 6i buses a day going down your residential street? Right, I didn't think so.

So do the right thing and get these buses off our street and provide a proper turnaround somewhere else,

otherwise an eventual child's or any persons death will be on your hands and conscience.

Thank you for my testimony.