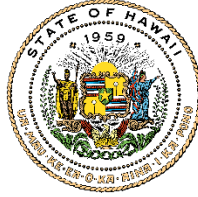


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Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Monday, April 3, 2023
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In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 222/SENATE RESOLUTION 160
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
TO TRANSFER TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI
THE LAHAINA PUBLIC LIBRARY MAKAI LAWN

Senate Concurrent Resolution 222/Senate Resolution 160 request the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to transfer to the County of Maui the Lahaina Public Library makai lawn. **The Department offers the following comments.**

The Lahaina Public Library's makai lawn is situated on an unused portion of Wharf Street. Because it is part of a county road, it falls under the jurisdiction of the County of Maui, not the Department or the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board). Therefore, the County of Maui already has the authority to lease this land to the Lahaina Restoration Society.¹ These resolutions are therefore not necessary.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

¹ If the County wishes to lease the lawn to the Lahaina Restoration Society but needs or desires a chain of title to issue the lease, the Board can issue a quitclaim deed to the County of Maui for the area pursuant to Act 288, Session Laws of Hawaii, 1993.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Tsuji	Testifying for DLNR	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Request for zoom link to testify on behalf of DLNR. Written testimony submitted on DLNR's Testimony account and additional staff will be present at the hearing. Thank you!

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March 31, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 3, 2023; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 222
AND SR 160, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES TO TRANSFER TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI THE LAHAINA
PUBLIC LIBRARY MAKAI LAWN**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of these important resolutions. These resolutions would request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to transfer to the County of Maui the Lahaina Public Library makai lawn.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I strongly support these resolutions for the following reasons:

1. The makai lawn of the Lahaina Public Library is not being used.
2. Members of the public have not been able to obtain permits to use the land for events.
3. The land could be put to good use if the County of Maui owned it and leased it to the Lahaina Restoration Foundation.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** these resolutions.