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Testimony for PSM on 3/31/2023 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Wood	Testifying for Chair, Aiea Neighborhood Board	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Stephen Wood and I am the Chair for the Aiea Neighborhood Board. Over the years, various groups have come to my board and notified us of all the activities and usage that this trail provides. I have had military members brief me on how they enjoy riding bikes or taking strolls with their families along this path. I have had cycling clubs express their enjoyment of using this path for their activities. I have had local residents and business owners come to the board asking for us to provide a way get the message out in terms of volunteer cleanups and educational opportunities associated with the historic trail.

I think those examples clearly show that this is vital resource to our community and any action that can be taken to assist in ensuring that the trail is available to all is important. It has and remains a historic trail that provides endless educational and recreational opportunities. With that said, I can confidently say that my board is in full support of this bill as are the residents of Aiea. Mahalo



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 43 & SR 37

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC TRAIL PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND STATE AGENCIES, TO ENSURE THE REVITALIZATION OF THE MULTI-USE TRAIL.

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Friday, March 31, 2023 at 3:01 PM
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council ("MAC") **supports** SCR 43 and SR 37.

The Hawaii Military Affairs Council (MAC) was established in 1985 when the Chamber was appointed by the State to serve as the liaison to the military. The MAC advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, and is comprised of business leaders, academic institutions, State and County officials, members of the CODEL, community leaders, labor unions and organizations and retired U.S. flag and general officers. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region which is crucial for U.S. national and homeland security.

The vision of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Master Plan is to activate as a world-class heritage and recreational corridor that enhances and connects the communities running 18.6 miles from the Halawa Landing, near the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, to the town of Nanakuli on Oahu's leeward coast.

An improvement of the existing 10-mile paved shoreline bike path from Halawa Landing to Waipahu, which now comprises the Pearl Harbor Bike Path will complement and reinvigorate communities along the route, upgrade the existing shoreline path, enhance and preserve the area environment, and create economic opportunities for area businesses.



The MAC has a long history in community engagement with the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, and United State Navy, which are all represented on the MAC. We are pleased to assist and help facilitate as appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for the resolutions.

TESTIMONY OF

LARRY S VERAY

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT SCR 43 / SR 37

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC TRAIL PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND STATE AGENCIES, TO ENSURE THE REVITALIZATION OF THE MULTI-USE TRAIL.

March 26, 2023

Aloha, Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brandon Elefante and Committee members. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 43 / SR 37. I am Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of our board, residents of Pearl City and importantly the many families who routinely use the Historic Pearl Harbor Bike Trail that runs between Aiea, Pearl City and Waipahu for many of our runners, joggers and cyclists.

This Resolution will allow the opportunity to reinvigorate all communities along the 18.6 mile projected route to include Hawaiian Historic Fish Ponds and Heiaus, upgrade the existing shoreline path, enhance and preserve the area environment, and create economic opportunities for area businesses. This Resolution could also lead to the revitalization of reopening of the Oahu Railway & Land Co.'s right-of-way widening the trail, offering visitors train rides along the Ewa and Leeward Oahu coastline, stopping at various shops and eateries that would spring up along the route.

I most strongly urge you to support and approve SCR 43 / SR 37 and move this Pearl Harbor Historic Bike Trail forward and a reality for our residents. Mahalo!

Very respectfully,

Larry S. Veray

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Submitted on: 3/25/2023 9:38:03 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/31/2023 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Estigoy-Kahoonei	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose giving the military any more presence, responsibility and control in what happens here in Hawaii. Anything to do with land needs to be in the hands of native Hawaiians. I would prefer to see the deoccupation of the military here

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Submitted on: 3/28/2023 11:44:26 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/31/2023 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Beth Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support Bill SCR 43 and urge the legislator to support even more projects for the people like this in the future. The need for trails is increasing because surveys indicate hiking is the most popular land recreation activity in the islands. Instead, we see more and more trail closures, as the number of hikers increases. Trails are important for so many reasons, especially in urban areas, and this trail is exceptional because it integrates many recreational needs such as safe biking and pedestrian pathways with historical highlights. Also, it links communities and offers a green alternative in order to navigate between areas.

Mayor Harris was a visionary when it came to urban renewal and planning, and recognized the importance of incorporating green spaces and beautification into our highly populated, crowded island in order to provide areas of escape, calm, respite, and joy. Parks, recreational areas, trails, safe bikeways and pedestrian pathways are a gift to the people and are essential to the health and well-being of our residents.

Please bring the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail, that was envisioned by the Aiea Community Vision Group as a result of Mayor Harris' efforts over 20 years ago, to fruition. Residents benefit when government provides gifts of access to nature and provides a pathway like this. I hope more projects like this are in the works, such as saving the historical, wonderful Haiku Stairs.

Mahalo and aloha for supporting SCR 43.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/31/2023 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Sugimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a long-time resident of Aiea and I wholeheartedly support this resolution and ask that you pass it so that this trail will remain a recreational resource to the community. Thanks

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
Friday, March 31, 2023, 3:01 PM, Via Videoconference

TO: Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 43/SENATE RESOLUTION 37, REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC TRAIL PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND STATE AGENCIES, TO ENSURE THE REVITALIZATION OF THE MULTI-USE TRAIL

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) of the City and County of Honolulu (City) is in **strong support** of Senate Concurrent Resolution 43/Senate Resolution 37 (SCR 43/SR37), relating to the implementation of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail (PHHT) pilot demonstration project.

DTS notes that ongoing congressional appropriation is funding a planning study for a 30-mile South Shore Bike Path spanning Nānākuli to Mānoa that the City is working to develop in partnership with the State Department of Transportation, of which the existing PHHT is a majority link in the bikeway. DTS also recognizes that the pilot demonstration project will be instrumental in determining and developing a working relationship between City, State, and Federal partners with respect to the shared jurisdictional property boundaries and land interests.

Although the DTS strongly supports the coordination of the PHHT as an essential multimodal connection, running parallel to the City's rail alignment, DTS does not currently have large-scale funding in place to make infrastructure improvements in our upcoming proposed FY24 budget. However, the City can move forward, with the State's partnership, in negotiating agreements with the United States Navy to resolve access issues in 'Aiea in order to provide a contiguous path on the PHHT in the areas of the Admiral's Boathouse and the Pearl Harbor Historic Monuments, with connections to our Hālawa Aloha Stadium Rail Station.

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Testimony on SCR No 43/SR No. 37, Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Project
March 31, 2023

The DTS strongly believes that implementation of the PHHT pilot demonstration project is an integral step in completing the long-term vision of the 'Aiea-Pearl City community, and will not only link neighborhoods and historic sites, but will provide a much needed recreational opportunity for residents and visitors, enhancing their mental and physical health and well-being, while showcasing the island's visual beauty and regional attractions along the old Oahu Railway and Land Company pathway.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support.



March 30, 2023

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

Re: Support for SCR 43 and SR 37

Dear Senator Wakai and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the 'Aiea Community Association and the Friends of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail, I would like to express our full support for SCR 43 and SR 37: to have the necessary governmental agencies move forward on the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Demonstration Project, entering into long-term agreements with the Navy to sustain the viability of this multi-use trail.

The Pearl Harbor Historic Trail (PHHT) was identified and highlighted in the 'Aiea and Pearl City Livable Communities Plan in May 2004. It was also the vision of Empower O'ahu as an economic engine when the City applied for a HUD Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities designation in 2000. The PHHT stretches 18.6 miles from Halawa Landing to Nanakuli links the communities along the west side of O'ahu. Currently it is an under used opportunity linking neighborhoods, historic sites, recreational areas, regional attractions and nature along the old O'ahu Railway & Land Company (OR&L)'s right-of-way.

The PHHT represents many hours and efforts of a community-based plan to reclaim the shoreline and generate economic pathways into our communities. The Trail is an opportunity the Pearl Harbor shoreline, expanding recreational opportunities for our communities. It also identifies and attempts to protect the historic and cultural sites of our communities.

This pilot demonstration project will establish a pathway forward to supporting community efforts by integrating our shoreline opportunities with our communities' economic, historic, recreational and cultural venues. Again, we fully support SCR 43 and SR 37.

Thank you for your time and efforts representing your communities.

Claire J. Tamamoto
'Aiea Community Association, President
Friends of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Travis Counsell	Testifying for Hawaii Bicycling League	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawai'i Bicycling League supports this resolution and any effort to revitalize the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail.

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