

FOLLOW ON TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR 87 / HR 73
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
RELATING TO EMERGENCIES

March 18, 2024

Aloha, Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe and Committee members. I am Larry Veray, Chairman for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21. I am submitting this testimony representing our board as a whole and the over 6,000 residents and families that live in Pacific Palisades in Pearl City. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HCR 87 / HR 73, that would acquire funding to replace the Pacific Palisades emergency siren that has been inoperable for an unsatisfactory period of about two years.

I most strongly request that you approve funding to replace this siren with the most advanced technology siren that allows direct verbal audible commands from the Emergency Management Offices to alert and warn our Pearl City residents in Pacific Palisades during emergency preparedness exercises and potential disasters. The nearest next siren to Pacific Palisades is at the Pearl City High School a great distance from the Palisades residential area. Our residents may not be using their cell phones, radio or watching TV during an emergency event; **OUR RESIDENTS REQUIRE THIS FUNDING TO SUPPORT THIS SIREN REPLACEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ANOTHER HOT SUMMER IS EXPECTED AND WE MUST BE ALERTED FOR ANY WILD FIRE CONDITION FOR PACIFIC PALISADES. THIS SIREN REPLACEMENT IS MINIMAL FUNDING.**

We most strongly urge you to pass HCR 87 / HR 73. The residents in Pacific Palisades desperately require this new technology siren that will provide our residents with advanced warning. ***Your decision could be life saving for our residents.*** Mahalo, respectfully,

Larry S. Veray

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charmaine Doran	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for considering this resolution in support of a new siren for the Pacific Palisades community. This is a public health and safety matter. This siren is our only state emergency siren. Located across our only elementary school, it has been inoperable and unfixable for many years now. As a community next to a state forest area with a single roadway, this siren is essential to keeping our residents safe. This siren is the first line of defense against threats to our school and our community.

Our community has reported this inoperable siren many times to no avail. The Pearl City Neighborhood Board has acted on two separate occasions and held countless discussions in support of replacing this siren. The lack of action by state emergency agencies has brought us here requiring intervention by the state legislature. At some point, it is essential that the state legislature explore why this siren has yet to be replaced. But that investigation should not be at the expense of the 6,000 residents that call Pacific Palisades home. By passing this reso, you will signal to our community, state agencies, and the public, that the state legislature has learned from the Lahaina fires the significance of emergency alerts and sirens during disasters. Emergency facilities delayed is public health and safety put in jeopardy.

Mahalo for considering this legislation and for making the Pacific Palisades community a priority.

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Comments:

Good to immediately fix the siren at Palisades Elementary School and later put in a new one higher up.