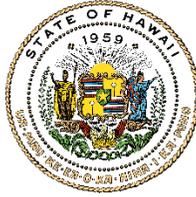


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**Testimony of
DAWN N.S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Thursday, April 10, 2025
9:30 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 411, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3, SENATE DRAFT 1
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE
EASEMENT TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU COVERING A PORTION
OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MAUNALUA, HONOLULU, OAHU,
FOR THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OUTFALL AND DRAINAGE
SYSTEM, AND FOR THE USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 3, Senate Draft 1 is an Administration measure that requests Legislative approval for a perpetual, non-exclusive easement to the City and County of Honolulu covering approximately 1,050 square feet of State submerged lands located seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 3-9-003:028, at Maunalua, Honolulu, O'ahu, for the existing City and County stormwater management outfall and drainage system at the site. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Concurrent Resolution.**

The structure subject to this measure is a portion of a stormwater management outfall and drainage system that was installed in approximately 2018 by the City & County of Honolulu pursuant to Conservation District Use Permit OA-3804. The 2018 structures replaced a prior outdated and ineffective outfall and drainage system in the same location. The structures are primarily located within a City & County storm drain easement that runs across private properties from Portlock Road to the ocean. Portions of the outfall and drainage system extend makai of the shoreline and are therefore encroachments on State submerged lands.

At its meeting on February 9, 2018, under Agenda Item K-3, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) approved the grant of a perpetual non-exclusive easement to resolve the outfall and drainage system encroachment at gratis consideration. The perpetual term and gratis consideration were approved because the encroachment at issue is public infrastructure that is owned and operated by the City & County of Honolulu and was constructed by the City & County pursuant to proper permits.

At the 2018 Board meeting, the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) stated that the outfall and drainage system were designed for long-term functionality in an effort to avoid resource intensive repairs or future large-scale replacement. OCCL further stated that the outfall and drainage system has a positive effect on the costal environment when compared to the outdated structures that it replaced by improving the quality of storm water entering the ocean, providing a more stable structure for the safety of the public that uses the shoreline in the area, and improving the aesthetics of the shoreline area through removal of broken concrete and other debris in the shoreline.

It is not known why legislative approval for the subject easement was not sought immediately after Board approval in 2018. Land Division staff discovered the incomplete easement in 2024 and is now seeking the Legislature's approval so that the easement process can be properly finalized.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 10:01:33 AM

Testimony for WAL on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
katie	hui nalu canoe club	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

as a resident in Hawaii Kai for over 40 years, and actively involved with our Canoe club on the Board and Coachng team, I feel this resolution and bill with be the right step in order to preserve our coastline at Maunalua Bay, whiich has deterioted severly these past years. We owe it to our kids to preserve this location, actively participate in the awareness of the climate change, and make committemnts to the envoronment to prolong its importance

with aloha for your support kt

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Submitted on: 4/9/2025 1:12:40 PM

Testimony for WAL on 4/10/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Hunnemann	Hui Nalu Canoe Club	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Severe erosion of the Maunalua Bay shoreline at the Hui Nalu canoe halau area has occurred over the past 5 years. Approximately 9,000 s.f. of canoe storage area has disappeared and is submerged at Mean High Water elevation. Repairs and maintenance of this area and other issues at the bay, such as routine dredging, would be more streamlined if this bill were to pass.

thank you.

Michael Hunnemann