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Testimony of  
DAWN N.S. CHANG  
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Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND

Monday, March 17, 2025  
1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 47  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING  
A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS SEAWARD OF TAX MAP KEY: (2) 4-3-  
010:009 AT KAHANA, LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING  
EMERGENCY SANDBAGS AND CONSTRUCTION, USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE  
OF A ROCK REVETMENT

Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 proposes to authorize the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of State submerged lands seaward of Tax Map Key: (2) 4-3-010:009 at Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, for the removal of existing emergency sandbags and construction, use, repair and maintenance of a rock revetment. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments on this resolution.**

The Department notes that the subject easement would allow for the construction of the revetment located on State submerged lands, fronting the Hololani condominium. The revetment was intended to replace an emergency sandbag revetment that was initially permitted in 2007 and currently remains in place. The revetment was authorized via a conservation district use permit (CDUP) by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) at its meeting on May 9, 2014, under agenda item K-2. The Board also approved an easement for the revetment at its meeting on January 12, 2018, under agenda item D-8. As noted in the resolution, both of these approvals preceded the enactment of Act 16, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, which limited the construction of new shoreline armoring structures.

However, the Department believes that there are additional material facts and information that should be disclosed to this committee in its consideration of this resolution. Hololani has twice requested a

construction right of entry to allow for the construction of the revetment prior to the finalization of the easement, both of which were not approved by the Board. Under this scenario, Hololani could construct the revetment prior to the easement being approved by the Legislature at its own risk and would have been required to provide a removal bond and remove the revetment in the event the easement was not approved by the Legislature. The most recent request was heard by the Board at its meeting on December 13, 2024, under agenda item D-8, and the request was rejected by a vote of 4 to 3. When the Board deliberated the request, certain Board members expressed significant reservations about the proposed revetment, notwithstanding the prior approvals of the Board

Furthermore, the CDUP has a deadline of May 9, 2025, to initiate construction of the revetment. Even if the easement is approved by the Legislature, the easement cannot be executed before that date. Therefore, the Hololani will very likely need to seek further extension of the CDUP from the Board. Given the concerns previously expressed by the Board members, it is unknown whether an extension will be granted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this resolution.

**SCR-47**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Russell Tsuji	Testifying for Department of Land and Natural Resources	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

DLNR submitted written testimony for SCR47 on main account. Request for a zoom link for additional staff to be backup at the hearing.



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GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

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DATE: March 16, 2025

TO: Senator Lorraine Inouye  
Chair, Committee on Water & Land

Senator Brandon Elefante  
Vice Chair, Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Mihoko Ito

RE: **SCR47 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS SEAWARD OF TAX MAP KEY: (2) 4-3-010:009 AT KAHANA, LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING EMERGENCY SANDBAGS AND CONSTRUCTION, USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF A ROCK REVETMENT.**

**Hearing Date: Monday, March 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.  
Conference Room: 229**

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Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

We submit this testimony on behalf of the Association of Apartment Owners of Hololani (“Hololani”) in **strong support of SCR47** with amendments.

Hololani is a sixty-four-unit condominium project with two eight-story buildings located on the shoreline of Kahana Bay on Maui, comprised of a mix of full-time residents and transient units. Hololani is in urgent need to complete its fully permitted and approved project with a rock revetment, as the effects of sea level rise continue to negatively impact the coastline in the Kahana Bay region.

The issues started in 2007 when a catastrophic erosion event occurred along the coastline, coming within 15 feet of the Hololani condominiums. Hololani underwent many years of rigorous permit approvals at the federal, state and county levels and is now asking the Legislature to approve the necessary final step of obtaining a concurrent resolution to complete its project. Photos of the property and project are attached at the end of our testimony and demonstrate the critical need for the rock revetment.

The timeline of events relating to this project is as follows:

- **2007** – Catastrophic erosion event along shoreline, emergency sandbags placed.
- **2007-2018** – Permit process at federal, state and county levels.

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- **2013** – Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) accepts final EIS and issues Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).
- **2014** – BLNR approves Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP).
- **2016**- Maui Planning Commission issues Special Management Area Permit and Shoreline Setback Variance.
- **2016** – Kahana Bay regional solution discussions begin with other neighboring properties.
- **2017** Kahana Bay Steering Committee formed.
- **2018 – BLNR approves the issuance of 55 year easement and right of entry to Hololani, subject to governor and concurrent legislative approval by concurrent resolution.**
- **2018** – Concurrent resolution passes Senate, but no hearing in House and resolution dies.
- **2019** – Sheet pile installed on Hololani property landward of shoreline.
- **2019** – Lawsuit causes stay of project completion and construction of rock revetment for 5 years.
- **2020** – BLNR issues 5 year extension of CDUP due to lawsuit settlement.
- **2020** – Act 16 passed and provides a carve out for already permitted projects.
- **2024** – BLNR fails to correct approved management right of entry, even after BLNR staff acknowledged it failed to insert term “construction” and apologized for the error made.

After this lengthy permit process and many years of emergency sandbags, the rock revetment is the last step for Hololani to complete on this project. With the sheet pile already installed along the property, the rock revetment which was designed to go with it needs to replace the sandbags that have been in place for the last 18 years.

The rock revetment will be lower profile than the sandbags and much safer for the community and those who frequently use it as a public access way to the beach. Hololani has also proposed as part of this project to fund much needed public infrastructure improvements, including a public access stairway and new storm drain to address the significant flooding issues on lower Honoapiilani Road. The County of Maui fully supports this solution.

Hololani has invested many years in this project, and is at the point where, if nothing is done, the degrading emergency sandbags will remain for years to come and cause further problems in this area. We urge the Legislature to approve SCR 47 with a few clarifying amendments suggested as follows:

- 1) Amend resolution title:

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS SEAWARD OF TAX MAP KEY: (2) 4-3-010:009 AT KAHANA, LAHAINA, MAUI, FOR THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING EMERGENCY SANDBAGS AND CONSTRUCTION, USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF A ROCK REVETMENT **AND PUBLIC ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

- 2) Amend language at page 2, line 26: change “leeward” to “mauka.”

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and approval from the County of Maui, Hololani Resort Condominiums installed the fully-permitted steel sheet pile component of the project behind the existing emergency sandbags, entirely **leeward mauka** of the certified shoreline; and

- 3) Amend language at page 4, line 2: include “public access infrastructure and improvements” to project description.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Land and Natural Resources is hereby authorized to issue a twenty-five year term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (2) 4-3-010:009, Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, for the removal of existing emergency sandbags and the construction, use, maintenance, and repair of a rock revetment **and public access infrastructure and improvements**; and

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SCR 47.

**2007**

# HOLOLANI PROJECT

SHORELINE  
EROSION

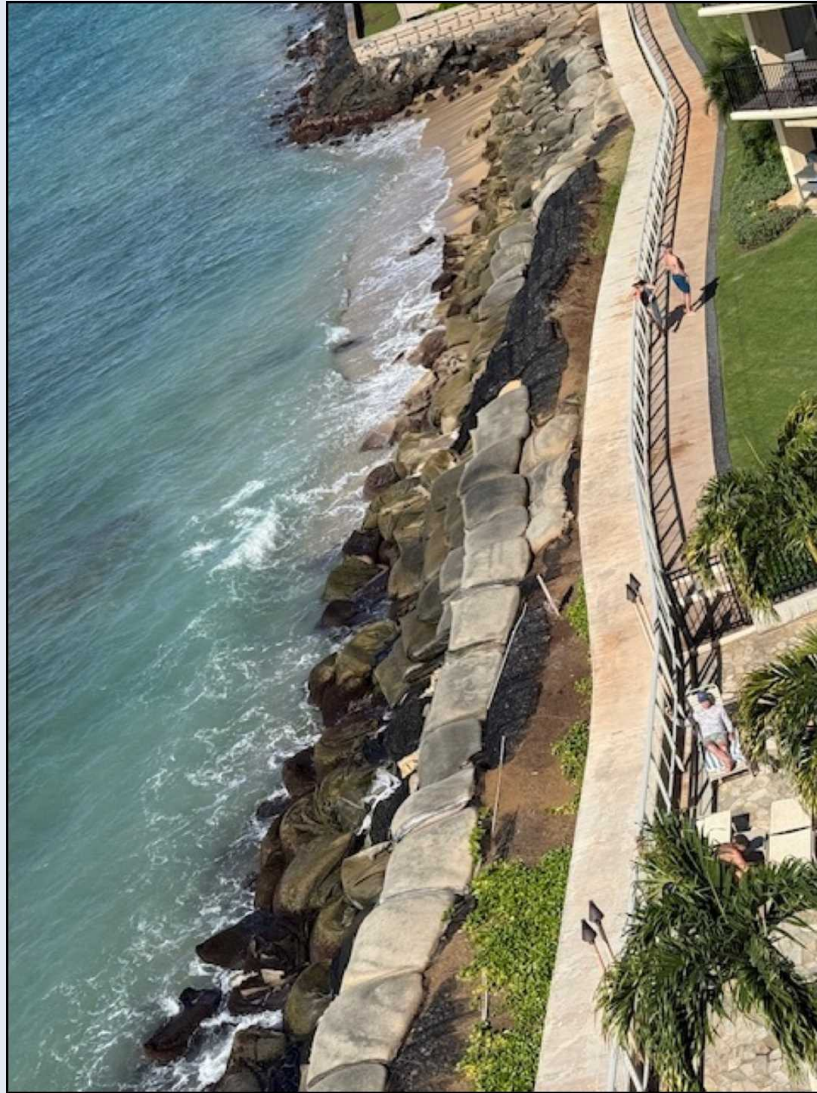


FLOODING



**2019**

# HOLOLANI PROJECT

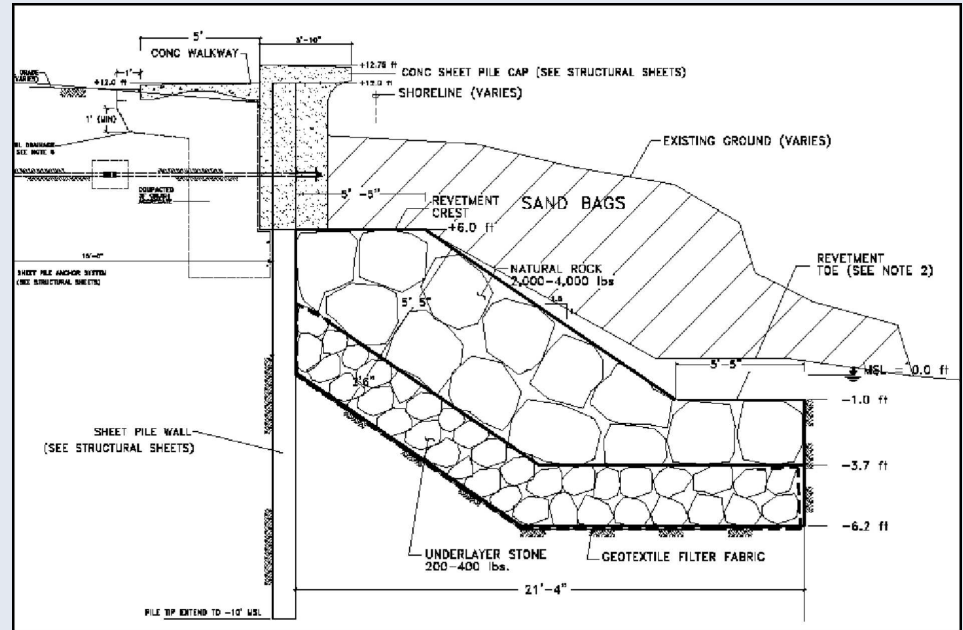


**SHEET PILE INSTALLED**



# HOLOLANI PROJECT

## SHEET PILE & ROCK REVETMENT DESIGN



ALL SAND BAGS  
TO BE REMOVED





Testimony of **Lahaina Strong**  
Before the Senate Committee on  
**Water and Land**

In Consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47

To Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and the honorable members of the committee,

We are writing on behalf of Lāhainā Strong, an organization deeply rooted in our community's resilience and advocacy. Originally formed in 2018 following the Hurricane Lane fire in Lahaina and revitalized after the devastating fires of August 8, 2023, Lahaina Strong has become the largest grassroots, Lahaina-based community organization, with over 35,000 supporters. Our mission is to amplify local voices and champion community-driven solutions, which are more critical than ever as we continue rebuilding and recovering.

Lāhainā Strong, stands in **strong opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47** which seeks to issue a 25-year term, non-exclusive easement covering state submerged lands for the construction of a rock revetment at Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui. This project is yet another example of a short-sighted and destructive attempt to armor the shoreline in a way that sacrifices public trust resources to protect private investments. The scientific evidence is clear that seawalls and rock revetments accelerate beach loss, create cascading erosion impacts, and permanently alter the natural coastal environment.

For years, the West Maui community has fought tirelessly to prevent shoreline hardening projects like this. The community has shown up to public meetings, provided testimony, and engaged in the decision-making process to protect our beaches from disappearing. In 2018, legislative efforts to secure an easement for this revetment failed, reflecting public opposition. Rather than respecting that decision, this project has now been resurfaced and quietly pushed forward at a time when our community is focused on rebuilding our lives from the devastating August 2023 wildfires. With so

many displaced families, lost livelihoods, and critical infrastructure still in need of repair, it is unconscionable to allocate resources and decision-making power to a project that would cause further environmental harm and disregard the public's long standing objections.

Shoreline hardening is the leading cause of beach loss in Hawai'i. A 2018 study by the University of Hawai'i's School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) confirmed that where seawalls or revetments are built, the adjacent beach is lost 100% of the time. Maui has already lost over four miles of sandy beach due to seawalls, and approving this project will only further this trend. The U.S. Geological Survey has also documented that seawalls not only erode the beaches in front of them but create a domino effect, increasing erosion on neighboring properties and pressuring more shoreline hardening. Once one revetment is approved, it is only a matter of time before others in the area seek the same exemptions, leading to widespread loss of public beaches.

With sea level rise projections showing Maui County facing up to 5.9 feet of sea level rise by 2100, the only viable long-term strategy is managed retreat, not armoring the coastline. The State of Hawai'i's 2017 Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report emphasizes that managed retreat is the most effective way to adapt to climate change. The Hawai'i Climate Commission has repeatedly warned against approving new shoreline hardening structures, recognizing that these projects work against long-term resilience. Approving this revetment directly contradicts these policies and undermines efforts to protect natural shorelines for future generations.

Hololani Resort Condominiums had ample time to prepare for an alternative solution but instead chose to pursue a revetment that prioritizes their private property over public access and environmental health. In 2007, Hololani received emergency approval to install sandbags under the condition that they would develop a long-term solution that did not involve shoreline hardening. For nearly two decades, rather than investing in relocation planning, they sought ways to justify a permanent structure that would lock in beach loss for future generations. This is not responsible coastal management; it is an attempt to override established policy in favor of private interests.

Lahaina Strong urges the legislature to **oppose SCR47** and honor the years of community opposition, especially at a time when decision-making and resources should be focused on the thousands of Lahaina community members rebuilding our lives. Protecting our shorelines means prioritizing long-term solutions over short-term fixes that will only cause more harm in the future. Allowing this project to proceed would

mean accepting the continued destruction of our beaches, something that the people of West Maui cannot afford.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lāhainā Strong



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:28:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kii Kahooohanohano	Testifying for Malama Na Pua o Haumea	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

## Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG opposition to both SR59/SCR47. As a member of the community who has served the needs of our Lahaina recovery since day one and still work 40+ hours a week to support our recovery in Lahaina and island wide, these proposals are a DIRECT INSULT to the recovery and longevity of Lahaina. They were voted down with strong opposition in the past and it is inconceivable that they would be reintroduced in general, but especially at this time! It is a blatant disregard and disrespect to the land waters and people of Lahaina who are barely in any way shape or form being prioritized THOUGHOUT the ENTIRE "RECOVERY"!!!! There has been very little "PROGRESS" in every way for the good of Lahaina and its people... mostly FAMILIES that are from these lands and waters as stewards to them, FOR GENERATIONS! Thousands have left already without any real resources and help. Many struggle not to be homeless as they are currently being kicked out of FEMA housing for the past couple of months, many are soooo broken and tired of fighting for everything that is pono, and won't show up for multiple reasons to testify yet AGAIN, to defend their home because their day to day lives are still in shambles as they attempt to fend for their families survival with a system and fema hiked up rents that that will eliminate our hardworking middle to low income ohana that make up the very threads of our community and its ability to thrive in order to make room for outside interests and development of Lahaina not for the betterment and healing of our land waters and people, but for those who have ulterior motives and agendas to take over Lahaina, even in our most challenging times. PLEASE hear the voice of the people, and not those who will profit off of these proposals, the data is clear that implementation of these types of practices are expensive and non effective in what the current goal is. I will leave those explanations further to the experts, but stand on their testimony as to how these proposed ways of handling our shorelines are NOT optimal or successful!!! KEEP PRIVATE INTERESTS OUT OF LAHAINA NOW MORE THAN EVER! E ALA MAI!!! They want to take everything they can for themselves with no care for what will happen in regards to those affected by their agendas, truly disheartening... please move from your own experience as Hawai'i citizens and from your NA'AU which should tell you for multiple reasons this is just not ok and needs to be stopped.

With Much Aloha and reverence for your kokua,

Ki'inaniokalani Kaho'ohanohano

Mālama Nā Pua o Haumea

Maui

**SCR-47**

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Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Beckett	Testifying for Hololani AOAO	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for the SCR47 resolution. As a resident of the [condo community/close to/adjacent to] the Hololani Condominiums, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges posed by the current shoreline situation.

The safety of our community is of utmost importance, and I truly believe that the implementation of SCR47 will significantly improve the safety of the shoreline in our area. The current sandbag structures, while initially effective, have become increasingly ineffective and unsafe. They are deteriorating, posing potential hazards to both residents and visitors. Replacing these sandbags with rocks and stairs will provide a more durable, safer solution that will enhance both the accessibility and the safety of the shoreline for everyone. We have owned at Hololani for 20 years and have witnessed every stage of the erosion of our shoreline. To see the sandbags deteriorating into the sea is not environmentally healthy or helping to protect our property. By allowing a rock revetment seems to be the best solution for both the local fishermen and the safety of the turtles that love to feed off the bags.

In addition to safety, I believe that this project will contribute to the long-term preservation of our coastline, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy this beautiful area without the risk of erosion or damage from harsh weather. The proposed improvements will not only improve the aesthetic appeal of the shoreline but will also mitigate the environmental impact of the current sandbag setup.

I wholeheartedly support SCR47 and encourage you to prioritize the passage of this resolution for the benefit of our community and the natural environment.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for your continued dedication to improving the safety and well-being of our state.

Warm regards,  
Jane Beckett



**LATE**

March 16, 2025

Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii'i State Legislature  
Via Electronic Transmission

Re: Testimony in OPPOSITION of SCR47, Relating to Restoration of Beach Lands  
Hearing: Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:00 PM CR 229 & Videoconference

To: The Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee

**Surfrider Foundation Hawaii'i Region is in opposition of SCR47** which would authorize the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of the State submerged lands seaward of of Tax Map Key: (2) 4-3-010:009 at Kahana, Lahaina, Maui for removal of existing emergency sandbags and construction, use, repair, and maintenance of a rock revetment.

The Surfrider Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves, and beaches for all people. We advocate at federal, state and local levels to protect our shorelines on every coast and ensure beach access and coastal conservation.

On December 13, 2024 Hololani Resort Condominium made this request before the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR- Item D-8). Alongside West Maui community members, Surfrider Foundation Hawaii'i Region offered testimony opposing D-8. BLNR ruled to deny the request and in favor of the Maui community and protection of public trust resources. We urge you to uphold the BLNR ruling and oppose this resolution.

Mahalo for your time and the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Hanna Lilley  
Hawaii'i Regional Manager  
Surfrider Foundation

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

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Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
john carty	Testifying for Save Honolulu Coalition	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Save Honolulu Coalition strongly opposes Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 (SCR47) due to its harm to the environment, threats to public beach access, and the dangerous precedent it could set for shoreline management in Hawaii.

The proposed rock revetment at Kahana is not a true solution to erosion—it's a short-term fix that will cause even greater damage in the long run. These types of structures interfere with natural sand movement, worsening erosion in nearby areas. They also destroy marine ecosystems, impacting coral reefs, fish populations, and the overall health of the coastal environment.

Beyond the environmental concerns, this project would restrict public access to the shoreline. Hawaii's beaches belong to everyone, and any effort to block or limit access goes against the public trust. Access to beaches is crucial for cultural practices, recreation, and quality of life. If we allow one project like this to move forward, it sets a dangerous precedent where more and more of our coastline could become off-limits to the public.

Approving this easement would send the wrong message about how we manage our shorelines. If private entities are granted permission to build permanent structures on public submerged lands, we risk a wave of similar projects statewide—each one chipping away at the natural beauty and accessibility of our beaches. Instead of investing in short-term, high-risk fixes, Hawaii must focus on long-term, environmentally responsible solutions that protect both our natural resources and our communities.

For these reasons, the Save Honolulu Coalition urges the legislature to reject SCR47 and commit to shoreline management practices that preserve Hawaii's beaches for future generations.

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 47**

James H. Barry, Coastal Engineer  
Relating to Hololani Shore Protection Project

My name is Jim Barry, and I am a Coastal Engineer who worked on the Hololani Shore Protection Project (Hololani Project) since its inception. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of the Hololani Project and completing the rock revetment to replace the existing emergency sandbags. Below is a summary of the technical aspects of the project and the reasons it is necessary for the Legislature to act on this now. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

### **Project Summary**

The Hololani Project became necessary in 2007 when extreme shoreline erosion came within 15 feet of the Hololani condominiums (Hololani). Temporary emergency permits were issued by the Department of Land and Natural Resources - Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (DLNR-OCCL, File No.: Emergency-OA-07-08) and the Maui Planning Department (SM3 2007/0001) with the understanding that Hololani would be developing a long term erosion control solution, which all parties agreed was likely to be a rock revetment.

During the design process, it was found that the proximity of the erosion scarp to the buildings prevented construction of a typical rock revetment mauka of the shoreline. In consultation with DLNR-OCCL, the coastal engineers for Hololani devised a combined sheet pile wall and low rock rubblemound revetment structure that best met the need for shore protection and the coastal management policies of the State.

Following issuance of all necessary County, State, and Federal permits, including an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA-FONSI) in 2013, a State CDUP in 2014, an SMA permit in 2016, and USACE permit in 2015, the project was not able to get the necessary concurrent resolution for an easement from the legislature in 2018. The resolution (SCR 63) was passed by the Senate, but was not heard in the House.

As Hololani had already awarded a construction contract to Kiewit Pacific Builders, and with the concurrence of the Maui Planning Department, Hololani decided to break the project into two phases: a seawall built mauka of the shoreline, and the revetment to be built later when the easement process could be finalized. A steel sheet pile wall (with concrete cap) was built during the Summer and Fall of 2018, with temporary sand bags taking the place of the rock revetment. The present effort is to acquire a state land easement in order to replace the temporary sand bags with an engineered low rock rubblemound revetment.



**Existing sheet pile wall, built in 2018. Rock revetment crest is below the concrete pile cap, as shown, and will replace all of the sand bags.**

### **What is the purpose of the rock revetment?**

The rock rubblemound revetment is a porous structure that absorbs wave impact, reducing wave reflection and scour of the beach and substrate in front of the wall. It also helps to stabilize the sheet pile, and is an integral part of the structural design.

### **Why is rock rubblemound better than sand bags?**

Rock rubblemound revetment design follows well known engineering guidelines, with the rock being sized to design parameters calculated by engineers. It is a long-term structure. Sand bags come in limited sizes, and even the most robust sand bag installations eventually degrade due to bag movement and undermining by waves, fabric degradation, and vandalism. Sand bags are slippery when covered with limu, and can become a clear public safety hazard.



**Completed sand bag revetment (2007)**



**Sand bag deterioration (2025)**



### **Will the Hololani Project protect public infrastructure?**

Yes. In consultation with the County of Maui Department of Public Works, Hololani included protection for the County Drainage Easement “A” in the Hololani Project. The easement is at the north end of the Hololani property and was in an extremely degraded state until 2020, when it was included in the most recent sand bag refurbishment effort. Prior to the 2020 effort, the drainlines would plug with sand on a regular basis and cause flooding of Lower Honoapiilani Road. Construction of the rock revetment will allow the drainage area to be permanently protected.

Lower Honoapiilani Road is extremely close to the shoreline at the easement area and is at risk. The roadway also contains power lines, telecommunication cables, the storm drains system and the sewer lines. All of these are presently at risk and will be protected by installation of the revetment.



**Flooding of Lower Honoapiilani Road (2007)**



**Drainage Easement Area (2007)**



**Drainage Easement with temporary protection installed by the Hololani (2020)**





**Installation of sheet pile anchors**

**Is the Hololani Project located as far mauka as possible?**

Yes. DLNR-OCCL does not permit even temporary protection until the shoreline erosion scarp is within 20 ft of a habitable structure. All walls and revetments typically require at least that amount of horizontal space for construction. Despite the vertical appearance, the sheet pile at Hololani is supported by anchors that are tied back 15 feet from the face of the wall.

**What are the consequences for not allowing shore protection at Kahana Bay?**

The consequences are catastrophic. Hololani and other properties on Kahana Bay are extremely close to the shoreline. Without completing this project, it is an absolute certainty that their structural integrity will be compromised. This can lead to abandonment and eventual collapse into the conservation district. The substrate in this part of West Maui is primarily composed of alluvial soils. When even small amounts of these soils erode, they cause huge turbidity effects - the surrounding ocean waters turn red. Without protection the exposed clay and silt coastal bluffs will continuously erode and cause a long-lived (and possibly permanent) red water event.

**Why is the shoreline eroding at Kahana Bay?**

The problems at Kahana Bay are regional, and are likely due to temporary sea level rise events and a lack of adequate sand resources. Global Sea Level Rise due to climate changes will eventually have a major impact on all Hawaii beaches, but the present problems on certain beaches are thought to be caused or amplified by transient rise due to mesoscale eddies and larger scale Pacific Basin effects. These have caused temporary, but extended sea level rise events of up to a foot over predicted tide levels. Higher sea levels cause higher wave energy levels at the shoreline, causing the existing beach sand to no longer be stable. Beach stability is further degraded by the high angle of wave approach to the shoreline - from the north during winter months and from the south during summer months. A seasonal mismatch often occurs

whereby sand is pushed offshore to the south by strong winter wave conditions.

### **What about landward beach migration at Kahana Bay?**

One academic school of thought, based on very simplified assumptions, maintains that if coastal protection is not allowed - if structures are removed from the shoreline area and the shoreline is allowed to erode - that beaches will follow the erosion scarp inland and migrate landward, thus bringing beaches back as sea level increases. While this may happen for some beaches, it almost certainly will not happen along this part of the Kahana coastline. The coastal bluffs consist of silt and clay, not beach sand, and the beaches are ephemeral due to an adverse wave climate and the lack of good sand resources. Sea level rise will cause wave heights at the shoreline to increase and beach stability will require robust resources of coarse sand that are simply not part of the offshore geology. It is far more likely that the beaches here will gradually decline in volume and eventually disappear due to sea level rise.

### **Why does the beach at Hololani come and go?**

The Kahana beaches are dynamic and driven primarily by longshore transport. Winter waves from the north push sand to the south, and Summer waves from the south push sand to the north. Occasional Kona storms also push sand north. Hololani often has a robust beach in the Fall, before the Winter surf arrives. The seasons are often not balanced, and the Winter waves can cause a gradual and permanent loss of sand offshore in the S-Turns area at the south end of Kahana Bay.

### **Where does beach sand come from?**

Hawaii Beach sand is derived from biological resources provided by offshore reefs. Common sand components are foraminifera shells, coral fragments and other shell fragments. On mainland beaches, sand is derived from erosion of quartz minerals in inland areas that is transported to the coast by rivers and streams. It has been conclusively shown that for most beaches, very little sand is derived from the erosion of local coastal bluffs.

### **Do waves bring sand to the beach or erode sand from the beach?**

Both. In shallow water the orbital motion of waves is asymmetrical and results in sand transport toward the shore. This phenomenon is the primary mode of sand accretion on beaches worldwide, and is the way sand moves from offshore reefs to the beach. However large, steep waves can also scour the bottom and cause the migration of sand off the beach.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:03:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bianca Isaki	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

Please oppose SCR47, which would privatize a football field long area of Kahana Bay for the benefit of the Hololani vacation rental condominium. This condominium has known for a VERY long time about the impacts of sea level rise on their condo and has stubbornly refused to even plan to retreat from the ocean. Instead, Hololani condo is seeking to harden this shoreline permanently. The beaches cannot come back with this sort of shoreline hardening. Please OPPOSE SCR47.

Bianca Isaki

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 2:54:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lenore E Houston	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

## Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

I have lived in Hawaii on different islands for a total of about 6 years. I have always respected the Aina and the people who call her home. I have lived at Hololani Resort for 2-1/2 years and always felt that it is a special place with lots to teach the visitors who come here. Hololani has always been an active participant in the kahana community and I see a need for continued support of the rock revetement project which will encourage safer public access and mitigate flooding on Honoapiilani Rd. This project should be completed for the safety of the community, the many diverse residents who call Hololani home and the islanders whom we support in their livelihoods by employing them to take care of our home. I urge you to consider the greater good of all the people and to pass this resolution so we can find closure in this completed project. This benefits all and benefits the Aina. Hololani will continue to support the local economy and the community for the betterment of all. This is a win-win.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Lenore Houston

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:47:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Spencer Schmerling	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

## Comments:

As a full-time homeowner, resident, and registered voter at Hololani condominiums adjacent to the proposed SCR47 rock revetment, I strongly support SCR47. This project will replace inadequate temporary sandbags with permanent, stable protection, significantly addressing flooding risks along Honoapiilani Road. Additionally, it's important to understand we're not merely adding structures—this project replaces temporary measures with a visually and environmentally improved solution, protecting our community from storm flooding, erosion, and rising tides. Importantly, this initiative directly enhances public safety.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:48:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Schmerling	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

## Comments:

As a full-time homeowner, resident, and registered voter living near Hololani condominiums, I strongly support SCR47. Replacing the unsustainable sandbags with a permanent rock revetment will significantly reduce frequent flooding and erosion threats impacting our local roadway and beach areas. This project aligns with regional goals of creating safer public beaches and improved coastal resilience. Please approve SCR47 for our community's immediate safety, long-term stability, and environmental preservation.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 3:28:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol McKinney	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

## Comments:

My name is Carol Smart McKinney, and I have had the privilege of calling Hololani my home for 40 years. I live here year-round, and my 'Ohana, who went all through school on Oahu, visit often to the place they grew up. I strongly support SCR47. We have an approved permit and this solution benefits everyone. I ask for your support so we can protect our community and coastline. Mahalo

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:57:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kai Nishiki	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Committee members,

I strongly **oppose SCR 47** authorizing the State to sell off a football field size of our public beach for Hololani Resort to construct a 400-foot-long rock revetment along the shoreline at Kahana Bay on Maui.

The State of Hawaii must stop approving shoreline easements which is just a fancy innocuous sounding word for what is really is- selling off pieces of our public beaches to resorts—in this case longer than a football field!—so they can build seawall revetments that will accelerate the destruction of our beaches. Hewa!

**STOP SELLING OFF OUR PUBLIC BEACHES TO RESORTS!**

**In December 2024, just a few months ago, The Board of Land and Natural Resources DENIED the permit and right of entry to Hololani. This information was intentionally left off of the resolution before you.**

**Therefore, this proposed resolution is highly improper and out of order.**

This is shoreline hardening and it shouldn't matter if previous approvals were granted prior to Act 16, which prohibits shoreline hardening on sandy beaches, and offers protection and preservation of our beaches for future generations.

The State does NOT have any legal obligation to protect coastal property owners from sea level rise or coastal erosion.

The State DOES have an obligation to protect public resources and the best thing to do is remove the structures along the coast and support the landward migration of our beaches.

This beach belongs to our children and grandchildren, and this revetment would deprive them of their heritage.

There is already so little of this beach left, and this proposal threatens to sell off the only remaining beach space in front of the resort.



Allowing this construction would set a dangerous precedent, prioritizing private interests over the public trust. I urge you to reject this proposal and uphold the values of Act 16 by protecting our beaches, preserving public access, and securing this vital resource for generations to come.

Back in 2018 our community and many organizations joined us at the BLNR and at the Legislature to successfully oppose the seawall revetment and the concurrent resolutions selling off our beach to resorts.

An impressive hui across the pae'aina also came together to support our beaches including:

Current State Senator Angus Mckelvey

Current West Maui Councilmember Tamara Paltin

Current Maui County Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez

Lifelong Kahana Fishermen

Uncle Felimon Sadang

Kahu Glenn Kamaka

Archie Kalepa

Kekai Keahi

West Maui Preservation Association

West Maui Community Association

Na Papa'i Wawae Ulaula

Ka Malu O Kahalawai

Hawai'i Association for Marine Education & Research

KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance

Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Chapter

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action HAPA

Snorkel Bob's Foundation

Hui Aloha Aina o Ka Lei Maile Ali'i

Na Kupuna o Maui

Maui Nui Marine Resource Council

Sierra Club of Hawai'i & Maui

Malama Olowalu

Save Ka'anapali

Aloha Aina Project

Ocean Defender

For the Fishes

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund

Save Honolua Coalition

Life of the Land

Maui Tomorrow Foundation

Lahaina Strong

And we stand in strong opposition again here at the Legislature in 2025.

We urge you to deny this request, honor the mission statement of DLNR and protect our beaches from shoreline hardening.

Mahalo,

Kai Nishiki

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:27:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leonard Nakoa III	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I strongly oppose this resolution. I testified at the BLNR TO OPPSE THIS STUFF. ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:46:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Shaw	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

To: Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair; Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair; and the honorable members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and speak in strong support of SCR47.

My name is Robert Shaw, and I am an owner and Board Member of the Association of Apartment Owners of Hololani.

For 18 years Hololani has sought to find and implement a long term solution to a myriad of issues caused by ocean erosion near our homes on Kahana Bay. Erosion and storm cycles have moved the certified shoreline inland at an alarming and increasing rate resulting in property damage, destruction of County of Maui storm drainage infrastructure, and flooding to the extent of blocking the lower Honoapiilani Road near the north boundary of our property. This area has literally been flooded and over-run with storm water, and the wash of the waves has reached to with a couple short strides of the paved lower road, a vital passage for local traffic and a historically significant avenue.

We have now reached the final step of long years of work. We have a CDUP, we have BLNR's approval for an easement, we have a final engineering design for which we received a Finding of No Significant Impact from DLNR, and all that we need is to receive easement approval and lease from the State via the Legislature and Governor. We need your help in passing the measure SCR47 before the committee today so that we may remove the unsightly and degraded emergency temporary sandbag structure that has been in place since 2007 from the beach. It will be replaced with the CDUP permitted natural stone revetment, which will allow safer public access to and along the shoreline and protect important public infrastructure.

In 2019, as part of our emergency temporary sandbag repairs and in cooperation with County of Maui Department of Public Works (DPW), we successfully made temporary repairs to the drainage outlet and the easement area. This however remains a temporary sandbag structure to this day. One of our goals in completing the work of our shoreline project is to make the roadway protections and drainage easement improvements permanent. The County Of Maui

DPW has worked closely with our engineers, and this project will complete that effort. It also offers the benefit of better protection for the lower road from wave and storm action. Finally and very importantly to our community, we and DPW have collaborated to design a shoreline access stairway at this location. DPW supports this request, please refer to their testimony on the matter.

These are our homes, and we seek to protect them as you would expect and hope you will support us for this reason alone, yet there are also very sound reasons for approving this request because of the community benefits and public infrastructure improvement and protections.

We ask, with the support of our immediate neighbors, business owners, and community members, and with the cooperation and support of Maui Department of Public Works that you please approve SCR47 today.

Mahalo for your time, your consideration, and your support.

Robert Shaw, owner and AOA Board Member, Hololani

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:30:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie Adcock Brockman	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha my name is Julie Brockman

I am a resident of Maui and an owner at Pohailani for nearly 20 years. The Makai side of our property is directly north of Hololani and separated by a drainage easement. I am in favor of their sand and sea bags being removed and replaced with rock. I also understand that as part of this project a safe beach access point would be installed between our two properties. This is a great safety concern for families in our neighborhood to be able to safely access the beach and ocean for water activities, and fishing. This area is also prone to road flooding and overwash which can prevent access to the entrances on both our Makai and Mauka side of Pohailani. We are asking for your help and support for this project.

Mahalo for your time and hearing my testimony

Julie Adcock Brockman

**LATE**

**Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,**

I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to SCR47. For years, our community has fought to protect our shorelines from destructive projects like this. Time and time again, we have shown up, testified, and voiced our opposition to shoreline hardening, knowing that it leads to permanent beach loss. In 2018, an attempt to secure an easement for this project failed due to public opposition, yet here we are again, facing the same fight while thousands of Lahaina residents are still unable to return home.

It is difficult to understand why, in the wake of the August 2023 wildfires, when Lahaina families are struggling to rebuild, resources and decision-making are being directed toward protecting beachfront investment properties instead of community recovery. The science is clear—seawalls and revetments accelerate erosion and destroy beaches. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline due to these failed approaches. With rising sea levels and worsening climate impacts, we need long-term solutions like managed retreat, not more shoreline armoring that will only make things worse.

Hololani Resort Condominiums had nearly two decades to find a responsible alternative. Instead, they have continued to pursue a project that prioritizes private property over public resources. This is not in the public's best interest, and it sets a dangerous precedent for more shoreline hardening along our coast.

I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Now more than ever, we need to protect our shorelines for future generations, not allow them to be sacrificed for private gain.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Katie Austin

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/13/2025 11:38:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Faith K Sandi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I am a 72 year old kupuna from Lahaina. I am opposed to SCR 47 in regards to Hololani's request. That building was built too close to the ocean along with many more hotels and condos along our coastline. Seawalls and or rock revetments will not solve the problem of sea level rise and coastal erosion. It is only a temporary fix and they will be back again! Leave our beaches alone. You will have many more come pleading because all of those buildings along Kaanapali, Honokowai and kahana re threatened. Time for them too RETREAT!!



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:29:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,**

I am writing to express my **strong support for SCR47**, as I believe it is a necessary step toward making our shoreline safer and more sustainable for both residents and visitors.

As a homeowner at **Hololani condominiums**, I have witnessed firsthand the effects of coastal erosion and the ongoing challenges with the temporary sandbags. While these sandbags were put in place as an emergency measure, they are now a long-term hazard. They **create dangerous conditions**, making it difficult to navigate the shoreline, and they do not provide a reliable or environmentally friendly solution.

By **removing the sandbags and replacing them with strategically placed rocks and stairs**, we can ensure safer access while also reinforcing the natural shoreline. This approach respects the environment and helps protect both the public and private properties in the area. The current conditions are unsightly and unsustainable, and it is crucial that we implement a solution that balances safety, erosion control, and community well-being.

I urge the committee to support SCR47 and help move forward with **a safer and more practical solution for our shoreline**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:37:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

**Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,**

Aloha mai kākou,

I am writing in **strong support of SCR47** and urge the committee to move this resolution forward. My ‘ohana has been rooted in **Kahana** for generations, and we have seen firsthand how our shoreline has changed over time. The current situation near the **Hololani condominiums** is unsafe and unsustainable, and it’s time we take action to mālama ‘āina and protect this special place for future generations.

The sandbags that were meant to be a temporary fix have become a burden to the shoreline. They are not only **unsightly**, but they also create a hazardous, unstable environment that makes it difficult for kama‘āina and visitors alike to access the beach safely. **Replacing them with rocks and properly designed steps** will create a much safer and more pono solution that aligns with the natural environment.

Beyond safety, restoring this area with a thoughtful, long-term approach will help **ho‘omau** the beauty and integrity of Kahana’s coastline. Our beaches are more than just sand and water—they are gathering places, sources of nourishment, and a connection to our island home. We need to act now to ensure they remain accessible and protected for the generations that come after us.

I humbly ask for your support in **passing SCR47** and moving forward with this much-needed improvement. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

**Jessi Olpindo**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:39:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Wahinehookae	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Water & Land Committee

Dear Members of the Water & Land Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the following resolutions: SCR 47 regarding the Hololani Resort 400 ft long seawall revetment, SCR 76 and SR 59 related to the Kahana Bay vacation rentals T Groin project. These proposals pose significant threats to the natural beauty and ecological integrity of Kahana Bay.

First and foremost, constructing a 400 ft long seawall revetment at the Hololani Resort will disrupt the natural shoreline, leading to detrimental effects on local marine life and coastal ecosystems. The seawall will alter natural sediment transport processes, which are crucial for maintaining healthy beaches and habitats. Additionally, it sets a concerning precedent for further coastal development that prioritizes short-term interests over long-term environmental sustainability.

Secondly, the proposed T Groin projects at Kahana Bay, which include breakwaters extending 7 to 200 ft wide and 200 ft long into the ocean, will not only obstruct natural water flow but will also damage the area's delicate marine ecosystems. These structures will interfere with wave dynamics, potentially leading to increased erosion elsewhere along the coast and impacting local wildlife that depends on a stable and healthy habitat.

Kahana Bay is a precious resource that deserves protection rather than exploitation. We must prioritize preserving its natural beauty and ecological balance for future generations. These projects represent a significant threat to the health of Kahana Bay, and I urge the committee to oppose them.

I appreciate your consideration of my concerns and hope that we can work together to protect Kahana Bay from unnecessary and harmful development. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Eric Keali'i Wahinehookae

March 14, 2025.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:45:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori Colwell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,**

I am writing to express my **strong support** for **SCR47**, as someone who owns at the Hololani condominiums and sees firsthand the impact of the current shoreline conditions. This resolution is an important step toward improving the safety and long-term sustainability of our coastal environment.

Currently, the sandbags along the shoreline pose hazards to both residents and visitors. They are an inadequate and unsightly solution that creates instability rather than protecting our shoreline. By removing them and replacing them with **rocks and stairs**, we can **enhance both safety and accessibility** while supporting a more natural and durable approach to shoreline management.

This resolution is not just about aesthetics; it's about **preserving our coastline while ensuring safe and responsible public access**. The proposed improvements will help mitigate further erosion, reduce risks to pedestrians, and create a more stable and visually appealing shoreline.

I urge the Committee on Water and Land to support **SCR47** and take this necessary step toward responsible shoreline management. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely****Lori Jones**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:13:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jesus Gonzales	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support SCR47. I have great concern that my home will be washed into the sea because of governmental apathy or inaction. There is a real chance to save my, and 65 other families', homes. You'd think in a time of housing shortage that the government would be trying to serve their constituents in the effort to provide as much housing as possible. Rocks will save the property from the current erosion and be safer for the public to access the beach. I also worry about flooding and heavy surf which the rocks will improve. Please allow the rock placement to proceed. Jesus J Gonzales, Hololani A703

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:15:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ana Victoria Ross	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I would like to express my support for the Hololani Resort to allow the replacement of the existing sandbags with a rock revetment.

There are many reasons why I believe this not only benefits the owners at Hololani, but also the community members, tourists, the environment and the economy of Maui. By installing the proposed rock revetment and stairs to the beach, it will provide safer beach access for everyone. I have personally witnessed many tourists and local residents climb, sit on and fish from the current sandbags despite signs warning of the danger. These sandbags can be very slippery and were not intended for this purpose. With installation of the rock revetment as proposed, the danger will be reduced and will reduce flooding issues to the Honoapiilani Road. It will also improve the esthetic of the shoreline and look more natural than sandbags.

Many manhours and money have been invested into this project to make sure that this is the most logical solution. The proposal has already been approved and permitted by federal, state, and county entities. It will be funded by the Hololani and will benefit many for years to come.

Please approve SCR 47 so this project can begin and be completed to the benefit of our Maui community.

Sincerely,

Ana Victoria Ross

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:19:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalani Ross	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed please



blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov

Dear Board Members,

I support and request you vote in favor of SCR47 and SCR76.

I am writing you to ask for your support in granting a right of entry to proceed with construction on state lands in order to proceed with the construction of a rock revetment wall at the Hololani resort.

When my Wife and I purchased this condo over a decade ago, there was a moderate amount of beautiful sandy beach, and it is so sad that it has been lost to such a degree. We were told at the time of our purchase that an active plan to protect the shoreline was in place and was going to happen in the near future. Unfortunately, that was delayed to the point we are at now when the project has become somewhat urgent.

One of the last times I was able to visit we enjoyed a seasonal re-emergence of the beach, and it was truly wonderful to walk on. In the aftermath of the devastating Lahaina fire, we entered our unit into the FEMA program to provide shelter to a displaced individual/family. It would be further devastating if we didn't protect the shoreline properties which could be utilized in this manner just for this kind of emergency.

I look forward to eventually visiting the Hololani once again in the future when the unit is no longer needed. My understanding is that Hololani means, "Gone to Heaven." I certainly feel that sentiment every time I walk through the front door and walk out to our Lanai. There is no other place on Earth that gives me such peace.

There are significant benefits for allowing us to proceed with the project. I have seen firsthand how the North end of the property has deteriorated, making the beach access point somewhat hazardous. This location is awfully close to the road and a major drainage pipe. These are impacted by the lack of protection from storms and very high tides that can result in flooding and road damage. This project is designed to help with these worsening issues. The old saying, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” applies to this situation. If a bad storm washes out the road that would be awful and if the risk of that happening can be decreased, we should attempt to make it happen.

My wife and I are disabled and having steps down to the beach would be extremely welcome. I think many visitors to this location would agree. It also makes me anxious when I see people walking on the existing sandbags that are slippery with an uneven surface, it just looks like an accident waiting to happen. Artists rendering of what the rock revetment will look like is far superior to the ugly sandbags which take away from the natural beauty of the area.

I am not aware of any significant downsides to proceeding with the project. The advantages of proceeding are significant.

Thank You,

Don Colburn

Hololani B304

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:36:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Schulhof	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Committee,

As a dedicated member of this community, I am proud to support and invest in solutions that safeguard both our coastline and the livelihoods of those who call this place home. Hololani's sheet pile and rock revetment project is a fully permitted and rigorously reviewed initiative—one that has undergone comprehensive federal, state, and county approvals to ensure its viability and compliance with environmental and structural standards.

In 2018, Hololani successfully installed a permitted sheet pile, demonstrating our commitment to responsible coastal management. The remaining question before this Committee is a simple yet critical one: whether to replace temporary emergency sandbags with a more stable and effective rock revetment. The answer is clear. The emergency sandbags, which have been in place since 2007, served their purpose, but now, a long-term solution is necessary—one that ensures public safety, enhances shoreline access, and reduces environmental impact with a smaller overall footprint.

Beyond addressing immediate coastal erosion concerns, Hololani's project plays a key role in mitigating significant flooding issues along Honoapiilani Road. We deeply appreciate Hololani's willingness to fund this project, recognizing it as a vital contribution to the greater community. Their proactive efforts align with broader, long-term regional strategies aimed at protecting our coastal infrastructure. The planned sheet pile and rock revetment solution will integrate seamlessly with future regional solutions while providing much-needed stability today.

For the well-being of our residents, businesses, and the future of our coastline, we urge this Committee to pass the resolution, allowing Hololani's project—and the critical drainage improvements to Honoapiilani Road—to finally move forward. This is more than just a project; it is a responsible, community-driven solution that will benefit generations to come.

Sincerely,

Andrew Schulhof

property owner

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:46:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian McCollum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I live in B503 at the Hololani condominiums. I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132 because it will make the shoreline in our area much safer. The sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs to make a much improved public beach access for everyone including neighbors to enjoy. This is fully compatible with regional alternatives. I am also concerned about the flooding on Honoapiilani Road, and completing this project will greatly address our community's concerns about the impact of heavy rain and extreme high tide events. Please support the completion of this project for the safety of our community.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:53:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim McMann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I own a condo at the Hololani Condos and I am in strong favor of SCR47/HCR 132 because our shoreline needs to be safer long term.

We need better beach access so the sandbags need to be removed and replaced with rock and stairs need to be installed for public use.

By allowing these projects it will also address the concerns about the heavy rain and high tides that affect HONOAPIILANI road.

So please support for the better safety of our community

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:53:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gisele Fox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- I live in Hololani unit A502 at the Hololani condominiums
- I strongly support SCR47 because it will make the shoreline in our area much safer.
- The sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs to make a much improved public beach access for everyone including neighbors to enjoy.
- This is fully compatible with regional alternatives
- I am also concerned about the flooding on Honoapiilani Road, and completing this project will greatly address our community's concerns about the impact of heavy rain and extreme high tide events.
- Please support the completion of this project for the safety of our community.

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing in strong support of SCR47/HCR 132 and the ongoing efforts of Hololani's sheet pile and rock revetment project. This project is fully permitted and has passed through a rigorous approval process at the federal, state, and county levels. It has been thoughtfully designed by expert consultants with the long-term safety and preservation of the area in mind.

As the committee considers this matter, it's important to recognize that Hololani has already successfully installed a permitted sheet pile on its property in 2018, further demonstrating its commitment to following all required guidelines and regulations. The focus of this discussion now is limited to the question of whether the temporary sandbags, which have been in place since 2007, should be replaced with rocks.

Replacing the sandbags with the rock revetment will not only improve safety, making public access to the area more secure, but it will also reduce the overall footprint of the project. Additionally, this project funded by Hololani, solves the critical issue of the flooding on the Honoapiilani Road at no cost to the Hawaiian government. Finally, this solution ensures that we can maintain the natural beauty of our coastline while enhancing both the functionality and safety of the structure for years to come. I encourage the committee to move forward in support of this important project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Garavaglia

Hololani B804



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 7:12:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Priscilla Wallack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR47

I am an owner at Hololani. I am writing in support of permission to move forward with the rock revetment at Hololani. Kahana Beach has suffered severe erosion in the decade and a half that we have owned our condo. It is time to move forward with the plans that are most likely to work. We need to finish the job at Hololani so that there will be both better protection without the ongoing need for emergency sandbags as well as better water flow especially in run off areas.

Completing this project will also help protect the public road.

Right now, people climb through dangerous road access areas or over slippery sandbags to access the beach. This is an accident waiting to happen. Building appropriate access for everyone would be safer and certainly look better.

I'm requesting that whatever access is necessary to complete this or any other anti- erosion project at Kahana Beach be granted.

I see no downside to proceeding with completing this project as quickly as possible

Thank you for your consideration.

Priscilla Wallack

March 2025

To: Hawai'i State Legislature;

Re: **SCR47 Rock Revetment**

As an owner of a condo in Hololani Condominiums I am writing in support of SCR47/HCR 132, preserving and sustaining the seawall, by moving forward with the rock revetment at Hololani Condominiums.

Since Hololani has already been approved to, and installed the permitted sheet pile in 2018, the outstanding issue is removing the worn sandbags with the rocks, which is compatible with the regional alternatives.

Not only will the rock present a much more natural look to the shoreline, but it will also be safer than the sandbags the visitors can't seem to resist walking on, even though there is signage to the contrary. The addition of stairs will also make much safer access to the beach and a benefit to those that come to visit an ocean front oasis.

There also seems to be a drainage issue on Honoapiilani Road from heavy rain and very high tides, which will be addressed once this project is completed, and the rocks are in place.

We love our beautiful condo at Hololani and urge you to support this resolution so we can continue to enjoy beautiful Maui and its beaches with our family and friends.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sylvia Hershberger

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 7:42:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Paul	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

Aloha, members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources -

My name is Brian Paul and I strongly support the Hololani rock revetment project.

I have been a resident for years now and have personally witnessed the drastic decline of the current sandbags and dangers they impose.

The current sandbags are not doing their job anymore. They're old, slippery, and falling apart, which makes them unsafe for anyone walking in the area. Visitors slip and fall and local fishermen don't have a place for their fishing poles. Replacing them with rocks will provide a strong, stable solution that keeps everyone safer.

This project will also improve access for the community and visitors. The sandbags are uneven and hard to walk on, but the new rocks will have safer paths and steps so people can get to the ocean and enjoy the beach more easily.

Protecting the lower road is also important. This road has flooded before, and if we don't act now, it could get worse. The rocks will act like a shield, keeping the road and drainage pipes safe from storm damage. Just up the road a bit north of us, a bridge washed out and took over a year to repair impacting the families who lived in the neighborhood having to drive around way out of their way and not having the ability to walk or bike to work. I'd like to prevent a similar reoccurrence.

Lastly, the rocks will look so much better than the sandbags. They'll blend in with the environment and make the area more enjoyable for everyone.

Please approve this project so we can make these much-needed improvements. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 8:20:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am an owner at Hololani.

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132

The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles.

Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer.

Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach. Especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Honoapiilani Road, which is a major street connecting homes and businesses from north to south. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides.

Science research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of our community.

Sincerely,

Frank Schultz

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

I'm writing you today to confirm that I am in full support of SCR47 and to offer my testimony as a concerned owner in the Hololani Condominiums. The island of Maui means a lot to my family, and specifically the west shore where we spend most of our time. I believe that this resolution will play an important role in improving the safety and long-term preservation of our shoreline. It is a far better solution than the deteriorating sandbags that exist today for a number of obvious reasons.

The current situation, particularly the use of sandbags, poses a significant risk to both the environment and public safety. The erosion control measures in place are outdated and insufficient, and it is clear that something needs to be done to protect both the coastal ecosystem and the people who live and visit here. The sandbags are an eyesore. Maui is known for its beauty...why would we continue down this path?

I strongly believe that the sandbags should be removed and replaced with more sustainable solutions, such as rocks and stairs. This approach will not only enhance the safety of our shoreline but also ensure that it remains a beautiful and accessible place for years to come. Replacing them with natural materials and creating a more resilient infrastructure would improve the aesthetic and ecological value of the area.

I live on the first floor of the building and have to look out at the sandbags. I have seen firsthand the impact that the current state of the shoreline has on both residents and visitors. The instability of the sandbag barriers is not only a safety concern but also a hazard in times of severe weather, when erosion can accelerate rapidly. By supporting SCR47, I believe we can move toward a more sustainable and responsible approach to shoreline management that balances the needs of the community with environmental conservation.

In closing, I urge you to support the passage of SCR47. I am confident that this resolution will help protect our coastal area and ensure that future generations can enjoy a safe and beautiful shoreline. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Cain

720-323-1606

Condo Owner, Hololani



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 8:29:24 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Junior	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Please protect our shorelines natural flow. We do not need to artificially alter the way the water has always been. We have seen how this is detrimental to other areas of the shoreline. Our beaches are so precious, please do not let developers take our beaches. We see how these vacation rentals owners only care about their property and have long discarded any idea of what is best for the next generation. We already see how the ocean is making its way and doing what it has always done. The ocean cannot be stopped. Our beaches cannot be lost. Please do not approve these insane requests to alter our shorelines. Please choose the residents over the mainland investors. We know that 94% of vacations rentals are owned by non-residents.

Please do not allow our shorelines to be altered any further.

Mahalo.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 8:48:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon Cole	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SCR47 . I am an owner of unit B303 in the Hololani Condominiums.

I strongly support the Hololani sheet pile and rock revetment project. This fully permitted and approved project has undergone rigorous review, and replacing the existing emergency sandbags with a permanent rock revetment is essential for the safety of our community.

The rock revetment will improve public beach access, reduce the overall footprint, and address long-standing flooding issues along Honoapiilani Road, especially during heavy rains and high tides. Hololani's funding and commitment to this project will greatly benefit the area, enhancing both safety and long term resistance to damaging erosion.

I urge the Committee to pass this resolution and allow this important project to move forward for the well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jon Cole

Owner, unit B303

Hololani Condominiums



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 9:45:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Colbourn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SCR47

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 10:09:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cyndi Reese	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Hololani's revetment application.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 10:48:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juliann Busch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I strongly support SCR47. The emergency sandbags have been in place since 2007 and desperately need to be replaced with an improved and more long term solution. The sheet pile and rock revetment project has already been fully permitted and approved and will make the shoreline much safer. It will help to improve public beach access as well. The completion of this project will likely help the flooding issues on Honoapiilani road. please support thie completion of this project for the safety and betterment of our community.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:23:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Callahan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have had the pleasure of vacationing at the Hololani condominiums and strongly support SCR 47 to make the shoreline safer. The current sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs to address erosion and local flooding. Please support SCR 47. Thank you.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:05:24 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Meadows	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SCR47.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:48:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wendy Kimball	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this measure. The community and the wildlife/ocean life deserve this solution.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:52:34 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Arnold Epstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am an owner at Hololani and live here about half time.

I support SCR47 to allow Hololani to obtain an easement of State property to replace the sandbags in front of the revetment with perminate rocks. The 2018 revetment plan called for putting rocks in front of the revetment. The committee at that time required Hololani to put in sand bags instead of rcoks in case the sand returned. They said Hololani could replace the sandbags with rocks if the sand had not returned in 5 years. This change is urgently needed now due to the deterioration of the sand bags and added risk to community and coastal environment.

I respectfully request your approval of SCR47 to protect the community, provide beach access, and provide protection from street flooding.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:52:25 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeanne Epstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I totally support this bill the state to allow the Hololani the esaement on the beach in front of our property and to allow the rock revetment to prevent more eroision and loss of land. We were told in 2018 that after 5 years we could put in the rocks if the beach didn't return. As you know the beach has not returned and is pretty scary for anyone to try and get down to the water. The sandbags are deteriorating and makes it unsafe for people and sealife .We would like you to carry through with what we were told and make the beach safe for all to use it again.



March 14, 2025

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my full support for SCR47 and to share why this resolution is so crucial for our community. As a resident of the Hololani Condominiums, I have witnessed firsthand the ongoing challenges and risks associated with the current state of the shoreline in our area.

The shoreline is not only an essential part of the natural beauty of our surroundings but also a vital space for the safety and well-being of residents and visitors alike. The current use of sandbags along the shoreline is not only an eyesore but also ineffective in providing long-term protection. I strongly support SCR47 because it addresses this issue directly by proposing a sustainable and safer solution, one that will create a more durable shoreline structure for the benefit of everyone.

The proposed plan to replace the sandbags with rocks and stairs will improve both the safety and accessibility of the shoreline. This change will ensure that our community can continue to enjoy this valuable space without the risk of further erosion or potential accidents. Additionally, the new structure would serve as a better long-term investment in preserving our coastline, making it safer for future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am confident that SCR47 will bring much-needed improvements to the shoreline in our area, and I strongly encourage the Legislature to move forward with it.

Sincerely,  
Grant Parthemer

Hololani B303

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 12:49:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Price Oden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair, I am writing to express my strong support for the SCR47 resolution. I understand the importance of preserving the shoreline adjacent to the Hololani Condominiums. The current sandbags that line the area, while critical to maintaining the stability of the shoreline, are a temporary control that needs to be replaced with a long-term solution that will withstand ocean forces and preserve the environment. I believe doing so will have a positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood and I urge you to support SCR47 to move this important resolution forward.

Thank you for your consideration on this and for all you do for the citizens and visitors of Maui.

Sincerely, Price Oden of Kirkland, WA 98033

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 1:13:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leigh Meadows	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please submit my support for scr47.

I reside in B704 Hololani on Kahana Bay.

I am wholeheartedly in favor of SCR47/HCR 132 as it aims to significantly enhance the safety of our shoreline. The existing sandbags should be replaced with rocks and stairs to create a superior public beach access that everyone, including neighbors, can enjoy. This solution aligns well with regional alternatives. Additionally, I am concerned about the frequent flooding on portions of Honoapiilani Road. Completing this project will greatly mitigate the effects of heavy rain and extreme high tide events, addressing our community's concerns. I urge you to support the completion of this project for the safety and benefit of our community.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 1:46:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janine Kanable	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47/HCR 132. As a resident of the Hololani Condominiums, I have seen firsthand how critical it is for our community to have safer and more accessible shorelines. This resolution will make a significant difference in improving the safety and enjoyment of the shoreline for everyone.

The current sandbags along the shoreline are not only an eyesore but also insufficient in providing adequate protection. I strongly believe that replacing the sandbags with rocks and stairs will not only improve the safety of the area but also provide much-needed public beach access for residents, neighbors, and visitors to enjoy. This solution will create a more sustainable and visually appealing environment while maintaining safety for all.

Furthermore, this plan aligns perfectly with regional alternatives and the broader goals of shoreline protection and environmental sustainability. It is a forward-thinking approach that addresses both immediate concerns and long-term resilience.

In addition to the shoreline improvements, I am also deeply concerned about the flooding issues on Honoapiilani Road. Completing this project will help alleviate some of these challenges, especially during heavy rain and extreme high tide events. By addressing both the shoreline and road conditions, this project will significantly improve the overall safety and quality of life for our community.

I urge you to support the completion of this project, as it is essential for the well-being of our neighborhood. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to seeing positive changes that will benefit our community.

Sincerely,

Janine Kanable

Unit B303

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 1:52:36 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Candy Barnett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I am an owner at Hololani. I strongly support SCR47/HCR132 because the shoreline will be much safer if the sandbags are allowed to be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs. The public beach access will be much improved. This rock revetment project is fully permitted. The completion of this project will address the concerns about the flooding on Honoapiilani Road. Please support the completion of this project.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 2:07:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joy cox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

My name is Joy Cox. I am an owner at Hololani A503 and am in full support of the sheet pile and rock revetment project at Hololani. The current sand bag situation is unsafe. Adding a wall with stairs will create an enviroment for everyone to enjoy public beach access. Additionally the shoreline will be safer for the community and the degradation of the sandbags will no longer pose a threat to the reef and ocean life. This project will also address the flooding that occurs on Honapiilani Road during heavy rain and high surf again creating a safer situation for the communit at large.



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 2:08:36 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary drayer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

'a'ole to this use of my tax money. nature will do what nature does, and manmade efforts to prevent it should not be using my tax dollars. especially in light of current federal cutbacks, both threatened and real. any discretionary monies in the state budget should only go to funding care for our residents. specifically MedQuest/Medicaid, Medicare and other programs that depend on federal money to service the community. Food Bank, Child and Family Services etc. i don't understand how these resorts can even ask for money in light of so many of our people struggling with housing, food, medical etc.... shame on them .. i don't care how much money the developers and owners are losing - it is not the kuleana of the state to intervene. sadly the situation - as always - is about them and their investments - like that's a priority ???.... mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony

Mary Drayer

Wailuku, Maui

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 2:40:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bradley Rogers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SCR 47! The beach is public lands not to be sold to a private entity. We have lost far too much in Lahaina. This bill is an insult to the local people of Lahaina not to mention Native Hawaiians!

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 2:23:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Riley Beckett	Testifying for Hololani AOAO Assoc	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my full support for SCR47. As a resident living close to the Hololani condominiums, I am deeply invested in the safety and well-being of our shoreline, and I believe this resolution is a critical step forward in ensuring a safer environment for our community.

The current use of sandbags along the shoreline has become a safety concern. Originally the rock revetment was proposed as part of the design for Hololani's now installed sheetrock wall but unfortunately had not been allowed even though it was in the original design. Sand bags were temporary but it has been over 11 years and have eroded significantly. The erosion of the coastline continues to pose a risk to the integrity of the shoreline and structures near the Hololani, and I strongly feel that SCR47 offers the solutions necessary for a sustainable and safer future. The proposal to replace the sandbags with rocks and stairs will not only help stabilize the shoreline but will also improve accessibility and safety for residents and visitors alike. It will also help the highway behind us which during heavy rains floods and currently becomes impassable. We have designed that in mind such that it will make the highway passable. That is one of the reasons Maui County also supports this bill.

As someone who is directly impacted by the condition of this shoreline, I can say with certainty that these changes are long overdue. The rocks will provide better erosion control and prevent further degradation, while the stairs will allow for safer and more convenient access to the beach. This plan reflects both a practical and forward-thinking approach to preserving our coastlines and protecting the environment.

I am confident that by supporting SCR47, we can make our shoreline safer for everyone and ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the natural beauty of this area in a responsible and sustainable manner. I appreciate your consideration of this important matter, and I strongly urge you to move forward with the resolution.

Thank you for your time and commitment to preserving the integrity of Hawaii's shorelines.

Sincerely,  
Riley M Beckett

4401 L. Honoapailani Rd Unit A-301

Lahaina HI 96761

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:03:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marilyn M Grant	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It will be much safer with the rock revetment than the emergency sandbags that were placed there in 2007. Hololani project is fully permitted and approved. This project will significantly improve the problem with flooding on Honoapillani Road.

I am a co-owner of a unit in the Hololani building whose very existence is before you now. The HCR/SCR needs to be approved, and not disapproved because of a few vocal objectors. Our sheet tile and rock border was built after we completed the long process of County, State and Federal permits. Now, it is time to replace the sandbags.

No one EVER intended the sand bags to be a permanent solution. Sand bags are never a permanent solution. Now, it is time to replace the temporary sand bags with a permanent rock solution. Fact is, we adore the sea turtles. They are the single biggest reason we spend time in Maui. And, whenever you see sea turtles along the shore while snorkeling, they are ALWAYS near the rocks which anchor the plant life on which the sea turtles feed. The sand bags do not allow for that life.

And, the turtles are not the only ones being damaged by failure to apply a permanent rock solution. The values of our building are falling. The value of our units have fallen by over 25% in the last year as a result of the increased costs of possibly re-sandbagging and unknown future caused by the delays. This is a big effect on our lives AND the County tax base!

We did everything we were supposed to do. We obtained all permits and were approved. Now, we have been stopped by only a few vocal objectors. Our solution will protect the turtle feeding grounds. Continued sandbagging is not environmentally sustainable.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:06:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dave Barnett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I am an owner at Hololani condominiums. I strongly support SCR 47. The shoreline should be as safe as possible. While the sandbags in place there have helped with the erosion, they are not a long term solution. Replacing them with rock would make it much safer. The addition of the rocks, along with stairs, would greatly improve the public beach access. The flooding on Honoapiilani Road is also of great concern and this project is important in addressing those issues. I urge you to support the completion of this project.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:15:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha cox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I am testifying to voice my strong support of SCR47. In 2018 Hololani installed a permitted sheet pile on it's property. We now need approval to remove the temporary emergency sand bags that have been in place since 2007 with a rock revetment. This project is fully permitted and approved having gone through rigourous federal, state and county permitting. The rock revetment will provide public beach access for all with a smaller overall footprint. Additionally it will be much safer than the deteriorating sand bags that provide no access to the beach and pose a safety hazard when people ignore the signs and climb on them to see/access the beach or to take photos of the numerous turtles that frequent the area.



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:25:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

## Comments:

I am testifying my strong support for SCR47 - Hololani sheet pile and rock reventment project. Approval for this project is vital for public safety. The deteriorating sand bags are unsafe and provide a threat to the shoreline and the sea life. The lack of a rock revetment means there is significant flooding/wash outs on Honoapiilani Road during heavy rain and high tide. Finally, the wall and stairs will allow everyone to enjoy public beach access - something that does not exist today. This project is fully permitted and funded and needs approval as the last step.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:40:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fred Rasmussen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a homeowner in Hololani Condominium. I believe the construction of a permanent structure to protect the shoreline will provide a safer alternative to the existing sandbags for individuals utilizing the beach and shoreline and will benefit all individuals of the community and the existing structures along the Kahana Bay shoreline. I have been a resident of Hololani for 28 years. Thanks for taking my testimony. Fred Sharon Rasmussen

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:54:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy cox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I am testifying to voice my concern for public safety should SCR47 - hololani sheet pile and rock reventment project not receive approval. The temporary sand bags have been in place since 2007 and are failing with severe damage incurred during the late January storm. I am an owner in unit A503 and consistently see people ignoring the signs and climbing on the sand bags. The rock wall and stairs will provide public beach access for all - which is lacking. Additionally when there is heavy rain and high tides flooding is common on Honoapiilani road posing a risk to all who live along the road and their property. This project is fully compatible with regional alternatives, fully permitted and funded with the sheet pile portion already complete. I am requesting that you please support the completion of this project for the safety of our community.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 4:07:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Schulhof	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I live in one of the Hololani Condominiums.

It has been very difficult to access the shoreline safely for more than ten years. From my lanai I have witnessed many accidents of people trying to access the water only to be cut and bruised from not having safe access to the water.

I am a local surfer. There are 5 surf breaks in Kahana Bay. Four of these surf breaks cannot be accessed because of the lack of safe access to the water. S Turns is the only one with safe access.

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132 as it will provide safe access to the water for the whole community

Your approval to solve this issue and approve SCR47 would be greatly appreciated

Yours truly,

Peter Schulhof

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 4:56:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kay parsons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Re right as a visitor

ear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47, a resolution that I believe is crucial for ensuring the safety and long-term sustainability of our shoreline. As a resident of the [condo community/close to/adjacent to] the Hololani Condominiums, I have witnessed firsthand the ongoing challenges posed by the current state of the coastline in our area. This resolution provides an opportunity to address these challenges in a thoughtful and effective way.

The current reliance on sandbags as a temporary measure is unsustainable and, frankly, increasingly hazardous. The erosion of the shoreline, combined with the instability of these sandbags, poses an imminent risk to both property and people. I strongly support the removal of these sandbags and the replacement of them with more permanent solutions, such as rocks and stairs, that will provide safer access to the shoreline and help prevent further erosion. This change is essential not only for the safety of residents and visitors but also for preserving the beauty and integrity of our coastal environment.

Furthermore, I appreciate that SCR47 acknowledges the need for long-term solutions, rather than short-term fixes that only delay the inevitable. A more permanent approach will ensure that our coastline remains accessible, safe, and beautiful for future generations. The proposed measures will not only protect our property but will enhance the overall quality of life for everyone who enjoys the shoreline in this area.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I fully support SCR47 and the positive impact it will have on our community.

Sincerely,

Kay Parsons

Mr. Paul Nachtsheim

822 Evelyn Avenue

Albany CA, 94706

March 22, 2025

Hawai'i State Capitol

Office of State Legislature

415 South Beretania St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Hololani Condominiums, Maui, revestment project HCR/SCR

To Whom it may concern,

I am a longtime visitor of beautiful west Maui, and have stayed at the Hololani Condominiums. I support the Resolution for the shoreline stabilization improvements to the Hololani Condominiums. Please support this Resolution for the betterment of the community.

The Hololani shoreline stabilization project will replace the current sand bag rip-rap with engineered sheet pile and rock revestment. The project is approved by County, State and Federal agencies. The Hololani stabilization project will mitigate the areawide flooding on Honoapiilani Road. This project will improve conditions for the community and deserves your support.

Respectfully,

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name 'Paul' and the last name 'Nachtsheim' clearly visible. The signature is positioned to the right of the word 'Respectfully,'.

Paul Nachtsheim

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:28:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Wooton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, Committee Members and Senators Chang, McKelvey and DeCorte,

As a property owner in the Kahana area, I am writing in strong support of SCR47.

Since 2007, Hololani has maintained sandbags (as permitted and approved as part of an emergency process) while further receiving approval for a sheet pile and rock revetment project. The sheet pile portion of the project was successfully installed fully within the Hololani property grounds in 2018 and now, the only issue before this Senate committee is whether the temporary sandbags should be replaced with rocks as originally designed. Having already gone through a comprehensive process of federal, state, and county permitting, the remainder of the Hololani project seeks to address that final critical issue—replacing the emergency sandbags with this more durable and safer solution. The current sandbags pose a number of challenges to both the integrity of the shoreline and public access. Your legislative approval of an easement and land lease will enable Hololani's movement to complete the previously approved final rock revetment completion phase. Your approval is an essential step forward for both safety and environmental stability and to bring closure to this 18 year process.

The design for the rock revetment will have a significantly smaller oceanfront footprint than the current sandbags. The rock revetment will provide greater long-term safety for residents and visitors alike, ensuring a more stable and accessible shoreline for all while maintaining the necessary protection for the property at Hololani. I strongly feel it will also help protect the integrity of the lower Honoapiilani highway. This project's protection of the lower road and storm drain systems as supported by County of Maui Department of Public Works and our immediate neighbors. The project completion will create a safe long term formal vertical access across the existing drainage easement, as agreed with County DPW.

Because this project has already been BLNR approved and has a valid CDUP permit, and because this project completion represents a practical, responsible and more esthetically pleasing solution to an ongoing challenge, I strongly encourage you to consider and approve this important initiative in a spirit of Aloha.

Mahalo for your consideration and timely support of this critical matter.

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to you as a resident of the community near the Hololani Condominiums, and I strongly support the SCR47 resolution. As someone who lives in close proximity to the shoreline, I believe this resolution will greatly improve safety for everyone in our area.

The current situation with sandbags along the shoreline has become both an eyesore and a safety hazard. These sandbags are eroding and no longer serve the purpose they once did. I believe replacing them with rocks and installing stairs will not only create a much safer environment for those who live and visit the area, but also enhance the overall beauty and sustainability of the coastline.

I urge you to take action on SCR47, as it would provide an essential update that is long overdue. The shoreline in our neighborhood needs better protection and management, and this resolution is the first step in that direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Quang Nguyen



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:11:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patricia Cadiz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

The proposed rock revetment will provide safer vertical and lateral access, down to and across the Hololani Resort Condominiums beach frontage, eliminate the sandbag debris that can wash into the nearshore waters, and occupy a smaller footprint on the public beach than the existing sandbags; and Hololani Resort Condominiums has also provided public infrastructure improvements for the County of Maui by designing and permitting, as part of the rock revetment, a permanent public access stairway and protection of the storm drain to prevent flooding of Lower Honoapiilani Road.

I think they will also need to add sand in front of the revetment to create a more nature based "soft wall" for property protection AND public beach restoration.

March 14, 2025

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47 and its proposed resolution to address the safety and sustainability of the shoreline area near the Hololani condominiums. As a concerned resident of the Hololani condominiums, I deeply believe this resolution is essential to ensuring the safety of our community and the long-term preservation of our coastline.

First and foremost, the current condition of the shoreline, especially in our area, poses a significant risk to both residents and visitors. The sandbags that have been in place for some time now are no longer adequate to protect against erosion or natural forces. I strongly believe that SCR47's focus on replacing these sandbags with more permanent and effective solution of rocks and stairs will make the shoreline much safer and provide a more stable environment for those who enjoy the area.

The safety of our community cannot be overstated. I can personally attest to the ongoing concerns about the potential hazards posed by the current shoreline condition. By addressing these concerns through SCR47, we can prevent accidents and safeguard both human life and the natural beauty that makes our area unique.

I also support the resolution because it addresses the environmental integrity of the area. The proposed measures—replacing the sandbags with rocks and the addition of stairs—will not only enhance safety but also contribute to the natural resilience of the coastline, ensuring its ability to withstand future weather events and rising sea levels. This approach strikes a balance between protection and preservation, something that is critical for future generations.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Committee on Water and Land to support SCR47 and take the necessary steps to ensure that our shoreline is safer, more sustainable, and better protected for years to come. I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued commitment to the well-being of our communities.

Sincerely,  
Blaine Parthemer

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 10:09:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harry Timmins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

As a 50 year resident of West Maui, Canoe paddler and surfer I have seen the beach access being taken away by condo owners, blocking fishing, surfing, diving and beach going for tax paying residents. Now that these condos have seriously impacted the erosion of beach sand with their seawalls, creating wave refraction the areas for recreation have already been sadly limited. Now the condo owners wish to dredge sand to replenish "their" beaches,(which is a very temporary fix), plus installing multiple T groins along the coast. These groins will not only detract from West Maui's natural beauty, they will be hazardous to swimmers both young and old and will block major paddling throughfares. But beyond that, several important surfing areas will be ruined. Surfing is Hawaii's gift to the world, it is one of the main attractions for visitors, and one of the main pastimes for locals. Surfing in Hawaii has always been known as the "sport of Kings" and rather than lose it to a Miami type quick fix for the condo owners that feel their investments are in jeopardy, we need to cherish and protect it. As a local Pastor, Husband, father of 4 and grandfather of 7, I would humbly ask that these plans including scr 47,76,and 59 be permanently tabled. Mahalo Nui, Pastor Harry Timmins, gbmaui.com 808-870-1494

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 10:21:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my support for SCR47, which aims to improve the safety and sustainability of the shoreline in the Kahana area. As a visitor to the Hololani Condominiums, I feel connected to the wellbeing of the coastal environment and the safety of all who live and visit there.

I believe that SCR47 is an essential step toward ensuring that the shoreline is not only safer but also more resilient in the long term. Currently, the sandbags along the coastline are an inadequate solution to the erosion and hazards faced by this area. Replacing the sandbags with rocks and stairs would provide a more stable and sustainable way to protect the shoreline while improving access for residents and visitors alike. This change would offer peace of mind to all of those who live in close proximity to the beach, knowing that the risk of further erosion and damage would be mitigated.

I also believe that the proposed changes in SCR47 will help enhance the beauty and accessibility of the coastline, making it a safer place for everyone. The rocks and stairs would not only provide a more secure way to navigate the shoreline but also improve the aesthetic and recreational value of the area.

In closing, I fully support SCR47, as it represents a crucial effort to ensure the safety, sustainability, and beauty of the Kahana shoreline. I strongly encourage you to consider the long-term benefits of this resolution for the community and to take the necessary steps to see it enacted.

Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony in support of SCR47.

Sincerely,

Jackie Gomes

March 14, 2025

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,  
Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing today as a concerned property owner in the Hololani Condominiums to express my strong support for SCR47. I believe that the passing of this resolution is crucial for the safety and long-term sustainability of our coastline.

Currently, the shoreline in our area is in a compromised state due to the sandbags that have been used as a temporary solution for erosion. I have witnessed firsthand the negative effects these sandbags have had, not only on the appearance of the shoreline but also on the safety of those who frequent this area. The sandbags are an eyesore and, in many ways, impede access to the water, creating hazards for pedestrians, residents, and visitors.

By supporting SCR47, we can replace these sandbags with more durable solution of rocks and proper stairs, ensuring safer access and better protection for our shoreline. The proposed improvements will create a more stable, safer environment for all who visit or live in the area, reducing risks of accidents or further damage to our beautiful coastline.

As a neighbor who values the safety and well-being of the community, I believe that this is a necessary step to maintain both the aesthetic and functional integrity of Kahana Bay. SCR47 will not only enhance the safety of our community but also ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy this natural beauty.

Thank you for your time and consideration in addressing this important matter. I am hopeful that you will support SCR47, which will ultimately contribute to a safer and more sustainable future for all of us who live near the coastline.

Sincerely,  
Linda Parthemer

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47/HCR 132, which aims to enhance the safety and accessibility of the shoreline in our area. As a resident of Hololani, I believe that this initiative is vital for the well-being and enjoyment of our community and our neighbors and the whole island.

The proposed removal of sandbags and replacement with rocks and stairs will significantly improve public beach access, benefiting both residents and visitors alike. This approach is not only more aesthetically pleasing but also aligns with regional alternatives that prioritize environmental sustainability and community access.

Furthermore, I am deeply concerned about the recurring flooding on Honoapiilani Road. By completing this project, we can effectively address the impact of heavy rainfall and extreme high tide events, thereby enhancing the safety and resilience of our community.

I urge you to support the completion of this project for the betterment of our neighborhood and the protection of our shared environment. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chadash

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:24:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Raynier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Subject: Strong Support for SCR47/HCR132 – Safe Shoreline Access**

Dear Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

I am a resident of the Hololani Condominiums, and I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47/HCR132, which seeks to improve shoreline access in our community.

For many years, safely accessing the shoreline has been extremely difficult. I have personally suffered injuries attempting to reach the water, and these hazards persist for others in our community. This issue requires urgent attention to prevent further harm to residents and visitors alike.

Supporting SCR47/HCR132 is essential for ensuring public safety and preserving equitable access to the shoreline. Specifically, I urge you to consider the following:

- The existing sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs, creating a safer and more accessible public beach access for everyone, including neighboring residents.
- This solution aligns with regional coastal management strategies and provides a sustainable alternative to the current conditions.
- Additionally, I am deeply concerned about the frequent flooding on Honoapiilani Road. Completing this project would significantly mitigate the impact of heavy rain and extreme high tides, addressing a major concern for our community.

I respectfully urge you to support the passage of SCR47/HCR132 to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Melissa



**Subject: Please Support SCR47/HCR132 – Safer Shoreline Access**

Dear Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

I'm writing to show my strong support for SCR47/HCR132 because it will make our shoreline safer and easier for everyone to access.

Right now, getting to the beach near Hololani is really difficult and even dangerous because of the sandbags. I've seen people struggle, and I worry about someone getting hurt. Replacing the sandbags with rocks and stairs would make a huge difference for residents and visitors, giving everyone a safer way to enjoy the beach.

This project would also help with the flooding on Honoapiilani Road, which has been a big problem during heavy rain and high tides. Fixing this would make a real impact on our community's safety.

Please support SCR47/HCR132 to help improve shoreline access and protect our community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

**Ryun Schulhof**

As a frequent visitor to Maui, I support HCR/SCR because it will make the shoreline in this area much safer.

The sandbags along the shoreline of the property I visit frequently, Hololani Resort Condominiums, 4401 Lower Honoapiilani Rd, Lahaina, HI, are dangerous to visitors and marine life.

The deteriorating, dangerous and unsightly sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs to make a much-improved public beach access for everyone including residents, neighbors and visitors. This will also make the shoreline more accessible and in keeping with the landscape of Maui. In addition, the material on the outside of the sandbags poses a danger to marine animals and birds when ingested.

I am also concerned about the reoccurring flooding on Honoapiilani Road and completing this project will greatly address the concerns about the impact of heavy rain and extreme high tide events in this area; a rock wall will help to mitigate flooding.

Please support the completion of this project at Hololani Resort Condominiums and Honoapiilani Road for the safety of our residents, visitors and animals.

Kind Regards,

Suzanne Riley

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:12:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janna L Katz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 22, 2025

Hawai'i State Capitol

Office of State Legislature

415 South Beretania St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Hololani Condominiums, Maui, revestment project HCR/SCR 47

To Whom it may concern,

As a frequent Maui tourist, I am writing to express my support for the resolution for the shoreline stabilization improvements to the Hololani Condominiums where I have stayed in the past. The project makes sense in all three areas of concern: the environment, community values and fiscal responsibility.

The Hololani shoreline stabilization project will replace the current sand bag rip rap with engineered sheet pile and rock revestment. The project is approved by County, State and Federal agencies. The Hololani stabilization project will mitigate the areawide flooding on Honoapiilani Road. This project will improve conditions for the community and deserves your support.

Thank you for your actions in support of this project.



Sincerely,

Janna Katz

822 Evelyn Avenue

Albany CA, 94706

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:49:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicki Tedesco	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SCR47 for its lack of protection of the ocean and prioritization of offshore investors over the community. Prioritize Lahaina's families and local people - not beachfront investors.

we need to stop interfering with the land as it naturally changes and stop building in areas that should not be built.

mahalo

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:28:25 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christin sambor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I strongly oppose SCR 47. Structures that put in walls are making the issues worse and moving or taking sand into places that were not intended. I've snorkled along some rock walls in Maui and found the waves creating new patterns. I've also noticed the fish don't swim in those areas as much either as the waters are more turbulent.

We know more now about the environmental impacts of these structures now than when original surveys were done. Plus there are buildings on another part of the island that is not allowed to fix the rock wall, what message will this convey if passed. It's time to truly give our ocean the love and care and protection that's needed and being asked. We have taken too much from the ocean at its expense and now is the time to start doing more to protect it for generations. Yes we may need to look into different ways on land for housing.

March 14, 2025

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the SCR47 resolution, which I believe will have a profound and positive impact on our community.

As a resident of the Hololani Condominiums, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges posed by the current state of the shoreline in our area. The existing sandbags, while serving a temporary purpose, have become an eyesore and are not a sustainable solution. They obstruct the natural beauty of our coastline and, more importantly, compromise the safety of those who enjoy the area.

I wholeheartedly support SCR47 because I believe that replacing the sandbags with rocks and stairs will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of our shoreline but, most crucially, improve safety for residents, visitors, and beachgoers alike. A well-designed, stable shoreline protection system will provide the much-needed reinforcement against erosion and rising tides, ensuring that our coast remains safe for generations to come.

Additionally, the thoughtful redesign, with the inclusion of stairs, will allow for safer access to the water, which is an important resource for our community. The current situation, with makeshift barriers, poses a risk to those attempting to navigate the area. A proper solution like the one proposed in SCR47 would provide both functionality and beauty.

I am confident that the passage of SCR47 will lead to a safer, more sustainable shoreline that benefits not only my neighbors and me but all who visit this beautiful part of Hawaii.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I respectfully urge your support for the resolution and look forward to seeing the positive changes it will bring to our community.

Warm regards,  
Jarren Parthemer

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:42:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Fiskum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing in strong support of SCR47, which I believe is essential for making our shoreline safer and more accessible for everyone. As a [concerned neighbor/homeowner] living [close to/adjacent to] the Hololani condominiums, I have seen firsthand the impact of the current sandbags on our coastline.

For too long, these sandbags have been an eyesore and a hazard, creating an unstable and unwelcoming environment. Replacing them with properly designed rocks and stairs would not only enhance safety but also restore a more natural and resilient shoreline. This solution respects both public access and environmental integrity while ensuring that the area remains usable for generations to come.

We all want a coastline that is safe, sustainable, and accessible. Supporting SCR47 is the right step toward achieving that. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Kathy Fiskum

Hololani B303



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:56:21 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Schulhof	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I'm writing to express my strong support for SCR76.

I've been lucky enough to grow up spending part of my life in Kahana, and it's always felt like a second home to me. Some of my best memories are from days spent on the beach — swimming, snorkelling, and especially surfing. That's why it's been so heartbreaking to see the beach disappear over the years because of erosion. What used to be a wide, beautiful stretch of sand is now mostly gone, and it's hard not to wonder how things might have been different if something had been done sooner.

Fortunately, there is proof that solutions like rock groins can work. The Stable Road Beach Restoration Project in Spreckelsville, where 25 rock groins were installed, has shown real success in restoring the beach. If it can work there, I believe it can work in Kahana too.

I really hope you'll support SCR76. Restoring the shoreline would mean so much — not just for those of us who've grown up here, but for future generations who deserve to experience the same natural beauty that I was lucky enough to know.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Michael Schulhof

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 11:10:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tammi O'Brien	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Request for Right of Entry to Proceed with Hololani's Sheet Pile and Rock Revetment Project

Dear BLNR,

I am writing to request approval for the right of entry to proceed with the construction of the Sheet Pile and Rock Revetment Project at Hololani. The purpose of this project is to replace the deteriorating sandbags, which have become both unsafe and unsightly. These sandbags not only pose a safety hazard but also detract from the natural beauty of the area.

The public deserves safer and more accessible entry to the beach, and the proposed rock revetment will provide several key benefits: protection from storm surges and king tides, along with a safer and more secure pathway for beach access. At present, the sandbags are unstable and hazardous, creating a dangerous environment, especially for visitors who are unfamiliar with the area. The bags are slippery, slimy, and unnatural, making safe beach access increasingly difficult.

My husband and I have been co-owners at Hololani for several years and have enjoyed this property as our second home for over two decades. Given our long-standing connection to the property, it is difficult to understand why there would be resistance to a project that ensures safer, more natural public beach access. It is concerning that the government would not prioritize the well-being of the community by supporting this effort.

We have already obtained the necessary permits and now only need the right of entry approval to begin construction. We kindly ask for your support in advancing this important project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tammi O'Brien  
Co-Owner, Hololani Condo B303  
425-737-6933  
tammiob4@gmail.com



Subject: Request for Right of Entry to Proceed with Hololani's Sheet Pile and Rock Revetment Project

Dear BLNR,

I am writing to request approval for the right of entry to move forward with the construction of the Sheet Pile and Rock Revetment Project at Hololani. The primary goal of this project is to replace the deteriorating sandbags, which have become both unsafe and unsightly. These bags not only pose a safety risk but also detract from the natural beauty of the area.

The public deserves safer access to the beach, and the proposed rock revetment will provide several benefits: protection from storm surges and king tides, as well as improved and secure public access. Currently, the sandbags are unstable, creating a hazardous environment for visitors, particularly for those unfamiliar with the area. They are slippery, slimy, and unnatural, making beach access more difficult and unsafe.

My wife and I have been co-owners at Hololani for several years and have resided here for over two decades. This property is our second home, and it is difficult to understand why there would be any resistance to this project. It is surprising that the government would not support providing a safer and more natural public access to the beach.

We have already secured the necessary permits and now require the right of entry approval to proceed with construction. We kindly ask for your support in making this project a reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mike O'Brien  
Co-Owner, Hololani Condo B303  
360-913-7174  
ob62@live.com

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 12:31:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Gregory	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 12:34:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Judy Doucette	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please vote to oppose SCR 47. As a Maui resident of 55 years, mother of 3, born and raised and 9 grandchildren, born and being raised, I pray to have our beaches protected. Please don't sell off our land to those that only desire money by destroying our beaches. This has already been denied by the DLNR. Please, in the best interest of Maui, oppose this bill.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 2:34:36 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine Keahi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I adamantly oppose SCR47.

These projects threaten our beaches with failed tactics like seawalls and rock groins - methods that destroy coastlines and accelerate erosion.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:09:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim and Mitzi Fant	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing today to express my strong support for SCR47, a resolution that I believe is crucial to improving the safety of our community and preserving the beauty of our coastline. As an owner in the Hololani condominiums, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges posed by the current shoreline conditions.

I fully support SCR47 because it directly addresses the safety concerns that have become more urgent in recent years. The existing sandbags, while serving their purpose for a time, are no longer an adequate solution. Their presence is a constant reminder of the potential hazards along the shoreline, and the erosion continues to threaten not only our community's safety but also the environment.

The proposal to replace the sandbags with rocks and to add stairs to the area would greatly enhance both the stability of the shoreline and the accessibility for those who enjoy it. The combination of these improvements would reduce the risks associated with unstable sandbags and create a more sustainable, long-term solution for coastal protection. These changes would also help preserve the natural beauty of the area, something we all hold dear.

As someone who lives close to the Hololani condominiums, I have seen the erosion progress and the dangers it poses, especially during storms. This resolution will make a significant difference in the well-being of our community, and I strongly urge you to support it.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. I look forward to the positive impact this resolution will bring to our shoreline and our safety.

Sincerely,

Tim Fant



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:17:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mitzi Fant	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47, a resolution that would significantly improve the safety of the shoreline in our community. As an owner / resident of the Hololani Condominiums, I feel it is important to voice my backing for this measure, as it would directly benefit the safety of both residents and visitors in our area.

The current condition of the shoreline, particularly with the sandbags that have been in place for far too long, is concerning. These sandbags are not only unsightly but also increasingly ineffective in protecting the coastline. I believe that replacing the sandbags with more permanent and natural solutions—such as rocks and stairs—would be a far better approach. This would not only enhance the visual appeal of our coastline but would also contribute to the long-term resilience of our shoreline, making it safer for all who visit and live nearby.

Additionally, the proposed improvements would provide better access to the shoreline for our community, which is especially important as more people come to enjoy the natural beauty of Hawaii. The enhanced infrastructure would provide safer and more sustainable access, while also addressing concerns about coastal erosion and potential damage to the environment.

I urge you to consider the positive impact that SCR47 could have on our local community. It is a much-needed step toward ensuring the safety, accessibility, and environmental stewardship of the coastline in our area. I appreciate your attention to this matter and your ongoing support for initiatives that improve the well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mitzi Fant

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:25:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sean Steve Bloch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132

The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles.

Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer.

Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach. Especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Honoapiilani Road, which is a major street connecting homes and businesses from north to south. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides.

Science research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of our community.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:30:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann V Saffery	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha All,

Strong opposition.

Mahalo for all you do,

Ann V Saffery

Honolulu, HI

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:35:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Stayton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Susan, Lawai, Kauai

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:54:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristin Bernardo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Kristin Bernardo

kbblakk8371@gmail.com

Full time Maui resident and tax payer since 1991

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:54:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
De Andre Makakoa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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The science is clear: when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline to these structures, and approving this project will only worsen coastal erosion. The State’s own reports indicate that managed retreat is the most effective way to address coastal erosion, not further shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to pursue a sustainable solution, yet instead, it has chosen a project that will permanently destroy our beach.

I urge the Legislature to oppose SCR47 and honor the years of community opposition to this harmful project. Our priority must be to protect our public beaches and support local families as they rebuild their lives, not to allow private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

De Andre Makakoa

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:55:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaleiheana-a-Pohaku Stormcrow	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Kaleiheana Stormcrow

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:12:27 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
marcy martin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do not allow this. The West side has lost so many beaches and beach access.

They need to leave the property. They are not the only project like this. If you do for one you will have to do for all. We will have sold our most precious resource to people who do not live here.



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:28:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorna Holmes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Dr. Lorna Holmes

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:29:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia McGrath	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Concurrent Resolution 47 Opposition

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I reside in Napili and live very close to the Hololani complex. Hololani has in recent years ALREADY built a massive concrete sea wall !! You can't keep the ocean from rising by creating more sea walls and rock revetments! There are many condominiums in Kahana that are clearly suffering and will continue to suffer damage from ocean rise. I sympathize with the owners who will suffer loss - but \*\*\*So have the residents and business owners of Lahaina!! Where are our long term priorities?

We need to focus all funds on the rebuild and housing, not protecting the future loss of a few ocean front complexes which is inevitable over time.

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Julia McGrath, Napili



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:35:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Annalise Hart	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:06:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dierl Bagusto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Dierl Bagusto

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:11:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Gowans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, Dear Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47, a resolution that is crucial to improving the safety and accessibility of our shoreline. As a resident living close to the Hololani condominiums, I have witnessed firsthand the ongoing issues caused by the current shoreline protection measures, and I urge you to support this resolution to ensure a better solution for our community.

The sandbags currently in place are not a sustainable or safe option for shoreline protection. Over time, they have become an eyesore and, more importantly, a hazard. The degradation of these sandbags not only affects the natural beauty of our coastline but also poses risks to residents and visitors who navigate the area. Replacing them with rocks and stairs, as proposed in SCR47, would create a much safer and more stable shoreline for everyone. A well-constructed rock revetment would provide the necessary protection against erosion while preserving the natural flow of sand along the shore, rather than disrupting it as the current sandbags do.

Additionally, improving the shoreline infrastructure with a rock revetment and stairs would allow for better beach access and a more inviting coastal experience. The existing conditions limit access for residents, visitors, and emergency responders, making it a public safety concern. The proposed changes will not only enhance safety but also promote responsible shoreline management, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy this special part of our community.

We all understand the importance of protecting our shorelines while also ensuring that safety and accessibility are priorities. SCR47 is a step in the right direction, balancing environmental concerns with practical solutions that benefit both the land and the people who cherish it. I strongly urge you to support this resolution and help us restore the integrity of our shoreline in a way that works for everyone.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:18:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Santos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Sarah Santos

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:35:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeff M Berger	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:43:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
pahnelopi mckenzie	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Pahnelopi Mckenzie

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:45:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelcy Durbin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I oppose SCR47. This bill diverts resources from Lahaina's recovery. Thousands of Lahaina residents remain displaced and state resources should be focused on rebuilding homes, schools, and infrastructure, NOT protecting beachfront investment properties.

The Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation project is designed to protect oceanfront condominium complexes, most of which operate as short -term rentals or second homes. 85% of TVR properties in Maui County are owned by out-of-state investors. More than half of all Maui condo purchases are made by non-residents.

The proposal includes rock groins and sand replenishment, methods known to fail long-term and cause irreversible damage to adjacent shorelines. The Hawaii Climate Commission has repeatedly warned against new seawalls and revetments, recognizing that these projects undermine coastal resilience.

Hololani had decades to plan an alternative but chose shoreline hardening. In 2007, Hololani was granted emergency approval for sandbags on the condition that they would develop a long term, non armoring solution. Instead of pursuing responsible relocation planning, they spent nearly two decades pushing for a permanent structure that would lock in beach loss for future generations.

Please prioritize Lahaina families in their recovery.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:51:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexander K.D. McNicoll	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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A. McNicoll

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:06:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brian Paris	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this to protect our shoreline from potential disaster of an undermined building. Common sense must prevail.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:06:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kylannah Spradlin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, which seeks a 25-year easement for Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. This project will worsen the coastal erosion problem, Kahana beach is already being RAPIDLY lost due to seawalls and revetments that have already been established as a 'solution'.

All of these so-called solutions to our coastal erosion issue that are of the hardening nature have egregiously and obviously failed. I have watched for years since I was a child as the sand has shrunk and the awful grey wall has grown taller than any beach that used to be there.

This resort association is an entitled blight and an embarrassment, and have the audacity to target funds that could be utilized for Lahaina for their failed private investment.

We have known for a VERY long time, as was pointed out in the last meeting that was given regarding this, that the coastal erosion would happen and that we shouldn't build on shorelines. They chose to anyway out of GREED. Seeing as beach es are owned by the public, we should not allow a failed private investment project to take precedence in the face of restoring Lahaina, as well as the fact that their already implemented shore-hardening devices have in fact worsened the problem.

I STRONGLY urge the Legislature to respect community opposition and prioritize protecting public beaches and supporting local families, and not allowing private interests to dictate the future of the shoreline. Fight for our future, not greed of predatory investors.

Mahalo for your time, sincerely,

Kylannah Spradlin

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:39:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Holladay	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Jennifer holladay

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:47:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kazuo Flores	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Kazuo Flores

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:50:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cecilia Ortiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:58:52 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Darcel Gilbert	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Please oppose SCR47 and protect our public beaches.

Mahalo,

Darcel Gilbert

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:15:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Inda	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Jennifer Inda

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:24:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clint Kahahane	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:25:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Pitzer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

Aloha, I am writing today to express that I strongly oppose options being explored for SCR76/SR59 and SCR47. I've lived in Kahana my entire life and am very concerned about the current shoreline hardening projects that are being proposed. The damage witnessed from the shoreline projects of the past are very apparent in our community here, every bit of erosion problem that already is occurring stems from after effects of attempts to harden the coast for roads, hotels and condos in the past. There's no amount of money worth causing further damage and destroying any more of the already affected reef. Future generations don't deserve any more of a mess than has already been created. Kahana needs new approaches such as retreat and coastal plant restoration to finally start to fix what we still can. Please realize that the Hololani and surrounding shoreline condo owners are mostly outside investors who care more about their wallets than the health of our precious island. It's time to do right in this generation, please don't repeat the same mistakes that were made before us!

Sincerely, John Pitzer

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:53:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:57:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert DeNike	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I support SCR47. The temporary sandbags currently in place are disintegrating and need to be replaced with rock revetment. The condominium owners desperately need this improvement to protect their investment, as well as the health of the marine environment. Haven't these people suffered enough?



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:19:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ravi Bugga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Ravi Bugga

Lahaina

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:21:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephan Boeker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose these bills.

T-groins, or groins, are detrimental to coastlines because they disrupt natural longshore drift, causing sand to accumulate on the updrift side while depleting the downdrift side, leading to erosion and shoreline instability.

its time for managed retreat of these condos built too close to the shore. I will not stand for any more desicratiion of nature.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:22:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
dale chappell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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**Mahalo for your time.****Dale Ann Chappell****long time resident**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:36:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mariko Higashi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mariko Higashi

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 11:02:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Bali	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 11:53:27 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lani Moreau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:02:07 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steffany Schulhof	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elefante,

I am a resident of the Hololani Condominiums, and I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47/HCR132, which seeks to improve shoreline access in our community.

For many years, safely accessing the shoreline has been extremely difficult. I have personally suffered injuries attempting to reach the water, and these hazards persist for others in our community. This issue requires urgent attention to prevent further harm to residents and visitors alike.

Supporting SCR47/HCR132 is essential for ensuring public safety and preserving equitable access to the shoreline. Specifically, I urge you to consider the following:

- The existing sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs, creating a safer and more accessible public beach access for everyone, including neighboring residents.
- This solution aligns with regional coastal management strategies and provides a sustainable alternative to the current conditions.
- Additionally, I am deeply concerned about the frequent flooding on Honoapiilani Road. Completing this project would significantly mitigate the impact of heavy rain and extreme high tides, addressing a major concern for our community.

I respectfully urge you to support the passage of SCR47/HCR132 to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steffany

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:10:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann Pitcaithley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,**

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**Evidence based science and even Hawaii's reports show that seawalls and revetments are detrimental to beaches and marine ecosystems. We already know that there have been miles of shorelines lost due to these ineffective structures. Instead of rock revetments, a long-term policy of managed retreat can limit a community's exposure to coastal hazards, save lives and limit the expenditure of public funding on vulnerable infrastructure and response mechanisms.**

**Please respect the history of community opposition to this project and prioritize protecting our public beaches and local Lahaina families. I urge the Legislature to oppose SCR47. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families NOT private interests.**

**Thank you for allowing me to testify****Ann Pitcaithley, 35-year Maui resident**



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:25:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Ho	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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Richard Ho

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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:58:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Kahelemeakua Revelle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because the beach is to be shared for all. Not only that, but that is terrible land management. These ideas were already ruled against by DLNR in 2018 and a senator who is not even from Lahaina is sneaking this bill in. 'A'ole loa.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:41:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Simone S	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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Simone S.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:22:07 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sonja Corrigan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Sonja Corrigan

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:40:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah Surace	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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(Your Name)



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:19:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jon W Sturtevant	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for the SCR47 resolution. As a resident of the community adjacent to the Hololani Condominiums, I am directly impacted by the condition of the shoreline in our area. I believe this resolution is an essential step toward enhancing the safety and overall well-being of both residents and visitors.

The current state of the shoreline, particularly the use of sandbags, presents a significant hazard. The sandbags have deteriorated over time and no longer serve their intended purpose. The area could benefit greatly from a more durable and secure solution, such as replacing the sandbags with rocks and installing stairs. This will not only improve the stability of the shoreline but also provide a safer environment for those who frequent the area.

Additionally, this resolution will have a positive impact on our local environment. A proper shoreline restoration plan can protect the natural beauty of the coast while addressing long-term erosion concerns. By taking proactive steps, we can ensure that our community remains safe and that the shoreline continues to be a treasured asset for generations to come.

I urge you to support SCR47, as it represents an important opportunity to improve the safety, aesthetics, and sustainability of our coastline. I appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to seeing positive changes in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely, Jon Sturtevant

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:45:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steve LaFleur	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Steve LaFleur



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:07:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Turi kim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Aloha, Turi Kim

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:11:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeffrey Bornstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132 because it will make the shoreline in the area much safer.

- The sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs to make a much improved public beach access for everyone including neighbors to enjoy.
- This is fully compatible with regional alternatives
- I am also concerned about the flooding on Honoapiilani Road, and completing this project will greatly address the community's concerns about the impact of heavy rain and extreme high tide events.
- Please support the completion of this project for the safety of the community.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:23:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shelsea D.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Kind regards,

Shelsea

*Multi-ethnic Native Hawaiian mama*

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:26:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keoni Shizuma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am testifying in opposition to SCR47.

It is well known that when seawalls are built, the neighboring beaches disappear. We've seen this on Oahu, where a private owner builds a seawall and the neighboring properties then suffer as the energy and force from the ocean is deflected onto the neighboring properties, causing those beaches to erode while the seawall area is protected. This is evident in Kahala in numerous locations where there is a seawall, then neighboring it there is no sand. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

The State needs to set its own precedent and not approve this project/resolution. The priority must be to protect public beaches and support the natural flow of the sand, instead of protecting a private entity's investment and causing damage to the nearby beaches.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,  
Keoni Shizuma

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:30:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Karnofsky	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

As a long time property owner of a unit at the Hololani Resort, I urge you to pass SCR47. This resolution is for the benefit of all of Kahana, not just Hololani property owners. This project is of utmost and pressing concern and we desperately need your support now.

As you know, since 2007, Hololani has used temporary sandbags to protect the shoreline, while painstakingly pursuing legal options and permitting for a viable solution to the erosion and safety issues. Although costly and taking years of analysis, the sheet pile and rock revetment project is now fully permitted and approved, through all county, state and federal processes.

The current issue in front of you now is whether to replace these costly and unsightly temporary sandbags with a more permanent rock solution. The rocks would provide stability and safety for the entire Kahana community and for the public as well, and eliminate the unsightly and unstable sand bags. Stairs to the beach for the public would create a much safer access than the current and ugly situation we now have. The safety of the Kahana shoreline is all of our responsibility. In addition, this measure will greatly help to reduce the periodic flooding issue on the Lower Honoapiilani Road. I strongly urge you to please support the completion of this project.

### **SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:57:21 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Hotta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

### **Testimony in Opposition to SCR 47, SCR 76, and SR 59**

**Hearing: Water & Land Committee – Monday at 1:00 PM**

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Cheryl Hotta and I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to **SCR 47, SCR 76, and SR 59**, which threaten the natural integrity of West Maui’s coastline, particularly Kahana Bay and Hololani.

These proposed projects – including a **400-ft seawall revetment** at Hololani and **seven 200-ft breakwaters (T-groins) at Kahana Bay** – will cause **irreversible harm** to our shoreline, marine ecosystems, and public beach access.

### **Impacts of These Projects:**

1. **Accelerated Coastal Erosion** – Seawalls and groins disrupt natural sand movement, worsening erosion on adjacent shorelines and jeopardizing nearby properties.
2. **Loss of Public Beaches** – These artificial structures can lead to the complete disappearance of our sandy beaches, replacing them with rocky, eroded shorelines.
3. **Harm to Marine Life & Coral Reefs** – Breakwaters interfere with ocean currents, sediment flow, and water quality, threatening native fish, honu (sea turtles), and coral ecosystems.
4. **Sets a Dangerous Precedent** – Approving these projects opens the door for more short-sighted coastal engineering that prioritizes private development over public and environmental interests.

Rather than investing in harmful hard structures, **we must prioritize nature-based solutions** such as managed retreat, beach nourishment, and restoring native coastal vegetation. West Maui’s beaches and marine ecosystems belong to the people and future generations – not to short-term development interests.

I urge this committee to **reject SCR 47, SCR 76, and SR 59** and instead support policies that **protect and restore our natural shorelines** for all to enjoy.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

**Respectfully,**

**Cheryl Hotta**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:18:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy Shaver	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Christy



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:28:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maia Longenecker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I strongly support SCR47

The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles.

Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer.

Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach. Especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Honoapiilani Road, which is a major street connecting homes and businesses from north to south. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides.

Science research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of our community.

I strongly support SCR 76 because it asks DLNR to help the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region find a real solution to the shoreline issues.

It will become a catastrophic problem if something is not done regarding this significantly eroded shoreline.

The only protection these condominiums currently have is temporary sandbags that have been in place in some cases for over a decade.

Kind Regards,

Maia Longenecker



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:54:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Patton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Sara Patton, 160 River Road, Wailuku, HI 996793

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:55:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeremy Lanouette	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Sincerely,  
Jeremy Lanouette

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:02:13 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Schweitzer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it would not help our shorelines but worsen current situation.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:05:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarai Phillios	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Sarai Phillips

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:07:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

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Tanya Gabriel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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Tanya Noelle Gabriel, LMHC, NCC

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:15:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl hendrickson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:25:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Velasquez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Catherine Velasquez

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:33:26 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shay Chan Hodges	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Shay Chan Hodges

Maui, Hawaii

**March 16, 2025**

**OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

My parents moved our family to Lahaina from Oahu in 1965. My dad grew up in Pauwela and my mom's ohana is from Waikapu. I have considered Maui my family home since before I was born. Growing up in Lahaina in the 60's and 70's was special for me and my siblings. We now have great nieces and nephews growing up in Lahaina. Some in our family have been temporarily misplaced to Kula and Kihei. They hope and plan to return when their houses have been rebuilt. My parents took us to the beach regularly. Of course, they all had different names then: sandbox, stonecrusher, airport beach, flemings (now Kapalua bay), stables, slaughterhouse and our favorite camping site, da pali spot.

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Jasmine Ryan  
Lower Honoapiilani Rd  
Lahaina, HI 96761

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:46:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
fred hofer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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Fred Hofer  
Hilo

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:46:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Veno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 56**, which push forward the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. This is not a public project—it benefits private beachfront condominiums, many of which are short-term rentals or second homes.

These resolutions divert resources from Lāhainā’s recovery. Thousands of Lāhainā residents remain displaced, and state resources should be focused on rebuilding homes, schools, and infrastructure—not protecting beachfront investment properties.

This project has faced years of community opposition because it is environmentally harmful and unsustainable. The last Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2021 was met with overwhelming public resistance. Why is this project being revived now, when our community needs every resource for recovery?

Shoreline armoring does not save beaches—it destroys them. Rock groins and sand replenishment accelerate erosion and harm nearshore ecosystems. Hawai‘i’s beaches belong to the public, and we should not sacrifice them to protect private investment properties.

The only real solution to coastal erosion is managed retreat, not seawalls or artificial sand projects. I urge you to **oppose SCR76 and SR59** and put our Lahaina community’s needs first.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:04:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ezgi Green	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state-submerged lands. This easement would allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, and Maui to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. Our community has fought against shoreline hardening projects like this one for years.

In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed due to strong public opposition. Instead of respecting that decision, this project is being pushed forward again—especially when Lahaina families are still struggling to rebuild after the wildfires in August 2023. Thousands remain displaced, and state resources should focus on helping these families, not protecting private condominiums.

The science clearly shows that building seawalls and revetments leads to the disappearance of beaches. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only exacerbate this issue. The state’s own reports indicate that managed retreat, not shoreline armoring, is the best approach to managing coastal erosion. Hololani Resort has had nearly two decades to find a better solution but has pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to oppose SCR47 and to respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be to protect our public beaches and support local families as they recover rather than allowing private interests to dictate our shoreline’s future.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Ezgi Green

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:13:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Benjamin Finnerty	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Subject: Support for SCR 47 – Protecting Kahana Bay Properties from Coastal Erosion

Dear Maui County Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 47, which seeks to address the urgent coastal erosion threatening properties in Kahana Bay. The continued loss of shoreline in this area is not only an environmental concern but an imminent structural and economic crisis. Without immediate and long-term intervention, multiple buildings will become unoccupiable, displacing residents, damaging the local economy, and exacerbating the already pressing issue of coastal property losses across Maui.

The erosion at Kahana Bay is accelerating, putting existing structures at risk of structural failure. If left unaddressed, we face the likelihood of buildings collapsing or becoming unsafe, forcing evacuations and causing significant financial losses for homeowners, businesses, and the county. This will not only impact individual property owners but also reduce Maui's available housing stock and disrupt the visitor economy. As properties deteriorate, insurance costs will rise, and public safety concerns will mount, making this a crisis that demands immediate action.

While emergency shoreline protection measures such as sandbags and revetments may offer short-term relief, they are not sustainable and can contribute to further beach loss. Instead, I urge the Council to support the implementation of artificial reefs as a long-term solution to mitigate wave energy, slow erosion, and restore the natural marine environment. Artificial reefs have been successfully used in other coastal regions to stabilize shorelines, enhance marine biodiversity, and protect against wave action. This approach would provide a sustainable way to protect both properties and beaches, preserving Kahana Bay's shoreline for generations to come.

By advancing SCR 47, Maui County will take a critical step in protecting homeowners, preserving public access to beaches, and investing in solutions that work in harmony with our island's natural systems. I urge the Council to act swiftly and decisively in supporting this resolution and prioritizing solutions that will provide lasting protection for Kahana Bay.

Mahalo for your time and leadership in addressing this urgent issue.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Finnerty



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:18:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Devon Steck	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to oppose SCR47 and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Devon Steck

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:18:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Pillen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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The science backs our lived experience as long-time residents across the State that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. Oahu has also lost miles of shoreline because of seawalls and revetments (see 2015 article published by Civil Beat entitled [“Oahu Faces a Future with Far Fewer Beaches.”](#)).

The State’s own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lāhainā’s recovery.

Michelle Pillen

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:28:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Gourley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:28:26 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Wilson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I own a condo in Hololani and I am writing in support of SCR47. Hololani has been on the forefront of shoreline improvement with a long term solution. Hololani is fully permitted and can begin the replacement of temporary sandbags installed in 2007 with rock revetment as a long-term solution helping fix the flooding issues on Lower Honoapiilani Road.

Please pass this resolution, which will enhance Lower Honoapiilani, and create safer public beach access. This would add to the shoreline with the rock revetment having a much smaller footprint than the temporary sandbags and added stairs for safer access.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:31:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rose Crichton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.****ROSE CRICHTON****Full-Time RESIDENT**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:48:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joanna Maile Pokipala Resurrection	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Joanna Resurrection. I oppose this bill because it could pave the way for shoreline hardening and poor coastal management.

Mahalo,

Joanna M P Resurrection

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:54:36 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Lomeli	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Kathy Lomeli

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:56:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Cole	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This letter is in support of SCR 47 allowing the existing temporary sandbags to be replaced with a more natural and sturdier rock wall. I am a homeowner of the Hololani Condominiums and implore you to allow the approved work to proceed without delay.

This project is already permitted after a complete review was performed.

This approved project accomplishes the following:

- Provides a permanent solution to the erosion problem protecting the adjacent Honoapiilani Road from damage during heavy rains and storm surge tide events.
- Provides for a stairway which gives the entire community safer access to the shoreline.
- It reduces the total footprint of erosion measures

For the benefit of the entire community please support the completion of this vital project.

Thank you for your consideration in this urgent matter.

Amy Cole

Homeowner, Hololani Condominiums



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:17:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jules Keeley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR47

More permanent and substantial solutions are needed for the encroaching shoreline. It will become a catastrophic problem if something is not done regarding this significantly eroded shoreline.

As a friend of owners of a Hololani Condominium I urge you to support these measures.

The only protection these condominiums currently have is temporary sandbags that have been in place in some cases for over a decade. The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles.

Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer.

Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives and have overwhelmingly determined the solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach. Especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Honoapiilani Road. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides.

Research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of the entire community.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:26:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Callin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I strongly support measure SCR47. For too many years we have lived with a temporary solution to the shoreline erosion by Hololani by using sandbags which deteriorate and require replacement every few years. The sandbags are unstable and dangerous to walk on or fish from. Replacing the bags every few years disrupts the environment for sea life in the area. In 2018 the fully permitted and approved sheet pile project included a rock revetment, but sandbags were installed instead. It is time for a longer lasting solution to the erosion problem for the sake of our keiki and their ohanas.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:31:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cherilyn Evans	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for the work you are doing,

Cherilyn Evans

Napili, Maui

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:34:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelle Lindenmann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Noelle Lindenmann, Kailua-Kona

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:42:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Stephens	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Amy Stephens

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:44:26 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James E Herr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair,  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing in strong support of SCR47 and appreciate the opportunity to provide my testimony. As a resident of the [condo community/close to/adjacent to] the Hololani condominiums, I am deeply invested in ensuring the safety and environmental integrity of our coastline. This resolution is critical for the protection of our shoreline, and I fully support it.

The current situation, with sandbags lining the shore, presents ongoing risks to both the environment and the safety of the community. As a concerned neighbor, I have witnessed firsthand the instability that these temporary measures cause, especially in times of severe weather. The erosion of the beach and the dangerous conditions it creates for residents and visitors alike are unacceptable. By replacing these sandbags with rocks and installing proper stairs, we can ensure that the shoreline becomes not only more stable but also safer for all.

The proposed improvements would be a step in the right direction to prevent further erosion and provide a safer space for our community. With these changes, the shoreline would be better protected against the forces of nature, reducing the risks of damage to our properties and the surrounding environment. The safety of our residents, as well as the preservation of our natural resources, should be a top priority, and I believe this resolution will address both concerns effectively.

Thank you for considering this important matter. I strongly urge you to move forward with SCR47, as it will enhance the safety of our shoreline and protect the future of our coastal environment.

Sincerely,

James E. Herr

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:04:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stacey Alapai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:08:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wallyn Christian	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Wallyn Christian, STRONGLY OPPOSE, SCR 47!

These corporations that have taken over our land and beaches DO NOT care about the people of Maui and Hawaii as a whole. They have basically become pimps and used our beautiful islands and our home as their prostitute to continue to make money off of our aina.

The beach (ocean) is PUBLIC property and does not belong to a corporation or an individual. The state of Hawaii legislators are required to protect the land for the people of Hawaii.

Any land that has been taken (sold) to these corporations must be taken back, EMINENT DOMAIN, for the best interest of the public. All buildings, hotels, man-made structures must be removed from the beaches and land to preserve our shorelines.

There must be a law made that no building of any kind can be built on any shoreline on the islands of Hawaii. Be it a quarter mile, half a mile, a mile...this must be done to preserve our natural shorelines and public access to the people of Hawaii.

Hawaii Revised Statute Chapter 115 states about the rights of the people to public access to the shoreline. This means that no beach can be sold to any individual / corporation. Therefore this proposed resolution cannot be passed!

Again, I STRONGLY OPPOSE SCR 47.

Signed,

*Wallyn K. Christian (typed)*



## **OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Aloha, Lynn Keahi

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:17:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taytum Keanuheaokaua Herrick	Testifying for Malama Na Pua o Haumea, Hawaii Home Birth Collective, Maui Medics Healers Hui	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislature,

My name is Taytum Herrick and I come from Lahaina, Maui. I write today to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** Senate Resolution 47 because this resolution is dangerous and does not solve our shoreline problems. The people of Lahaina have been witnessing and dealing with the effects of shoreline erosion for decades. Our current infrastructure was not designed to curb erosion and has only made it worse to the point where residents may not be able to build their own homes after the fire. Thousands of residents still remain displaced and are running out of resources. I ask that you please stop bailing out the out of state investors and corporations because that money doesn't get redistributed or circulate in my community but we do have reason to believe they land in **YOUR** pockets. Help the people of Lahaina, we will protect our 'āina and we can show you what real restoration looks like. Mahalo.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:20:13 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nalani Kaninau	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO!! Do not destroy our shoreline

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:33:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janie Kunin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha All,

Please vote NO on SCR 47 that would allow a 25 year easement on state submerged lands in favor of Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Maui. In 2018 a similar attempt at securing such an easement failed due to strong community opposition. This is, once again, a brazen attempt to thwart community values and opposition in favor of off island owners. At this highly emotional and sensitive time in the lives of thousands who are still struggling to recover from the devastating Lahaina wildfires, this is the very last thing that Maui's Westside community needs. The Legislature should stay focused on the needs of the Westside community and not shift valuable focus and, or, funds away for the benefit of off island owners.

Maui has already lost miles of shoreline due to the impacts of climate change and hundreds of concrete structures that were built too close to the fragile shoreline. Science has proven again and again that, when artificial seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Hawaii's beaches, by Law, belong to the public. Please protect our beaches, ecosystems and community from further harm by voting NO on this resolution.

Mahalo nui loa,

Janie Kunin

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:33:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
anuenue	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I strongly oppose scr47 because a rock revetment will further more destroy the shoreline and affect other areas along the coastline. The mistake of developing shoreline properties is enough, please do not allow more mistakes that will worsen the situation and affect other areas in the ecosystem. There is too much history of private development destroying the aina with irresponsible decisions for personal gain and greed while affecting the major population in ways that are opposite of the State motto, ua mau ke ea o ka aina I ka pono. Where is the righteousness, where is the justice, it is time to turn our government into an environmentally friendly entity, one that will care for our land and people, not one that destroys the land and ignores the people.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:34:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Kevin Kekoa Dolan-Ma	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Mahalo - Thomas

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:34:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily States	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state submerged lands to allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment.

Save the community not the resort.

Emily

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:36:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in opposition to SCR47. There has been years of opposition to this project by the community, and I ask the legislature to respect this and restore the beach through managed retreat which has been proven to be more effective than seawalls. Mahalo.



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:40:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jen Louie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR47, which I believe will make a positive and lasting impact on the safety of the shoreline in our area. As a frequent visitor of the Hololani Condominiums, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges that our coastal environment faces, and I wholeheartedly back this resolution for the improvements it proposes.

The current condition of the shoreline is a safety concern for both residents and visitors alike. The sandbags, while a temporary solution, are inadequate and have proven to be ineffective over time. Replacing them with rocks and stairs, as proposed in SCR47, would provide a much safer and more sustainable solution to the issues we face.

In addition to the safety benefits, this resolution is vital for the long-term preservation of our coastline. The proposed improvements would help prevent erosion and further damage to the shore, which would not only benefit us as residents but also preserve the beauty of our natural environment for future generations.

I urge you to support SCR47 and take the necessary steps to ensure that the shoreline near the Hololani Condominiums is improved and protected for everyone's safety. I am confident that these changes will significantly enhance the coastal experience and the wellbeing of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jen Louie

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:55:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Oltmans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I support SCR47/HCR 132. The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles. Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer.

Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach. Especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Honoapiilani Road, which is a major street connecting homes and businesses from north to south. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides.

Science research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of our community.

Kind regards,

Caroline Oltmans (Friend & Guest of Frank Schultz, Owner at Hololani)

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:02:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Clack	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Han mitakuye,**

**I strongly oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state submerged lands to allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. For years, the people of Hawaii have united to fight against shoreline hardening projects like this. In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed because of strong public opposition.**

**Respect that decision, and oppose this project. Show Lahaina families who continue to persevere and rebuild since their displacement in the aftermath of the August 2023 wildfires that Hawaii state resources can be focused on helping them. Let private funds protect private condo properties.**

**The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui is an example of these structures creating miles of lost shoreline, and this project worsens an existing problem. Reports from the State of Hawaii outline best practices for management of coastal erosion through managed retreat, NOT shoreline armoring. Despite more than 20 years to propose a better solution, Hololani Resort pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.**

**I urge the Legislature to oppose SCR47 and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting Hawaii families as they recover. Hawaii must not allow private interests to dictate the future of our shared public shoreline.**

**Wopila for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.**

**Valerie**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:56:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
robert Petty	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please oppose scr47. Now is not the time to devote any money to projects in Maui that do not build up infrastructure. Redirect fund to roads, parks , speed bumps: projects which will support the injured community. Besides, How does it benefit the locals?

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:57:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LANNIE E. SIRCABLE	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my full support for SCR 76, which seeks to address the urgent shoreline issues facing condominiums along the Kahana Bay shoreline. As a visitor in close proximity to this area, I feel compelled to speak out and advocate for this resolution, which I believe offers the best opportunity to find a meaningful, long-term solution to the challenges that have been affecting our community.

Visiting this location has provided me with a first-hand understanding of how critical it is to have a comprehensive approach to shoreline management that balances environmental protection with the safety and well-being of residents. The erosion and other issues affecting the Kahana Bay area have become increasingly evident and concerning, and it is vital that we take proactive steps to ensure that this beautiful region remains protected for both current and future generations.

I strongly support SCR 76 because it directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to engage with condominiums in the Kahana Bay region and explore viable solutions to the ongoing shoreline problems. This resolution acknowledges the challenges we face and brings together the necessary resources and expertise to address them in a thoughtful, collaborative manner. The active involvement of DLNR is a crucial step toward finding a solution that is sustainable, equitable, and beneficial for all stakeholders involved.

I believe that SCR 76 reflects the type of leadership and cooperation that is essential for preserving the integrity of our coastline while also protecting the interests of residents. I am confident that with the support of our state leaders, this resolution will pave the way for a balanced and effective response to the shoreline challenges at Kahana Bay.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of SCR 76 and the continued progress toward a solution that benefits our community and environment alike.

Warm regards,  
Lannie Sircable

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:35:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Biggs	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Beachfront property is a risky investment. Seawalls and revetments permanately destabilize the shoreline and destroy beaches. They offer short-term protection of property while causing long-term negative impacts on the shoreline and the enviornment. The best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:36:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Maben	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

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The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Benjamin Maben

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:56:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cody Roberts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge the Legislature to oppose SCR47 and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Cody Roberts



**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:59:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Roberts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this will negatively affect the public beach access and caise erosion elsewhere. Please protect public beaches.

Mahalo

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 3:46:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pam Pearson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132. The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles. Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer. Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach. Especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Honoapiilani Road, which is a major street connecting homes and businesses from north to south. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides.

Science research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of the community.

Sincerely,

Pam Pearson

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 3:48:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amber Vinson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Opppose the easement

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:14:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Kawanami	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132. I am a proud owner at Hololani (B504). The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles. Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer. Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach. Especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

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Science research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of the community. We appreciate your consideration

Sincerely,  
Karen Kawanami (owner at Hololani B-504)

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:14:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Don Blair	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**

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The Condo builders made poor design decisions by placing these condos close to the ocean and now the condo owners want to make more bad decisions by building rock revetments. The condo owners have had decades to address this issue and here we are with this poor solution that affets the entire coastline. No, No, No, the owners need to take responsibility and manage retreat from the ocean.

West Maui is a disaster area and it is irresponsible to apply resources on this type of project when thousands of maui residents are in dire need of resources.

For years, our community has fought against shoreline hardening projects like this. In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed because of strong public opposition. Instead of respecting that decision, this project is being pushed forward again when this does not benefit Maui residents.

The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Don Blair Lahaina resident

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:32:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Delyon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Sincerely,

Liz DeLyon

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:58:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ananda Stone	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thousands of Lahaina families remain displaced — yet lawmakers are wasting resources protecting short-term rental properties and second homes.



**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:05:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KEALA FUNG	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **STRONG OPPOSITION** of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state submerged lands to allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. For years, our community has fought against shoreline hardening projects like this. In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed because of strong public opposition. Instead of respecting that decision, this project is being pushed forward again—this time when Lahaina families are still struggling to rebuild after the August 2023 wildfires. Thousands remain displaced, and state resources should be focused on helping them, not on protecting private condo properties.

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I urge the Legislature to oppose SCR47 and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Keala Fung

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:13:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diana Tevaga	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Testimony in Opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**

**Hearing Date:** Mar 17, 2025 1:00 PM

**Committee:** WTL

**Submitted by:** Diana Tevaga

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to **Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement over state submerged lands to allow the Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment.

As a resident of Lahaina and someone who has witnessed the tremendous devastation caused by the 2023 wildfires, I believe our resources and efforts must be focused on the **ethical, safe, and environmentally responsible rebuilding** of our community. Lahaina, like many of our neighbors, is still in the process of recovering, and I urge this committee to consider the broader implications of this resolution in the context of our ongoing recovery.

**Environmental and Coastal Impact**

Rock revetments and similar shoreline armoring structures, while initially effective in protecting private property, have been shown to **accelerate coastal erosion**, disrupt natural sediment transport, and damage critical marine ecosystems. In the long term, they often exacerbate the very problems they are designed to mitigate. This is particularly concerning given the growing threats posed by **climate change**, such as rising sea levels and more frequent and intense storms.

Granting a easement for a rock revetment would lock in a **destructive approach** to coastal management at a time when we should be prioritizing more **sustainable, adaptive strategies** that will protect both the environment and the future of our community.

**Public Trust and the Need for Responsible Development**

Hawai‘i’s coastline and beaches are not only natural treasures but also public resources protected under the Public Trust Doctrine. The proposed easement would **prioritize private interests** at

the expense of public access and the long-term health of our coastal ecosystems. We must ensure that decisions made today **reflect a commitment to future generations**—a commitment that respects both our cultural heritage and our environmental responsibilities.

Given that Lahaina is still in the recovery phase from the devastating wildfires, it is critical that any new developments or infrastructure investments are **made with thoughtful, long-term planning** in mind, and with consideration for both the human and environmental needs of our island.

## **Global Examples of Alternative Solutions and Best Practices**

Many coastal communities around the world have shifted away from **hard shoreline armoring**, recognizing its negative environmental consequences. Instead, they are embracing **nature-based solutions** that preserve or restore natural coastal processes, offering both resilience and ecological benefits. Here are some examples of alternative approaches that have proven successful:

1. **The Netherlands – "Room for the River" Program**

The Netherlands has led the way in **adaptive coastal management** through programs like "Room for the River," which prioritizes **floodplain restoration** and **natural barriers** to mitigate flooding. Rather than relying on hard defenses, the program works with nature to manage water flow, restoring wetlands and creating space for rivers to expand naturally.

2. **Australia – Living Shorelines**

Along the coast of Australia, **living shorelines** are being used as an alternative to traditional seawalls. These solutions involve the restoration of **mangroves, seagrass beds, and salt marshes**, which act as natural buffers against storm surges and erosion while supporting biodiversity and offering significant carbon sequestration benefits.

3. **United States – California's Managed Retreat**

In California, particularly in places like Pacifica and Malibu, **managed retreat** is being explored as a solution to coastal erosion. This involves **relocating infrastructure** away from vulnerable areas and investing in nature-based solutions like **dune restoration, beach nourishment, and wetland conservation** to protect both communities and the environment.

4. **Singapore – Coastal Protection with Eco-Friendly Infrastructure**

Singapore has employed innovative coastal protection strategies, such as **integrating mangroves into urban infrastructure** and using **eco-friendly seawalls** designed to enhance biodiversity while protecting the coastline. These methods not only provide protection from storm surges and erosion but also improve local marine life habitats.

5. **New Zealand – Soft Shoreline Management**

New Zealand's approach includes **soft engineering techniques** such as beach nourishment, dune restoration, and the planting of native vegetation to create **natural buffers** against coastal erosion. These measures have proven effective in reducing the need for hard armoring while maintaining the natural beauty of the coast.

## **Conclusion**

Instead of moving forward with SCR 47 and permitting another rock revetment in Kahana, I urge the committee to reject this resolution and support policies that **prioritize sustainable, nature-based solutions** to protect our coastline. At a time when our community is recovering from tragedy, we must focus our resources on rebuilding Lahaina in ways that are not only safe and ethical but that also protect the natural environment we hold dear.

Mahalo for your time and thoughtful consideration.

**Sincerely,**

Diana Tevaga

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:38:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Tiritas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this!

This is wasting resources protecting short-term rental properties and second homes.

These projects threaten our beaches with failed tactics like seawalls and rock groins — methods that destroy coastlines and accelerate erosion.

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:44:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
troy gale	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing today as a resident of the community near the Hololani condominiums to express my strong support for the SCR47 resolution. I live adjacent to this property, and I can confidently say that this resolution represents an important step toward enhancing the safety and sustainability of the shoreline in our area.

The current state of the shoreline—particularly the sandbags in place—poses a significant concern for both residents and visitors. The sandbags, while initially a temporary solution, have deteriorated over time and are no longer effective in providing the necessary protection. I strongly believe that the proposed solution in SCR47 to replace the sandbags with rocks and stairs will not only stabilize the shoreline but will also contribute to a much safer and more accessible environment for everyone who lives near or visits this area.

The replacement with rocks and stairs will greatly improve the structural integrity of the shoreline and mitigate erosion, ensuring that future generations can safely enjoy the area without the risk of dangerous sandbag failures. Additionally, the proposed improvements would enhance the beauty and accessibility of the shoreline, which is vital for local residents and for the tourism industry that contributes to Hawai‘i's economy.

In conclusion, I fully support SCR47 and urge the Committee on Water and Land to consider the long-term benefits of this resolution. I believe that this step is crucial not just for the immediate safety of our community but also for the environmental and aesthetic well-being of the area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Troy Gale

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:48:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mee Lan Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am supporting the project on SCR47.

As one of home owners in the island, we are so proud and grateful to be part of this community. We want our home safe and beautiful in this beautiful island of Maui. We want to do the best to protect our home and our community.

We really need your support and help to make the protection and maintenance of our shoreline safe for the community as well as for our home owners in this community.

As you know, we currently use the sandbags to protect the shoreline from erosion buy they are not the good solution for it at all. They are not only costly but not lasting and the process of replacing it over and over again and that was so wasteful for money and resources. They are also not stable and dangerous for people who try to access to the beaches.

The impermanent consequences were so severe to both our condo and our community safety .

We all know that the Lower Honoapiilani Road is the main road for the local community to connect and drive to stores, shopping centers, farmers markets, beaches and most importantly their homes. The unprotected shoreline will little by little eroding the lower road and flooding the area with sea water. This will not only affect the condo structures but also causing the community lose their lower road and home access and many more problematic properties in the neighborhood.

The permanent solution for protecting the shoreline is use the rack wall to replace the sandbags. They will improve vertical and lateral access for the public and visitors.

Protection of the Lower Road: A rock revetment will protect this key public road and drainage from storm surges.

At last, the rock wall will improve the natural look when use the local rocks instead of the deteriorating sandbags.

Please consider and allow us to protect our environment and community. Please approve our proposal project with Rock wall for replacing the existing sandbags for our shoreline improvements!

Thank you,

Candy Mee Lan Wong



**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:53:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malia Marquez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kākou,

I am writing in **strong opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state submerged lands to allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. For years, our community has fought against shoreline hardening projects like this. In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed because of strong public opposition. Instead of respecting that decision, this project is being pushed forward again—this time when Lahaina families are still struggling to rebuild after the August 2023 wildfires. Thousands remain displaced, and state resources should be focused on helping them, not on protecting private condo properties.

The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Malia Marquez

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:15:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear DLNR,

I live in the Hololani Condominium.

- I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132 because it will make the shoreline in our area much safer.
- The sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs to make a much improved public beach access for everyone including neighbors to enjoy.
- This is fully compatible with regional alternatives
- I am also concerned about the flooding on Honoapiilani Road, and completing this project will greatly address our community's concerns about the impact of heavy rain and extreme high tide events.
- Please support the completion of this project for the safety of our community.

Sincerely,

Steven Wong

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:30:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerald Tariao Montano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 47

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gerald Montano, and I am a resident of Maui.

I am writing in **strong opposition** of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state submerged lands to allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. For years, our community has fought against shoreline hardening projects like this. In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed because of strong public opposition. Instead of respecting that decision, this project is being pushed forward again—this time when Lahaina families are still struggling to rebuild after the August 2023 wildfires. Thousands remain displaced, and state resources should be focused on helping them, not on protecting private condo properties.

As a pediatrician, I see first hand how the lack of adequate has a negative impact on one's health. Lack of adequate housing makes it difficult to manage chronic diseases like asthma and increases the risk for depression and anxiety. This is not only an environmental issue, it is a public health issue as well.

The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to **oppose** SCR47 and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Gerald Montano



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:34:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Craig Bassin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132

The temporary sandbags are disintegrating and are becoming very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart and must be replaced. They have become a danger to the turtles we all love.

Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer, both for the people, Property and marine life.

Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The only viable alternative is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach.

- Rocks absorb and dissipate wave energy more effectively than sandbags, reducing erosion behind them.
- Sandbags can be easily displaced, torn, or washed away by strong waves, whereas rocks stay in place.
- Rocks blend better with the coastal environment, allowing for natural sediment accumulation and habitat formation.
- Over time, they can support plant and marine life, unlike sandbags, which can introduce artificial materials and pollutants into the ecosystem.
- Once installed, rock barriers require minimal upkeep compared to sandbags, which often need frequent replacement due to deterioration or displacement.

- Sandbags can break open, spilling contents that can contribute to sediment pollution and require cleanup.
- Rocks withstand hurricanes, heavy rain, and high tides much better than sandbags, which are often only a temporary fix for storm surges.
- Sandbags are an unsustainable solution as they require constant reapplication, require continuous replenishment and labor, making them more expensive in the long run.
- Rock barriers, such as seawalls, riprap, or revetments, provide structural support to shorelines, roads, and properties.
- Sandbags offer minimal structural reinforcement and are mainly used for temporary flood prevention rather than long-term erosion control.

Rocks provide a more reliable, durable, and environmentally sustainable solution for erosion control compared to sandbags. While sandbags may be useful for short-term emergency measures, rocks are the preferred choice for long-term shoreline protection and stabilization.

I strongly urge the support and passage of

Craig S. Bassin - CEO

EasyAsk

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:00:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lana Albright	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in opposition of SCR 47

The ocean will keep claiming the beach at Kahana and no man made wall or sand bags will stop it. The buliding built so close to the ocean is the problem. The units need to be closed down and moved. How much money will be thrown at a temporary bandaid that will NOT withstand the ocean?

The University of Hawaii's 2018 study found that where seawalls or revetments are built, the adjacent beach disappears 100% of the time.

We need to save and protect our beaches and our coastlines!!!

Mahalo for your time and hard work!  
Lana Albright

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:04:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Carty	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

**Comments:**

I stand in opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 (SCR47) due to concerns regarding environmental impact, public access, and the precedent it sets for shoreline management.

Firstly, the proposed construction of a rock revetment seaward of Kahana raises significant environmental concerns. Rock revetments disrupt natural coastal processes, leading to increased erosion in adjacent areas and negatively affecting marine ecosystems. Implementing such structures results in unintended consequences that would degrade the health of our coastal environments.

Secondly, the installation of a rock revetment impedes public access to the shoreline. Hawaii's beaches are a public trust resource, and any construction that hinders lateral beach access infringes upon the rights of residents and visitors to enjoy these natural spaces. Preserving unencumbered access to our beaches is essential for cultural practices, recreation, and the well-being of our communities.

Lastly, approving this easement could set a concerning precedent for shoreline management across the state. By allowing private entities to construct hard shoreline structures on public submerged lands, we risk encouraging similar projects that may not align with sustainable coastal management practices. It is crucial to prioritize long-term, environmentally sound solutions over short-term fixes that may compromise the integrity of our coastlines.

I ask the legislature to cancel SCR47 to ensure the protection of our coastal ecosystems, preservation of public access, and adherence to responsible shoreline management principles.



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:06:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pelenatita Namoa-Hanusa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. Mahalo!

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:31:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alana Reis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose tSCR47, this easement, as it risks environmental degradation of the surrounding public areas around the Kahana Sands property, which is lobbying to ignore local Lahaina resident issues like affordable housing, in order to push through beach modifications that will not be effective in the long term, and will explicitly degrade surrounding sand and soil deposits, and affect the near shore ecosystem.

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:36:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Acasio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee,

Please oppose this resolution. We respectfully urge you to stand with the community in protecting West Maui's beaches, honoring long-standing opposition, and ensuring that coastal policies support public interests- not private profits.

Sincerely,

Laura Acasio

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:26:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Derrin Kala'iakea Pelas-Costa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Derrin Kala'iakea Pelas-Costa am submitting testimony in opposition against SCR 47. we need to protect and preserve our shorelines and communities. Thank you and Aloha!

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 12:14:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brandey Schulhof	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR-47 / HCR-132, which will make the shoreline in our area much safer for residents and visitors alike. I live in the HoloLani building, and like many in our community, I have personally been injured by the sandbags that currently serve as a temporary solution.

These sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs, creating an improved public beach access that benefits everyone, including neighboring residents. This solution is fully compatible with regional alternatives and will help restore both safety and accessibility to our shoreline.

Additionally, I am deeply concerned about the ongoing flooding on Honoapiilani Road. Completing this project will help address the community's urgent concerns regarding the impacts of heavy rains and extreme high tides.

I strongly urge you to support the completion of this project for the safety and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Brandey Schulhof

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 3:36:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Wong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

strongly support SCR47/HCR 132

I am a frequent visitor to Hololani. I strongly support SCR47. The current measure of temporary sandbags are not sustainable due to degradation and dangerous to public safety. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life. Replacing them with a more permanent solution will make the shoreline safer.

Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Honoapiilani Road, which is a major street connecting homes and businesses from north to south. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides. Research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of the local and broader community.

Sincerely,

Tracy Wong

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 4:22:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DENNIS HENDERSON	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello.

I am respectfully submitting my testimony in Support of Kahanna Bay the Temporary sand bag removal and installation of the previously Approved Rock Revetment.

1. The currently installed temporary installed sand bags are very unsafe to the public and do not provide safe public access. In addition the temporary sand bags are in an extremely deteriorating condition emitting microplastics in the beautiful waters at Kahana Bay. Whereby these microplastics have been scientifically proven to be detrimental to sea/marine life
2. The proposed rock revetment at Kahana Beach will provide safe public access to the beach at Kahana and enhanced SAFE PUBLIC beach access with greater recreational oppurtunites for residents of Maui and visitors alike. Also the rock revetment will help to provide environmentally friendly, safe haven for fish, crustaceans, sea and water birds, sea turtles, intertidal microorganisms and many other wildlife that are in the water and beaches at Kahanna Beach.
3. The installation of the type of a rock reventment that is proposed for Kahana beach has been scientifically proven with many case studies as being environmentally friendly with positive results to bring back the much needed marine/sea life to a beach area in a short period of time.
3. As stated above the approval of the rock revetment at Kahana beach will provide the much needed Public access and benifit all sea/marine life so that we may co-exsist in balance/harmony as our ancestors did many years ago.

Respectfully,

Dennis Henderson.

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 4:40:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
janine little brave	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose thankyou



**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 5:11:13 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Issertell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 (SCR47), which authorizes the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands seaward of Tax Map Key: (2) 4-3-010:009 at Kahana, Lahaina, Maui. This measure facilitates the removal of existing emergency sandbags and the construction, use, repair, and maintenance of a rock revetment.

As a resident living adjacent to the Hololani Resort Condominiums, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges posed by the current shoreline protection measures. The temporary sandbags installed in 2007 have become unsightly and hazardous for beachgoers, often requiring frequent replacement and disrupting the shoreline ecosystem. Replacing them with a natural rock revetment would create a more stable and accessible shoreline, ensuring safety and environmental stewardship.

The proposed rock revetment offers a permanent solution that blends seamlessly with the environment, promoting a healthier marine ecosystem while reducing the need for ongoing interventions. Additionally, it would protect critical infrastructure at risk due to erosion, including drainage, sewage, and water lines, as well as electric and telecommunication poles along the highway.

I appreciate your consideration of my testimony and urge the committee to approve SCR47 for the benefit of our community and the preservation of our shoreline.

Sincerely,

Joshua Issertell

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 5:22:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Kawanami	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132. The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles. Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer. Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. The solution is rocks. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals safe access to the beach. Especially if stairs are built in the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Honoapiilani Road, which is a major street connecting homes and businesses from north to south. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides.

Science research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of the community.

Sincerely,

Ryan Kawanami

**LATE**

I strongly support SCR47/HCR 132

The temporary sandbags are very dangerous to public safety. The public walk on the sandbags to get to the ocean and/or fish from them. They are falling apart. When they fall apart they are also a risk to the Marine life; especially turtles.

Replacing these sandbags will make the shoreline much safer.

Many scientists have thoroughly researched safe and sustainable alternatives. One of the solutions is a rock wall. This will provide owners, visitors, and locals' a safe access to the ocean. Especially if stairs are built into the rock structure.

Rain and high tides continue to be a concern throughout Maui. This is also a key concern regarding the Lower Honoapiilani Road, which is a major street connecting homes and businesses from north to south. This road continually floods during heavy rains, storms, and increasing high tides.

Science research has shown that the rock wall will help abate flooding on this road.

I strongly urge you to support this project for the overall safety of our community.

Mahalo,

Sandi Gage

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 6:47:24 AM  
Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danielle Chen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe the sandbags are dangerous and need a permanent solution for the buildings. I feel it is essential for the safety for the people to have something more structurally sound then sand bags.

Danielle Chen

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:13:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in Strong Opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state submerged lands to allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. For years, our community has fought against shoreline hardening projects like this. In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed because of strong public opposition. Instead of respecting that decision, this project is being pushed forward again—this time when Lahaina families are still struggling to rebuild after the August 2023 wildfires. Thousands remain displaced, and state resources should be focused on helping them, not on protecting private condo properties.

The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to oppose SCR47 and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests and outdated legislated carve-outs to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Jennifer Cox  
Haiku, Maui 96708

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:20:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dave Lockett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR47!

The opponents to SCR47 are well meaning, but in this case misguided. The science is clear.. The rock pile revetment is necessary! It will absorb wave energy, capture sand, provide wildlife habitat, and promote beach replenishment. Sandbags are a hard vertical surface that reflects wave energy, which carries sand away from the beach. The sheet piles and building foundation behind the sandbags are also vertical surfaces, and if exposed would also reflect wave energy and advance further beach erosion. The Kahana community has experienced the detrimental effects of coastal erosion for years. Continued use of sandbags is not a viable solution, and doing nothing would result in the loss of beach, habitat, property, and public infrastructure.

Facts:

It is called a revetment.. A poor name for a sloped pile of natural local volcanic rock.

- The rock pile revetment is not a seawall.
- The rock pile would take up less of a footprint than existing sandbags.
- It is fully permitted.. and environmental impact studies have been done. Conclusion: "no adverse impact"
- Absorbs wave energy.
- Captures and holds sand, promoting natural beach replenishment.
- Gaps in the rocks provide protection and habitat for crabs, turtles, birds, and other sea life.
- The implementation provides direct safe beach access for all of our community.
- Much safer than the existing sandbags, or doing nothing.
- Would protect public property, sewer/electrical infrastructure, and the public roadway.

I am a fervent supporter of environmental causes, our beaches, and equal public access.

The shoreline at Hololani is a teeming ecosystem with sea turtles constantly present. In years past, we have seen them come up on the sand and lay their eggs.. hoping for that almost impossible chance their babies will hatch and find their way home. If there is no mitigation to the continuing erosion, there won't be a beach, there won't be public access, and this habitat will be lost.

Please, please, recognize the facts in this case.. Please don't be swayed by well meaning but misguided social media driven campaigns that lump all shoreline activities into the same "bad"

bucket. Don't be "DOGE'd" into "let's tear it all down and see what happens" mentality. We can do the right thing. We can follow the facts and the ocean science, and preserve the beach and provide a habitat for sea life.. Or we can do nothing and let it all fall apart. It is in your hands.

Mahalo!! for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this critically important measure.

Dave Lockett

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:40:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline Hudson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose SCR47, which grants a 25-year easement for Hololani Resort to maintain a rock revetment on state submerged lands. For years, our community has rejected shoreline hardening projects like this, knowing they accelerate beach loss. In 2018, a similar proposal failed due to strong public opposition, yet it is being pushed forward again while thousands of Lahaina residents remain displaced. The State's own reports confirm that managed retreat—not seawalls or revetments—is the best solution for coastal erosion. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to pursue alternatives but chose a project that will permanently destroy the beach. I urge you to reject SCR47, respect the will of the community, and prioritize Lahaina's recovery over private interests.

Mahalo for all your deication and hard work.

Jacqueline Hudson

6 KIohuohu Lane

Lahaina, HI 96761



**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:15:34 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Priscilla Stuckey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state submerged lands to allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. For years, the Lahaina community has fought against shoreline hardening projects like this. In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed because of strong public opposition. Instead of respecting that decision, this project is being pushed forward again—this time when Lahaina families are still struggling to rebuild after the August 2023 wildfires. Thousands remain displaced, and state resources should be focused on helping them, not on protecting private condo properties.

**Hardening beaches destroys them.** The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State’s own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Priscilla Stuckey

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:26:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maureen Brock	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I am opposed to SCR47** which would authorize the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of the State submerged lands seaward of of Tax Map Key: (2) 4-3-010:009 at Kahana, Lahaina, Maui for removal of existing emergency sandbags and construction, use, repair, and maintenance of a rock revetment.

On December 13, 2024 Hololani Resort Condominium made this request before the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR- Item D-8). BLNR ruled to deny the request and in favor of the Maui community and protection of public trust resources. We urge you to uphold the BLNR ruling and oppose this resolution.

Mahalo for your time and the opportunity to provide testimony.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:28:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:33:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
david rickard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Senators,

I am writing to urge you to support Senate Resolution 47, This project is essential for protecting our communities, preserving public beach access, and supporting the economic recovery of Lahaina, Kahana, and Napili.

Since March 2024, my family and I, along with others in our building and surrounding properties in the Kahana Bay area, have been providing temporary housing for fire victims. Many of these families will require shelter for up to 24 months through FEMA. These efforts are critical in supporting the local economy, particularly as we rebuild after the devastation in Lahaina.

As a fire survivor myself, I understand the emotional and psychological toll of such a disaster. My family had to evacuate our home in Lahaina as a nearby fire grew uncontrollable, and while we are grateful to have escaped safely, the loss of our home and community has left lasting scars. It is in the spirit of recovery and community that I write to emphasize the importance of this resolution and the erosion mitigation project for the future of Kahana Bay and surrounding areas.

Kahana Bay has long been known for its culture of aloha—its welcoming spirit and respect for others. These values are central to Hawai‘i’s identity, and we must work to preserve them as we navigate these difficult times. Hawai‘i has always been a place where people from all over the world come together, fostering connections built on hospitality. It is crucial that we do not allow divisive forces, such as anti-tourism or exclusionary rhetoric funded by special interest groups, to undermine our culture of aloha. We must protect what makes Hawai‘i great—our spirit of hospitality and inclusion.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee has worked diligently to provide plans, environmental impact studies (EIS), and necessary research to meet the requirements of the County of Maui, DLNR, and the Maui Planning Commission. However, the project has faced unnecessary delays. It is time to move forward with this important mitigation project to protect our environment, our communities, and our economy.

I ask for your support in advancing Senate Resolution 47 as a crucial step in preserving our coastlines, supporting local businesses, and ensuring that the enduring values of aloha are passed on to future generations. This project will help restore balance to the Kahana Bay area and support the long-term vitality of the West Maui region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
David Rickard

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:41:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
sunnie Kupahu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

**Comments:**

I'm native Hawaiian and we need out public beaches for my family to provide food. Have safe coves is important to keep us safe while gathering. We have a Hawaiian homestead lease and our culture is of importance for survival to fish and hunt and gather food. This bay is public land. Building near the shoreline scientifically destroys our coastline from erosion. With the ocean on the rise in the future it is not safe to put a hotel or living near the ocean.

in Chicago they have miles of green space and hotels and structures cannot be built. On these public land there is green spaces for public to use to swim, fish, exercise , soccer fields, running sidewalks, places for people to gather and spend time in a safe environment.

Hawaii needs to make and effort to make this come in to law to protect coastal for native Hawaiians survival of safe gathering beaches .

We have enough hotels in Hawaii. We need homes with stricter laws of people buying property and actually living in it. Second homes should not be allowed if live in other states. Make it law for all public beaches and no building 6 miles from the coast line. We need conservation lands for native species to thrive and live on.

if this state can help Hawaiians then non Hawaiian should leave and be deported out of the illegal occupation of the United States.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:50:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ginger Kawanami	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

## Comments:

I am writing today in support of SCR47, a resolution that I believe is vital for the future of our community and the safety of our shoreline. I have stayed at the Hololani condominiums, and I strongly believe that this resolution will improve the safety of the shoreline in our area.

The current sandbag barriers are a significant concern, not only because they are unsightly, but also because they are an inadequate and temporary solution. Replacing these sandbags with durable rocks and incorporating stairs would not only enhance the beauty and functionality of the area but also contribute to long-term shoreline stability. This change will prevent erosion and provide a safer environment for residents and visitors alike, especially those who frequent the shoreline for recreation.

As a neighbor, I can attest to the importance of preserving both the natural beauty and the safety of our coastal environment. The current situation poses risks to both the property and the well-being of those who enjoy the beach, and I believe this resolution is a crucial step toward addressing these concerns.

I urge you to support SCR47 and take action to improve the shoreline, ensuring a safer and more sustainable environment for future generations. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:50:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arlene Olson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR47. The sandbags are falling apart. They pose a danger to Marine life.

Rocks with stairs are a much better solution. Plus the rock wall will help abate flooding on Honoapiilani Road. A major needed thoughofare.



**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:53:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tarsis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Tarsis. I strongly oppose SCR 76, SR 59, and SCR 47 because they threaten Lahaina's shorelines, cultural heritage, and still-vulnerable community. We must preserve Native Hawaiian traditions, protect the coasts from erosion and climate change, and ensure public safety against potential disasters. Please reject these resolutions and adopt responsible policies that safeguard Lahaina's future and the people of Lahaina.

Mahalo,

Tarsis.

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:00:07 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristen Young	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 47**, which seeks to grant a 25-year, non-exclusive easement for state submerged lands to allow Hololani Resort Condominiums in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui, to construct, use, repair, and maintain a rock revetment. For years, our community has fought against shoreline hardening projects like this. In 2018, a similar attempt to secure an easement failed because of strong public opposition. Instead of respecting that decision, this project is being pushed forward again—this time when Lahaina families are still struggling to rebuild after the August 2023 wildfires. Thousands remain displaced, and state resources should be focused on helping them, not on protecting private condo properties.

The science is clear that when seawalls and revetments are built, beaches disappear. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline because of these structures, and approving this project will only make things worse. The State's own reports say that the best way to manage coastal erosion is through managed retreat, not shoreline armoring. Hololani Resort had nearly two decades to find a better solution but instead pursued a project that will permanently destroy the beach.

I urge the Legislature to **oppose SCR47** and respect the years of community opposition to this project. Our priority must be protecting our public beaches and supporting local families as they recover, not allowing private interests to dictate the future of our shoreline.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Kristen Young  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:45:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Nanea

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:53:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ken	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in full support of SCR47. I urge the legislators to be a modern and progressive body. Not one bullied by the paid lobbyist of Lahaina Strong. Maui needs to move into a bright modern future with building and technology and vibrant community first all people, not just OUR people. Vote YES

**LATE**

**SCR-47**

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:57:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/17/2025 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Wade Clegg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the SCR47 resolution, which I believe will have a positive and lasting impact on the safety and preservation of the shoreline area. As a resident frequent visitor and friend to the community I feel it is essential to voice my support for this resolution, which aims to enhance the environment and the safety of those living nearby.

My time at the Hololani Condominiums has given me a clear understanding of the challenges we face with the current state of the shoreline. The sandbags that have been in place for some time are not only unsightly but also pose a long-term hazard to the surrounding community. They are an inadequate solution that risks further environmental damage and the safety of those who live and visit this area.

I strongly support SCR47 because it calls for the removal of the sandbags and the installation of rocks and stairs in their place. This proposed solution will not only address safety concerns but will also preserve the natural beauty of our coastline, creating a more sustainable and visually appealing environment for the entire community. A safer, more accessible shoreline will benefit all who live near it, making it a better place to live and visit.

This resolution reflects thoughtful consideration of our shared environment and the safety of our families and neighbors. I am confident that the passage of SCR47 will lead to positive change for the Hololani Condominiums area and surrounding properties, and I sincerely hope you will give it your support as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas Wade Clegg, IV