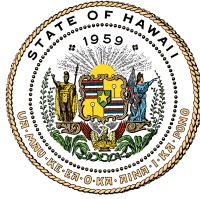


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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND

Monday, March 17, 2025
1:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 76

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSULT WITH THE KAHANA BAY STEERING COMMITTEE, THE COUNTY OF MAUI, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING A PATH FORWARD FOR THE PROPOSED KAHANA BAY EROSION MITIGATION PROJECT.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to consult with the Kahana Bay Steering Committee (KBSC) and other government agencies regarding a path forward for the proposed "Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project." **The Department supports the intent of the resolution to seek a regional resolution to the shoreline erosion issues and offers comments and proposed amendments.**

KSBC is a coalition representing resort and condominium owners in the ahupua'a of Kahana on Maui. In October 2021 they submitted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)¹ for the "Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation" project. The project proposed to build seven t-groins that will extend 215 into the ocean in order to create six coves, to dredge between 50,000 and 100,000 cubic yards of offshore sand, and to place the sand in the coves to create six beaches.

The Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands is a regulatory agency under the DLNR responsible for overseeing activities in the State Land Use Conservation District. OCCL was the accepting authority for the first and second DEIS. As the accepting authority, OCCL has held numerous meetings with the project consultants and County officials, conducted numerous site visits with the project engineers, and in June 2024 sent a representative to meet directly with the KBSC. At these meetings OCCL outlined the path forward for the project: finalize the EIS, and submit a Conservation District Use Application.

¹ https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/EA_EIS_Library/2021-11-08-MA-2nd-DEIS-Kahana-Bay-Erosion-Mitigation.pdf

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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

The resolution seeks to have the Department take a more active role in moving the project forward, and calls for DLNR to submit a report to the Legislature on the Department's progress. We believe it would be inappropriate for OCCL, as a regulatory agency, to assume the coordinating role for a private project that will be seeking regulatory approval by OCCL. We would urge the Legislature to request that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD), whose mandate is to coordinate planning efforts across state and county agencies, assume this role.

The proposed Resolution also notes that OCCL has not acted upon applications to repair the temporary sandbag walls fronting many of the properties in this region. These sandbag walls were approved under Emergency Conservation District Use Permits. Emergency permits are issued administratively and are considered exempt from requiring an Environmental Assessment. OCCL has received requests to renew the emergency permits fronting three of the properties.

The Department's authority to issue and to renew emergency permits for shoreline erosion control is currently being challenged in court. OCCL believes the prudent course of action would be to await the outcome of the court action before acting on these requests. We have notified the landowner's consultants of this in December 2024. However, OCCL is willing to present these requests to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for decision making sooner if that is the permittees' request.

Finally, the proposed Resolution proposes that the State initiate talks with the US Army Corps of Engineers over ownership of the project. The Department understands that the County of Maui has already engaged the Corps in those discussions.

Based upon the above, the Department offers the following changes to the Resolution:

- That the inaccurate and misleading statements on page 2, lines 5 through 15, be struck.
- That the paragraph on page 2 , lines 26-32, be rephrased as such:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, that the ~~Department of Land and Natural Resources~~ Office of Planning and Sustainable Development is urged to ~~consult with~~ coordinate a meeting between ~~the Department of Land and Natural Resources~~, the Kahana Bay Steering Committee, the County of Maui, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding ~~a path forward for~~ the proposed Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project;

- That the requirement that DLNR report to the legislature on the progress "in moving the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project forward," on page 3, lines 13-17, be struck, as it is neither the DLNR's nor OPSD's role to move this private project forward.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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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: **SCR76 – URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSULT WITH THE KAHANA BAY STEERING COMMITTEE, THE COUNTY OF MAUI, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING A PATH FORWARD FOR THE PROPOSED KAHANA BAY EROSION MITIGATION PROJECT.**

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

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 SCR76 with amendments.**

Hololani is in support of SCR 76, which urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources to consult with the Kahana Bay Steering Committee, the County of Maui, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding a path forward for the proposed Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project.

Kahana Bay, where Hololani is situated, has experienced catastrophic erosion issues which began in 2007 and continue to threaten the shoreline due to sea level rise and climate change impacts.

In 2017, at the urging of the Maui County Department of Planning, Hololani and eight other neighboring condominium projects and the owner of the remaining kuleana parcel along the Kahana Bay shoreline, formed the Kahana Bay Steering Committee (“KBSC”). KBSC has worked since then to develop, plan, implement and fund a regional erosion mitigation project, and in 2018, retained Oceanit to assist.

KBSC has invested significant time, effort and money in this project. However, after Oceanit published the Second Draft Environmental Impact Statement in 2021, the project stalled, in part because the County of Maui indicated that it was unwilling to assume the liability risks of owning the proposed groins that would be required to keep the restored sand in place. Currently, many of the condominium properties

along this shoreline are relying on emergency sandbags as their only protection against further erosion of the shoreline, and remain precariously exposed to further, and potentially catastrophic, erosion.

We respectfully request that the Committee adopt this resolution and would suggest that several amendments be made based on discussions we have had with stakeholders. These amendments include clarifying the “whereas” clauses involving the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development as a coordinating body in bringing together parties to work on this project.

Our proposed amendments to SCR 76 are included with this testimony. We appreciate your consideration of these proposed amendments and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this measure.

Proposed Amendments to SCR 76

URGING THE **OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO CONSULT WITH** DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, **TO CONSULT WITH** THE KAHANA BAY STEERING COMMITTEE, THE COUNTY OF MAUI, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING A PATH FORWARD FOR THE PROPOSED KAHANA BAY EROSION MITIGATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, at the urging of the County of Maui Department of Planning, the owners of units in the nine condominium projects, through their owners' associations, and one residential kuleana parcel on Kahana Bay, are members of, and have provided funding for, the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to develop and implement the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project, which is a proposed regional project to restore the eroded beaches on Kahana Bay; and

WHEREAS, **in 2018**, the Kahana Bay Steering Committee retained Oceanit to assist in the engineering, planning, permitting, and implementation of the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project; and

WHEREAS, by 2019, Oceanit had engaged in extensive community and agency consultation, prepared an environmental impact statement preparation notice, and held scoping meetings; and

WHEREAS, Oceanit published the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project Second Draft Environmental Impact Statement on November 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project has been stalled, and no final environmental impact statement has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Kahana Bay Steering Committee proposed to fund the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project, at an estimated cost of \$26,000,000 to \$40,000,000, through community facilities district financing pursuant to Chapter 3.75, Maui County Code, which would require public ownership of the rock groins necessary to hold the replenished sand in place; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui has indicated that it is unwilling to assume the liability risks of owning the groins **and has not promulgated rules to implement the community facilities district financing program**; and

~~—WHEREAS, the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands of the Department of Land and Natural Resources informed the Kahana Bay Steering Committee that it will not discuss a path forward for the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project; and~~

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~~—WHEREAS, the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands of the Department of Land and Natural Resources has not acted on applications to repair the emergency sandbag structures that serve many condominium properties as~~

~~the only source of protection against severe erosion of the Kahana Bay shoreline; and~~

WHEREAS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources has urged condominium associations along Kahana Bay to develop a collective solution to protect public resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers might be willing to assume control of the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project if requested to do so by the State, the County of Maui, or an agency of the State or the County of Maui; now, therefore,

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 **Office of Planning and Sustainable Development is urged to consult with the** Department of Land and Natural Resources, ~~is urged to consult with~~ the Kahana Bay Steering Committee, the County of Maui, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding a path forward for the proposed Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned parties are urged to consider:

~~—(1) Legal options for the ownership of the rock groins;~~

~~(2)~~(1) Whether the United States Army Corps of Engineers would undertake an evaluation of the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project under Section 103 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962;

~~(3)~~(2) The path forward, timeline, and roles of the **Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, the** Kahana Bay Steering Committee, the County of Maui, and the Department of Land of Natural Resources if the United States Army Corps of Engineers, following the requested evaluation, assumes control of the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project; and

~~(4)~~(3) Financing options for the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project, both with and without United States Army Corps of Engineers' participation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Office of Planning and Sustainable Development** ~~Department of Land and Natural Resources~~ is urged to submit to the Legislature, no later than December 31, 2025, a report on the ~~Department's~~ progress in moving the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project forward; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, **Office of Planning and Sustainable Development**, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mayor and Planning Director of the County of Maui, and Chair of the Kahana Bay Steering Committee.



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

In Consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76 and Senate Resolution No. 59

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 76 and Senate Resolution 59**, which urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to consult with the Kahana Bay Steering Committee, the County of Maui, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding a path forward for the proposed Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. At a time when thousands of Lahaina residents remain displaced and have yet to return home, our community cannot afford to see state resources, attention, and decision-making diverted toward a project that primarily benefits non-resident, out-of-state investors.

The Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project is not a public benefit initiative—it is a private-interest-driven effort designed to protect nine oceanfront condominium complexes, the majority of which are operated as short-term rentals (STRs) or second homes. According to Maui County Real Property Tax Data, approximately 85% of TVR properties are owned by out-of-state investors, and the Hawai'i Housing Factbook 2024 confirms that more than half of all condominium purchases in Maui County are made by non-residents. Additionally, several of the condominium complexes included in this

project—Kahana Reef, Kahana Outrigger, and Kahana Village—are on Maui’s Minatoya List, which allows transient vacation rentals in apartment-zoned properties. This means that approving this resolution would prioritize the protection of beachfront investment properties over the basic needs of displaced local families who are struggling to rebuild.

For years, the West Maui community has fought against this project due to its environmental, social, and economic consequences. When the second draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in 2021, it was met with significant public opposition. The project was stalled for good reason—because it was widely recognized as flawed and unsustainable. Now, in the wake of the August 2023 fires, when Lahaina needs every available resource focused on rebuilding homes, schools, and infrastructure for local families, it is unconscionable to resurrect this effort under the guise of coastal protection. The State must not allow a project that benefits non-resident investment properties to take precedence over the urgent needs of Lahaina’s displaced families.

Beyond the issue of resource allocation, the environmental consequences of this project are devastating. The proposal includes the construction of rock groins and sand replenishment, strategies that have been repeatedly shown to fail in the long term and cause irreversible damage to adjacent shorelines.

Managed retreat—not shoreline armoring—is the only viable long-term solution for coastal erosion in Hawai‘i. Prioritizing managed retreat over shoreline armoring is not just an environmental necessity—it is a matter of protecting public trust resources and ensuring that Hawai‘i’s beaches remain accessible for future generations.

Lahaina Strong urges the Legislature to **oppose SCR76 and SR59** and stand firm in prioritizing local recovery efforts over private investment interests. Coastal management decisions must be guided by science, public trust protections, and the needs of local communities—not by the financial interests of non-resident investors. The people of Lahaina cannot afford to lose more beaches, more resources, and more time fighting for the right to return home while out-of-state interests dictate the future of our coastline.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lāhainā Strong



March 12, 2025

Aloha,

The Valley Isle Resort located at 4327 Lower Honoapiilani Rd strongly supports the amendment to SB1456/HD1 section3 to include naming KBSC and other projects as pilot Beach Restoration projects for BLNR to move forward in a timely fashion.

We stand with our neighbors and community in supporting these restoration projects. They maintain a healthy environment while keeping the ability to enjoy the Maui beaches that are the lifeline of the island for all residents and visitors to enjoy. These beaches help support many businesses and create substantial tax revenue during these tough times. Maui needs the tax revenue created by these beaches.

Please join us in supporting this amendment.

Sent on behalf of our Board of Directors

Sterling Honea – President

Norb Wolszon – Vice President / Secretary

Colleen Sutton – Treasurer

Joseph Bolster - Director

Gary Klebs – Director

Mason Blake – Director

Michael Kayem - Director

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:14:50 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 Resolutions 76 AND 56 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.

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:23:13 PM

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 Resolution 59 (SR59) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 (SCR76) due to the serious environmental risks, threats to cultural heritage, and financial concerns associated with the proposed Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project.

The plan to construct rock groins to address shoreline erosion may seem like a solution, but history has shown that these types of structures do more harm than good. Hard engineering like this disrupts natural coastal processes, leading to increased erosion in other areas, harming marine life, and permanently altering the shoreline.

Beyond the environmental risks, this project disregards the deep cultural significance of Kahana Bay. Large-scale engineering projects like this should not move forward without meaningful consultation with the Native Hawaiian community. The land and sea are not just resources; they are part of a living cultural heritage. Any mitigation efforts must respect and incorporate indigenous knowledge rather than imposing top-down solutions that could erase history and tradition.

Finally, the massive price tag of \$26 million to \$40 million raises serious concerns. Even Maui County officials are hesitant to take on liability for the project, which should be a red flag. With so many critical needs in our state, it's worth asking if this is truly the best way to spend taxpayer dollars.

For these reasons, we urge the legislature to stop SR59 and SCR76 and prioritize the environment, culture, and long-term sustainability.

Hololani B104
4401 L. Honoapiilani Rd
Lahaina, HI 96761
March 14, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you to address the need to preserve the coastline at the edge of the Hololani property by voting to support HCR132, SCR47, and SCR76, as well as SB1456. (four) years ago, we received approval for revetment with a concrete wall and sandbags in front of it. The sandbags have deteriorated at an alarming fast rate, putting the revetment wall at risk. Replacing the sandbags with large rocks is an immediate necessity, both to preserve the homes of the residents and to protect the ecology of the shoreline from increased damage should further erosion demand more drastic intervention.

We understand that the shoreline is an important ecological concern. But the revetment wall has already been completed. If repairs to that structure should become necessary, this would be far more disruptive than simply replacing the sandbags with rocks. And yet, if the sandbags cannot be replaced, that is precisely what will happen. As seaweed grows on the bags, we have been watching turtle foraging produce rips and tears in the fabric. The pounding of waves quickly pulls the sand through these holes. Replacing the current seabags with more of the same will simply continue the problem. Rocks would create a more durable barrier to protect the walled shoreline of this property, since turtle foraging and visitor infringement would have less effect on the rocks than the sandbags.

Multiple ecological and social impacts are likely to result if our sandbags cannot be replaced with rocks. If the sandbags completely erode, the concrete of the barrier wall would be subjected to the damaging waves. If these materials collapse into the water, the corals off the shoreline would be damaged from buffeting by these debris. To complicate the matter, if our shoreline fails, the ocean comes in further along our neighboring properties, increasing the destruction to their properties as well as ours. Given that the corner of one of our buildings lies less than 20 feet from the current retaining wall, continued shoreline degradation puts the stability of that building's foundation at risk. If the building begins to crumble, the debris would surely be more damaging to the ocean environment than merely replacing our sandbags with rocks.

While safeguarding the ocean environment is of crucial importance, the social implications of threatening 64 condominiums cannot be ignored. Protecting this shoreline will help mitigate the issues of flooding on the Lower Honoapiilani Rd – a problem that

affects residents all along this part of the coastline. So while the Hololani would pay for this work, the community at large would benefit. Many long-term and full-time residents call the Hololani home. Many, like myself, are active members of the Lahaina community. I have worked for over a decade as a substitute teacher in the local schools, becoming a fixture at Lahainaluna high school where I work nearly every day. As well, I have been a foundational member of the 3rd grade tutoring program, as well as part of the local order of Franciscan nuns who serve this community. Additionally, many of our units have been, and continue to be, occupied by Lahaina fire survivors. With housing in West Maui in such short supply, putting 64 units at risk seems unnecessarily short sighted.

For the important reasons above, permits have already been obtained from local agencies for replacing our sandbags. We ask that you support the decision of these committees by voting affirmatively for SCR76, SCR47, HCR132, and SB1456 in order to allow our project to proceed for the benefit of both the communities in the ocean as well as those on its shore.

Thank you so much for your time in considering this concern. I hope to hear back favorably after you have heard our testimonies.

Most sincerely,

Virginia M. Keen

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:22:58 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,

My name is Lenore Houston and I reside at Hololani Resort along the Kahana Bay Shoreline. I am a voter and I work in this community.. I strongly support SCR76 and I will share why this means so much to me and to all of us who call Kahana home.

The only thing standing between our buildings and the ocean are the **aging sandbags** that were never meant to be a long-term solution. Some of these sandbags have been there for **over a decade**.

The **Kahana Bay Steering Committee** has worked tirelessly, investing time, money, and expertise into a **Draft Environmental Impact Statement** and exploring real, lasting solutions. The community is **willing to fund this effort**, but we need the support of government agencies like DLNR to help make this project a reality.

If we do nothing, **the consequences will be devastating**—not just for the buildings, but for **the shoreline, public access, and the very identity of Kahana**. We can find a **sustainable, environmentally responsible solution**—but only if we act now.

I urge you to support **SCR76** and stand with us in **preserving this coastline for generations to come**.

Mahalo for your time and your commitment to our community.

Lenore Houston

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:49:06 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.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 3:49:41 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 resident, homeowner, and voter living in Hololani, I strongly urge your support for SCR76. The shoreline erosion at Kahana Bay is dangerously close to becoming catastrophic. Rather than relying on outdated, ineffective sandbag barriers, we need prompt government-backed action. If unaddressed, erosion will severely impact not only our properties but also the ecological and economic health of our entire community. Immediate proactive action through SCR76 is critical to sustainably protect and preserve our coastline for generations.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:25:36 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 testified at the BLNT HEARING to oppose this king of projects. Along with many other residents of LAHAINA

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:25:40 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:

My name is Julie Adcock Brockman

I am a resident of Maui and an owner at Pohailani for almost 20 years. As the President of Pohailani, I also represent our project with the Kahana Bay steering committee. I have been involved for nearly 10 years to find viable solutions to our erosion problem in Kahana Bay. We have 114 units in our project and sit on both the Makai and Mauka Side of the lower road we currently have 78 full-time units. The restoration of our beach is important to our community as well as our property. We have many owners who are full-time and part-time residents who have children and grandchildren who will have many memories of time spent here. Overtime for me personally as our beach became smaller and smaller my daily routine that included swimming, walking, and mindfulness has whittle away. Many of our local families cherished their time at the days end even if it was for 30 minutes to spend a little time in the water or at the beach with their kids now that seems to have disappeared because they would have to travel to other areas. We have been working with KBSC to find long-term solutions to preserve our beach and protect our property. Without the help of government agencies we can't move forward. KBSC has spent much energy and funds to meet the requirements to move this project forward. We are also in favor of establishing a CFD to fund the beach nourishment. We sincerely ask for your help in this matter.

Mahalo for your time, consideration and allowing me to testify

Julie Adcock Brockman

LATE

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

I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to SCR76 and SR59. For years, the West Maui community has raised concerns about shoreline hardening projects like the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. It is deeply concerning to see this effort resurface at a time when so many Lahaina residents remain displaced and focused on rebuilding their lives.

Our community has consistently shown up to express opposition to projects that threaten our beaches and natural shorelines. When the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project was released in 2021, it was met with strong public concern. The conversation around coastal erosion is important, but the solution must be one that truly serves the public, not just private property owners.

Right now, Lahaina needs every available resource dedicated to rebuilding homes, schools, and infrastructure for local families. With so many still waiting to return, it is difficult to understand why state resources and decision-making would be directed toward protecting beachfront investment properties instead. The long-term health of our coastline must take priority, and we need solutions that align with sustainable coastal management.

I urge you to **oppose SCR76 and SR59** and ensure that shoreline decisions reflect the needs of our local community. Our beaches are an irreplaceable public trust resource, and we must be thoughtful in how we protect them for future generations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Katie Austin

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:51:32 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:

Testimony in Strong Opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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 59, which advocates for the advancement of the **Kahana Bay Artificial Beach and T-Groin Construction Project**.

This is not a public project—it is a taxpayer-funded bailout for private beachfront condominiums, many of which are short-term rentals or luxury second homes.

At a time when thousands of Lahaina residents remain displaced, when families are still searching for stable housing, and when our community is struggling to rebuild from one of the worst disasters in Hawai‘i’s history, these resolutions are a slap in the face to those who have lost everything. Every available state resource should be directed toward Lahaina’s recovery—rebuilding homes, restoring schools, and revitalizing infrastructure—not protecting risky and failing private beachfront investments.

This project has long faced community opposition because it is environmentally harmful and fundamentally unsustainable. The 2021 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was met with overwhelming public resistance. The science is clear: shoreline armoring does not protect beaches—it destroys them. Rock groins, seawalls, and artificial sand replenishment accelerate erosion, damage nearshore ecosystems, and degrade public trust resources that belong to all Hawai‘i residents, not just a privileged few.

It is deeply troubling that this project is being revived now, at a time when our community’s needs are so urgent. If we are serious about addressing coastal erosion, we must prioritize real, long-term solutions such as managed retreat—not outdated, destructive, and expensive interventions that benefit private interests at the public’s expense.

I urge you to oppose SCR76 and SR59. Stand with the people of Lahaina, not with developers and property owners who made risky investments.

The future of our beaches, our communities, and our cultural heritage depends on the decisions you make today.

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

~Kai Nishiki

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Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:51:32 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dale Thompson	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am in support of these resolutions. I have lived for nearly 40 years near to this shore.. once the kahana bay was walkable from one end to the other.

You will hear plenty of testimony that is not true today. Beach restoration helps clean the water, promote enviromental causes, increase fish life, protect our shoreline and homes.

Please dont let the hate from people that dont live here, know nothing of what they speak, destroy our most valued resource.

Sea level rise is not the main culprit here.. nearly all of the dissapearing beach here is from erosion. Loss of beaches are not from walls either.. yes i understand well about flanking and peripheral erosion.. the ocean erodes the shoreline beaches as it works 24/7 .. thats why it takes all beaches in an area not just walled areas.

I am asking you to save our beach here in Kahana for everyone. In 30 years we will be saying thank god for the people that could see the future.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:32:23 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 in **strong support of SCR76**, which encourages the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in developing real, lasting solutions to the ongoing shoreline erosion issues.

As a home owner in the Kahana Bay shoreline, I have witnessed firsthand the alarming pace at which our coastline is disappearing. The effects of erosion are not only a concern for property owners and residents but also for the broader community, as this issue impacts public access, native ecosystems, and the overall resilience of our shoreline.

What we need is a **comprehensive, coordinated plan**—not just short-term fixes that push the problem down the road. The condominiums in this area have been working in good faith, engaging experts, and seeking solutions that prioritize both environmental protection and long-term sustainability. However, without the guidance and support of DLNR, these efforts remain fragmented and face significant regulatory hurdles. SCR76 is a critical step in ensuring that these efforts receive the necessary state-level attention to move forward efficiently and responsibly.

Preserving Kahana Bay’s shoreline is not just about protecting buildings—it’s about **safeguarding an entire way of life** for residents, businesses, and visitors who cherish this beautiful coastline. It’s about **ensuring that future generations** will still have beaches to walk on, a thriving marine ecosystem, and a resilient shoreline that can withstand the impacts of climate change.

I urge you to support SCR76 and advocate for meaningful collaboration between DLNR and the Kahana Bay community. Working together, we can achieve real solutions that balance environmental stewardship with the needs of the people who call this place home.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:41:01 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,

I am writing in **strong support** of **SCR 76**, which urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a real, long-term solution to the ongoing shoreline issues. My ‘ohana has been in Kahana for generations, and as a resident and owner in Hololani located on the Kahana Bay shoreline, I have seen firsthand how it is changing before our eyes.

The erosion along Kahana Bay’s shoreline has not only threatened the foundations of our homes but has also had a ripple effect on the surrounding community. If we do nothing, we risk losing not just property, but also the natural beauty and balance of this special place. **We need DLNR’s help to navigate the best way forward—one that is sustainable, respectful of our environment, and considers the needs of both the land and the people who call it home.**

As stewards of this coastline, we are committed to being part of the solution. Many of us have already spent years exploring options, but without the state’s support and guidance, it is nearly impossible to take meaningful action. **A coordinated effort between DLNR, the county, and the Kahana Bay community will give us the best chance to mālama this coastline for future generations.**

Mahalo for your time and consideration. By supporting **SCR 76**, you are helping to protect not just property owners like myself, but also the long-term health and stability of our shoreline for all who cherish this place.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:14:48 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 SCR76. 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:16:16 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Aina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not agree with the proposed plan to add more destruction to the reef in the Kahana Bay Area. This does not support the vision of the native Hawaiian people and the whole state of Hawaii. Please reconsider this proposal.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:18:57 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 HCR/SCR so this project can begin and be completed to the benefit of our Maui community.

Sincerely,

Ana Victoria Ross

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:21:04 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:

Please continue to allow locals to access our greatest resource at this location.

blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov

Dear Board Members,

I support and request you vote in favor of SCR76 which will help protect the beautiful Kahana Bay shoreline.

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

4401 LOWER HONOAPIILANI RD

LAHAINA, HI, 96761-9297

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:50:35 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 Hololoni B503 which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline. 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. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution. We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:52:33 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:

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

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76, which calls on the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a real, long-term solution to the ongoing shoreline erosion crisis.

As a owner at Hololani, located at 4401 Lower Honoapiilani Rd, right along the Kahana Bay shoreline, I have watched with significant and growing concern as the coastline has continued to erode, inching closer to the foundations of our buildings and threatening not just private property but public access and environmental stability. Not only is the beach gone but over the years that we have owned I have seen the loss of more than 10 feet of depth of shoreline in front of our building disappear. I have also seen adjacent properties along the Kahana Bay already experience loss of use of parts of their buildings. If nothing is done soon, this will become a catastrophic issue, impacting residents, visitors, and the broader Maui community.

Currently, the only protection in place is a patchwork of temporary sandbags, some of which have been sitting there for more than a decade. These are not a real solution—just a stopgap that delays the inevitable. Meanwhile, the Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have stepped up, investing significant time and financial resources to complete a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). More importantly, we are ready and willing to fund a viable, sustainable solution—but we need government support to move forward.

This is why SCR 76 is so important. It acknowledges the reality of the situation and encourages the necessary cooperation between property owners and government agencies to finally take meaningful action. The Steering Committee has done the legwork—now we need DLNR and other agencies to help us turn this into a reality.

I urge the Committee on Water and Land to support SCR 76 and prioritize a comprehensive solution for Kahana Bay’s shoreline. The time for temporary fixes is over—this community is ready to act, and we need the State’s help to ensure a stable, lasting future for our coastline.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Schulhof

Proiperty owner

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:56:14 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 which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline
- 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.
- We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:59:39 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 in the Hololani Buildings which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline.

I fully support SCR76 because we need help and resolutions to our shoreline erosion. I worked my whole life for this property and so I want it to last forever.

The existing sandbags are not enough and some are falling apart.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee has invested time and money to get a Draft EIS done, and will fund any solution.

We need the governments help to make this project happen.

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

I am writing to you in strong support of SCR 76, a resolution that addresses the important issue of shoreline preservation and protection in the Kahana Bay region. As a resident of Hololani located adjacent to the Kahana Bay shoreline, I see firsthand the challenges posed by ongoing erosion and shoreline degradation. The current condition of the shoreline is not only affecting the environmental health of the area but also the well-being of the residents and communities who call this place home.

The resolution, SCR 76, asks the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to work with stakeholders to find practical, sustainable solutions to the shoreline issues facing the Kahana Bay region. I strongly support this initiative as it encourages a collaborative approach to solving a problem that has been escalating for years. It's clear that we need a long-term, feasible solution to preserve the beauty and safety of our coastline, and SCR 76 presents a critical step in that direction.

The Kahana Bay region is an iconic and treasured part of our community. I am deeply concerned about the potential loss of shoreline, not only from an environmental standpoint but also from a cultural and economic one. Many residents, like myself, value the coastal resources and the tranquility that Kahana Bay offers. Ensuring that we protect the integrity of the shoreline will preserve this area for generations to come.

I urge you to continue moving forward with SCR 76 and support the efforts to address the pressing shoreline issues in our community. I appreciate your leadership and commitment to the health of our environment and the safety of our residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Garavaglia

Hololani B804

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 7:18:57 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RODNEY MATHIAS	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

These resorts don't belong that close to the shoreling to begin with. This would not benefit the environment or the people of Maui, only tourists and investors.

If you want to "mitigate" erosion, then knock those resorts down and plant native trees and shrubs and restore what's suppose to be a natural beach. Stop protecting the interests of people that do not live here!

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 7:19:29 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 SCR76

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

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 7:43:47 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.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 8:26:44 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 live in Hololani Condominiums which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline

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.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.

We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

Kind Regards

Frank Schultz (Owner at Hololani)

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 8:30:37 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.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 8:55:11 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:

RE: Support for SCR 76 - Kahana Bay Shoreline Erosion Solutions

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76, which seeks to have the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) assist the Kahana Bay community in addressing the severe shoreline erosion. As a resident of Hololani Condominiums located along the Kahana Bay shoreline, I have witnessed firsthand the growing risks posed by this issue.

The only protection in place for our properties are temporary sandbags, some of which have been in place for over a decade. These are no longer adequate, and the situation is worsening. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee has already invested significant time and resources into a Draft EIS and is prepared to fund a viable long-term solution.

We urgently need the support of DLNR and other agencies to make this project a reality. I respectfully urge the Committee to pass SCR 76 to help ensure the safety and sustainability of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jon Cole
Resident, Hololani Condominiums

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 9:00:04 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Cain	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 SCR 76, which calls on the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to help the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region find real, sustainable solutions to the shoreline issues we face.

I live in the Hololani condominiums which is located next to Kahana Bay shoreline. As a resident deeply invested in the health of our community, I believe that SCR 76 is an important step toward addressing the critical shoreline concerns that are threatening both our property values and the natural beauty of this area. These shoreline issues have not only affected our living conditions but have become a growing concern for all of us in the surrounding community. The sandbags being utilized at the moment is an ugly reminder of how silly politics can slow down a process that preserves beauty; protects against flooding; and is far more permanent without environmental implications.

I fully support SCR 76 to preserve the beauty of Kahana Bay. We need to move on this immediately.

This resolution will benefit residents and the natural aesthetics of Maui's remarkable western shores. There isn't a logical reason these steps shouldn't be implemented immediately.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Scott Cain

720-323-1606

Hololani Resident

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 9:46:26 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 SCR76

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 10:32:17 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 the Kahana Bay groin project. It is about time that Hawai'i take a good look at different methods that can be used to preserve our coastline and beaches. While others will claim that managed retreat is the only option, the tourism revenue lost will cripple the Hawai'i economy.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 10:44:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Miller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- 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.
- The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.
- We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 10:55:34 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 SCR 76 because it asks DLNR to help the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region find a real solution to the shoreline issues. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee are trying to avoid a catastrophic disaster and are willing to fund any viable solution. The help of government agencies is needed to make this project a reality.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:02:50 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 SCR76.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:17:06 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Colbourn	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 76**, which urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to work with the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region to find a **real, long-term solution** to the ongoing shoreline erosion challenges.

Kahana Bay’s coastline is **not just a scenic gem**—it is home to residents, businesses, and a community that deeply values this environment. Unfortunately, worsening coastal erosion threatens **our homes, infrastructure, and the very essence of this place**. Without a coordinated effort from DLNR and stakeholders, these problems will **only intensify**, putting both public and private interests at risk.

The **condominiums in this region have been actively seeking solutions**—we don’t want to just react to each storm or high tide, we want a **sustainable plan that protects the shoreline while respecting the environment**. **SCR 76 is crucial** because it acknowledges the need for DLNR’s involvement in creating a **comprehensive, science-backed strategy** that benefits both the coastline and the people who live here.

We are not asking for a quick fix. We are asking for a **collaborative approach** that ensures the well-being of Kahana Bay for generations to come. By passing **SCR 76**, the Legislature would send a clear message that the State of Hawai‘i supports a **proactive, cooperative effort** to protect our coastlines.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I truly appreciate your leadership on this issue and urge you to support **SCR 76**.

Mahalo,
Alex

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:30:43 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:

As a vacationer at Hololani condominiums, I strongly support SCR 76 to address the urgent shoreline issue related to deteriorating sandbags. Please support this measure to enable the Kahana Bay Steering Committee and its partners to find a solution to the situation that applies a long term approach involving rocks and stairs. Thank you.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 11:50:25 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 support this bill. Coordinating resources is always the best way to move forward

March 14, 2025

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

I am writing today to express my full support for SCR 76. As a resident of Hololani condominium, which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline, I am deeply concerned about the ongoing challenges faced by our community due to the erosion and environmental threats impacting our properties. I believe this resolution is a crucial step toward finding a comprehensive solution for the condominiums in the Kahana Bay area.

The current state of our shoreline is not just a matter of environmental concern but a matter that directly affects the safety, security, and well-being of our community members. The effects of the shoreline erosion have already begun to encroach upon our property lines, and without immediate intervention, there is a risk of further damage that could be irreparable.

I strongly support SCR 76 because it calls upon the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to engage with the affected communities, including our condominium, to assess the situation and find sustainable solutions. This resolution acknowledges the gravity of the issue and empowers the DLNR to explore options that balance environmental preservation with the needs of the residents and property owners in the region. By addressing this issue head-on, SCR 76 provides an important opportunity for the community to work together with the state and other stakeholders to develop a long-term, viable solution.

As a neighbor and concerned resident, I have seen firsthand the impact that the shoreline's instability has had on our lives. From increased anxiety over property damage to the loss of natural beauty, the consequences are far-reaching. I am hopeful that SCR 76 will serve as a turning point, guiding us toward a solution that benefits everyone who calls this area home.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to continue supporting this important resolution, and I look forward to seeing the positive changes it will bring to the Kahana Bay community.

Sincerely,
Grant Parthemer

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 1:09:06 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 SCR76 regional erosion mitigation project. It would be a terrible outcome if an effective solution is not found to address shoreline issues in the Kahana Bay region that includes the area directly adjacent to the Hololani Condominium. That area is relying on a temporary solution of sandbags which needs to be addressed with permanent erosion mitigation. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested substantial time and expense in the EIS draft and the help of government agencies is needed to make this project a reality. Again I support the intention of SCR76 to engage DLNR to help Hololani and other condominiums find a lasting solution to the shoreline issues facing the Kahana Bay region.

Thank you for your support and for all you do for the citizens and visitors of Maui.

Sincerely, Price Oden of Kirkland, Washington 98033

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 1:14:51 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:

I support SCR 76.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 1:20:03 PM

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

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

Comments:

save the AINA

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 1:49:10 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, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76 and to provide my testimony on behalf of my community. I live in Hololani, located adjacent to the Kahana Bay shoreline, and as a concerned neighbor, I feel it is critical that we address the ongoing issues affecting this area.

I wholeheartedly support SCR 76 because it calls on the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a real solution to the shoreline erosion. This issue is urgent, and without action, it will soon become a catastrophic problem for the residents and the surrounding environment.

Currently, the only protection these condominiums have are temporary sandbags, which in some cases have been in place for over a decade. While this has provided some level of protection, it is not a sustainable solution, and the shoreline continues to erode at a concerning rate.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee has already invested significant time and resources in completing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and they are willing to fund any viable solution. However, we need the support and collaboration of government agencies to help us bring this project to life.

I strongly believe that with the help of the DLNR and other relevant agencies, we can address this issue and find a lasting solution to protect the Kahana Bay shoreline. This project is crucial not only for the safety of the residents but for the long-term preservation of this beautiful and unique area.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully urge you to support SCR 76 and help make this vital project a reality.

Sincerely,

Janine Kanable, Hololani Unit B303

Support for SCR 76 to Address Shoreline Erosion at Kahana Bay

As a resident of B704 Hololani, located along the Kahana Bay shoreline, I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76. This resolution requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a real solution to the severe shoreline erosion issues.

Currently, we face a catastrophic problem that requires immediate attention. The shoreline has significantly eroded, and the only protection these condominiums have are temporary sandbags. These sandbags have been in place for over a decade, offering minimal defense against the advancing erosion.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested much time and funds to produce a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Moreover, we are prepared to fund any viable solution to protect our properties and the shoreline. However, the assistance of government agencies is crucial to make this project a reality.

DLNR's involvement and support through SCR 76 will be instrumental in safeguarding the Kahana Bay shoreline and ensuring the long-term survival of the condominiums in the region. We urge you to take action and work with us to implement effective and sustainable measures to address this urgent issue. Thank you for considering our plea for help and support.

Sincerely,

William Cornthwaite B704 Hololani

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 2:01:20 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jane Beckett	Testifying for HOLOLANI AOA Association	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 SCR76, a resolution that I believe will have a significant positive impact on the community living along the Kahana Bay shoreline. As a resident of Hololani which is adjacent to this beautiful bay, I am deeply concerned about the ongoing shoreline issues that affect our daily lives and the future of this area.

I strongly support SCR76 because it asks the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to take proactive steps in helping the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region find a real, sustainable solution to the shoreline challenges. These issues are not just abstract concerns—they are real and pressing problems that impact the safety, security, and wellbeing of the people who live and work here. As someone who sees the effects of erosion and environmental changes firsthand, I know that a collaborative effort involving DLNR is essential for finding lasting solutions.

The Kahana Bay region is a special place for residents and visitors alike. However, its shoreline is vulnerable to the forces of nature, and without action, it will only continue to deteriorate. SCR76 provides an opportunity to address these challenges in a way that is both effective and responsive to the unique needs of our community. It is critical that the Legislature take this opportunity to support the resolution, as it could lead to meaningful changes that benefit not just those of us who live here, but the broader Hawaiian community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I am hopeful that with your leadership, we can take the necessary steps toward securing a sustainable future for the Kahana Bay shoreline.

Sincerely,
Jane Beckett

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 2:10:17 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. specifially 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 loosing - 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

Support for SCR 76 to Address Shoreline Erosion at Kahana Bay

Hi,

I'm a resident of B704 Hololani, right along the Kahana Bay shoreline, and I'm writing to show my strong support for SCR 76. This resolution asks the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to help us condo folks in the Kahana Bay area find a real fix for the serious shoreline erosion we're dealing with.

Right now, we're facing a huge problem that needs urgent attention. The shoreline has eroded a lot, and our only protection so far has been these temporary sandbags. They've been there for over a decade and offer minimal defense against the ongoing erosion.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have put in a lot of time and money to create a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Plus, we're ready to fund any viable solution to protect our properties and the shoreline. But we really need the approval from government agencies to make this project happen.

DLNR's involvement and support through SCR 76 will be crucial in protecting the Kahana Bay shoreline and ensuring the long-term survival of the condos in the area. We urge you to take action and work with us to implement effective and sustainable measures to tackle this urgent issue.

Thank you for considering our plea for help and support.

Sincerely,

Diana Cornthwaite

B704 Hololani

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

If this bill passes, the result will be the ruin of many local surf spots that have been part of this cumminties fabric. I oppose this bill. Lahaina has lost so much. The people have lost far too much.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 4:03:43 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:

As per my testimony supporting SCR47 - I fully support and urge approval for SCR76 which will allow for the rock revetment project to be completed and ensuring the protection of the shoreline, condominiums, the public and the other residents and businesses on Honaopiilani road. There has been a significant investment of time and expens to get a Draft EIS done. The committee is willing to fund any viable solution, but needs the help of goverment agencies to make this project a reality for the good of all.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 4:07:12 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:

In addition to my testimony supporting SCR47, I also fully support SCR76 and urge you to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality avoiding a potentially catastrophic problem if something is not done regarding this significantly eroded shoreline.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 4:14:30 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:

In conjunction with my support of SCR47, I would like to provide support and urge for approval of SCR76. Approval of this resolution would significantly improve and prevent future erosion along the Kahana Bay Shoreline providing protection for the condominiums and all residents on Honoapiilani Road as well as protecting the remaining beach for the sea life that frequents it's sands.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 4:28:03 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:

As stated in my support for SCR47, approval of SCR76 will make the Kahana Bay Shoreline much safer for both humans and sea life. I am an owner in Hololani A503. The severely deteriorated sandbags have been our only protection for over a decade. The completion of the rock revetment will provide safe public access to the beach, decrease the flooding that occurs during heavy storms and protect the condominiums, residents and businesses on Honoapiilani Road as well as the remaining beach which is frequented by sea turtles looking for a safe warm place to rest. There has been so much time and expense invested to find a viable solution that is fully funded and permitted. We need the support of the government agencies to bring this to fruition.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:03:04 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,

With regards to SCR 76;

I live in one of the Hololani Condominiums. I have been here since the late 80's. I have watched the entire beach erode and disappear permanently. The beaches in Kahana used to be so big and beautiful. It is so sad that preventative measures were not taken to save the beaches in Kahana.

In countless examples in the US and Canada, the use of rock groins saves beaches, as has been proven recently in the case in Maui with;

Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) MA-3633
Stable Road Beach Restoration Project

Spreckelsville Beach Lots, Wailuku, Maui

Submerged Land Makai of TMKs: (2) 3-8-002:71, 74, 77 & 78

They have installed 25 rock groins and the beaches have come back beautifully. Please see photos.

I strongly support SCR76

Your approval to solve this issue and approve SCR76 would be greatly appreciated

Yours truly,

Peter Schulhof

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 5:10:57 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:

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

I am writing today as a long-time visitor who has come to deeply appreciate the Kahana Bay shoreline, and I strongly support SCR 76. This resolution is vital for addressing the pressing shoreline issues in the Kahana Bay region. I believe it will play a crucial role in engaging the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to actively seek and implement real solutions to the challenges facing this fragile coastline.

Over the years, I have witnessed the escalating coastal erosion and environmental concerns along Kahana Bay. These issues threaten not only the natural beauty of the area but also the safety and accessibility of the shoreline for residents and visitors alike. It is essential that DLNR works collaboratively with local stakeholders to develop long-term strategies that will protect both the environment and the properties impacted by ongoing erosion.

I strongly believe that SCR 76 provides a necessary and effective framework to encourage DLNR's involvement in addressing this critical issue. The resolution highlights the importance of finding sustainable solutions that preserve the shoreline for future generations while ensuring that the area remains a safe and welcoming place for all who visit and call it home.

In closing, I urge the Committee on Water and Land to support SCR 76. By doing so, we can take meaningful steps toward protecting and preserving Kahana Bay's shoreline for years to come.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Kay Parsons

Long-Time Visitor

Mr. Paul Nachtsheim

822 Evelyn Avenue

Albany CA, 94706

March 14, 2025

Hawai'i State Capitol

Office of State Legislature

415 South Beretania St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Hololani Condominiums, Maui, revestment project HCR47/SCR76

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 legible. The signature is positioned to the right of the word 'Respectfully,'.

Paul Nachtsheim

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

I am writing today to express my strong support for SCR 76, which urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a lasting solution to the ongoing shoreline issues. As a resident of Hololani condominium, located adjacent to the Kahana Bay shoreline, I am acutely aware of the growing concerns within our community regarding the impacts of coastal erosion and the safety of our properties.

The current state of the shoreline is not only a threat to the physical integrity of our buildings but also poses a risk to the residents, families, and visitors who cherish the beauty and tranquility of Kahana Bay. SCR 76 is a step in the right direction, urging DLNR to address this problem before it becomes an even greater crisis. The resolution's call for a comprehensive solution is essential for ensuring the long-term sustainability and safety of this cherished area, and I believe that it will help preserve the natural beauty of our coastline for future generations.

I am particularly supportive of this resolution because it acknowledges the unique and urgent needs of communities like ours, where coastal erosion threatens both the environment and the economy. As someone who lives in close proximity to the shoreline, I have witnessed firsthand the damage caused by rising sea levels and unpredictable weather patterns. It is crucial that we take action now, and SCR 76 provides a practical and timely framework to ensure that those of us living in the Kahana Bay region receive the necessary support from DLNR to find viable solutions.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of SCR 76. I urge you to continue advocating for this resolution, as it reflects the needs and concerns of our community. Together, we can work towards a solution that preserves the beauty of Kahana Bay while protecting the homes and livelihoods of its residents.

Sincerely,
Quang Nguyen

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 6:16:09 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:

Our beaches are critical public trust assets and we must do all that we can to support maintaining and preserving them.

I support collaboration amongst the upland property owner and the agencies to urgently move forward with a restoration plan.

thank you

March 14, 2025

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

I hope this message finds you well. As a resident of a condominium near the Kahana Bay shoreline, I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76. This resolution, which calls upon the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist condominiums in the Kahana Bay area in finding a sustainable solution to the ongoing shoreline issues, resonates deeply with me and many of my neighbors.

The concerns regarding the shoreline in our region are not merely theoretical; they directly affect those who live close to or adjacent to the affected areas. Over the years, we have witnessed the erosion and shifting dynamics of the shoreline, and it is clear that action is needed to preserve not only the beauty of Kahana Bay but also the safety and integrity of the properties along its shore.

I believe that SCR 76 offers a thoughtful and practical approach, urging DLNR to collaborate with local property owners and other stakeholders to address these challenges. This resolution represents a vital step toward ensuring that the necessary resources and expertise are brought to bear in protecting both the environment and the homes of those who live in the Kahana Bay area.

As a resident who has seen firsthand the importance of preserving our shoreline and finding lasting solutions to these issues, I strongly urge you to support SCR 76. The thoughtful action proposed by this resolution is crucial for the future of our community and the safety of our homes.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I trust that, with your leadership, we can work together to secure a positive outcome for the Kahana Bay region.

Sincerely,
Blaine Parthemer

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 8:06:01 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Alpine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As I resident at the Sands of Kahana condominium for over 10 years I have watched the continuing erosion of the beach and shore in Kahana. Temporary sands bags placed years ago are now disintegrating (as designed) protecting the Sands building 3. The well researched proposal (by University of Hawaii) to build a T groin into the bay to preserve the beach and provide increased protection to the homes at the Sands is sorely needed. The community in Kahana has come together to develop a self funded plan and only needs the state to continue this effort. I strongly urge the legislators to approve the bill and save an important beach and assist the community most impacted by its erosion.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 9:26:15 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
moana wietecha	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in strong opposition to SCR76. T-groins are not a long-term solution to erosion—they are a costly, temporary band aid that will ultimately leads to more problems. Studies show that these structures require constant maintenance, beach nourishment, and costly mitigation efforts to address the erosion they cause elsewhere. Instead of wasting taxpayer money on a project that will only create more problems down the line, let's invest in real, sustainable solutions like managed retreat and sand dune restoration. Look to other places where they have had success with these issues. We must leave ample space for the oceans movements. Fighting the ocean is a losing battle. We need to plan for the future of our shorelines, not just for the financial interests of a few. Please vote against SCR76. Mahalo

Moana Wietecha

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/14/2025 10:30:43 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

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

I am writing to express my support for SCR 76, a resolution that calls upon the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a real solution to the shoreline issues that have been affecting the community.

I have visited and stayed at Hololani condominiums located adjacent to the Kahana Bay shoreline, and I have witnessed firsthand the challenges posed by the ongoing erosion and the potential risks to the homes and the surrounding environment. The situation has become increasingly urgent, and I believe that the resolution outlined in SCR 76 represents a crucial step toward addressing these concerns.

The issue of shoreline erosion is not just a matter of property concern, but one that impacts the safety and well-being of residents, both homeowners and renters alike. I am grateful to see that SCR 76 advocates for a comprehensive solution, one that brings together state resources and expertise to develop a sustainable plan that benefits both the people and the environment in Kahana Bay.

As an advocate that is deeply invested in the health of the community, I appreciate the leadership shown by the Committee on Water and Land, as well as by you, Senators Inouye and Elefante. I hope that you will continue to support this important resolution, as it has the potential to not only protect the properties but also to preserve the beauty of Kahana Bay for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jackie Gomes

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 3:56:00 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ana Cristina Ramos Pinheiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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March 14, 2025

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

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR76, a resolution that asks the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a meaningful solution to the shoreline issues we are facing. As a resident of Hololani condominium, which is located adjacent to the Kahana Bay shoreline, I can personally attest to the growing concerns in our community regarding the stability and preservation of our coastline.

The erosion and other challenges that impact our shoreline are not just a matter of aesthetic concerns, but are directly affecting the safety and property values of those of us who live here. It is critical that the state take proactive steps to help us find practical, sustainable solutions to these issues. SCR76 is a step in the right direction because it encourages collaboration with the DLNR, an agency with the expertise and resources to tackle these kinds of problems.

I appreciate the effort to address the unique challenges faced by communities like mine, where shoreline erosion is more than just an environmental concern—it is a pressing issue for property owners and residents alike. Our homes, businesses, and livelihoods are all directly tied to the health of our coastline, and we rely on the expertise and assistance of state agencies to guide us through these complex challenges.

Thank you for considering this important resolution. I strongly urge you to support SCR76 to help bring about a positive, long-term solution for the Kahana Bay region.

Sincerely,
Linda Parthemer

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:08:07 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Norbert Wolszon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I urge you to please support this bill. Beaches are the life line of the economy and we need the tax reveune now more than ever. Protect Maui's precious resoureces and ensure they exist for generations to come. Beaches mean tourists and money for local businesses as well as the enjoyment of local residents and their families. Please do your part and support this bill.

Mahalo for your time and understanding

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:17:47 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danny Cox	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Restoring Kahana Bay: A Commitment to Maui's Future

Kahana Bay is more than just a shoreline—it's a treasured part of Maui's history, culture, and economy. Over time, erosion has relentlessly threatened our beaches, our homes, and the natural beauty that makes this island so special. Without intervention, we risk losing not only vital coastal resources but also the very essence of what makes Kahana a beloved destination for residents and visitors alike.

The **Kahana Bay Steering Committee (KBSC)**, representing nine committed properties, stands united in our effort to restore and protect this cherished coastline. But we cannot do it alone. We welcome the support of **local, state, and federal agencies**, including **FEMA grants and the Army Corps of Engineers**, to fund this crucial project. By investing in Kahana Bay, we are investing in **Maui's environmental future, its people, and its economy**—ensuring that future generations can enjoy the same pristine beaches and thriving marine ecosystems that have defined our island for centuries.

Our approach is **sustainable and responsible**. Utilizing **T-Groins**, a solution that mimics natural lava formations and is fully compliant with Act 16, allows us to **restore the shoreline without compromising environmental integrity**. This isn't just about safeguarding properties; it's about **protecting public beaches, preserving biodiversity, and maintaining tourism revenue that sustains our local economy**.

Maui deserves a resilient, thriving coastline. **Bill SCR76** is an opportunity to stand together and take decisive action before it's too late. We urge our leaders to support this effort and help restore Kahana Bay—for today, for tomorrow, and for the generations to come.

Join us in protecting Maui's legacy. Support the Kahana Bay Restoration Project.

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Hololani, located along the Kahana Bay shoreline. I am writing to express my support for SCR 76, which calls upon the DLNR to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a real solution to the shoreline issues.

The erosion of the shoreline in this area has reached a critical point and poses a significant threat to our community. Without immediate and effective intervention, this situation will escalate into a catastrophic problem. Currently, the only protection available to the condominiums consists of temporary sandbags, some of which have been in place for over a decade.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have dedicated considerable time and financial resources to completing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Moreover, the committee is fully prepared to fund any viable solution. However, the involvement and support of government agencies are crucial to making this project a reality.

I urge DLNR to collaborate with the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to implement a sustainable and effective solution to preserve our shoreline and protect our community.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chadash

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:03:30 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Serena Reiss	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committe,

The KBSC (nine properties) is united.

To fund the project we'd welcome local, state, federal, & FEMA aid or grants, and the Army Corps of Engineers support.

This isn't just about protecting our homes—it's about restoring Kahana Bay for all, preserving Maui's natural resources, and sustaining tourism revenue.

T-Groins, if used, mimic natural features (e.g., lava flows) and aren't banned shoreline hardening under Act 16.

Kahana Bay's beaches are shrinking, and without action, we risk losing them forever—along with the beauty, recreation, and economic vitality they bring.

Our coalition's plan, developed with Oceanit, proposes beach nourishment (offshore sand transport) and stabilizing structures like T-Groins to protect and restore our shoreline.

This isn't just a property issue—it's a community and environmental priority.

Upcoming bills and resolutions (SCR 76, SR 59, and beyond) will shape our path forward.

Together, we're not just protecting our homes—we're restoring Kahana Bay's glory for future generations.

Thank you for your time on this urgent matter.

Serena Reiss

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:10:30 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Busa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SCR76

Submitted by: Justin Busa

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR76.

Public Benefit and Beach Access

Opponents claim the project will benefit only condominium owners; however, these beaches are public and open to everyone. Public access is the law, and there is no request to change that. In fact, I would encourage officials to consider expanding public access as part of this project, so the entire community can benefit.

Nature of the Proposed Solution

This is not a large-scale seawall hardening project. T-groins, when carefully designed and properly engineered for the specific conditions of a bay, have the potential to stabilize the shoreline with minimal risk of flanking erosion. In the case of Kahana Bay, the existing natural rock walls on either side further reduce that risk. Paired with additional methods—such as vegetative berms—T-groins can be part of a thoughtful, sustainable erosion mitigation strategy.

Protection of Economic and Housing Resources

Although many of these units are vacation rentals, there are also full-time residents. The number of residential occupants has grown since the Lahaina fire, making these properties an increasingly important housing resource. Furthermore, some of these properties are on the “Minatoya list” and are being considered for conversion back to long-term housing to address Maui’s critical housing shortage. Rather than losing this potential solution, we should protect these buildings and keep our options open.

If changes occur with the Minatoya list, the Kahana area may remain one of the last relatively affordable vacation rental zones on Maui compared to higher-priced areas like Kā’anapali and Kapalua. Preserving this mix of housing stock and more accessible accommodations helps maintain balance in our local economy.

Conclusion

SCR76 presents a reasonable path forward by urging collaboration among state, county, and

federal agencies. Restoring and protecting the shoreline benefits everyone, and with the right approach, it can be done responsibly and sustainably.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Justin

Our Experience as Condo Owners in Maui – A Growing Concern

I hate to say this, but based on our experience, I wouldn't recommend anyone buy in Maui right now. Owning a condo in Hawaii was our lifelong dream. In 2022, that dream came true when we purchased a beautiful condo in the Kahana Bay area. We worked hard and saved for years to make it happen. Our plan was to rent it out short-term, visit often, and eventually spend months there in retirement.

However, since purchasing, we've seen shocking changes in beach erosion. The situation is far worse than when we bought, and our building is now in danger. The only thing holding back the ocean is a line of sandbags, which are now deteriorating. Our resort already has replacement sandbags in storage—fully paid for by condo owners—yet Maui County refuses to issue permits for installation. Meanwhile, during storms, waves are already overtopping the failing barriers. The county won't even respond to our requests, leaving us completely in the dark.

We understand that some environmental groups oppose sandbags, but the reality is that ignoring the problem is making it worse. Many sandbags have broken apart and are now floating in the ocean, which benefits no one. Instead of allowing this situation to spiral further, why not approve solutions that protect both the shoreline and the community?

The Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project (KBMP) consists of nine different resorts and 862 condos in Kahana Bay, all of which are at risk. The project has already developed a well-researched plan to install T-groins, designed by experts to calm the violent waves. Condo owners are fully prepared to fund this project, yet it has been sitting on government desks for at least eight years, with no movement. Meanwhile, similar projects have been approved elsewhere in Hawaii. Another option—coral reef restoration—was recently approved in Olowalu, securing a \$10 million grant. This method could reduce wave energy by 97% while benefiting marine life. Why isn't this being seriously considered for Kahana?

There are also troubling rumors that some groups simply want to let the buildings fall into the ocean and see this as an opportunity to reclaim the land from mainland property owners. After witnessing the anti-mainland sentiment that surfaced after the Lahaina fires, I don't know what to believe anymore. What I do know is that we—along with other hardworking families—invested in good faith, only to be left abandoned by local authorities. The thought that we are not welcome here is not too far-fetched, especially considering Maui County's upcoming plan to phase out 7,000 short-term rentals. It feels like yet another way to push out mainland owners while ignoring the economic consequences and the impact on property values.

I call for long-term, preventive thinking and action—before it's too late. We can't wait for another disaster to happen before leaders start taking this seriously. Just like the fires in Lahaina, where lack of preparation led to unimaginable loss, we're watching another preventable crisis unfold in slow motion. Will Maui County once again fail to act until it's too late?

At this point, we need collective action and maybe something will finally be done before another tragedy strike

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:47:47 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rey and Carla Munoz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee:

Thank you for your time and for the option to respectfully submit our strong support of the restoration project of Kahana Bay.

The KBSC, comprised of nine properties along Kahana Bay, are united in this much needed project. We would welcome a co-funded project by state, federal, local and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Our family has vacationed at the Valley Isle Resort for over 30 years. Eight years ago we purchased one unit and six years ago we purchased a second unit, so we are now vacationers and property owners. We have witnessed a beautiful large beach at the resort and would love to welcome back the sand and beach area.

We strongly support the T-groin structures as part of the beach restoration. This style has been used successfully in other beach areas of Hawaii as they do mimic natural features - much better than hardscapes. It allows the marine life to flourish which is great for snorkeling as well as fishing for guest and locals and the health of the shoreline. We understand that our sand is located in the bay and can be returned to the newly restored beach.

This beach restoration will not only add to the beauty and recreational enjoyment of the beach and ecological support of the marine life, but will have outreaching benefits for Maui. Better beaches encourages tourism which provides tax revenue for the county and also jobs and small business growth in the area. Jobs will be available for local workers in food service, housekeeping, maintenance, property management, whale watching/snorkel trips and other activities, just to name a few. This will go a long way to support the rebuilding of Lahaina after the fires.

Our family of nine recently visited our condos. The second day of our visit, our family including three grandchildren played at the beach area to the south of the Valley Isle with great fun had by all! (We currently cannot play in front of the property as the beach is too small/dangerous and filled with sandbags to prevent further erosion.) The very next day we went out to play again and due to a strong wave event during the night, we could no longer play safely on what was left of that beach area. The limited beach area does come and go with the tide. This was very disappointing for our little people.

Hawaii holds a special place for our family. Our grandparents came to Hilo, Hawaii at the turn of the century to cut sugar cane on contract at a very young age from Spain.

Again, thank your for allowing us to provide our strong support for the Kahana Beach Restoration project.

Respectfully,

Rey and Carla Munoz

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:52:55 AM

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

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

Comments:

With rising sea levels, the environmental disaster of collapsing homes and infrastructure into Maui's waters would be horrific for the people of Maui. This successfully proven erosion mitigation strategy/proposal would not only avoid an environmental disaster, it would provide the people of Maui more beach access. I strongly urge Maui's leaders to act proactively to protect Maui's beaches and environment.

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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:00:36 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Balestreri	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Proposal for Rock Wall Installation in Lahaina to Replace Sandbags

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. As someone who frequently visits Lahaina's beaches, I have seen firsthand the challenges caused by the current sandbag barriers. I am writing to propose a bill that would replace these temporary measures with a permanent rock wall to enhance safety, maintain beach access, and protect both property owners and visitors.

The continued use of sandbags is not a sustainable solution, as they degrade over time, obstruct beach access, and fail to provide adequate long-term protection against erosion. By implementing a properly engineered rock wall, we can ensure:

- **Improved Safety** – A stable, long-lasting structure will reduce hazards posed by deteriorating sandbags and shifting shorelines.
- **Sustainable Beach Access** – A rock wall will preserve Lahaina's natural beauty while ensuring safe and equitable access for residents and visitors.
- **Environmental and Structural Protection** – The wall will serve as a defense against erosion, protecting both private and public property and supporting long-term coastal resilience.

Preserving Lahaina's coastline is vital for the community, businesses, and visitors who cherish this area. I have enclosed a draft of the proposed bill along with supporting research on the benefits of rock walls for coastal preservation. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and collaborate on a sustainable solution. Please let me know a convenient time to meet or if additional information is required.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your dedication to Hawaii's communities and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Nancy Balestreri

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:11:35 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:

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

I am writing to express my strong support for **SCR76**.

As a long-time resident of one of the Hololani Condominiums, I have witnessed the devastating erosion of our shoreline over the years. What was once a vast and beautiful beach has now disappeared permanently. It is disheartening that no preventative measures were taken earlier to preserve this vital natural resource.

There are numerous successful examples across the United States demonstrating that **rock groins** effectively restore and protect beaches. A notable case here in Maui is the **Stable Road Beach Restoration Project (CDUA MA-3633)** in Spreckelsville, where the installation of 25 rock groins has led to significant beach restoration. The results speak for themselves.

I urge you to **approve SCR76** to support similar efforts in Kahana. Implementing this solution will help restore our shoreline, protect our coastal environment, and ensure safe and sustainable beach access for generations to come.

Your support in addressing this critical issue would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Melissa Raynier

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:46:22 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mason Blake	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If we do not act on this, there are 9 properties that will be at severe risk of falling into the ocean.

Today at Valley Isle Resort, we consistently see ocean waves flowing INTO first floor properties.

We must act immediately!

I have seen that T-groins are a concern but are NOT considered "shoreline hardening." Even so, if T-groins are the issue, there are multiple other approaches to solving this. We simply need to engage and solve this together.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee is united amongst 9 properties. The KBSC is a committed group who is open and willing to engage in a constructive debate on the best path to solve this very urgent issue.

Please consider what a horrible disaster it would be to see properties full of hundreds of owners and tourists fall into the ocean.

Respectfully,

Mason Blake

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:20:16 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:

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

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76, a resolution that addresses the ongoing shoreline issues affecting the Kahana Bay region. As a resident of [____ condominium], located [close to/adjacent to] the Kahana Bay shoreline, I have witnessed firsthand the growing concerns related to the shoreline's stability and its impact on our community.

I firmly believe that SCR 76 represents a crucial step in seeking a practical solution to these issues. The resolution directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist in identifying and implementing real, sustainable solutions for the condominiums in the Kahana Bay area, which are experiencing increasing challenges due to erosion and other environmental concerns. This action is not only important for the preservation of our community but also for ensuring the safety and well-being of those who live and work here.

Living in close proximity to the shoreline, I am keenly aware of the immediate risks posed by the deteriorating conditions. The current state of the shoreline, if left unaddressed, threatens not only our properties but the environment and local economy as well. It is critical that we work together to find solutions that will protect both the natural beauty of Kahana Bay and the homes of those who reside here.

By supporting SCR 76, the Hawaii Legislature has an opportunity to take decisive action, providing much-needed guidance and resources to tackle the pressing challenges faced by Kahana Bay residents. I am confident that this resolution, if passed, will help to secure the long-term stability of the shoreline and safeguard the future of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I strongly encourage you to support SCR 76, and I am hopeful that together we can make a positive difference for the people and environment of Kahana Bay.

Sincerely,

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:23:18 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ana-Melissa Kea-Scott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to SCR76. The natural movement of sand along our coastline is essential for maintaining healthy beaches and ecosystems. T-groins disrupt this process, interfering with the natural sand bypass system and causing unintended damage to other areas. This interference can degrade coastal wetlands and estuaries, further endangering our fragile environment. Instead of building structures that accelerate erosion elsewhere, we should focus on solutions that allow the coastline to migrate naturally. Let's make decisions that protect our beaches for future generations, not just short-term interests. Mahalo.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:47:45 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 SCR76 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.

mahalo

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:51:53 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katie Busa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong support for SCR76. There needs to be a clear path forward to replenish the beach and protect our homes.

This project will benefit the community by restoring the public beach for all to use as well as benefiting the area economically for years to come through taxes collected from vacation rentals and money spent at local stores and restaurants in the Kahana area. The condos around Kahana Bay are not just vacation rentals. There are many full time residents, including residents displaced by the Lahaina fires. This project would ensure the longevity of these buildings that offer a sorely need resource on the island. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Katie

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:34:51 AM

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

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

Comments:

Please protect the beautiful property known as Hololani in Kahana, Maui. I have lived there part time for 27 years and consider myself part Hawaiian.

Hololani's sheet pile and rock revetment project is a fully permitted and approved project that went through rigorous federal, state and county permitting.

Hololani already installed a permitted sheet pile on its property in 2018, the only issue before this Committee is whether or not the temporary sandbags should be replaced with rocks.

The emergency sandbags that have been in place since 2007 should be replaced with the rock revetment because it will be much safer for public access and will have a smaller overall footprint than the sandbags.

The project provides a vital solution to address the significant flooding issues on Honoapiilani road. We are grateful to Hololani for agreeing to fund this project and contribute a community solution for the area.

Hololani has been an active participant along with the other communities in longer term regional solutions for the area. The Hololani sheet pile and rock revetment would be compatible with any such long term solutions.

I urge you to pass this resolution so that Hololani's project can finally be completed, along with critical drainage improvements to Honoapiilani road.

Paul Fiskum

Hololani B303

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:40:02 AM

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

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

Comments:

Dear council, I own a condo very close to the ocean in Kahana Bay, we come and visit 4 to 6 times a year and also friends and family come and use our condo. We have spent much time and money in Maui as it is our piece of paradise. Unfortunately, our Beach is disappearing at a fast pace. We all stand to lose if nothing is done. I know of many cities across the world which have installed T-groins and all of them with success. Any other options are secondary to the T-groins, which is a proven method to divert the ocean water. If nothing is done, the results will be catastrophic. We urge you to please move forward and vote in favor of finding a resolution to this crisis. There is no other option! we all stand to lose so much. There are over 900 condos in Kahana Bay and I can tell you that everyone of us ask you for your support. Thank you for your time and hard work regarding this matter.

March 14, 2025

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

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76, which requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a sustainable and effective solution to the ongoing shoreline issues. As a resident of Hololani condominium, located on the Kahana Bay shoreline, I am deeply concerned about the environmental and safety challenges facing our community.

The shoreline in this area has been a point of growing concern for residents and property owners alike. Coastal erosion, rising sea levels, and storm surges are all contributing to the ongoing damage to our homes and the natural beauty of the area. The current situation is unsustainable, and without the intervention of the DLNR, the problem will only worsen, potentially causing further harm to our properties and the broader ecosystem.

SCR 76 represents a critical step in addressing these issues, and I firmly believe that it will lead to the development of long-term solutions that will protect the Kahana Bay shoreline. I am hopeful that through the actions proposed in this resolution, DLNR will provide the necessary expertise and resources to guide our community toward a viable solution.

As someone who lives near this fragile shoreline, I have witnessed firsthand the increasing challenges we face as property owners and residents. The well-being of our community, as well as the preservation of Kahana Bay's natural beauty, depend on the actions supported by SCR 76. I strongly urge you to support this resolution and help ensure that our voices are heard in addressing this critical issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing the positive change that this resolution can bring to our community.

Sincerely,
Jarren Parthemer

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:59:49 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 Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR76.

My family has been part of the Hololani community since the late 1980s, and I've had the privilege of spending so much of my life enjoying the beautiful beaches in Kahana. That's why it's been heartbreaking to see how much of the beach has disappeared over the years. What was once a wide, sandy stretch is now mostly gone, and it's hard not to feel like something should have been done sooner to protect it.

We know there are solutions that work. The Stable Road Beach Restoration Project in Spreckelsville is a great example — the installation of 25 rock groins has brought the beach back, and the results speak for themselves. 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 been lucky enough to grow up here, but for future generations who deserve to experience the same natural beauty.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your support in helping to solve this would truly mean a lot.

Sincerely,

Michael Schulhof

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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 12:22:01 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renae Steichen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to urge your support of SCR 76 and SR 59. Kahana Bay is in desperate need of repair and restoration to preserve Maui's natural resources and sustain much needed tourism revenue. As a home owner in the Kahana Bay, we see the damage to the Bay and dwindling beach as threatening not just our home, but also the local beauty and tourism potential. The T-Groins, if used, mimic natural features (e.g., lava flows) and aren't banned shoreline hardening under Act 16.

Please support this bill, thank you.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 12:33:11 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 2:30:54 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 am adamantly opposed to both SCR76 and SR59. These projects threaten our beaches with failed tactics like seawalls and rock groins - methods that destroy coastlines and accelerate erosion.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 3:36:57 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol McKinney	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have lived in Hololani nearly 40 years. I have watched the coastline erode at an alarming rate. Without action we are heading toward catastrophic consequences for this entire region. I strongly support SCR76. We need the support and guidance of DLNR and other government agencies to bring this project to life. The longer we wait, the worse the problem will get, and the Harder it will be to fix. Please support SCR76 so we can work together to find a responsible and effective way to restore and preserve our shoreline. Mahalo for your time and support

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:11:41 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tim Fant	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 SCR 76, which I believe is an important step forward in addressing the shoreline issues affecting the Kahana Bay region. As an owner / resident of Hololani B603, located adjacent to the Kahana Bay shoreline, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges posed by erosion and the threats it poses to both the environment and the local community.

SCR 76 is crucial because it calls on the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to actively engage with the condominiums in the area to find tangible, long-term solutions to these shoreline concerns. I appreciate the resolution's focus on collaboration with local stakeholders, recognizing that the residents and property owners along Kahana Bay have valuable perspectives and concerns that should be taken into account when developing a comprehensive plan.

Our community, including both residents and owners, understands the importance of preserving the integrity of our shoreline, not just for our safety, but also for the environmental health of the bay itself. The encroaching effects of erosion have already caused significant damage, and we are at a critical point where decisive action is needed. SCR 76 offers a pathway toward addressing these issues with the seriousness they deserve, and I believe it represents a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I respectfully urge you to continue supporting SCR 76 and to help ensure that the necessary resources and expertise are directed toward finding a lasting solution to the shoreline concerns in the Kahana Bay region.

Sincerely,
Tim Fant

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 4:19:37 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
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,
Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76, as it directly impacts both the future of my community and the preservation of the natural beauty of Kahana Bay. I am an owner / resident in the Hololani condominiums along the Kahana Bay shoreline, and as a concerned resident of this area, I believe the resolution to be a critical step in addressing the pressing shoreline issues that have long affected our region.

The challenges faced by properties like mine, especially in relation to coastal erosion and environmental preservation, require urgent and thoughtful solutions. SCR 76's call for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist condominiums in the Kahana Bay region is a necessary and timely response to the ongoing concerns we face. The proposed action to identify and implement effective solutions is not just important for property owners but also for the overall well-being of the community and the preservation of Kahana Bay's shoreline.

As someone who lives so close to the area in question, I have witnessed firsthand the changes to the coastline and the impacts of environmental factors on our properties. The erosion and shifting landscape not only pose risks to our buildings but also threaten the natural beauty and integrity of the shoreline that we and others cherish. By supporting SCR 76, the legislature can help ensure that the DLNR provides the necessary support and resources for the development of strategies that will protect both our properties and the environment.

I sincerely ask you to consider the long-term benefits of this resolution, not just for those of us living adjacent to the shoreline but for all who value the natural landscapes of Hawaii. I am hopeful that, with your leadership and the support of SCR 76, we can begin the process of securing a sustainable future for the Kahana Bay region.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I wholeheartedly support this resolution and encourage you to lend your support as well.

Sincerely,
Mitzi Fant

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:03:50 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr Marion Ceruti	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Kahana Bay, I strongly support SCR76. I am a scientist who has worked with the Kahana Bay Steering Committee (KBSC) to review the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) document. The KBSC has found that T-groins create coves that trap the sand, thus greatly slowing the rate of erosion. The DEIS compares various methods of land preservation and erosion control. The KBSC and the engineering firm, Oceanit, have selected the T-groins with sand as the best approach because it offers the most cost effective way to slow the rate of erosion. Moreover, the groins would support habitat for various sea life, both flora and fauna. The sand could provide much needed resting places for the Hawaiian monk seals that frequent West Maui beaches from time to time. Without T-groins and with sand only, the beach erosion rate would continue as it is now. Thus, the sand-only method without T-groins would not be cost effective.

I appreciate that the legislature is paying attention to the erosion problem at Kahana Bay, but let's make the right decision and use the best, most proven technology.

Please support SCR76.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:27:02 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:

My friend lives in Hololani Condominiums which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline

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.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.

We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

Sean Bloch

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:29:17 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:33:48 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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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Susan, Lawai, Kauai

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:38:27 PM

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

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Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Lisa Schattenburg Raymond

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:50:09 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery,
Kristin Bernardo

kbblakk8371@gmail.com

Full-time resident since 1991 and dedicated tax payer

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:51:19 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:

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

I write in strong opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59, which push forward the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project—a project that serves private beachfront condominiums, many of which are short-term rentals or second homes. This is not a public good—it is a land grab disguised as erosion control.

Hawai‘i is in the middle of an unprecedented housing and disaster recovery crisis. Thousands of Lāhainā residents are still displaced, struggling to rebuild their homes and lives. Yet instead of prioritizing real recovery, these resolutions divert state resources to protect investment properties along Kahana Bay. If there is money for beach preservation, it should be for public shorelines, not for privately owned properties that profit off Hawai‘i while pushing locals out.

The 2021 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) faced overwhelming public opposition because the project’s methods—rock groins, sand replenishment, and artificial barriers—do not work! These techniques further accelerate erosion, destroy coral reefs, and harm nearshore ecosystems. They are short-term, temporary fixes that create permanent damage to public trust resources. Shorelines belong to the people—not developers, not wealthy investors, not short-term rentals.

We cannot keep fighting the ocean at the expense of future generations. Managed retreat is the only sustainable, long-term solution to coastal erosion. Rather than throwing money at failed methods that steal public beaches for private gain, we should be investing in climate adaptation strategies that protect the environment and local communities—not wealthy landowners.

At a time when our people are struggling to rebuild, it is unacceptable to prioritize private beachfront properties over real disaster recovery. I urge you to reject SCR76 and SR59 and ensure that Hawai‘i’s public resources go where they are truly needed—to the people, not profit-driven development.

Mahalo for your time and for standing with the people of Lāhainā and all of Hawai‘i.

De Andre Makakoa

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:53:06 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Debbie gigliotti	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kahana Bay is a beautiful area that is enjoyed by so many people and has been for as long as we have owned a condo there. Over 25 years we have seen so much sand get washed away and beach lost. The group of 9 resorts and one sfr decided that banding together could cultivate conversation about how to restore the beach to its earlier beauty with a big beach area. The report took months to complete and offers up very effective methods to save the Bay and support all the sealife that lives there. The big sea turtles use to be plentiful and laying in the sun on the beach was a wonderful thing to see. I am sure they miss the sand too.

The Kahana Bay steering committee has been diligent in keeping the owners informed and committed to getting help to bring the beach back for everyone to enjoy. Tourists often ask if we have beach on the bay and most times we have to say No. We wish they could see how gorgeous it was before the sea ate it.

We are hoping the council, the state and any agency can help us bring Kahana Bay back to its past beauty. We need your support and influence for it to happen. The cost is scary but its needed for the future generations to enjoy the Bay. I ask you to approve this bill and be part of the celebration of a New Kahana Bay.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:53:49 PM

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

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Kaleiheana-a-Pohaku Stormcrow	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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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 for rich people who don't even live in Hawai‘i. **If they can afford oceanfront property, they can foot the bill.**

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Kaleiheana Stormcrow

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:05:46 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vickie Kadotani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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Vickie Kadotani

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:16:14 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:

Aloha members of the Committee,

I live in Napili, right up on the lower Hononpiilani Rd.very close to Kahana and have enjoyed swimming at Kahana Bay for many many years. It is much smaller now, as ocean rise has taken the beachfronts over the years, and very noticeably West Maui beaches.

We cannot stop this as who can stop what Mother Nature is doing both now and in the years to come.

Lahaina needs to rebuild and house its displaced residents. Funds should go to housing and the rebuilding of Lahaina, the economic engine of Maui. We cannot waste our precious financial resources hardening the shoreline to save STRs and resorts, sad as it will be to watch them fall into the ocean. Who knew that this sea rise would happen so soon and cause the loss of existing shoreline homes and condominiums.

I oppose Resolution 76 and 59. We will lose what precious beaches we have left for future generations. ***Armoring our precious shorelines only destroys them long term.***We all know this, so why is it still up for debate? What is more important?? The dwellings or the beautiful shoreline, beaches, and aina?

I do realize and sympathize that buildings*** will be lost to the sea***, but this is just common sense to, as much as in our power to do so, PROTECT our shoreline for the future. If folks didn't anticipate and think ahead when building shoreline structures in the past adequately ~ WE MUST PLAN AHEAD NOW.

Mahalo nui loa,

Julia McGrath, Napili

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:16:06 PM

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

Comments:

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Sarah Santos

SR-59

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Lorna Holmes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Dr. Lorna Holmes

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:30:26 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 SCR76. This bill does not prioritize Lahaina's families and the local people. 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.

The proposed 25-year easement for a rock revetment at Hololani Resort Condominiums is another short-sighted attempt to armor the shoreline. Shoreline hardening projects like this accelerate beach loss, cause cascading erosion, and permanently damage coastal ecosystems.

Allowing these type of projects to move forward would set a dangerous precedent prioritizing private property protection over public beach access and coastal preservation.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:35:49 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Wood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in strong opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 56. Shoreline armoring does not save beaches rather it accelorates erosion. Seawalls and artificial sand projects are a very temporary fix. They are short sighted and do not address the real problem and best solution which is managed retreat. Sea walls and groins are at best a band aid and not a cure. I urge you to oppose SCR76 and SR59.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:39:04 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Koshu Madnani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

KBSC is the Kahana Bay Steering Committee Comprising of nine properties - they are a united group

To fund the project we'd welcome local, state, federal, & FEMA aid or grants, and the Army Corps of Engineers support.

This isn't just about protecting our homes—it's about restoring Kahana Bay for all, preserving Maui's natural resources, and sustaining tourism revenue.

T-Groins, if used, mimic natural features (e.g., lava flows) and aren't banned shoreline hardening under Act 16.

Why This Matters

Kahana Bay's beaches are shrinking, and without action, we risk losing them forever—along with the beauty, recreation, and economic vitality they bring.

Our coalition's plan, developed with Oceanit, proposes beach nourishment (offshore sand transport) and stabilizing structures like T-Groins to protect and restore our shoreline.

This isn't just a property issue—it's a community and environmental priority. But progress hinges on legislative support, and that's where you come in.

We need a loud, unified voice to counter misinformation and keep momentum alive.

thank you for all you've done so far.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:42:37 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:49:21 PM

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

Comments:

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A. McNicoll

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 7:50:00 PM

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

Comments:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Resolution 56

These bills, which support the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. These resolutions will divert resources from Lāhainā's recovery, causing displacement and wasting resources that were meant for use on rebuilding homes, schools, and infrastructure. This project is environmentally harmful and unsustainable, and the only real solution to coastal erosion is managed retreat, not seawalls or artificial sand projects. These are harmful, not helpful solutions to an ongoing problem. Shoreline hardening is not the answer here, and i encourage you to help out our non-investment, actual in need people in Lahaina as opposed to this proposed misuse that will soak up funding for recovery efforts that are FAR more badly needed.

This is, frankly ridiculous to entertain as these people have already been vehemently denied in their original proposal via in person meetings MONTHS ago.

In summary, beaches are belonging to the PUBLIC, and these proposed solutions would privatize them and make it inaccessible to beachgoers, fishermen and families who have been at them for decades and more.

Again, please put our Lahaina people first. This is NOT within the interest of our community. I strongly and firmly oppose this and it EXHAUSTS me that they are able to push their private investment issue into the public to try and make it our problem as well.

Mahalo for your time, sincerely,
Kylannah Spradlin

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:08:45 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:

This resolution benefits the ocean and all of maui and hawaii.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:37:31 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

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Jennifer Holladay

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 8:44:24 PM

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Kazuo Flores	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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Kazuo Flores

SR-59

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

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

Comments:

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Cecilia Ortiz

SR-59

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

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

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to Senate concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 56

(Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project). this project has been opposed by the community for years. This project will not save beaches . Our state resources should be focusing on Lahaina's recovery, not benefiting private beachfront condominiums, many of which are short-term rentals or second homes.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina,

Darcel Gilbert

SR-59

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Jennifer Inda

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:21:43 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:22:08 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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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Clint Kahahane

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:34:29 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheslei Akima	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Local residents should be able to have access to any and every shoreline.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:39:57 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalena Shim	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kalena Shim, I come from Lahaina and am writing in **strong opposition to SCR76**, which seeks to advance the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project at the expense of both the environment and the community. Shoreline erosion is a natural process, and artificially installing rock groins and replenishing sand will disrupt marine ecosystems, accelerate long-term coastal damage, and threaten native species and coral reefs. Worse yet, this project proposes to shift the financial burden onto the local community—forcing Maui residents to subsidize protection for beachfront condominiums, many of which are owned by out-of-state investors. It is unacceptable for public funds to be used to benefit private interests while putting our cultural and environmental resources at risk.

More importantly, the proposed \$26 million to \$40 million cost could be better used to support Lahaina’s rebuilding efforts and help displaced local families. Redirecting these funds toward housing, infrastructure, and cultural preservation would serve the broader community rather than lining the pockets of wealthy non-resident property owners. Let nature take its course and prioritize community-based, culturally grounded solutions instead of engineering short-sighted fixes that profit a select few at the expense of public trust. I urge you to reject SCR76.

Mahalo for your time and service,

Kalena.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 9:52:44 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

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:17:41 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

Comments:

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Mahalo for your commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Dale Ann Chappell

Maui resident

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:02:10 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 SCR76. 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?

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:20:58 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 desicration of nature.

sincerely,

stephan

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:22:44 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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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:34:28 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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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Mariko Higashi

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 10:40:35 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cienna Kaholokula	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Cienna Kaholokula, and I am testifying today to express my deep concern over proposed resolutions that could enable shoreline hardening and irresponsible coastal management in Lahaina and Kahana. These measures pose a serious threat to our beaches, marine ecosystems, and public access—ultimately favoring private interests at the expense of our environment and future generations.

Shoreline hardening, including seawalls and other artificial structures, has been widely proven to accelerate coastal erosion rather than prevent it. Instead of protecting our shorelines, these solutions often lead to the destruction of beaches, disrupting natural sand movement and harming marine habitats. In places like Lahaina and Kahana, where coastal resources are not only ecologically significant but also vital to our community and cultural heritage, allowing these types of developments would be devastating.

Furthermore, poor coastal management decisions risk diminishing public access to our beaches. Our shorelines are a shared resource, and any policies that prioritize short-term private gains over long-term sustainability undermine the rights of local residents and future generations. We must ensure that decisions regarding our coasts are made with transparency, scientific integrity, and a commitment to preserving the natural beauty and ecological health of our islands.

I urge you to reject any resolutions that promote shoreline hardening and instead invest in sustainable, nature-based solutions such as managed retreat, dune restoration, and community-driven conservation efforts. Let's work together to protect our beaches, marine life, and the people who depend on them.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 11:01:11 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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Noelle Bali

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 11:18:41 PM

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,

I am testifying in firm opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 56. Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project only benefits private beachfront condominiums, many of which are short term rentals or second homes. It is outrageous that only 34% of the housing supply in West Maui is for housing residents. The remaining 66% of the supply is made up of short-term rentals and second homes. Thousands of Lāhainā residents remain displaced, following the 2023 Lahaina Wildfires and state resources should instead be focused on rebuilding homes, schools, and infrastructure.,

It is inappropriate and unacceptable that this project is still being considered after all the years of community opposition. The Kanaha Bay Erosion Mitigation project is environmentally harmful and unsustainable. The last Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2021 was met with overwhelming public resistance.

Seawalls or artificial sand projects are destructive to beaches, causing the acceleration of erosion and disrupting the nearshore ecosystems. Hawaii beaches must be preserved as they are a public resource. Managed retreat is the only solution and must be implemented to stop coastal erosion.

Again, please prioritize the community needs over private investment properties. I urge you to oppose SCR76 and SR59.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify

Ann Pitcaithley, 35-year resident of Maui

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 11:47:36 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hau'oli Thielk	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i oppose scr 76,59,and 47 resolutions. They are a threat to our ecosystem and beaches. What needs to be done is to remove all these shoreline condos and vacation rentals.

Mahalo

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/15/2025 11:50:28 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:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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

Lani Moreau

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:03:40 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 Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for **SCR76**.

As a long-time resident of one of the Kahana Bay Condominiums, I have witnessed the devastating erosion of our shoreline over the years. What was once a vast and beautiful beach has now disappeared permanently. It is disheartening that no preventative measures were taken earlier to preserve this vital natural resource.

There are numerous successful examples across the United States demonstrating that **rock groins** effectively restore and protect beaches. A notable case here in Maui is the **Stable Road Beach Restoration Project (CDUA MA-3633)** in Spreckelsville, where the installation of 25 rock groins has led to significant beach restoration. The results speak for themselves.

I urge you to **approve SCR76** to support similar efforts in Kahana. Implementing this solution will help restore our shoreline, protect our coastal environment, and ensure safe and sustainable beach access for generations to come.

Your support in addressing this critical issue would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Steffany

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:23:00 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

Comments:

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Richard Ho

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:55:52 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.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:23:10 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick Hannon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose shoreline hardening. Retreat is necessary. We are Lahaina Strong.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:40:21 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.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:20:37 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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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Sonja Corrigan

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:38:12 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:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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Deborah Surace

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:58:22 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Bolster	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB 76

Submitted on March 16, 2025

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

My name is Joseph Bolster, and I submit this testimony in strong support of SB 76. My family has called Kahana home since the late 1960s, long before it was destined to become the tourist-dependent place it is today. Back then, Lahaina and its surrounding areas were a tight-knit community, rooted in local life and untouched by the sprawl of resorts, social media, and vacation rentals that now define it. We lived simply—my parents hunted pigs and fished the waters, and our neighbors were families who'd been here for generations.

But Kahana didn't stay that way. It grew into a tourist-dependent town because that's what the world and Maui County demanded of it, and that is nobody's fault. The beauty of our island, the warmth of our culture—these drew visitors in droves, and with them came jobs, infrastructure, and an economy that lifted many of us up. My family saw this firsthand: what was once a sleepy island became a bustling hub, and while it brought opportunity, it also strained our resources, our beaches, and our way of life. We didn't choose this path—it was shaped by forces bigger than any one of us could control.

I support SB 76. This bill aims to improve communication with the Kahana Bay Steering Committee, and it's a step toward ensuring that our voices—those of us who have lived in Kahana throughout the changes—are heard in decisions that shape our future. We need solutions that honor our past while facing our present. SB 76 offers a way to bridge that gap by fostering better dialogue with the committee tasked to address Kahana's challenges.

As a 3rd generation Kanaka of Kahana, with the 4th generation currently toddling about Kahana, I urge you to pass SB 76.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bolster

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:43:12 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:

1:00pm

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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:05:27 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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Aloha,

Turi Kim

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:12:49 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 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.
- The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.
- We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:16:24 AM

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:

No taxpayer money should be spent here. We need more beach access. They have stolen our beaches. The public needs to be compensated as opposed to the public helping them, They have denied us beach access for many years. The resolution should read, remove the buildings and the parking for the buildings should be converted to beach access parking to repay the community for the damage done.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:21:27 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:

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.

Regards,

Shelsea

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:28:49 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 SCR76 and SR59.

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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:45:14 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:

I am a decades long homeowner at the Hololani Oceanfront Resort, located on the Lower Honoapiilani Road on the Kahana Bay shoreline. We desperately seek your support for SCR76. This measure is now in your hands and we need the DNLR to resolve a critical and potentially catastrophic shoreline issue for Kahana Bay.

Our temporary sandbags are just that. . .temporary. And ugly. And unsafe. For almost twenty years, we at Hololani and other Kahana Bay properties have invested significant time and money to come up with a viable solution and will continue to fund these solutions.

Your support will make a critical difference for the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to mitigate our extreme and urgent erosion issues. Our property, our homes, our lives are now in jeopardy and we need your support now.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:15:26 AM

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

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

Comments:

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

Christy
Lahaina

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:24:36 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven S Reiss	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kahana Bay's beaches are shrinking, and without action, we risk losing them forever—along with the beauty, recreation, and economic vitality they bring.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:43:03 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 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.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.

We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

Kind Regards
Maia Longenecker

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:50:47 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:

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

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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.

Sara Patton, 160 River Road, Wailuku, HI 96793

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:56:36 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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Kind Regards
Jeremy Lanouette

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:00:30 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 benefit our shorelines. This would only cause issues to worsen over time.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:05:44 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya Gabriel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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?

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

Tanya Noelle Gabriel, LMHC, NCC

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:12:47 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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SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:19:42 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
joseph simpliciano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Because all shoreline development and hardening takes away the natural process of the ocean waves moving the sand towards shore and leaving the sand there, when there is a sea wall or structure, the ocean waves are constantly pushing the sand inland and because now there is resistance, it does not allow the sand to stay and settle creating beachfront these bills are a bad idea. All development should have never been anywhere near the shoreline or 500ft to the sand. We have seen these damages all over the place, just go to Pōka'i bay and see why one side of the beach was moved to another area because of a breakwall. Community science works and when you mix it with Ike kupuna you can learn a lot. Please do not allow any redevelopment because it will only do more harm and the sand that was once there is out in the ocean somewhere smothering the life out of the coral and most definitely took away a habitat for marine life.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:24:34 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:

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

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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?

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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.

Catherine Velasquez

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:32:04 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:

I am writing in **strong opposition of 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.

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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.

Shay Chan Hodges

Maui, Hawaii

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:42:45 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:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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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.

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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.

Fred Hofer
Hilo

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:32:38 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Wood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I strongly oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 56, as well as Senate Concurrent Resolution 47. I am born and raised in this area and seen the deterioration of the shoreline firsthand. When trying to access the shoreline through these properties as a kid, I was treated like a criminal. T groins and sea walls are not the answer. These hotels should have never been given permits and permission to build this close to the water. It is time for long term fix which is managed retreat.

Mahalo,

William Wood

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:45:25 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:

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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.

Short term private financial goals at the expense of long term environment harm is not in the best interest of Hawaii. Please serve the public, be pono and do the right thing. **OPPOSE**.

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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:01:20 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 76 and Senate Resolution 56, which support the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. This project does not serve the public interest; it benefits private beachfront condominiums, many of which operate as short-term rentals or as second homes.

These resolutions divert vital resources from the recovery efforts in Lāhainā. Thousands of Lāhainā residents are still displaced, and state resources should be directed toward rebuilding homes, schools, and essential infrastructure, not protecting private beachfront investments.

The project has faced years of community opposition due to its environmental harm and unsustainability. The last Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued in 2021 met with strong public resistance. Why is this project being reconsidered now when our community desperately needs every available resource for recovery?

Shoreline armoring does not preserve beaches; it destroys them. Rock groins and sand replenishment efforts accelerate erosion and damage nearshore ecosystems. Hawai‘i’s beaches are public resources; we should not sacrifice them for private investment properties.

The only viable solution to coastal erosion is managed retreat, not seawalls or artificial sand projects. I urge you to oppose SCR76 and SR56 and prioritize the needs of our Lāhainā community.

Thank you for your time and commitment to Lāhainā’s recovery.

Ezgi Green

March 16, 2025

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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

My family has lived on Maui since before 1900. We currently have 5 generations living on the island. We want to preserve our natural resources for our future generations, especially the beaches and shorelines.

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.

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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 all of Hawaii's future.

Jasmine Ryan
Lower Honoapiilani Rd
Lahaina, HI 96761

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:15:22 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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Devon Steck

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:15:26 AM

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

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 Erosion Mitigation Project AKA Beach Nourishment and T Groynes installation or Whale Tail Groynes .

1. The proposed Beach Nourishment and T Groyne installation at Kahana Beach will provide wider beaches at Kahana beach and enhanced SAFE PUBLIC beach access with greater recreational opportunities for residents of Maui and visitors alike.
2. The installation of Beach Nourishment and T Groynes has been scientifically proven as being environmentally friendly and to bring back the much needed marine/sea life to a beach area in a short period of time just as it did at Iroquis Point on Oahu.
3. An additional benefit of Beach Nourishment and T Groynes is the natural creation of beautiful half moon beaches and the natural return of native of sea life which does encompass many living items. This has been proven at Iroquis Point in a very short amount of time on Oahu.
4. The installation of Beach Nourishment and T Groynes have been very clearly proven to positively enhance a beach area for the Public and sea/marine life so that we may co-exist in balance/harmony as our ancestors did many years ago.

Respectfully,

Dennis Henderson.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:16:45 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

LAHIANA FULL-TIME RESIDENT

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:17:02 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:

Benjamin Finnerty

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3/16/2025

Maui County Council

200 S. High Street

Wailuku, HI 96793

Subject: Strong Support for SCR 76 – Protecting Kahana Bay from Coastal Erosion

Dear Maui County Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76, which is crucial to addressing the severe and ongoing coastal erosion threatening Kahana Bay. If no action is taken, many oceanfront properties will soon become uninhabitable, leading to displacement, economic hardship, and irreversible damage to both private and public coastal assets.

The erosion at Kahana Bay has reached a critical level, putting multi-unit buildings and infrastructure at risk of collapse. As foundations weaken and seawater encroaches further inland, homeowners face imminent displacement, and the county risks losing vital housing and tax revenue. This situation not only endangers private property but also threatens public beach access, tourism-related businesses, and the overall economic stability of the region.

Short-term emergency measures like sandbags and revetments are not enough to prevent long-term damage. I urge the Council to support more sustainable solutions, including the deployment of artificial reefs. These structures have been proven to reduce wave energy, protect shorelines, and restore marine habitats, offering a nature-based approach to coastal defense. Implementing artificial reefs in Kahana Bay would help stabilize the shoreline, slow erosion, and preserve both private properties and public beaches for future generations.

Passing SCR 76 would demonstrate Maui County's commitment to proactive, science-based coastal management strategies that prioritize long-term sustainability over temporary fixes. The urgency of this issue cannot be overstated—without decisive action, Kahana Bay's homes, businesses, and beaches will continue to disappear.

I respectfully urge the Council to support SCR 76 and take immediate steps toward securing funding and implementing effective, lasting solutions to protect Kahana Bay.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to safeguarding our coastline.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Finnerty

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:23:48 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christalynn Tabb	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.

Christalynn Tabb

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:25:03 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:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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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.

Thomas Gourley

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:29:57 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 SCR76. Hololani has been on the fore front of shoreline improvement with a long term solution. Kahana Bay Steering Committee has been working to fund a solution for the Kahana Bay shoreline.

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.

With the government's support, the project will create a safer shoreline for residents and visitors.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:32:53 AM

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

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Susan Ching Harbin	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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mahalo,

Susan Ching

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:45:32 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Tremble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

With rising sea levels, the environmental disaster of collapsing homes and infrastructure into Maui's waters would be devastating for the people of Maui and those who visit the island. This successfully proven erosion mitigation strategy/proposal would not only avoid an environmental disaster, it would provide the people of Maui more beach access. I strongly urge Maui's leaders to act proactively to protect Maui's beaches and environment. This is a proven method to restore beaches verses the suggestion of managed retreat (which is virtually impossible due to the infrastructure/roads that are close to the ocean).

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:47:43 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:52:42 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:57:54 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:

I am an owner of a Hololani Condominium located along the Kahana Bay shoreline, and I strongly support SCR 76. This resolution calls on the DLNR to assist the condominiums in the Kahana Bay area in finding a long-term solution to the shoreline erosion issues. Without intervention, the situation will worsen and could lead to catastrophic consequences.

Currently, the only protection these condominiums have are temporary sandbags, some of which have been in place for over a decade. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have already invested significant time and resources into completing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and are willing to fund any viable solution.

We need the support of government agencies to help make this project a reality and protect the future of the Kahana Bay shoreline.

Thank you for your support in solving this long standing issue.

Amy Cole

Hololani Condominium owner

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:25:00 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 SCR 76

As a friend of owners of a Hololani Condominium located along the Kahana Bay shoreline, I urge you to support this measure 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.
- The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.
- We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:26:57 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:

Esteemed legislators,

Mahalo for the work you do for Maui.

I write today in strong opposition to the measures SCR76 and SR59. These measures would allow a green light on the erosion control projects proposed for Kahana. Public monies, therefore, would only benefit the owners of the 9 condo units affected, and NOT the general population of Maui, our West side in particular, who you are elected to serve.

Large developer corporations and owners are responsible for ensuring the safety of their buildings and tenants. These costs should not be passed on to our government. DLNR exists to protect the people and land of Hawaii, not private entrepreneurs. 85% of those condos are held by off-island owners, who profit from (mostly) short-term rentals.

Since the Lahaina fire, so many are still displaced, and with FEMA support ending, shouldn't the county council be more focused on providing help for Lahaina residents who have lost everything? Where are your priorities regarding how county funds are allocated?

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Cherilyn Evans

Napili, Maui

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:33:18 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:37:08 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:46:20 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, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing to express my strong support for SCR 76, which I believe will be a crucial step toward addressing the shoreline issues affecting the condominiums along Kahana Bay. As a resident of [____ condominium], which is located near the Kahana Bay shoreline, I have witnessed firsthand the ongoing challenges that these properties face due to environmental factors and coastal erosion. I strongly support SCR 76 because it calls upon the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist in finding a practical and effective solution to these pressing shoreline concerns.

The growing instability of the shoreline poses significant risks not only to the buildings themselves but also to the residents and the local environment. As someone who lives in the area, I can attest to the deep concern that my neighbors and I share for the long-term sustainability of the community. We are looking for thoughtful action and solutions that protect both the natural beauty of Kahana Bay and the properties that line its shores. SCR 76 represents an important step in ensuring that DLNR works collaboratively with affected property owners and residents to develop solutions that are both effective and sustainable.

I believe that this resolution reflects the urgency of the issue and the need for state intervention to protect this vital part of our coastline. It is my hope that the committee will consider the perspectives of those of us who are directly impacted by these issues and take the necessary steps to support SCR 76 in a way that addresses both the immediate and long-term needs of the Kahana Bay region.

Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony. I look forward to seeing positive progress on this issue.

Sincerely,

James E. Herr

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:03:51 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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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina's recovery.

Aloha, Lynn Keahi

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:13:57 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 SR 59 and SCR 76 that allow the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project to move forward. This is not a public project and only benefits private beach front condos that are typically used for short term vacation rentals that benefit off island owners and visitors.

Hawaii's beaches, by law, belong to the public. Science has consistently demonstrated that attempts to buttress shorelines using artificial means only cause more erosion and harm nearby ecosystems. Maui has already lost miles of shoreline due to climate change and unsustainable concrete barriers and this project will only make things worse. Please protect Maui beaches for our community, our keiki and for future generations.

Mahalo nui loa,

Janie Kunin

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:19:03 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 out shoreline

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:20:28 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 K Christian, STRONGLY OPPOSE SCR76!

I refer all legislators to a 2006 Hawaii Supreme Court Case decision of DIAMOND V. STATE.

This proposed resolution should not be passed for the mere fact that any property owner on the shoreline can only claim land up to the highest NATURAL wash of the waves.

Since these property owners have already built an artifical wall / sandbags / rocks, on the shoreline and in the ocean, they have already BROKEN THE LAW. These owners must be held accountable legally and pay restitution to the people of Maui and all of Hawaii, their property must be deemed detriment to our environment and claimed back by EMINENT DOMAIN. These lands, shorelines and beaches are to be given back to the people of Maui immeidately. These corporations must pay to breakdown all man-made buildings, structures and lots to bring the land back to what it originally was before man touched it.

The people of Maui and all of Hawaii have spoken and do not want these corportations here in Hawaii. The legislators must do what is best for the people of Hawaii, not the corporations of the world.

This resolution must not pass!!! Again, I STRONGLY OPPOSE SCR76.

Signed,

Wallyn K. Christian (typed)

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:22:34 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 scr76 due to the history of negligence toward shoreline and land restoration from private and government entities. There are too many mistakes being resolved in ways that will worsen the situation, that is destroying our land and water resources. Please kill this bill and do not reconsider for personal gain. Think of the people and aina first, stop the overdevelopment and start doing the right thing.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:27:54 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 strong opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 56, which push forward the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. I believe this project will benefit private beachfront condominiums, many of which are short-term rentals or second homes, and not the people of Lāhainā in their continued struggles as they remain displaced. State resources should be ensuring this recovery in the guise of rebuilding schools and permanent homes, not ensuring the infrastructure of luxury condos to be built. This project has had much opposition over the years even before the fire, and it certainly is not the time now to exploit the circumstances that the people of Lāhainā are in now. Please support our Maui ohana with real recovery. Mahalo.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:31:15 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily States	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Prioritize the people of Hawaii for once. We make Hawaii what it is. Listen to those who are advocates of the community over those who just seek to benefit from the community.

Mahalo,

Emily

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:32:47 AM

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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.

Thomas Kevin Kekoa Dolan-Ma

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:48:49 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, and Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair,

I am writing in strong support of SCR 76, a resolution that I believe is crucial for the preservation and protection of the Kahana Bay shoreline. As a frequent visitor of Hololani Condominiums, which is located close to the beautiful Kahana Bay, I have witnessed firsthand the ongoing challenges that the community faces in relation to the shoreline issues.

This resolution calls upon the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to collaborate with the condominiums in the Kahana Bay area to identify and implement practical, effective solutions. As someone who has seen these issues get worse every year, I can speak to the urgency of this matter. The erosion and environmental risks affecting our shoreline have only worsened in recent years, and it is critical that we have a coordinated, comprehensive response to protect the homes, natural resources, and local ecosystem.

I am deeply concerned about the potential impacts of inaction, not only for the preservation of the homes and property values but also for the broader environmental health of Kahana Bay. This resolution offers a chance for real collaboration between residents, the DLNR, and other stakeholders to tackle these issues in a sustainable and effective manner.

I strongly encourage you to move forward with this resolution and support the efforts to secure a viable solution for the Kahana Bay shoreline. The community is counting on leadership that prioritizes both environmental stewardship and the protection of local residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jen Louie

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:51:16 AM

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 76 and Senate Resolution 56, which push forward the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. This is not a public project because it benefits PRIVATE beachfront condominiums, many of which are short-term rentals or second homes and further erode the culture, hisotoricity, and landscape of Hawaii.

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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. It is alreready past time to stop this.

Shoreline armoring destroys beaches. 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 smart solution to coastal erosion is managed retreat. I urge you to oppose SCR76 and SR59 and put our Lahaina community’s needs first.

Wopila for your commitment to Hawaii and to Lahaina’s recovery.

Valerie

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:37:16 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:

Any money spent by Hawaii for abatement should go to maui county infrastructure, speed bumps, county parks, not abatement. Besides, the efficacy is suspect.

Don't spend valuable money for the next ten years. Until Lahaina is strong and rebuilt.

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SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 12:52:22 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Spencer Headley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good day,

I am writing this testimony to voice my strong opposition for SCR 76, as well as its companion bill SR 59, to entertain further consideration for shoreline hardening measures in the Kahana Bay area. Simply put, this is a selfish and foolish proposal that should not be sought after as any time of solution to shoreline erosion and rising seas. Yes, the sand is disappearing in front of previously sandy beaches at lucrative beach front properties. Yes, the ocean is rising. This is happening, and both of these things will have considerable impact on shoreline properties and on the investments of their respective owners. It is also equally true, and must be stated to explain why this proposed solution selfish, and ultimately not a solution anyway, is why the sand is disappearing in the first place.

The affected parties and interested properties are seeking this route precisely for the same reason these properties have been so valuable for decades: it was built right up to the beach. Sand erosion is a natural occurrence. The only unnatural occurrence is a concrete foundation blocking the sand's ability to alter its path. The buildings that obstruct the beach behind it, is the reason the sand is disappearing, so instead of spending considerable time, money and effort to alter the ocean, to break the wave in front of these affected properties, I propose a much more sustainable solution: Take the money that has been made on these properties for so long, and spend it somewhere else. The ocean is rising. It will continue to rise. This is a preverbal broomstick, that may hold off the rising tide for a few years... and then what? Then the ocean will rise where the benefits of such a project are eliminated, and the tide shoreline will take the foundation of these properties regardless. This is the inevitable outcome. Do not add to this structures in the ocean that will remain a permanent detriment to the island long after any benefit of putting them there will expire. The issue is not how to solve this problem in front of the beach, the problem will always be that the building was built too close to the ocean in the first place.

Please to not make shortsighted decisions worse, by compounding this situation with further short sided decisions. The ocean is rising. It will continue to rise. There are many mongoose all over the island now, but we still have the rats.

Thank you,

Spencer Headley

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:01:57 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Pisano	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inoyue, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the committee.

I strongly oppose this Coastal armament project proposal of SCR 47 in Kahana, Lahaina, Maui.

Clear environmental damage will be caused by this proposed project. The scientific evidence that shows coastal armoring does tremendous harm is very great. There is clear proof, not only in Hawai'i, but all around the world, that projects like this are based on outdated thinking. This project will clearly do much more harm than good.

This is a chance to directly protect the 'Āina. Let's move forward with a new light and spirit to say no this project. I strongly urge the legislature to oppose SCR 47.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to protecting Lahaina.

David Pisano

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:21:25 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:

This project is environmentally harmful and unsustainable. Hawai'i's beaches should not be sacrificed to protect private investment properties. State resources should be focused on rebuilding Lahaina.

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 1:35:32 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben Maben	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 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.

Benjamin Maben

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:55:09 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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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:57:45 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:

Aloha

I strongly oppose these bills. This will affect the public and the environment negatively- public shoreline access could be affected and the impact on the ocean environment could be detrimental. Also public tax dollars should not be spent on this for the benefit of private landowners.

Mahalo, Kathleen

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 3:55:30 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 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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.

The builders of these condos made poor design decisions by placing them close to the ocean. Now the condo owners want the state of Hawaii and/or the County of Maui and/or the federal government to pay for these bad decisions. No, No, No, No they need to take responsibility for these decisions.

West Maui is a disaster area and it is irresponsible to spend resources on this type of project when thousands of residents have more pressing needs.

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?

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

Don Blair, Lahaina resident

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:16:51 PM

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

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

Comments:

This is highly unethical & moreover it is completely shortsighted & absolutely foolish. We cannot gamble with our environment like this! We are already facing the extinction of more & more KEYSTONE Marine species in our reefs. In case you don't understand the science that means that mumbay you find out when the shark attacks continuously increase & our favorite fish to eat disappear & the whales begin to decline rapidly in numbers. You think we have a food shorty now!

Do the right thing. be a decent human being for once in your life & THINK!

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:19:57 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:

Aloha,

I am a proud owner at Hololani Condominiums which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline

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. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.

We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

We appreciate your consideration

Kind Regards and Mahalo,

Karen Kawanami

Owner, Hololani B504

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:33:19 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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Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lahaina’s recovery.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth DeLyon

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:47:35 PM

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

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this dangerous resolution that prioritizes investors and beachfront investment over Lahaina's recovery and our public beaches. The reef needs to be protected for future generations and the short term fix will destroy our coastlines. This was opposed in 2018 and now a Senator that is not even from Maui is trying to bring this back after the community has said NO years ago. The owners of those buildings have known for a decade that this needed to be addressed and we need to make sure that the State does the correct thing for the people of Lahaina. Protect our shoreline.

Mahalo, Faith Cummins Lahaina Resident

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 4:53:04 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:

These are dangerous resolutions that prioritize out-of-state investors and beachfront investment properties over Lahaina's recovery and our public beaches.

Thousands of Lahaina families remain displaced — yet lawmakers are 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.

We say NO MORE.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:04:11 PM

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

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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,

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

Keala Fung

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:36:46 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:38:16 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 76 & 59

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 76 & 59** and any similar resolutions that will lead to grant a non-exclusive easement over state submerged lands to allow 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:45:57 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 to express my strong support for SCR 76. As a resident of the [____ condominium] near the Kahana Bay shoreline, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges that we and our neighbors face with ongoing shoreline issues. This resolution is crucial, as it calls upon the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist us in finding a long-term solution to protect both our homes and the beautiful coastline that we are so fortunate to live next to.

The shoreline concerns along Kahana Bay are not just a matter of aesthetics or property values—they impact our daily lives and the environmental health of this area. The erosion and other natural forces that affect the coastline are only becoming more challenging, and I believe that a solution that addresses both immediate and long-term needs is necessary. SCR 76 is a step in the right direction toward securing the resources and guidance that can help us address these pressing issues in a way that ensures the preservation of our homes and the integrity of the shoreline.

Moreover, I believe that by having the DLNR involved in the process, we can work toward a collaborative effort that brings the expertise needed to find a solution that is both practical and sustainable. The current situation, where there is uncertainty and a lack of coordinated action, is not tenable. As someone who is directly affected by these issues, I am confident that the resources and support called for in SCR 76 will make a meaningful difference.

I am grateful for your time and consideration in hearing my testimony and would be appreciative of your support in passing this resolution to benefit our community.

Thank you again for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Troy Gale

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:51:37 PM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malia Marquez	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kākou,

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

Malia Marquez

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 5:55:10 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dew Sriwong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a full time resident of Lahaina, I am writing to support the Kahana Bay restoration project and I believe this resolution will encourage collaboration to find a solution that works for everyone. Funding is a big concern, and the KBSC has indicated they would foot the bill and that the State, County, DLNR, and Army Corp of Engineers would not need to pay even a dime towards this project. Please look beyond the intentionally misleading "Lahaina Strong" campaign messages and find the facts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dew

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:27:37 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 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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** 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.

As a pediatrician, I see how the lack of adequate housing impacts one health. Inadequate housing makes it difficult to manage chronic disease like asthma and increase the risk for depression and anxiety. This is not only an environmental issue, it is a public health issue as well.

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?

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

Regards,

Gerald Montano

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:49:49 PM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Schalla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing to express deep concern over the ongoing and worsening coastal erosion along the Kahana Bay in Maui. This issue is not only a threat to our island's natural beauty but also poses significant risks to marine ecosystems, local businesses, and the livelihoods of residents who depend on a stable and thriving shoreline.

Over the past several years, erosion has intensified, leading to beach loss, damage to properties and infrastructure, and increased sedimentation in our nearshore waters. This has had devastating effects on coral reefs and marine life, which are vital to both the environment and our tourism-based economy. Without immediate intervention, we risk losing valuable coastline, further endangering homes, businesses, and cultural sites that are irreplaceable to our community.

Given the urgency of this matter, I respectfully request that the State of Hawai'i take the following actions:

1. Conduct a Comprehensive Assessment – Support scientific studies and shoreline monitoring to understand erosion trends and develop effective solutions.
2. Implement Shoreline Protection Measures – Explore sustainable solutions such as beach nourishment, dune restoration, and managed retreat strategies where necessary.
3. Strengthen Coastal Management Policies – Update regulations to prevent further coastal degradation, including responsible land-use policies and climate adaptation strategies.
4. Secure State and Federal Funding – Invest in projects that mitigate erosion while protecting the cultural and environmental integrity of Kahana and other vulnerable coastlines in Maui.

In addition, I urge the state to collaborate with local organizations, scientists, and community members to ensure that solutions are both effective and respectful of Kahana's unique environment and cultural heritage.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further and learn more about the state's plans to address this pressing issue. Please let me know how I can support these efforts. I look forward to your response and to working together to protect our beloved Kahana Bay.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Kimberly Schalla

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 7:58:40 PM

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

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

Comments:

I stand in opposition to Senate Resolution 59 (SR59) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 (SCR76) due to concerns regarding environmental impact, cultural preservation, and fiscal responsibility.

Firstly, the proposed Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project, as outlined in SCR76, involves constructing rock groins to combat shoreline erosion. These interventions destroy reef and disrupt natural coastal processes leading to terrible environmental consequences much worse than erosion.

Secondly, the Kahana Bay area holds significant cultural value for Native Hawaiians. Implementing large-scale engineering projects without comprehensive consultation with local communities risks undermining cultural heritage and traditional practices tied to the land and sea. It is imperative that any proposed interventions fully respect and integrate indigenous knowledge and perspectives.

Lastly, the financial implications of the project, estimated between \$26 million to \$40 million, raise concerns about fiscal responsibility. I do not support bailing out shoreline investors. Its buyer beware and I don't support public funds being used to support mostly outside investors.

In light of these considerations, I urge the legislature to reconsider advancing SR59 and SCR76 until comprehensive environmental assessments, cultural consultations, and fiscal analyses are conducted to ensure that any erosion mitigation efforts are environmentally sound, culturally respectful, and economically responsible.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:23:15 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 76

I am in SUPPORT of NATURAL shorelines and NOT expensive band- aid mitigation of trying to stop the PACIFIC OCEAN from doing what it does and will continue to do- be a ocean!

Kahana Bay wouldn't be so ugly and dangerous if the past attempts weren't made.

Please save our shorelines by not interfering with the natural shoreline and how it will continue to naturally change on it's own.

Mahalo for your time and hard work,

Lana Albright

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:30:36 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gina Jones	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Allowing this resolution to pass threatens beaches, coral/marine ecosystems, public access to our beaches, and more. The developers of these resorts and condos are at fault for building so close to the shoreline to begin with, and now they want to cause even more harm just to fix the problem they started.

NO. This will cause irreversible damage, just for the sake of money.

I strongly oppose passage of these resolutions.

Gina Jones

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:06:13 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

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:27:42 PM

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

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

Comments:

A'ole to this resolution SCR76 and companion resolution SR59, I vehemently oppose the interests of corporate profits to risk the environment of neighboring public beaches by building an ineffectual stopgap against sea level rise. A project like this for the Kahana Sands property explicitly exacerbates sand erosion in surrounding areas, and will be a detriment to the community and local ecosystem. The county of Maui and State of Hawaii should be focused on supporting the Lahaina community, the residents that are still struggling with housing, instead of trying to shore up tourist dollars at the expense of local residents and beach goers.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:33:26 PM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Acasio	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

We urge the legislature to protect Hawaii's natural shorelines, prioritizing Lahaina's recovery, and standing with the people- not out-of-state investors. Please vote to oppose SCR 76/SR59.

Sincerely,

Laura Acasio

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 9:39:16 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bella Finau-Faumuina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

Bella Finau-Faumuina

SR-59

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

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

Comments:

OPPOSITION for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 59

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.

Sincerely,

Kapali Keahi

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:02:06 PM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
sherri curry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose building barriers to the encroaching seas. Global warming is here and we need to build farther back from the ocean not put bandaids on raging water. It's a waste of money primarily for mainland and or second homeowners benefit.

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:22:59 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Derrin Kala'iakea Peleras-Costa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Derrin Kala'iakea Peleras-Costa am submitting testimony in opposition of SCR 76 SCR 47 and SR 59. We need to protect and preserve our shorelines and communities. Thank you and Aloha!

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 10:42:52 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Roberson	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 76 and Senate Resolution 56**, which push forward the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. I lived in Lahaina until the fire forced me to relocate and my children grew up surfing fishing and diving all over the area in discussion. It is sacred community land that should be cherished and protected. This is not a public project—it benefits private beachfront condominiums, many of which are short-term rentals or second homes.

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

Laurie Robertson

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/16/2025 11:55:38 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vernelle Oku	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please consider the damage to the shoreline when you introduce and pass a bill like this which heavily favors the developer's rights at Kahana Bay over the local Hawaiian population.

i hope Senator Troy Hashimoto can explain why he introduced these bills and his reasoning behind them.

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 12:15:54 AM

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

LATE

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 in strong support of SCR-76, which calls on DLNR to assist condominiums in the Kahana Bay region in finding a real solution to the severe shoreline erosion issue. As a resident of the HoloLani building, I have personally experienced the dangers caused by the deteriorating shoreline and the reliance on temporary sandbags.

If action is not taken soon, this problem will reach catastrophic levels. Many of these sandbags have been in place for over a decade, serving as a temporary and inadequate solution to an issue that continues to worsen. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have already invested significant time and financial resources into a Draft EIS and are committed to funding a viable long-term solution. However, we urgently need the support of government agencies to make this project a reality.

I urge you to support SCR-76 to ensure that we take the necessary steps to protect our shoreline and our community before it is too late.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Brandey Schulhof

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 12:54:01 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Colleen Sutton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Lamosao and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I own a small home in Kahana and have been a member of the community since I was a child. I support working with the KBSC, the County of Maui, and the Army Corps of Engineers to urgently restore the beach in Kahana, the subject in the bill.

In 2013 a hurricane (made more intense by climate change) washed away many yards of beautiful sandy beach in Kahana. My ohana hoped that things would be resolved and the beach returned. More than a decade later, I still hope to see that beach in Kahana again.

The buildings in Kahana are at serious risk from the ocean because the 80 foot sandy beach is no longer there. These buildings are homes to displaced residents of Lahaina and other Maui residents.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee hired capable engineers. These engineers assessed the way water flows around different types of structures. They have prepared appropriate plans and considered the potential impacts to the environment. The proposed plan will provide a balanced approach and restore some of the habitat that was lost when the hurricane washed away the Kahana beach.

I am grateful for the opportunity to share my hope that my children and generations to follow will have the chance to experience the same wonderful beach that I knew.

Mahalo,

Dr. Colleen Sutton

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 4:39:07 AM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
janine little brave	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose thankyou

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 5:24:38 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Kawanami	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have stayed at Hololani Condominiums which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline.

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. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.

We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

Kind Regards

Ryan Kawanami

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 5:39:38 AM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anis Bel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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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.

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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 since it is our dollars that would fund it.

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

Anis Bel

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 5:43:16 AM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jodi Nehring	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committe members, I continue to appreciate the work you are doing here on behalf of the island of Maui and its citizens. I would urge you to learn more about this proposal and vote yes to this bill. I have looked into this proposal and investigated what is being proposed. I spoke with my daughter who is an environmental and soil scientist. Based on what I have learned this is a positive in terms of being a win win for the environment and the island of Maui. Something needs to be done and urgently, the time for discussion is over and action is required. There is no benefit to letting more time continue to erode our shoreline and beaches. More buildings will be put at risk the longer we wait. Please look at all the data available. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Regards,

Jodi Nehring

LATE

I own in the Hololani Resort Condominiums which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline.

I strongly support SCR 76 because it asks the DLNR to help the condominiums in the Kahana Bay region find a real solution to the shoreline issues such, that has been done on other beaches of Hawaii.

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.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.

We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality. Shoreline issues have been addressed and fixed on other beaches of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Sandi

Subject: Testimony in Support of SCR 76 – Urgent Action Needed for Kahana Bay

LATE

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

We are Janice and Larry Kapchinsky, a retired couple in our late 70's. We worked hard all of our lives to realize our retirement dream of owning a condo in Maui where we could enjoy our golden years watching beautiful sunsets and whales breaching from our lanai. Every year, while still working, we would say, one more project, and we are gone to Maui. Here Today, Gone to Maui!

When we bought our condo at Valley Isle Resort, we thought this was our dream come true. Now that dream, along with a lifetime of honest hard work, is turning into our worst nightmare. All may very soon be lost. There are no years left in our lives to make up for this loss.

Larry barely escaped the fire on that fateful night in Lahaina, only to come to another dangerous crossroad with red lights and danger sirens blaring: Danger, Danger ahead. The same imminent danger that he faced fleeing the Lahaina fire lies directly ahead unless these dire warnings are heeded.

By some strange coincidence, Larry sat next Mike Foley on his flight out of Maui to Honolulu during the fire. But we don't believe in coincidences. We took this as a sign the Lord was in control. What are the odds? For about an hour, Mike explained in detail, his plan to save Kahana Bay. We believe Maui has a valuable resource in Mike Foley's knowledge and expertise and ask the committee to consideration of his proposal to save Maui's precious shoreline: The Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation. This plan implements beach nourishment using seven T-groins, stabilizing structures, which would serve as sand reservoirs for a sustainable beach. They are designed to keep sand in place over the long term and provide new marine habitat.

Larry and I are writing in favor of SCR 76 and immediate action to protect Kahana Bay and the properties along this shoreline.

Valley Isle Resort is currently only protected by temporary sandbags. We are on the corner unit and know the ocean's erosion will accelerate soon, and our condo and structures—along with the beach—will slowly collapse into the ocean. This is not a distant threat; we are watching the waves become more violent every month, putting our condo at imminent risk.

Not all units at Valley Isle Resort are vacation rentals—many are full-time residences for local homeowners, many families who survived the fire, and long-term tenants.

- Many of these units have housed Lahaina fire victims through FEMA—a critical emergency housing resource that will disappear. If the properties in Kahana Bay are lost, the consequences will be devastating:

- Over 1,000 housing units will be destroyed, each worth \$600,000 to \$2.5 million, leading to millions in lost property tax revenue.
- Local businesses, including restaurants, coffee shops, and stores, rely on the thousands of visitors and residents who live in this area. Without these people, these businesses will suffer severe economic losses.
- The shoreline will be permanently altered, and Maui will lose yet another cherished natural resource.

Time is of the essence, the sandbag solution is failing! We need a permanent, coastal restoration solution, similar to what has been successfully implemented in Waikiki today. The state must act now to ensure Kahana Bay remains intact for future generations.

We respectfully urge you to support SCR 76 and prioritize this issue before it is too late.

In the interim, we request additional sandbags and plantings be allowed to hold back the waves from hitting our corner unit. We are inches from the waves crashing.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Janice and Larry Kapchinsky

Valley Isle Resort, Unit #510

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(909) 730-0998

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 6:50:48 AM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danielle Chen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There is a need for involvement from the government and any resources available to help with the erosion of the natural landscape. I am in support of SR 59.

Danielle Chen

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:43:53 AM

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

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline Hudson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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This project has faced years of community opposition due to its environmental harm and unsustainability. Shoreline armoring accelerates erosion, damages ecosystems, and ultimately destroys public beaches. Managed retreat—not seawalls or artificial sand projects—is the only real solution. I urge you to oppose SCR76 and SR56 and prioritize Lahaina’s recovery.

Mahalo for your time and commitment.

Jacqueline Hudson

6 Kiohuohu Lane Unit 8

Lahaina, HI 96761

LATE

Dear Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important matter. My family and I support this 100% .

I am an owner at Pohailani Maui. We see Kahana Bay's beaches shrinking, and without action, we risk losing them forever—along with the beauty, recreation, and economic vitality they bring.

The Kahana Bay Restoration Coalition's plan, developed with Oceanit, proposes beach nourishment (offshore sand transport) and stabilizing structures like T-Groins to protect and restore our shoreline. This isn't just a property issue—it's a community and environmental priority.

This isn't just about protecting our homes—it's about restoring Kahana Bay for all, preserving Maui's natural resources, and sustaining tourism revenue. T-Groins, if used, mimic natural features (e.g., lava flows) and are not banned shoreline hardening under Act 16.

The nine properties in the coalition are united to fund the project via a CFD, but we'd welcome state, federal, FEMA, or Army Corps of Engineers support.

Thank you for taking this matter under consideration and helping us save the beauty of Kahana Bay.

Victoria Vallejo

3/16/2025

LATE

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Victoria Vallejo

3/16/2025

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:55:07 AM

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

LATE

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

Comments:

My home at Hololani is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline, and I strongly support SCR76. It's imperative that the Department of Land and Natural Resources work with the local Kahana Bay Steering Committee, Maui County, and the Corp of Engineers to find realistic solutions to the continued shoreline erosion and loss of coastline habitat.

The continued use of temporary sandbags is not a viable solution. A long term solution is needed to prevent irreparable damage to Kahana Bay beaches, coastline, and public infrastructure.

The Kahana Bay Steering Committee has local community involvement and support. Property owners have invested significant time and expense to develop a draft EIS, and are committed to fund a realistic solution. Working together with the DLNR and other government agencies, we can find a viable solution!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this critically important measure.

Dave Lockett

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:12:16 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 to **strongly oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 and Senate Resolution 56**, which push forward the Kahana Bay Erosion Mitigation Project. The project is not a public one. It benefits private beachfront condominiums, many of which are short-term rentals or second homes.

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.

This is a time to direct state resources to 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.

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 community’s needs first.

Priscilla Stuckey

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:27:11 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

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:37:38 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
robin knox	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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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?

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

Robin S. Knox

Kihei, Maui

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:40:53 AM

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

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 76, which directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to consult with the Kahana Bay Steering Committee, the County of Maui, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the proposed Kahana Bay erosion mitigation project. 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 76 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

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:43:50 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ginger Kawanami	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have stayed at Hololani Condominiums which is located along the Kahana Bay shoreline on numerous occasions.

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. The Kahana Bay Steering Committee properties have invested significant time and expense to get a Draft EIS done, and are willing to fund any viable solution.

We need the help of government agencies to help the Kahana Bay Steering Committee to make this project a reality.

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:50:19 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Boyd	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this because it will preserve Maui's natural resources and also sustain tourism revenue.

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:51:51 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.

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:58:08 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel Arendt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for your time. I support the Bill for restoration. This restoration would be incredibly helpful for so many reasons. Most importantly, to deliver a sustainable and long lasting solution to the ongoing erosion issues at Kahana Bay. The temporary stuctures need to be replaced with a long term solution to increase public safety and decrease flood risk to nearby structures. In additon, the positive consequences of the restoration would greatly help marine biological resources, recreation possibilies and enhance the beauty of the area.

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:58:47 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristen Young	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

Kristen Young
Honolulu, HI 96813

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:44:18 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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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.

and please dont forget that were not doing this to make trouble, were doing this for our keiki and our future. our HOME!!!

Nanea

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SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:47:43 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ken	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SCR76. The State for the safety of human life and welfare can not risk buildings falling into the ocean when there are time proven ways and methods of preventing such a thing from occurring. Not everything in Maui has to be status quo and against science and engineering. Let's move Maui into the future and begin modernization by fixing existing structures and preventing beach erosion and potential collapses of property.

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SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 10:02:56 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 am writing to express my strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 76 (SCR 76), which seeks to address the critical shoreline issues impacting the Kahana Bay region. As a frequent visitor and friend to the community and condominium adjacent to the Kahana Bay shoreline, I can personally attest to the urgency of finding effective solutions for the ongoing erosion and damage that threatens not only the properties in our area but also the broader environment and community.

I firmly believe that SCR 76 is an essential step forward in securing the future of the shoreline, as it calls for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to assist the condominiums along the Kahana Bay shoreline in identifying viable, long-term solutions. This resolution brings much-needed attention to a problem that affects not just individual properties but the overall health of the coastline and its surrounding ecosystems.

The importance of this resolution extends beyond property lines—it directly impacts our local community and the safety of the residents who live in proximity to these vulnerable areas. The erosion threatens our homes and disrupts the daily lives of many, and without a formal effort to address the issue, we risk losing more of the natural beauty and stability of the shoreline.

I strongly urge you to support SCR 76 and help ensure that the DLNR can work with us to create sustainable solutions that protect both the properties and the environment. It is time for a thoughtful, collaborative approach to safeguard our shoreline for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas Wade Clegg, IV

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SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 10:08:11 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John Franklin II	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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.

LATE

SR-59

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 10:15:01 AM

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:

The sandbags should be removed and replaced with rocks and stairs. This project has been fully permitted and approved. The project will make beach access much improved. It will also help curtail the flooding on Honoapiilani Road.