

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES

Representative Ken Ito, Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair

Monday, March 16, 2009
9:00 AM Hearing, Conference Room 325

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 468, SD1 **Relating to Coastal Zone Management**

Aloha Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har and Committee Members:

This written testimony expresses strong support for Senate Bill 468, SD1, which requires affected agencies to account for sea level rise and minimize risks from coastal hazards such as erosion, storm inundation, hurricanes, and tsunamis; preserves public access and public shoreline access; and extends shoreline setback to not less than forty feet from shoreline and requires counties to account for annual erosion rates. This measure well serves well Hawaii's valuable coastal resources in the greater public interest.

This is an important measure for long range planning to protect our rapidly eroding shorelines predicted to further succumb to a sea level rising from global warming. However, given the updated prediction of an increased sea level rise to over three feet at thirty-nine inches, a forty-foot shoreline setback appears to be wholly inadequate.

Therefore, the House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources is respectfully requested to consider an amendment to Senate Bill 468, SD1 of a 150-foot minimum shoreline setback in anticipation of future conditions. This is advisable in the greater public interest in terms of public shoreline access safety and welfare, and is economically advisable in terms of sound planning practices, because shoreline development planned within the next decade or two will still exist to be subject to the predicted sea level increases, especially in Hawaii's urban tsunami inundation zones, by the turn of this century.

Please pass Senate Bill 468, SD1 with the above amendment.

Mahalo nui loa,

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 468 RE: SHORELINE SETBACKS

TO: Chair Ken Ito House WLH
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Aloha na hoo o ka `Aina:

On behalf of all who cherish our shorelines and understand the future impacts of global climate change and inevitable sea level rise, I offer testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB486 that would increase the shoreline set back to 40 feet for all new construction in the coastal zone. We must prepare now to protect our beaches and our fringing reefs. . and preserve our lateral access to those public lands that define our lives in these islands.

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