

HR78/HCR85

COMMITTEE ON WATER LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES

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10:30 a.m.

Conference room 325

STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har, and members of the committee,

I am in strong support of HR78/HCR85, urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources to register the accreted lands along the Waipio Peninsula shoreline in Waipahu as state property for prospective use as a state park.

These approximately 200 acres of accreted lands do not currently belong to anyone. The best and highest use of this property would be for the State to take possession and dedicate it for the enjoyment of all the residents of Waipahu and neighboring areas.

The Navy denies ownership of this area, and we believe that these lands are accreted because the two rivers have dumped silt and mud downstream. The area closest to the mainland used to be the dumping ground of ashes for the Waipahu plantation generator.

Because land is so precious in Hawaii, the State should take every opportunity to exercise its right to acquire lands.

Again, please pass HR78/HCR85.

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

Rosebella Martinez

Ewa Beach

Chair Jerry L Chang
Vice Chair Sharon E Har

Strong Support for HR 78/HCR 85

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Goro Arakawa and I am in Strong Support of HR 78 and HCR 85. As a resident of Waipahu, this resolution is very important to myself, my family, and my neighbors. Currently, there is unclaimed land on the Waipio Peninsula that is not being used. What this resolution will do is claim these lands as State land so that it in turn can be then used as a State park for my community. Right now, there are no State parks in my area. The closest State parks are outside Waipahu. They are in central Oahu and at Kaena Point, which is really far and makes it inconvenient to enjoy and be a regular park user. I ask that you pass this resolution so that these unclaimed unused lands can be put to a good use for the people of Waipahu to enjoy.

Thank you very much for allowing me to submit testimony on this matter.

Goro Arakawa