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Comments: The Manoa community has been told that the City does not want the roadway either. Reportedly a new Manoa community organization, Save Manoa, has been formed and is interested in undertaking ownership and maintenance of the roadway. I respectfully request consideration of transfer by quitclaim to that Save Manoa organization. (It is my understanding that KSBE holds the title to the roadway.) Aloha Michele Matsuo

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RE: SB 331 Relating to Manoa Road
TRA/PSM, WAM Hearing February 12, 2015, 2:45pm Conference Room 229

We oppose SB 331

My name is Ellen Watson; I am the president of nonprofit organization, Save Manoa. One of our initiatives is the acquisition, preservation, and maintenance of the narrow stretch of Manoa Road leading to the entrance of Paradise Park, Lyon Arboretum and Manoa Falls. We have titled this initiative: Home Stretch Manoa.

This stretch of road also facilitates access to the six homes located on this narrow stretch of road. It is our intention, with Manoa Community support, to acquire this stretch of road, to clear and maintain the trees and vegetation lining it and to rehabilitate, upgrade paving and maintain this portion of the road in perpetuity; thus preserving it on behalf of Manoa Valley and its Community and the residents who own homes on this narrow stretch of road.

Further, it is our ambition to preserve its (this narrow stretch of road) historic integrity and to make it available to persons entering Manoa Falls, Lyon Arboretum and Paradise Park, without altering the width requirements, and while addressing the Manoa Community's safety concerns regarding parking, pedestrians and accessibility.

Additionally; it is our position that the impetus behind SB 331 is to transfer ownership of this stretch of road to the City as a first step paving the way for the Wong family (owners of Paradise Park) to own this portion of Manoa Road. We believe the Wong's objective for this part of the road is to remove trees and vegetation, prevent on street parking, widen the road, and move HECO electric lines. With these actions, the Wong's will have a wide road, without any parking, to provide access for the tour buses, (including double-decker) tour buses, delivery trucks, trash removal vehicles, liquor delivery trucks and a multitude of vehicles envisioned to transport the 435,000 visitors that the Wong's hope to bring to their Hawaiian Themed "Polynesian-like Cultural Center Tourist Attraction they intend to build in Paradise Park.

Save Manoa and the Manoa Community are against the Commercial Tourist Development of Paradise Park as slated to be build by the Wong family. We opposed Wong's quest to procure this stretch of Manoa Road to facilitate accessibility for their For Profit Commercial Purposes.