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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the House Committee on WATER & LAND

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 8:30 AM State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 430

In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 190 SENATE DRAFT 1 CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO UPDATE PLANS FOR THE MAUNALUA-MAKAPUU SCENIC BYWAY AND CONSOLIDATE MANAGEMENT ALONG THE KAIWI COAST SCENIC SHORELINE

Senate Concurrent Resolution 190, Senate Draft 1 calls for the convening of a working group to update plans for the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byway and consolidate management along the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.

The Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline managed by the Department's Division of State Parks is an integral element of The Maunalua-Makapuu State Scenic Byway and as such, it is appropriate for the Department to participate in this new planning effort to engage the community on exploring potential options of joint agency and community management of this significant open space corridor.

While the Department does not feel that it is inevitable that vast tracks of land in the subject area will be overrun by commercial interests or parking due to current zoning protections and land tenure, nonetheless, this valuable undeveloped portion of East Oahu represents a significant community open space asset to warrant additional planning and examination of management consolidation.

The Department recommends that due to the significance of the Maunalua-Makapuu Scenic Byways, the only one on Oahu, that the Director of the Department of Transportation or their designee should also co-chair this working group.

Also, rather than a "Report to the Legislature" to document discussion, the Department recommends deleting this provision and instead include that the members who represent the community participants can simply update their respective websites, neighborhood boards and the elected officials who represent the district on the outcome of the discussions and the suggested need for additional policy and action.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

<u>SCR-190-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 4/4/2021 11:12:44 AM Testimony for WAL on 4/6/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Carpenter	DLNR	Comments	No

Comments:

I am available for questions. Please allow me Zoom access. Thank you.

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S.C.R. 190, S.D. 1

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO IMPROVE THE MAUNALUA-MAKAPUU STATE SCENIC BYWAY AND DEVELOP A PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE MANAGEMENT ALONG THE KA IWI COAST SCENIC SHORELINE

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.C.R. 190, S.D. 1, requesting the DOT and community stakeholders to improve the Maunalua-Makapuu State Scenic Byway and develop a plan to consolidate management of the Ka lwi Coast Scenic Shoreline.

The DOT supports efforts for corridor management and coordination between State agencies and the community. DOT points out that the Maunalua-Makapuu State Scenic Byway Final Corridor Plan, completed in March 2018, should be considered in the coordination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco, and Honorable Representatives:

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As the owner of the Kaiwi Mauka lands and collaborators with the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board on the <u>Kaiwi Scenic Byway application</u> and the <u>Maunalua – Makapu'u Corridor Management Plan</u> (a condition of scenic byway designation), Livable Hawaii Kai Hui writes to express **support of SCR 190 and offer one clerical amendment**:

1. On page 1, lines 16-17, please change the spelling of "Liveable Hawaii Kai Hui" to "Livable Hawaii Kai Hui," excluding the letter "e" from our organization's name.

Livable Hawaii Kai Hui appreciates the Senate Committees on Transportation and Water and Land for incorporating the amendments that we offered to the original draft of this concurrent resolution. We are hopeful that the proposed working group will represent the diversity of stakeholders who share an interest to preserve and protect the Kaiwi coastline.

Residents have spent over 45 years across multiple generations to protect the Kaiwi coastline. Multiple community organizations and individuals are already involved with a wide variety of stewardship activities (some to address problems) across Kaiwi, mauka to makai. We recognize that future long-term management plans and discussions require a comprehensive approach in recognition that all stewardship activities can build upon past, current, and future initiatives. SCR 190 can facilitate the need for the State, County, and community partners to consolidate existing stewardship and management efforts, but not with a purpose and intent *"to improve"* but rather *"to malama the aina"* so to continue to uphold the pledge to "preserve the wild and natural characteristics of Kaiwi" (This is how these lands are referred to in the <u>Scenic Byway</u>, the <u>East</u> <u>Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan</u>, <u>Kaiwi Viewshed Study</u> and other relevant plans). We support SCR 190 with amendments and pledge to lend full support of its implementation. Mahalo to Senator Lee for his vision, collaborative spirit, and aloha for the community and Kaiwi coastline.

Elizabeth Reilly Founder/President Kendrick S. Chang Community Outreach

Livable Hawaii Kai Hui is a 501c(3) non-profit, community organization serving East Honolulu since 2004. We strive to promote sensible growth, respect for cultural & natural resources and upholding the integrity of the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan.

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Chair Tarnas, Vice Cair Branco

Regarding SCR190 SD1 : CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO UPDATE PLANS FOR THE MAUNALUA-MAKAPUU SCENIC BYWAY AND CONSOLIDATE MANAGEMENT ALONG THE KAIWI COAST SCENIC SHORELINE.

I strongly support the SCR190 SD1

The Kaiwi Coast is a magnificent place. It is the only undeveloped shoreline in East Honolulu.

It is truly loved and used by many residents and visitors every day.

For far to long it has not had unified oversight by governing agencies.

Many attempts have been made to protect it under a single governing agency. Such is probably not possible. This Working group proposed by SCR190 SD1 is much needed to gain cooperating agencies support for the future protection of this wild and wonderful coastline.

Please support SCR190 SD1

Thank you Submitted by William R. Liggett <u>wliggett@twc.com</u> 4947 Maunalani Circle, Honolulu 96816 808.222.2088

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
elizabeth reilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

Livable Hawaii Kai Hui strongly supports SCR190 SD1 and appreciates Senator Lee's vision and initiative to ramp up our collective care for Kaiwi, mauka to makai.

SIDE NOTE: Please note and fix the spelling of our organization's name from "Liveable" to "Livable" with no "e" after the "v" -

Carpe diem

Elizabeth Reilly

Founder /President

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