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Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 2, 2023
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1254, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE KAIWI COAST

Senate Bill 1254, Senate Draft 1 proposes to designate the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park; establish protection and guidance for land management; funds two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department); and appropriates funds. **The Department supports this measure with amendments.**

The Department points out that the current official name of this park unit is Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline (KSSS). In consultation with the introducer of the measure, the Department has indicated that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) is responsible for the nomenclature of park units. As such, the Department has agreed to bring this proposed new park unit name before the Board for their consideration and for community stakeholders to testify on the change of the name. The current name has a nexus to the use of federal highway funds for acquisition of the parcels, so this element will need to be reconciled.

The Department agrees that it should be, and is already mostly designated as, conservation and is of great intrinsic open space value and complementary to the adjacent Maunaloa-Makapu'u Scenic Byway. Maintaining the land in its current undeveloped and natural state, other than a proposed future vault toilet comfort station, is the goal of the Department. Additionally, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a federal fund administered by the National Park Service, was used in conjunction with CIP to assist with the renovation of the Makapu'u Trail. With the completion of the project in 2017, the entirety of the Kaiwi State Scenic Shoreline (346 acres) became a LWCF property. There is a requirement that any property acquired or developed with LWCF assistance shall be retained and used for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity (LWCF Act of 1965). Any non-recreation use of any portion of the property will trigger a conversion that requires equivalent public recreational property be provided.

Due to the land tenure along the Kaiwi shoreline, it is agreed that the that the City and County of Honolulu also must be included planning on the creation of a proposed bicycle and pedestrian pathway adjacent to the Maunalua-Makapu'u Scenic Byway.

The amount of CIP funding needed to implement the planning, design and construction for the proposed bicycle and pedestrian pathway still needs to be determined. The Department is appreciative of the consideration of funds for the establishment, planning, and design of the park and suggests One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to enact parts of this endeavor.

With these amendments, the Department supports the passage of Senate Bill 1254, Senate Draft 1 as an Senate Draft 2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of an amended version of this measure.



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emphasizing stewardship of the natural resources of Hanauma Bay*

Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

DATE:	Thursday, March 2, 2023
TIME:	10:30 AM
PLACE:	Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

Re: **Strong Support for SB1254**

Aloha WAM Chair Senator Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing Friends of Hanauma Bay to testify in **strong support of SB1254** which would designate the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park. It would also establish protection and directions for land management, and positions, within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for this new State Park.





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The lands of the Ka Iwi coast extending from Hawaii Kai to Waimanalo for almost seven miles are an invaluable natural asset for the people of Hawaii. Framed by dramatic mauka-to-makai views and natural landscapes; cultural and historic features; popular recreational areas; and landmarks such as Koko Crater, Hanauma Bay, Makapu'u Lighthouse, and the lava tube known as Halona Blowhole, Kaiwi comprises the last wild and undeveloped coastal lands in east Oahu.

Designating the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park is a culmination of an extraordinary and unwavering decades-long commitment by the entire East Honolulu Community to protect and preserve this last undeveloped acreage in east Oahu in perpetuity.

Our children and grandchildren thank you in advance for passing SB1254!

With Aloha,

Lisa Bishop
President
Friends of Hanauma Bay



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 2, 2023 10:30 AM Conference Room 211

In SUPPORT of SB1254 SD1: Relating to the Kaiwi Coast

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **supports SB1254 SD1**, which will help to facilitate the management and stewardship of O'ahu's long-cherished Kaiwi Coast.

Volunteers and members of the Sierra Club of Hawai'i have endeavored for decades to protect the natural and cultural integrity of the Kaiwi Coastline, helping to control invasive species, protect native species habitat, and maintain trails that allow residents and visitors to enjoy this area safely and with minimal impacts. Most recently, Sierra Club volunteers have successfully advocated for the installation of boulders and a designated parking area to prevent vehicular degradation of the sand dunes and adjacent coastal areas of Wāwāmalu.

By consolidating ownership and land use authority under the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and by providing resources needed to steward this special place, SB1254 SD1 will help to ensure that the ecological and cultural character of our Kaiwi Coast remains intact for current and future generations to steward, appreciate, and enjoy.

The Sierra Club does note that this measure does not contemplate the sale or gift of lands from the state to non-state agencies, and that HRS § 171-64.7 would therefore not be triggered by its provisions. See HRS §171-64.7(a), (f)(1). Accordingly, to avoid unnecessary confusion, the Sierra Club does recommend that the exemption to the requirements of HRS § 171-64.7 on page 3, lines 3-4 be deleted.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge the Committee to **PASS** SB1254 SD1.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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Ka Iwi Coast

Livable Hawaii Kai Hui is a 501(c)(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.

February 28, 2023

Hawai'i State Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
Meeting on March 2, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

RE: **Strong support and comments for SB1254 SD1, Kaiwi Coast State Park**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and WAM Committee Members,

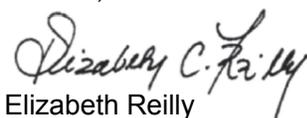
As an organizing member of the Ka Iwi Coalition and contributor to the Maunaloa-Makapu'u State Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui testifies in **strong support** of SB1254.

LHKH proudly stewards the Ka Iwi Coast Mauka Lands with the support of communities and individuals not only from East Honolulu, but across O'ahu and beyond. As such, we take particular interest in SB1254 and are eager to support what we hope is the final push to create the Kaiwi Coast State Park.

The Hui is excited to see the State taking up this initiative that aims to protect and preserve the cultural and natural resources of Kaiwi Coast in perpetuity, especially because it respectfully seeks to engage community members and stakeholders in the planning process. That said, while we are encouraged by such mindfulness, we hope this inclusivity and a commitment of adequate resources extend throughout the park's lifetime. Also, we hope that the 2050 effective date in SD1 is brought up to at least 2024.

We'd like to send a big mahalo to this Committee for hearing this measure and considering the decades of grassroots stewardship that brought us all to this momentous point. Special thanks to Senator Chris Lee, Senator Stanley Chang, Representative Gene Ward, Representative Mark Hashem, and all their teams for working with us on this effort for years. We look forward to the passage of SB1254 and our continued collaboration.

Mahalo,


Elizabeth Reilly
Founder/President


Dylan Ramos
Communications & Operations



3/2/2023

WAM Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Position: Support SB1254 SD1

The Surfrider Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves, and beaches. Surfrider maintains a network of over 150 chapters and academic clubs nationwide, including 4 chapters in the Hawaiian Islands. The Surfrider Foundation focuses on many aspects of the environment such as coastal protection, plastic pollution, and water quality.

The Surfrider Foundation, Hawaii region, is testifying in **strong support of SB1254 SD1**, which would designate the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park.

Over the past few years, the Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter was heavily involved in an effort to protect Wāwāmalu Beach from vehicular degradation, which resulted in the insertion of large boulders to prevent illegal off-roading vehicles from driving across the dunes. The stretch of coastline serves as a critical wildlife habitat and natural resource that includes native plants and endangered species, including Hawaiian monk seals and sea turtles, and the installation of these boulders was just the first step in protecting this habitat. On January 25, 2022, a representative from Surfrider O'ahu was present at the Wāwāmalu Beach blessing with Mayor Rick Blangiardi and other key leaders and volunteers who spearheaded the effort to celebrate this initial victory.

Designating the Kaiwi Coast as a state park is a critical next step to ensure this area is preserved in its "wild and natural state," as stated in the bill. This bill would further protect the species who live in and around this coastline, as well as preserve the area for recreation and use for generations to come. This designation would address a number of issues such as "managing human impacts, preventing invasive species, and restoring the local ecosystem," also as stated in the bill. The Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter partnered with many organizations and community leaders to protect the Wāwāmalu Beach dunes, and we once again are eager to see this area further protected by being designated as a state park.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in support of SB1254 SD1, submitted on the behalf of the Surfrider Foundation's 4 Chapters in Hawaii and all of our members who live in the state and visit to enjoy the many coastal recreational opportunities offered by all of the islands' coastlines.

Sincerely,

Camile Cleveland
Volunteer Policy Coordinator
Surfrider Foundation, O'ahu Chapter

Ka Iwi Coalition

Mauka to Makai



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Committee Hearing
Thursday, March 2, 2023
Conference Room 211, Hawai'i State Capitol & Videoconference
415 South Beretania Street

Re: Testimony In Support of SB 1254 - Relating to the Kaiwi Coast

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

As advisors of the Ka Iwi Coalition, we are writing in support of SB 1254, which will keep the Kaiwi Coastline in its wild and natural state for future generations.

Our community has spent over 45 years across multiple generations to protect the Kaiwi Coastline mauka to makai. The Ka Iwi Coalition is part of the same group of community members who led the successful Save Sandy Beach Movement in the 1980s and fought to preserve the entire Maunaloa-Makapu'u corridor over the past 40 years. In 2017, the Ka Iwi Coalition received a Legacy Conservation Program grant to acquire 182 acres of land overlooking Makapu'u to Sandy Beach. We successfully led the successful grassroots fundraising campaign that garnered over 1,600 donors and nearly \$700,000 in three months to secure the conservation purchase. This history of community activism demonstrates strong public support for the continued stewardship of the Kaiwi Coastline. Also, we hope that the 2050 effective date in SD1 is brought up to at least 2024.

SB 1254 will address the challenges that the Department of Land & Natural Resources and community partners currently face in stewarding the Kaiwi Coastline. The bill will have the state park incorporate lands currently part of the Kaiwi state scenic shoreline and ensure consistency that all parcels across the Kaiwi Coastline receive the protections of a state park. SB 1254 will also appropriate adequate staffing to maintain the Kaiwi Coast state park.

Finally, SB 1254 dictates that future master planning of the Kaiwi Coast state park builds upon the vision of community partners and stakeholders who have fought for over 45 years to protect the coastline. As noted in the bill, we hope that the Department of Land & Natural Resources incorporates the Maunaloa-Makapu'u scenic byway plan, which was drafted by members of the Ka Iwi Coalition among a diverse group of stakeholders. SB 1254 will foster future collaboration between the State of Hawai'i and community partners to steward the Kaiwi Coast state park.

SB 1254 recognizes the many years of community activism spent to protect the Kaiwi Coastline from urban development, including hotel resorts, golf courses, and cabins. We urge you to pass SB 1254.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1254.

Phil Estermann
Advisor

Gary Gill
Advisor

Kendrick S. Chang
Community Outreach

SB-1254-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2023 12:19:44 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2023 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Please support this bill. Mahalo



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Thursday, March 2, 2023 – 10:30am

Hawai'i Bicycling League Supports SB 1254 SD1, relating to the Kaiwi Coast

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members,

My name is Travis Counsell, and I am the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL). We are a non-profit organization founded in 1975 with the mission of enabling more people to ride bicycles for health, recreation, and transportation. We strive to create communities across our islands that have safe, accessible, and inclusive environments for people to bike, walk, and roll.

Hawai'i Bicycling League strongly supports SB 1254 SD1, which designates the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park. It also establishes protection and guidance for land management and funds two positions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline, which includes the Maunalua-Makapu'u scenic byway, is a space that deserves additional protection. It is also a very popular destination for recreational activities including biking, walking, hiking, and beach activities. This has resulted in an increase of roadway users, on a highway which lacks adequate infrastructure to safely protect all users. This bill emphasizes the need for roadway improvements that focus on the safety of people who walk and bike.

Hawai'i Bicycling League members participate in multiple weekly group bicycle rides along this area. Additionally, HBL's signature bicycling event, the Honolulu Century Ride, attracts over 2000 participants annually and proceeds along this shoreline with an aid station at Sandy Beach Park.

We strongly urge you to pass this legislation to protect this important shoreline and ultimately create a safer space for all to enjoy. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

Ride Aloha,

Travis L. Counsell
Executive Director
Hawai'i Bicycling League

TO: Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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HEARING: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023

SUBJECT: SB 1254, SD1 Kaiwi Coast State Park - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1254, SD1, which would designate the Kaiwi Coast Scenic Shoreline and adjacent lands as the Kaiwi Coast State Park. It also establishes two full-time equivalent employees and appropriates an unknown amount of funds to support and manage the park.

It's so nice to see pedestrians and bicyclists mentioned in this bill. It is a beautiful and special place. Many people in the community have worked very hard to keep this land in its wild state for all of us to enjoy.

Please vote "yes" on SB 1254, SD1.

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SB-1254-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/2/2023 12:09:14 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/2/2023 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

this is an attempt at a land grab. there is noit even a salary amount listed for the individual they are attempting to say will be employed. i oppose this bill.