

FOLLOW ON TESTIMONY OF

LARRY S VERAY

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR 87

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

**REQUESTING THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO INSTALL A
NEW EMERGENCY SIREN NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF AUMAKUA ST AND
AUHUHU ST IN UPPER PACIFIC PALISADES**

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Aloha, Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante and Committee members. I am Larry Veray, Chairman for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21. I am submitting this testimony representing our board as a whole and the over 6,000 residents and families that live in Pacific Palisades in Pearl City. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HCR 87 that would acquire funding to replace the Pacific Palisades emergency siren that has been inoperable for an unsatisfactory period of about two years.

I most strongly request that you approve funding to replace this siren with the most advanced technology siren that allows direct verbal audible commands from the Emergency Management Offices to alert and warn our Pearl City residents in Pacific Palisades during emergency preparedness exercises and potential disasters. The nearest next siren to Pacific Palisades is at the Pearl City High School a great distance from the Palisades residential area. Our residents may not be using their cell phones, radio or watching TV during an emergency event; **OUR RESIDENTS REQUIRE THIS FUNDING TO SUPPORT THIS SIREN REPLACEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

We most strongly urge you to pass HCR 87. The residents in Pacific Palisades desperately require this new technology siren that will provide our residents with advanced warning. **Your decision could be life saving for our residents.** Mahalo, respectfully,



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Comments:

Thank you for continuing to discuss emergency sirens for the Pacific Palisades community.

Currently, the 6,000 residents of the Palisades community are without an emergency siren. As a community with a single roadway, ample and advance notice of impending disasters could mean the difference between survival and complete devastation. This siren is one of the first lines of defense against threats to our community.

Over the past two years, we have reported this inoperable siren many times to no avail. The Pearl City Neighborhood Board has identified repairing / replacing this siren as a top priority for our district.

By passing this reso, you will signal to our community, state agencies, and the public, that the state legislature firmly supports emergency planning at the local level.

Emergency infrastructure delayed is public health and safety put in jeopardy.

Mahalo to our district Senators who have continued to advocate on behalf of the Pacific Palisades community.