

FOLLOW ON TESTIMONY OF

LARRY S VERAY

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR70, SD1

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

**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 Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe 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 SCR70 SD1 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 SCR70 SD1. 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,

