

FOLLOW ON TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY



IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR70, SR58

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**

March 31, 2024

Aloha, Chair Senator Wakai, Vice Chair Senator 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 SCR70/SR58, 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/SR58. 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,

Larry S. Veray

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Comments:

Aloha and thank you for considering this resolution in support of a siren for the Pacific Palisades community.

This is a public health and safety matter. This siren is our only state emergency siren. Located across our only elementary school, it has been inoperable and unfixable for many years now. As a community next to a state forest area with a single roadway, this siren is essential to keeping our residents safe. This siren is the first line of defense against threats to our school and our community.

Our community in the past two years has 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. And yet it remains broke and serves as a birds nest.

By passing this reso, you will signal to our community, state agencies, and the public, that the state legislature has learned from the Lahaina fires the significance of emergency alerts and sirens during disasters.

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

Mahalo for considering this legislation and for making the Pacific Palisades community a priority.