

**HR-33**

Submitted on: 4/3/2026 8:13:15 PM

Testimony for ECD on 4/8/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sara Fuller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HCR33 to protect the Puako reef for the people of Hawaii to enjoy for generations to come.

I also support that it be an important model for other communities in Hawaii.

Mahalo, Sara Fuller

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Submitted on: 4/4/2026 7:24:21 AM

Testimony for ECD on 4/8/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Georjean Adams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Puako community is showing the way for collaborative, innovative approaches to solving our cesspool crisis. The State Legislature should remove barriers and contribute to such efforts that are selflessly working to malama ka aina.

I support this resolution.

Georjean

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Submitted on: 4/5/2026 4:10:26 PM

Testimony for ECD on 4/8/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaimi N Kaupiko	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and the members of the House Committee on Economic Development & Technology

I am Kaimi Kaupiko, and I am writing in strong support of HCR 33.

Hawai‘i Island faces significant challenges with outdated wastewater infrastructure, particularly widespread use of cesspools. In West Hawai‘i, the coastal community of Puakō has been designated a Priority 1 area—the State’s highest ranking—for cesspool elimination due to its high risk to coastal water quality and nearby reef ecosystems. In addressing wastewater challenges of Puakō, Puakō for Reefs aims to establish a replicable framework that can be implemented by other coastal communities facing similar environmental and infrastructure issues.

Please support Puakō for Reefs and support this resolution.

Mahalo,

Kaimi Kaupiko

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Submitted on: 4/5/2026 8:08:03 PM

Testimony for ECD on 4/8/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ute Bouchez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge to move forward with HCR 33.

There are many places where we can not make a positive impact on our environment and avoid potential environmental damage. Here is one where we can have this impact and at the same time help preserve one of our own natural habitat and wonders.

It is money well invested, not just in the now, also for the future.

It's time to get going. It's time to protect and preserve what we have while ensuring a safe living environment for everyone. It's time to move forward.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 5:50:41 AM

Testimony for ECD on 4/8/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jon E Hall	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this resolution to protect Puakō Reef and to create a model for other communities in the state.

The Puako Reef is spectacular and extends/augments the wonderful waters all along the Kohala Coast. Sewage is out of control, destroying the reefs. Please help!

Jon Hall and Edward Grant

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 7:15:07 AM

Testimony for ECD on 4/8/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jovan Hall	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this resolution to protect Puakō Reef and to create a model for other communities in the state.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 8:14:42 AM

Testimony for ECD on 4/8/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Greg Gilliom	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this resolution to protect Puakō Reef and to create a model for other communities in the state. The reef off Puako is a state treasure, and needs to be protected. I own a home at 69-1928 Puako Beach Drive, and will be happy to pay my fair share to help create a sewer system and then connect our home to that system.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 8:19:46 AM

Testimony for ECD on 4/8/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcia Watt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this resolution to protect Puakō Reef and to create a model for other communities in the state. The first time I was in Puako was January 1977. It was stunningly beautiful. The sealife was amazing and so varied. There were many fish of varying sizes, shapes, and colors. There were numerous sea cucumbers, too many to count. There were little octopi, sea urchins, eels, corals, etc., etc. In 2007 I would still see an occasional Tang, but the corals didn't look healthy, and there were far fewer sea cucumbers and octopi. Now, in 2026, it's rare to find a sea cucumber. There are still a few urchins. Even tiny fish are few and far between. For the last few years I've attended the annuals talks presented by the researchers of the Seattle Aquarium. They have scientifically documented the decline in the Puako ecosystem, but still harbor hope for the reef's revival if the sewage problems are properly and swiftly resolved. Please help us in our longstanding goal of returning the Puako Reef to its full natural beauty and bountiful life.