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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 6:32:28 PM

Testimony for WAL on 4/7/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
RENEE KOMOMUA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support these bills.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 6:34:19 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ROYALE KOMOMUA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support both of these!

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 7:55:47 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Luisa Betita	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As we live in the tropics with high humidity and strong trade winds, all of which are not conducive for pickelball "play", a lighted court would enable optimun conditions to play this ever so popular sport in relative comfort. I am also in favor of permanent nets that are maintained, which would expedite the start of play time.

Thank you for your time!

Luisa Betita

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 7:57:38 PM

Testimony for WAL on 4/7/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mel Ona	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR 165 (2026).

Kamilo Iki Community Park Pickleball Improvements.

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Mel Ona, and I am a resident of East Honolulu. I write in strong support of HCR 165, which advances the installation of permanent lighting and pickleball infrastructure at Kamilo Iki Community Park.

This resolution builds directly upon a meaningful step already taken by our community. On March 25, 2026, the Honolulu City Council adopted Resolution 26-045, accepting a gift from my wife, Jennifer, me, and our pickleball friends to install three permanent pickleball net systems at the park. This initial phase represents half of the six dedicated courts and reflects both the growing demand and the community's commitment to activating this space.

What we have witnessed is remarkable! Pickleball has become a unifying force. Families, keiki, working adults, and kupuna are coming together in a shared space of movement, connection, and joy. It is one of the rare activities that transcends age, skill level, and background.

However, without adequate lighting, access remains limited. Many residents, especially those who work during the day, are unable to fully utilize the courts. The addition of permanent lighting will extend safe playing hours, increase accessibility, and maximize the value of an already activated public space.

As a physician, I see firsthand the consequences of sedentary lifestyles, social isolation, and chronic disease. Investments like this are not merely recreational; they are preventive health measures. They promote physical activity, mental well-being, and community engagement in a way that is both sustainable and inclusive.

HCR 165 represents a thoughtful and forward-looking investment in the health, safety, and spirit of our community. It completes the vision that has already begun and ensures that Kamilo Iki Community Park can serve as a vibrant hub for years to come.

I respectfully urge your strong support of this resolution.

Mahalo to Representative Joe Gedeon for introducing this measure! We deeply appreciate your leadership and your commitment to enhancing the well-being of our communities.

With gratitude and aloha,

Dr. Mel A. Ona
East Honolulu Resident

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 8:04:26 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grace Ong-Burd	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

RE: HCR165

POSITION: Strong Support

Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee on Water & Land:

My name is Grace Ong-Burd, and I live in Hawai'i Kai. I'm writing in strong support of HCR165.

I play at Kamilo'iki a few times a week, and the pickleball community out here has really grown. Permanent nets would keep the courts consistently playable for all residents, without the hurdle of setting up temporary equipment.

The addition of court lighting is a matter of both accessibility and safety. Currently, working residents and families are unable to utilize the courts after sundown. Lighting would extend the courts' utility into the evening, providing a safe, well-lit environment.

This would be a wonderful addition for the Hawai'i Kai community, and I respectfully urge the committee to pass HCR165.

Sincerely,

Grace Ong-Burd

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JEFFREY L WONG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in favor of installing permanent nets and lights found in these bills. I play tennis and pickleball. I believe you need to keep these 2 sports as separate as possible at this time. By passing this bill, the courts will be very well used.

To be honest, I am not sure why this was not done when it was built. I think no one was committed fully for this project. Keehi Lagoon is doing well with permanent nets and lights.

I thought there was a master plan for permanent nets for all of Honolulu.

Like it or not, pickleball is extremely popular. I think most tennis players would not be against this bill. They see it as a win-win for them as well. See it as a NIMBY solution or "get off my lawn" solution. Either way, it works for tennis players too.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 8:52:42 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chenoa Leopard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Support this request.

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Submitted on: 4/6/2026 10:42:05 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shane M. Mount	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am a husband, father of five, and a proud resident of Hawaii Kai for the past six years. I am writing today as an individual citizen in strong support of HCR165 and its companion measure HR155.

This modest request to install permanent pickleball nets and court lighting on the existing tennis courts makes perfect sense. Pickleball has exploded in popularity because it's easy to learn, fun for every age, and gets families outside together. As a father, I can tell you that anything that pulls kids away from screens and puts them on a court laughing with neighbors is worth supporting. Evening lighting would simply mean more families like mine could actually use the park after work and school, without having to pack up at sunset.

Wholesome recreation that builds strong families, healthy bodies, and tight-knit communities is something I believe in deeply. This is about wisely using the public facilities we already have to serve the people who live here.

Local government should focus on practical improvements that directly bless the people it serves. This resolution does exactly that. It's straightforward, cost-effective, and will bring real joy to families across East Honolulu.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. I respectfully urge you to support HCR165 and HR155. Thank you.

Shane M. Mount

Testimony in Support of HCR 165 (2026)

To the Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jody Kamisato, and I am a resident of Honolulu who grew up in Hawaii Kai. I am writing to express my strong support for HCR 165, which proposes the installation of permanent lighting and pickleball infrastructure at Kamilo‘iki Community Park. This much-needed enhancement would greatly benefit our community.

A few years ago, my dear friends Dr. Mel Ona and his wife, Jennifer, started a Sunday pickleball open play at Kamilo‘iki. Since then, participation has grown exponentially. What I love most about this weekly gathering is the sense of community and connection it creates—something many of us have been searching for since the pandemic. The Ona's have cultivated a vibrant, active group of players of all ages and backgrounds, drawn to Kamilo‘iki Park by the welcoming environment they’ve built.

Installing permanent lighting on our pickleball courts is essential. It will allow us to extend playing hours, improve player safety with better visibility of the ball and court lines, and ultimately enhance the overall experience for everyone.

I view this as a vital investment in our community’s well-being. It will encourage active lifestyles, forge social bonds, and support mental health. HCR 165 represents a forward-looking investment in the health, safety, and spirit of our community.

I extend my deep gratitude to Representative Joe Gedeon for introducing this important measure and for his commitment to the welfare of our community.

Mahalo,

Jody Kamisato

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Testimony for WAL on 4/7/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Delgadillo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support pickleball nets and lighting. This will help keep our neighbors active and healthy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kainoa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm in SUPPORT of putting up lights and permanent nets at the pickleball courts at kamiloiki park. Not only will this serve the community that already uses the court but it will continue to aid in the health and fitness of everyone that participates. Other places on Oahu have nets and lights so we can see this works.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catalino Degala	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

I'm currently an active supporter and pickleball player at Kamilo'iki courts. Many of our club members of the Oahu Pickleball Association and the Hawaii Kai Pickleball Crew use these courts on a daily basis. Many work during the day and not able to play during the day. Having evening court time would make a world of a difference for residents in the Hawaii Kai and nearby East Oahu areas. The closest lighted courts are Petrie, Kaimuki, and Ala Moana.

Please consider adding lights to the court area in order for our community to continue using the park through the evening. Our club(s) will ensure active usage and care of the facilities.

Mahalo for you aloha and consideration!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jax Graves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This will add value to our community if lights are installed and nets are installed at Kamiloiki Park.

Many of us have 8-5pm jobs and by the time we get home from work there isn't enough time to play because of daylight hours.

Having lights not only allows pickleball to continue, but allows those who play basketball and volleyball a chance to play as well.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shonni Stevens	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please consider installing permanent lights and nets at the courts. Many of us try to play after work, but there's very little time before sunset. As a result, the courts sit unused in the evenings instead of serving the community.

In contrast, the few courts in Hawaii Kai that do have lighting are consistently in use at night. Adding lights and permanent nets would greatly increase accessibility and benefit many players in the area.

We're truly grateful to have these courts and would love the opportunity to enjoy them more fully. Thank you for your consideration!

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Testimony for WAL on 4/7/2026 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donald Tierney	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Horrible idea. Pickleball courts should be FAR, FAR away from residences due to the annoying sound made by the racket's contact with the plastic ball. People hate pickleball due to the high-pitched noise pollution,

We have enough noise pollution thanks to the legislature's failure to do anything about gas powered leaf blowers, illegal mufflers, and boom-box-autos. No need to make things worse.