



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

June 7, 2022

Aloha Board Member,

We support the recommendation of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Land Division to cancel the RFQ/RFP for the redevelopment of the Uncle Billy's Hilo Bay Hotel and the Country Club Condominium Hotel. We ask that the DLNR Board support the recommendations for the Board's June 9, 2022 meeting agenda items D. 7. & D. 8., to rescind the former actions of the Board.

The State House of Representatives has, for the last five years, proposed a planning committee of experts, community members, and the DLNR Chair to be established to develop a master hotel/resort/commercial redevelopment plan for the Banyan Drive peninsula. We request that the Board consider this approach be utilized with the support of the new DLNR administration and the Legislature for the benefit of the state lands at Banyan Drive peninsula, the Hilo community, Hawaii Island, and the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Representative Richard H.K. Onishi

Representative Chris Todd

Representative Mark Nakashima

Representative David Tarnas