

**From:** [Lori Jones](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Agenda Item D-8: Right of Entry for Hololani Rock Revetment  
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Dear Chairperson and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

As an owner of Hololan and part-time resident, I am writing to express my full support for Agenda Item D-8, the Right of Entry request for the proposed rock revetment. This project offers critical improvements that address long-standing issues impacting our shoreline and community.

First, the rock revetment will significantly enhance public access and safety. The current sandbags are not only unsightly but also hazardous for beachgoers. Replacing them with natural rock will create a more stable and accessible shoreline, ensuring that the area is safer for everyone.

Second, the project supports environmental stewardship by removing the deteriorating sandbags, which require frequent replacement and disrupt the shoreline ecosystem. The natural rock revetment is a permanent solution that will blend seamlessly with the environment, promoting a healthier marine ecosystem while reducing the need for ongoing interventions.

Finally, the revetment will protect critical public infrastructure, particularly the drainage easement at Honoapiilani Road, which is prone to flooding. Stabilizing this area will ensure the continued functionality of the road and drainage systems, benefiting both residents and visitors who rely on these resources.

I respectfully urge the Board to approve this request, recognizing the lasting safety, environmental, and infrastructure benefits it will provide. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,  
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We are writing in support of allowing the Right of Entry for the Hololani complex to construct a rock revetment to replace the decaying sandbags in front of the property. As owners of B603 in the Hololani complex, we have a front row view of the deterioration and safety issues of the current sandbags. By allowing the Right to Entry, the planned rock revetment will stabilize the existing area, remove the decaying sandbags littering the ocean floor, and provide significantly better support for the county drainage pipe, thereby protecting Lower Honoapiialani from flooding during major storms.

The current sandbags were an adequate short term solution, but as with any short term solution, a plan for the future must also be considered. The rock revetment would be long-lasting and can withstand strong wave action. As opposed to the sandbags, the rock revetment is also significantly more environmentally friendly and is easier to maintain. Finally, rock revetment is better for the Honu with their diet of algae on rocks close to shore, rather than from the current decaying sandbags.

We understand that many may feel nature is attempting to retake the island, however, we must make an attempt in a sustainable and ecofriendly manner to salvage the westside of the island and all that it contributes to the economy of Maui.

We humbly ask that BLNR approve the right of entry to construct the rock revetment.

Mahalo!

Tim & Mitzi Fant

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Dec 10, 2024

**Subject:** Formal Support for Agenda Item D-8: Right of Entry for Hololani Rock Revetment

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

As the President of the Board of Directors for the Hololani Association of Apartment Owners, I am writing on behalf of our community to express our full and formal support for Agenda Item D-8, the Right of Entry request for the construction of the proposed rock revetment. This project is critical to ensuring the safety, environmental health, and long-term sustainability of the shoreline adjacent to our property.

The underlying permit to construct the rock revetment was issued ten years ago. Despite various intervening circumstances that have caused delays, this project continues to have unanimous support from the Board of Directors and overwhelming support of our ownership.

The enduring commitment of our community underscores the necessity and importance of this project to address ongoing issues impacting the shoreline and public infrastructure. Furthermore, we are ready to begin construction as soon as possible to ensure these benefits are realized.

The Board and the Hololani community believe this project aligns strongly with the mission of the BLNR to protect state lands while serving the public good. This project offers several key benefits that we respectfully urge the Board to consider:

**1. Improved Public Safety and Access:**

The current shoreline is lined with deteriorating sandbags that pose significant safety hazards to beachgoers and impede lateral and vertical access. The proposed rock revetment will provide a stable and secure shoreline, ensuring safer and more accessible conditions for residents, visitors, and the broader community.

**2. Enhanced Environmental Quality:**

Replacing the existing sandbags with natural rock will minimize disruption to the marine environment and eliminate the need for ongoing maintenance interventions. This permanent solution promotes ecological health and supports the sustainability of the shoreline.

3. **Aesthetic Improvements:**

The rock revetment will blend harmoniously with the natural surroundings, greatly improving the appearance of the beach. This transformation will benefit all who visit the area, creating a more inviting and enjoyable coastal environment.

4. **Protection of Public Infrastructure:**

The project will address flooding and erosion risks at the drainage easement along Honoapiilani Road, a vital thoroughfare for both locals and tourists. Additionally, it will safeguard the county's drainage systems located in this area, which are critical to maintaining proper water flow and preventing damage.

5. **Reduced Long-Term Disruption:**

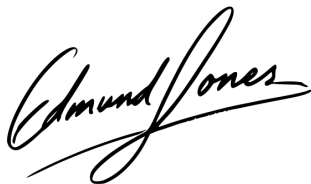
Unlike the temporary sandbags that require frequent replacements and disrupt state lands every few years, the rock revetment is a durable, low-maintenance solution. Its implementation will reduce future disturbances to the shoreline and state-managed areas.

This project represents a balanced and thoughtful approach to addressing pressing issues while aligning with the state's goals of protecting natural resources and serving the public. It reflects a long-term vision for environmental stewardship, safety, and infrastructure resilience. It is time to finish this important project before our underlying permit expires.

On behalf of the Hololani community, with the full support of our ownership and Board of Directors, I respectfully request that the Board approve this Right of Entry application and allow us to proceed with this vital improvement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information or clarification is needed.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and dedication to the management of Hawaii's state lands.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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RE: BLNR 12/13/2024 Meeting Item D-8, Hololani ROE to Construct

Aloha BLNR Board Members,

We have been owners at Hololani for 18 years, and for 17 of those years we have been living with an "emergency sandbag revetment". Your staff has provided a comprehensive summary of our shoreline protection efforts and background information as it relates to our request for a construction Right of Entry (ROE). We request that you carefully review the staff's background information, and the justifications for their recommendation in support of the construction ROE.

We would like to touch on some environmental benefits of granting the ROE and allowing for the replacement of the emergency sand bags with a natural sloped rock pile revetment.

You may receive public testimony arguing against the ROE based on some perceived adverse environmental effects. However, consistent with the findings of the 2013 Environment Impact Assessment, careful replacement of the sand bags with a rock pile revetment will have "no significant impact" on the shoreline environment.

Of all the options for our shoreline (rock revetment, continued use of emergency sandbags, or doing nothing), a rock revetment is the most environmentally friendly. Over time, sandbags can deteriorate and pose a hazard to sea life and reefs. Sandbags are also a relatively hard vertical surface that reflect wave energy, which carries sand particles away from shore, reducing beach sand accumulation. Doing nothing and eventually leaving an exposed sheet-pile and cap wall would have the same detrimental effect on sand accumulation.

A sloping natural rock pile, however, absorbs wave energy, promotes the capture of sand particles, provides a protective home for small shoreline animals (crabs, birds, and the like), and supports natural vegetation.

Hawaii's natural shoreline after all is really a rock revetment.. "installed" by volcanic lava flows. A revetment is as close as we can come to the real thing.

In addition to these environmental benefits, a rock pile revetment will provide: significantly better protection to both public and private property from continuing erosion, safer public access to the shoreline and beach, and offer a much more attractive alternative to stacked sand bags.

We hope the Board will appreciate the benefits of granting a construction ROE.

Mahalo for your consideration of this important issue.

Dave and Debbie Lockett  
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**From:** [Brian Paul](#)  
**To:** [DLNR, BLNR, Testimony](#)  
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Aloha, members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources -

My name is Brian Paul and I strongly support the Hololani rock revetment project.

I have been a resident for years now and have personally witnessed the drastic decline of the current sandbags and dangers they impose.

The current sandbags are not doing their job anymore. They're old, slippery, and falling apart, which makes them unsafe for anyone walking in the area. Visitors slip and fall and local fishermen don't have a place for their fishing poles. Replacing them with rocks will provide a strong, stable solution that keeps everyone safer.


This project will also improve access for the community and visitors. The sandbags are uneven and hard to walk on, but the new rocks will have safer paths and steps so people can get to the ocean and enjoy the beach more easily.

Protecting the lower road is also important. This road has flooded before, and if we don't act now, it could get worse. The rocks will act like a shield, keeping the road and drainage pipes safe from storm damage. Just up the road a bit north of us, a bridge washed out and took over a year to repair impacting the families who lived in the neighborhood having to drive around way out of their way and not having the ability to walk or bike to work. I'd like to prevent a similar reoccurrence.



Lastly, the rocks will look so much better than the sandbags. They'll blend in with the environment and make the area more enjoyable for everyone.

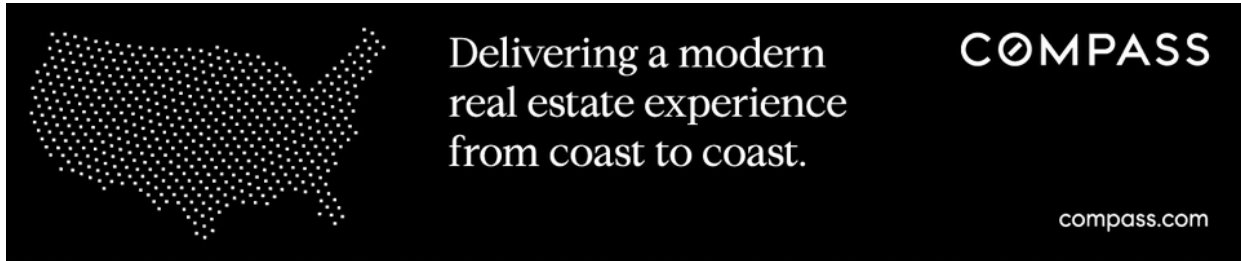
Please approve this project so we can make these much-needed improvements. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo!

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Dear BLNR,

I'm not sure Whos hands these letters will fall on these days, but even if it's of new hands, I'm sure you are aware of the multiple decade long pursuit for Hololani's needed rock revetment.

We respectfully ask you approve our **application for Right of Entry To Construct our rock revetment (Agenda item D-8)**.

**The board and we owners continues to be tasked with the mission to serve the public good on state lands in the following ways:**

- \* Safer lateral and vertical access.
- \* Better looking for all beach goers.
- \* Remove the deteriorating sand bags, eliminate the need to enter state lands every 3 to 7 years to replace bags, and improving the marine environment with natural rock
- \* Better protection of Honoapiilani Road at the drainage easement, where it floods
- \* Protection of the county's drain lines through that easement
- \* Improved energy disbursement from waves with our professionally engineered rock revetment, verses inferior sand bag approach.

Once again, we thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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To whom it may concern,

I wanted to give my written testimony for the upcoming December 13th meeting to discuss BLNR granting permission for a **right of entry** to proceed with construction in front of Hololani.

We are owners at Hololani, B401. I believe that granting the complex permission to complete the work in which they have gotten permits for would be beneficial for several reasons.

We have witnessed several adults and kids have trouble with the degrading sandbags, slipping and even falling as they attempt to climb on the bags. Over the years they have become slippery, and unstable. Replacing them with rock will make the area safer. I believe this improvement will create better access both vertical and lateral for the public and visitors. Additionally i am sure you are aware of all of the work that has been done on the lower road, i can only imagine this would help with drainage from the very common storm surges. Natural local rock will look far better than deteriorating sandbags. Then sand bags have never been a good long term solution. I hope you will support this view as well and grant the access needed to complete this project.

**April & Jason Wilson**