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To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Agenda item D-8. Hololani request for Right of Entry to Construct.
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 4:58:26 PM

Aloha,

My family has been a long-term owner in the Hololani condominium building. We have visited Maui for many years and feel that we are a part of the community. We want Maui to sustain its beauty and welcoming nature as it protects the environment. Over the years we have contributed to the community through visiting local businesses and restaurants, attending church services, paying taxes and using local residents for goods and services to help maintain our unit. We have been able to welcome numerous visitors to our unit so that they can also enjoy this unique place. We were also grateful to be able to host a displaced Lahaina family for 5 months following the tragic fire.

My family wishes to express our strong support for the agenda item D-8 allowing Hololani to replace our sandbag revetment with rock. This action will provide a more permanent solution to the erosion issues that we have been subject to over the years. It will help protect the environment by reducing the need to continuously replace sandbags. It will reduce the risks of environmental harm through degraded sandbags. It will improve access to the beach by providing a stable surface for people to walk along. It will reduce the risks of a catastrophic event that could seriously degrade the environment, affect private and public property, harm the Hawaiian economy by affecting property values and investment, and negatively impact tourism through direct effects through loss of housing and accommodation, and indirectly by harming the aloha reputation of Hawaii as a great place to visit.

Mahalo,

Christopher Arroyo, MD

From: [Jon Cole](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rock Revetment Project Lower Honoapiilani Rd Lahaina, HI 96761
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 11:04:23 AM

Members of the BLNR board,

This letter is in support of the approved rock revetment project fronting the seawall located at 4401 Lower Honoapiilani Rd.

The existing sandbags in place are inadequate compared to the more appropriate rock revetment as designed and approved.

Protection of the public Honoapiilani Rd and county drainage pipe at the north end of this property is of prime importance. During high tides and a storm surge the drain and road itself is at risk of degradation which will be expensive to repair.

Access along the beach will be much improved with the rock revetment from a safety aspect. The existing sand bags are being used for access notwithstanding the multiple signs of danger in walking on them. At some point there will be a very serious incident of physical harm to someone as this continues. Replacing sandbags with rock will be safer in every way.

For the sake of public safety for local residents as well as visitors to the island I respectfully ask that you approve the right of entry to construct the rock revetment replacing the decaying sandbags.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jon Cole
4401 Lower Honoapiilani Rd B303
Lahaina, HI 96761

From: [Lori Jones](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Agenda Item D-8: Right of Entry for Hololani Rock Revetment
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 10:47:37 AM

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,
Lori Colwell
Owner Hololani – 253 234 7803

From: joy_cox
To: DLNR.BLNR.Testimony
Cc: hololaniboard@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hololani resort shoreline project
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:18:22 PM

> Hello,

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>> We are writing to request approval for the addition of rocks on the shoreline at hololani resort to allow for the removal/replacement of the current sand bags.

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>> We have been homeowners since June 2023. During that time we have stayed in our condo five times giving us opportunity to observe issues with the current sand bags.

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>> 1) Safety. Although there are signs posted to stay off the sand bags, we have seen people ignoring those signs and getting up on the bags to take photos of the numerous sea turtles that frequent that area. Those bags are falling apart, unstable and slippery and I fear someone is going to fall and get hurt.

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>> 2)Aesthetics/Harmful. The sand bags are an eyesore. They look terrible and are falling apart. When I see turtles nibbling the algae that has formed on the bags, I wonder if they are also ingesting pieces of the bag and if that is harmful to them. I would imagine that turtles could get caught in the loose bag material and that if the material breaks free it could land on the reef just offshore causing harm there as well.

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>> 3)Ocean Access. There is currently no way to get to the ocean from the Hololani property. The plans include steps down to the ocean which would make access available to the public.

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>> The bottom line is that the current situation is not working and is posing a threat to humans, turtles and the ocean. Approval of the rocks eliminates these issues as well as others that our board and the engineers have identified.

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> Joy and Tim Cox

> Owners Hololani A503

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From: [David Epstein](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Hololani Board](#); j_f_epstein@yahoo.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR meeting testimony, 11/13 agenda item D-8
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 3:04:31 PM

Aloha....my wife, Jeanne and I have owned A603 at Hololani for 13 years and love it and our Maui Ohana. There was 30 feet of sandy beach when we bought it. We now spend the a majority of our time here, especially since the fires so we could help rebuilding the community and provide support to Lahaina and the survivors.

We believe the replacement of the sand bags with a rock revetment is absolutely necessary to protect the Hololani property and Lower Honoapiilani Road from rising tides compromising the current reventment. The water levels are already a threat to our property and the Lower Road storm drain and street.

I have worked with the Community to improve Lahaina since we arrived. For example, I worked closely with the County to design and develop the pickleball courts at the Civic Center that have been a big success bringing locals and visitors together. I would be glad to help with an expansion when the time is right as they represent a low cost way to bring the community together.

Currently, I am assisting on the proposed development of the West Maui Hospital with members of the proposed hospital Board, the development and operations team, and a member of the State Health Committee as I have 45 years of hospital management experience.

We respectfully request that the Board approve agenda item D-8, the Hololani Right of Entry to Construct that will enable completion of the originally permitted reventment design...mahalo Jeanne and dave

David Epstein
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From: [Sandi Gage](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hololani Resort hearing
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 9:11:59 AM

I would like to speak on the behave of replacing the sandbags with natural rock.

Please let me know how to proceed.

Sandi Gage
Hololani Resort
B502

From: [Hawaiian Supaman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose item D 8 meeting December 13
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 11:12:26 AM

Aloha,

I oppose allowing item D 8 regarding the 400 ft seawall in Kahana.

Placing a rock seawall on public trust resource is not pono. There will be many negative consequences to surrounding properties and especially the ocean.

Public access to the ocean and laterally is a concern.

Mahalo

Paul Hanada
Kula, Maui, Hawaii

From: [Hololani Manager](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:57:35 AM

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Board,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Lenore Houston and I am the Resident Manager of Hololani Resort for the past two years. I wanted to share my perspective on Agenda Item D-8 and why I believe it's a positive step for our community and shoreline.

Right now, the sandbags along the beach are worn out and don't reflect the beauty of the area. The proposed rock revetment offers a natural and lasting solution that will improve the appearance of the beach while also making it safer for everyone to enjoy. It's a change that will enhance both the environment and the experience for beachgoers.

What I appreciate most about this project is that it's designed with long-term benefits in mind. It addresses real issues, like preventing flooding near Honoapiilani Road and protecting the drainage system that serves so many people in the community. Plus, it reduces the need for ongoing maintenance, which means fewer disruptions over time.

I truly believe this is a thoughtful and balanced solution that serves both the public and the environment. I hope you'll consider supporting it as a way to make a meaningful improvement to the area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message and for all the work you do for our state lands.

Best,

Lenore

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Lenore E. Houston, AMS , CMCA | Resident Manager

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From: [Robert M Kovach](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Dec 13, 2024 meeting- Item D-8: Hololani request for Right of Entry to Construct
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 5:49:35 AM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

As a Hololani owners, We support approval for the Request of Entry to Construct. We need a permanent rock revetment to avoid replacing the current sandbags every 3-7 years. The revetment improves safety and public interest to the property and minimizes environmental impacts of replacing the bags.

Thank you for your consideration,
Robert & Sherrie Kovach
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From: stub.careers-8u@icloud.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR 12/13/2024 Meeting Item D-8, Hololani ROE to Construct
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 4:51:16 AM

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
4401 Lower Honoapiilani Rd, B404
Lahaina HI

From: [Don Mcleish](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] sea wall in Kahana
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:42:35 AM

What is the reflective efficiency of the proposed sea wall compared to current reflective efficiency? If it is less then it would be an improvement on the current shoreline in terms of erosive impact elsewhere. As to the erosion of the shoreline at the site, it depends on the integrity of the composition of the shoreline and its ability to withstand the forces of wave action. There is "hardened" shoreline at Honokowai point and north and the beach sand does come and go based on swell direction and intensity. Our beach sand comes from healthy coral reefs over long periods of time.

Have there been any reef health studies based on relation to nearby shoreline composition and reflectivity? There is a popular turtle haul out spot that is protected by a rocky and uneven hardened shoreline with lava rock and shallow shelves extending out from shore. At times there is no sand in the small inner cove and it is all rock but the turtles still come out. At other times it has ample sand for the turtles to rest on. This is a hardened shoreline that "breaths" with the season to use a popular expression, without reflecting destructive wave energy down shore or allowing any ablative erosion of material that could choke the nearby reefs.

To suggest that denying the construction of this sea wall would enhance the return of a sandy shore line could use some science and physics specific to the location and proposed alternative actions to support the suggestion.

In general, an organic or inorganic mass that is heavier than air occupying the same volume will not float in air or stay aloft. This is a simple statement that has reasonable justification but to say it applies in all cases could be contested by our feathered friends or the many machines of flight that science has allowed us to design and build. We can not afford to allow simple and uninformed opinions to preclude considering proactive responses and change.

We have the science and engineering ability to protect the existing shoreline as well as encourage the return of some sandy beaches. Whether the cost in dollars or the health of existing life forms would justify doing so is another issue. We can also stand back and do nothing but as to what mess we then face in the future and the cost of dealing with it is also another issue.

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From: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
To: [Jessie Olpindo](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Hololani Rock Revetment Project
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 8:08:19 AM

Aloha Jessie:

Thank you for your email. We are writing to confirm that we have received your testimony for item D-8.

Mahalo,

Land Board Secretary
Board of Land Natural Resources
Email: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov

From: **Jessie Olpindo** <mkhi201@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 7:28 PM
To: DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hololani Rock Revetment Project

Dear BLNR Members,

I am reaching out as an owner at Hololani and voter in Maui to ask for your support in approving Agenda Item D-8, the Right of Entry request for our rock revetment project. This proposal represents a well-considered solution that benefits both the community and the environment while addressing important public safety and infrastructure needs.

The proposed rock revetment will replace the old, deteriorating sandbags that currently impact the area. By switching to natural rock, we can improve the marine environment and avoid the need for frequent work on state lands to replace failing materials. This solution also helps protect public infrastructure, such as Honoapiilani Road and the county drainage system from flooding issues. Additionally, the rock revetment design enhances the area by providing a safer and more attractive experience for beachgoers.

This project offers real benefits to the environment, public safety, and infrastructure, making it a thoughtful and balanced approach to managing this stretch of shoreline. I urge you to approve this application and allow us to move forward with these much-needed improvements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jesse Olpindo
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From: [Sarah Schmerling](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Item D-8, the Hololani Right of Entry to Construct
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 3:31:53 PM

Aloha, members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

My name is Sarah Schmerling and I strongly support Agenda Item D-8, the Hololani Right of Entry to Construct that will enable the completion of the originally permitted revetment design.

I am a full time resident and have personally witnessed the drastic decline of the current sandbags and dangers they impose.

The current sandbags are breaking apart, falling down and are slippery 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 (Lower Honoapi'ilani Road) is also extremely important. This road has flooded before, and if we don't act now, it could get worse with future storms. The rocks will act like a shield, keeping the road and storm drainage pipes safe from waves.

Nearby, just up Lower Road, 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.

I urge you to please approve Agenda Item D-8, the Hololani Right of Entry to Construct that will enable the completion of the originally permitted revetment design.

Mahalo for your time and for helping to keep our community safe.

Sarah Schmerling
Hololani Resident B604

From: [Candy Wong](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hololani shoreline Seawall project
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 2:03:41 PM

Dear BLNR.

As one of home owners in the island, we are so proud and grateful to be part of this community. We want our home safe and beautiful in this beautiful island of Maui. We want to do the best to protect our home and our community.

We really need your support and help to make the protection and maintenance of our shoreline safe for the community as well as for our home owners in this community.

As you know, we currently use the sandbags to protect the shoreline from erosion but they are not the good solution for it at all. They are not only costly but not lasting and the process of replacing it over and over again and that was so wasteful for money and resources. They are also not stable and dangerous for people who try to access to the beaches.

The impermanent consequences were so severe to both our condo and our community safety .

We all know that the Lower Honoapiilani Road is the main road for the local community to connect and drive to stores, shopping centers, farmers markets, beaches and most importantly their homes. The unprotected shoreline will little by little eroding the lower road and flooding the area with sea water. This will not only affect the condo structures but also causing the community lose their lower road and home access and many more problematic properties in the neighborhood.

The permanent solution for protecting the shoreline is use the rock wall to replace the sandbags. They will improve vertical and lateral access for the public and visitors.
Protection of the Lower Road: A rock revetment will protect this key public road and drainage from storm surges.

At last, the rock wall will improve the natural look when use the local rocks instead of the deteriorating sandbags.

Please consider and allow us to protect our environment and community. Please approve our proposal project with Rock wall for replacing the existing sandbags for our shoreline improvements!

Thank you,

Candy Mee Lan Wong

Sent from my iPhone