

From: [Stacey Alapai](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose item D8
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:52:35 PM

Aloha,

Please uphold Act 16 and protect sandy shorelines. Oppose item D8 and this private condos attempts to build a rock revetment on Kahana.

Mahalo,
Stacey
Makawao, Maui

From: [Brianna Badenhop](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item D-8
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 6:14:36 AM

Hello,

Hololani Condominium is seeking approval to build a 400-foot rock revetment in Kahana, violating Act 16 and threatening public beaches.

Act 16 was created to protect the shorelines by banning private shoreline hardening structures. Allowing this project would set a harmful precedent, prioritizing private property over the public's right to access and enjoy Hawaii's beaches. It will also negatively impact the environment and sea life that call Hawaii home. I strongly oppose the building of the 400-foot rock revetment and hope you prioritize respecting the land, ocean, and public's access to the beaches over the private company's proposal.

Sincerely,
Brianna Badenhop

Sent from my iPhone

From: [CRAIG BASSIN](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#); hololaniboard@gmail.com
Cc: [Kim Schalla](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Right of Entry to Proceed on Construction on State land: Hololani
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:43:06 PM

This letter to the Bureau of Land and Natural Resources to support the replacement of the deteriorating sandbags and construct revetment for a more permanent and safe defense of erosion.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Craig S. Bassin

From: mbrock@maui.surfrider.org
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: "[EC Maui](#)"; "[Hanna Lilley](#)"
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda (Item D-8): Written testimony from Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 8:26:07 PM

Testimony to the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Subject: Opposition to Right of Entry & Revocable Permit for the Hololani Resort Rock Revetment

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

I am writing on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter to express our strong opposition to granting the right of entry and revocable permit to the Association of Apartment Owners of Hololani for the construction of a 400-foot-long rock revetment along the shoreline at Kahana Bay, Maui. This proposal threatens the public's access to beaches, accelerates the destruction of Hawaii's fragile coastal ecosystems, and contradicts the protections afforded by Act 16.

Violations of Act 16 and Public Beach Access

Act 16 prohibits the construction of private shoreline hardening structures, such as seawalls and revetments, on sandy beaches. It was enacted to protect public beach access and preserve Hawaii's natural shoreline ecosystems, which are already under immense threat from climate change and rising sea levels. Granting this right of entry would directly contravene these legal protections, setting a harmful precedent that prioritizes private property interests over public resources.

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In the face of climate change, Hawaii must adopt policies that prioritize nature-based solutions

to coastal erosion over outdated hardening techniques. The approval of this revetment contradicts global best practices for adaptive shoreline management, which emphasize living shorelines, dune restoration, managed retreat, and other sustainable methods.

By approving this project, the Board risks undermining community trust and Hawaii's reputation as a global leader in environmental stewardship. This decision would send a signal to other property owners that shoreline hardening is acceptable, despite its well-documented harms.

A Call for Leadership and Stewardship

The Board of Land and Natural Resources has an obligation to uphold the public trust and protect Hawaii's natural resources. Act 16 was a landmark achievement in coastal preservation, reflecting a collective commitment to safeguarding Hawaii's beaches for future generations. Allowing this project to move forward would erode the very foundation of that commitment.

As community members and advocates for sustainable coastal management, we urge the Board to deny the right of entry for the Hololani Resort's rock revetment. Upholding the principles of Act 16 and supporting equitable, long-term solutions to erosion is critical to preserving Hawaii's beaches, ecosystems, and cultural heritage.

Thank you for considering our testimony. We trust that the Board will act in the best interest of the public, the environment, and future generations by rejecting this proposal.

Sincerely,

Maureen Brock, Ph.D.
Chair | Surfrider Foundation Maui Chapter

Related documents:

Agenda (Item D-8): <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Agenda-241213.pdf>

Submittal: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/D-8.pdf>

From: [brandi corpuz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item D8
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 8:49:15 AM

I strongly oppose Item D8 because our shorelines need to be protected from this invasive practice of sand hardening. Once this practice is allowed in one area then others will want to do the same.

Our beaches and oceans are all of ours, not just a few select groups. Sea level rise is inevitable and needs to be better considered when building close to the ocean. It is not everyone's problem to pay for poor planning and climate change that causes condos and homes to be taken by the ocean.

If we lose all of our beaches then what is left for locals and tourist to enjoy or provide sustainable food resources?

Say no to Item D8 and protect our ocean and beaches for all of us.

Sincerely, Brandi Corpuz

From: [Lani Gomes](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kahana item D8
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 10:21:00 AM

Aloha, I am testifying in strong opposition to item D8. The proposed 400-foot rock revetment in Kahana would have devastating consequences for our beaches, violating Act 16 and setting a precedent that sacrifices public resources for private gain. Temporary shoreline hardening has already caused significant damage to the coast, and this project would magnify those impacts. Hawaii must prioritize adaptive, nature-based solutions over destructive practices that harm both the environment and our community. Please protect Kahana's beaches and deny this proposal.

Mahalo for this consideration,

Lani

From: [mau ah Hee](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 10:35:41 AM

Aloha,

My name is Mau Ah hee. Im testifying on item D8.

I strongly oppose the 400-foot rock revetment proposed by Hololani Condominium in Kahana. Shoreline hardening has a well-documented history of accelerating beach erosion and destroying public access to our coastlines. Act 16 prohibits the construction of such structures on sandy beaches, yet this project seeks to circumvent these critical protections. With climate change accelerating, it is imperative that we adopt sustainable, nature-based solutions rather than outdated methods that cause irreversible damage. Please uphold Act 16 and deny this proposal to safeguard Maui's beaches for future generations.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carol Lee Kamekona](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 3:19:55 AM

Subject: Opposition to Right of Entry & Revocable Permit for the Hololani Resort Rock Revetment

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

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The proposed revetment would harden the shoreline, further exacerbating erosion and permanently diminishing public beach access. Decades of scientific research demonstrate that shoreline armoring causes "flanking" erosion, undermining adjacent properties and accelerating the loss of public beaches. Public access is a right, and this project would deprive current and future generations of access to this vital resource.

Environmental Impacts and Lack of Accountability

The temporary sandbags currently in place since 2007 have already demonstrated the harmful effects of shoreline armoring, contributing to the degradation of coastal ecosystems and erosion. Transitioning to a permanent rock revetment would magnify these impacts, leading to further environmental harm. The applicant, stated to BLNR, that they do not intend nor is there a clear or enforceable plan for restoring the shoreline or removing the revetment and seawall as required by County condition of permitting. Additionally, the bond proposed for removal is insufficient to address the potential costs and environmental damages associated with dismantling such a structure.

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In the face of climate change, Hawaii must adopt policies that prioritize nature-based solutions to coastal erosion over outdated hardening techniques. The approval of this revetment contradicts global best practices for adaptive shoreline management, which emphasize living shorelines, dune restoration, managed retreat, and other sustainable methods.

By approving this project, the Board risks undermining community trust and Hawaii's reputation as a global leader in environmental stewardship. This decision would send a signal to other property owners that shoreline hardening is acceptable, despite its well-documented harms.

A Call for Leadership and Stewardship

The Board of Land and Natural Resources has an obligation to uphold the public trust and protect Hawaii's natural resources. Act 16 was a landmark achievement in coastal preservation, reflecting a collective commitment to safeguarding Hawaii's beaches for future generations. Allowing this project to move forward would erode the very foundation of that commitment.

As a Kanaka 'Oiwī and advocate for sustainable coastal management, I strongly urge the Board to deny the right of entry for the Hololani Resort's rock revetment. Upholding the principles of Act 16 and supporting equitable, long-term solutions to erosion is critical to preserving Hawaii's beaches, ecosystems, and cultural heritage.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to provide written testimony and I trust that the Board will act in the best interest of the public, the environment, and future generations by rejecting this proposal.

Mahalo nui!
Carol Lee Kamekona

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From: [Andrea Kawabata](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing Agenda Item DB
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 10:41:49 AM

Dear BLNR,

Please accept my testimony below in OPPOSITION of Agenda Item D8 regarding Hololani Condominium's request to build a 400 foot rock revetment in Kahana.

This request by Hololani Condominiums violates Act 16, which was created to protect sandy shorelines by banning private shoreline hardening structures like seawalls and revetments. As is, the sandbags placed on the shoreline in 2007 have caused major erosion and damage to the reef and shoreline.

Allowing the construction of the rock revetment between Hololani Condominiums and the ocean not only violates Act 16, but prioritizes private property over the public's right to access beaches and the shoreline, impedes turtle and seal beach resting areas, and disrupts natural shoreline structure and inhabitants.

Again, please accept my opposition to Agenda Item D8.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anjkawa@gmail.com.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Andrea Kawabata
Kamaaina

From: [Kekuulani Keahi](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Opposing Item D8 – Hololani Rock Revetment
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 11:56:37 AM

Testimony Opposing Item D8 – Hololani Rock Revetment

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Kekuulani Keahi and I am a Native Hawaiian born and raised in Lahaina. Over my lifetime, I have witnessed the gradual destruction of our public beaches as hotels and condominiums have prioritized private tourism interests over the well-being of our community. These developments have taken away the places where we practice our cultural traditions, including fishing, gathering, and connecting to our ancestors through the land and sea.

The proposed 400-foot rock revetment at Hololani Condominium would be another blow to our precious resources. Maui has already lost over 4 miles of sandy beaches due to shoreline hardening, and this project would only worsen the environmental damage. This revetment would accelerate coastal erosion, harm marine ecosystems, and deny public access to our beaches, further infringing on our rights as Native Hawaiians to utilize and care for our land and sea.

This proposal directly contradicts the protections established by Act 16, which prohibits the construction of private shoreline hardening structures on sandy beaches to preserve public access and protect our coastal resources. I urge you to stand with our community, deny this harmful proposal, and instead support sustainable, nature-based solutions that will protect our environment, our cultural practices, and the future of Maui's shorelines.

Mahalo

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From: [Nipuu Keahi-ng](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hololani
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 10:10:15 AM

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BLNR.testimony@hawaii.gov

Aloha Chairperson and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, I strongly oppose item D8, which seeks to allow Hololani Condominium to build a 400-foot rock revetment in Kahana. This proposal violates Act 16, which prohibits private shoreline hardening on sandy beaches. The temporary sandbags have already caused significant erosion and harm to the coastal environment. A permanent rock revetment will only magnify these impacts, leading to further destruction of our beaches and ecosystems. I urge you to deny this request and prioritize sustainable, nature-based solutions that preserve our 'āina for future generations.

From: [Christiane Keyhani](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Item D-8
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 9:21:51 AM

Aloha,

I am Christiane Keyhani. I was born and raised on Maui, 5th generation. I oppose item D-8. Shoreline hardening is the death sentence for a reef and closes off public beach access.

Sincerely,
Christiane

From: [Maui Programs](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] please recognize our opposition to agenda item D-8
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 6:43:11 PM

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Sincerely,

Petar Kovacic

Pukalani, Maui, HI

Surfrider Foundation Board Member

Pukalani Community Association Vice President

King Kekaulike High School Environmental Club Advisor

From: [Tiare lawrence](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose item D8
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 9:56:26 AM

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

My name is Tiare Lawrence, and I am a lineal descendant of West Maui, born and raised on this ‘āina. I stand in strong opposition to item D8, which would permit Hololani Condominium to construct a 400-foot rock revetment in Kahana.

This proposal directly violates Act 16, which prohibits private shoreline hardening structures on sandy beaches. Allowing this revetment would set a harmful precedent, prioritizing private interests over public resources and stripping the community of access to our cherished beaches.

The temporary sandbags in place since 2007 have already caused significant erosion and environmental damage. Replacing them with a permanent rock wall would only magnify these impacts, accelerating beach loss and degrading coastal ecosystems further.

With the increasing threats of climate change, Hawaii must lead by embracing sustainable, nature-based solutions such as dune restoration and living shorelines. Approving this project is not only legally indefensible but environmentally irresponsible.

I urge you to uphold the protections of Act 16 and deny this harmful request. Let us preserve our coastlines for future generations. Mahalo nui loa.

Tiare Lawrence

From: [kaili manaut](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Item D8- Hololani Condominium
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 8:18:13 AM

To whom it may concern,

I recently learned about the shore corrosion affecting the Hololani Condominium tower.

The answer is NOT to build more, further into the ocean which will only cause this same issue down the road and harmful impact to the already fragile ecosystem.

Your job as public service is to PROTECT and PRESERVE and do what is best for future generations. If this condominium is allowed to build this, then every other condominium/structure/hotel is going to want the same. WE CANNOT RUIN PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCES. This building should have never been built this close to the ocean is the first problem.

I beg and urge you to please do the right thing for the LONG TERM.

Sincerely,

Kaili Malia Vance- a very concerned citizen for the future of Hawaii and its people.

From: [SF Maui Treasurer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DLNR Act 16 testimony...
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 8:06:45 PM

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Sincerely,

Charlie Quesnel
SF Maui Treasurer
808-280-6627

From: [Kim Schalla](#)
To: [CRAIG BASSIN](#)
Cc: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#); hololaniboard@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Right of Entry to Proceed on Construction on State land: Hololani
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:55:50 PM

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kim Schalla
Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 11, 2024, at 6:42 PM, CRAIG BASSIN <craigbassin@mac.com> wrote:

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Craig S. Bassin

From: [Alison Steiner](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D-8 Hololani - Testimony
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 9:54:27 AM
Importance: High

Alison Steiner

Lihue, Kauai, HI

Dec 12, 2024

Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Via Email: BLNR.testimony@hawaii.gov

Subject: Opposition Testimony on Item D-8

Aloha Chairperson and Members of the Board,

My name is Alison Steiner, and I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to item D-8 concerning shoreline hardening proposals for the Hololani Condominium Complex in Kahana, Maui. While I reside in a different county, I am deeply invested in the stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, which belong to all residents of our state. Decisions affecting Maui's coastlines have far-reaching implications for the ecological health, cultural heritage, and public access that all Hawai'i residents treasure. While I understand the urgency of addressing coastal erosion threatening the complex, hardening structures like seawalls and sheet pile bulkheads are not sustainable solutions and are inconsistent with Hawai'i's values and legislative priorities, including Act 16.

Environmental and Legal Concerns

Shoreline hardening has well-documented negative consequences, including accelerating erosion on adjacent properties, degrading coastal ecosystems, and reducing public beach access. Approving such measures would jeopardize the natural coastal processes essential to the health of Maui's beaches and marine habitats. Furthermore, legal opposition to similar projects underscores the need for approaches that align with community, environmental, and legislative priorities.

Sustainable, Nature-Based Alternatives

In place of shoreline hardening, I strongly advocate for implementing nature-based and community-supported solutions that address erosion while preserving coastal ecosystems and public access. Specifically, I urge the Board to consider:

1. Regional Beach Nourishment

Collaborating with neighboring properties to replenish the shoreline with compatible sand restores natural defenses, supports marine habitats, and maintains public access. While ongoing maintenance is required, this solution promotes long-term sustainability.

2. Dune Restoration and Stabilization

Rebuilding dunes with native vegetation and sand fencing offers natural protection against erosion and enhances biodiversity. Though requiring careful planning and monitoring, this approach aligns with Hawai'i's environmental stewardship goals.

3. Managed Retreat

Strategically relocating vulnerable infrastructure away from the eroding shoreline is a forward-

thinking, long-term solution. While challenging, this approach prioritizes the preservation of natural coastal processes.

4. Living Shorelines

Using natural materials and native plants to stabilize the shoreline benefits water quality, marine habitats, and shoreline resilience, adapting over time to environmental changes.

Hawai'i must lead by example in protecting our natural and cultural resources. Approving shoreline hardening at Hololani would undermine the principles of Act 16 and set a damaging precedent for future coastal management. I urge the Board to reject item D-8 and instead support the implementation of sustainable, nature-based alternatives that honor our responsibility to care for Hawai'i's land, ocean, and communities.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Respectfully,
Alison Steiner
alisonsteiner@mac.com

From: [Kala Baybayan Tanaka](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Opposing Hololani Rock Revetment
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 11:37:58 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Paanaakala Baybayan Tanaka, and I was born and raised in Lahaina, Maui. Over the years, I have personally witnessed the steady loss of our public beaches, often sacrificed to protect private tourism interests. These losses have had a direct impact on my ability to practice my cultural traditions, which are rooted in our connection to the land and ocean.

The proposed 400-foot rock revetment at Hololani Condominium in Kahana would further erode this connection. Shoreline hardening has already caused Maui to lose over 4 miles of sandy beaches, cutting off public access and accelerating erosion. This project directly contradicts Act 16, which prohibits shoreline hardening on sandy beaches to protect our coastal resources and public trust. The temporary sandbags in Kahana have already shown the destructive effects of such measures, and a permanent revetment would only magnify the harm.

In the face of climate change, we must embrace sustainable, nature-based solutions that preserve our beaches and respect the cultural practices tied to them. Approving this revetment would not only violate Act 16 but also set a harmful precedent that prioritizes private property over community and cultural needs.

I urge you to deny this proposal and protect the future of Kahana's beaches for the people of Maui and generations to come.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Paanaakala Baybayan Tanaka

From: [Moana Wietecha](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D8 testimony
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 11:30:33 AM

Aloha,

My name is Moana Wietecha and I oppose item D8.

The proposed 400-foot rock revetment in Kahana contradicts Act 16 and threatens the future of Maui's beaches. Shoreline hardening is a short-term solution that has long-term destructive consequences. Maui has already lost over 4 miles of sandy beaches due to projects like this.

The temporary sandbags have shown the harmful effects of shoreline armoring, and transitioning to a permanent revetment would accelerate beach loss, worsen erosion, and degrade coastal ecosystems. Instead, Hawaii should embrace nature-based solutions like dune restoration and managed retreat. Please reject this harmful proposal to protect Kahana's coastline.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony for 12/13/24 meeting Agenda part D, Item 8 (Hololani steel sheet pile seawall and rock revetment)
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 7:12:43 AM

Dear Chairperson Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for the owners and many valued guests who enjoy Maui and especially, time at Hololani as well as to the full Maui community as it relates to safety and access. As an owner with plans to retire and live full-time in my Hololani condominium, it is of special concern to me that the requested right of entry for infrastructure maintenance and improvements needed at Hololani be approved by the BLNR. Together with property owners, BLNR can help protect the safety of Maui residents and guests and protect against further coastal erosion and degradation of water quality by approving the requested rock revetment work to enable Hololani to proceed with further improvements as aligned with our existing permit to replace sandbags with a rock revetment.

As an owner, I am mindful that the steel sheet pile seawall combined with current sandbags has greatly helped stop erosion in front of Hololani. BLNR approval for the access needed for the next step in the approved and permitted project design, the addition of a rock revetment to replace the temporary sandbags, would be greatly appreciated. The project design has been thoughtful and is expected to reduce further erosion not only at Hololani, but also at neighboring properties. The continuation of this approved project also will enhance coastal access and reduce safety risks that are present when people attempt to walk on the slippery and degrading seabags currently in place.

This project has been underway for approximately 10 years at Hololani and we can see from the experience of neighboring properties, how positive the previously approved Hololani work has been. I also see evidence from neighboring properties how delays in sheetpile seawall and revetment work can negatively impact natural resources including water quality degradation and significant erosion. Whereas, timely approval can protect land, water and natural coastal sand redistribution. Approval of access for this project will also provide a more aesthetically pleasing frontage in place of the deteriorating sandbags.

I remain mindful of the important Maui County drainage point bordering the work at Hololani. The drainage point is still a significant area of risk to the Lower Honopiilani Road during king tides, a risk mitigated in part by Hololani through this privately funded project. I encourage you to consider how approval of the access allows for continuation on the Hololani project and is a positive step towards securing land and water quality as well as both private and public infrastructure.

I respectfully request your support and approval.

Thank you for your review and consideration,

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