



[EXTERNAL] Testimony re Updating Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 13-5.

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To DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

I am a long-time resident of Maui, Vice Chair of the Maui Surfrider Foundation, and a member of the Maui Canoe Club. I am submitting this testimony in my individual capacity. As someone who recreates near the shoreline weekly, I have long advocated for holistic state processes to address climate change and sea level rise.

I strongly support holding public hearings to update HAR Chapter 13-5. While the extensive nature of the materials prevents me from offering specific comments at this time, I intend to remain involved and will have questions as the process moves forward.

I urge you to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation by holding hearings on all Neighbor Islands rather than limiting them to O'ahu. Given the significant challenges Hawai'i faces regarding climate change, it is essential that community members most directly impacted by these realities have the opportunity to participate.

Mahalo for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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Re: K-1 Request for approval to hold statewide public hearings to adopt, amend, repeal and compile sections of Title 13, Chapter 5, Hawai'i Administrative Rules regarding the conservation district

Hearing: Board of Land and Natural Resources Meeting, Friday June 12, 2026 9AM

To: Honorable Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board,

The Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i Region strongly supports moving the proposed amendments to Chapter 13-5, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, forward for public hearing.

The Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our oceans, waves, and beaches for all people. Much of our work in Hawai'i focuses on addressing the complex and growing challenges our coastal communities face related to shoreline erosion, coastal hazards, climate change impacts, beach management, and adaptation. Through this work, we have seen firsthand the limitations and consequences of relying on short-term responses to chronic shoreline erosion and beach loss. As such, HAR Chapter 13-5 is in dire need of updates to more comprehensively address sea level rise, coastal hazards, and evolving shoreline management challenges.

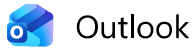
We commend the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands for undertaking the important task of modernizing these rules, and we look forward to reviewing the proposed amendments in greater detail and remaining engaged throughout the rulemaking process.

Given the statewide significance of these rules to our coastal communities, we respectfully request robust and accessible stakeholder engagement. At a minimum, public hearings should be conducted on each major island and include opportunities for virtual participation. Depending on the scope and geographic relevance of particular amendments, additional hearings in affected coastal communities may also be warranted. Community stakeholders should have the opportunity to engage where they live and where the resources affected by these rules exist. Place-based engagement is essential to ensuring diverse perspectives are heard and reflected in the final rules.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit comments on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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[EXTERNAL] June 12 Meeting Section K-1 Testimony

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Dear BLNR Board,

I appreciate the Board's decision to update Chapter 13-5 and provide opportunities for public engagement throughout the decision-making process. Hawai'i is unique in that each island faces the realities of climate change, yet the appropriate adaptation strategies will differ from island to island.

Receiving public input will foster constructive dialogue between the public and the Board. Communities possess valuable collective knowledge of their lands, shorelines, and local conditions that can help inform effective policy decisions.

Holding public hearings on each island regarding these proposed amendments will strengthen the final rulemaking process and help create an environment where community members feel heard and respected. This inclusive approach can also build greater public understanding of, and support for, the Board's final decisions.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Arleen Velasco

Oahu Resident

**[EXTERNAL] Proposed Amendments to HAR Chapter 13-5 — Support for Public Hearing, June 12
BLNR Agenda Item K-1**

From John Starmer <john@johnstarmer.com>
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To: Board of Land and Natural Resources | Agenda Item K-1 | June 12, 2026

Re: Proposed Amendments to HAR Chapter 13-5 — Support for Public Hearing

Aloha Chair Katayama and Members of the Board,

I write in strong support of moving the proposed updates to Hawai'i Administrative Rules Chapter 13-5 forward for public hearing. These amendments — addressing shoreline hardening, beach restoration, coastal hazard planning, and sea level rise adaptation — represent some of the most consequential updates to Conservation District rules in recent memory, and the people of Hawai'i deserve a meaningful opportunity to weigh in.

I respectfully urge the Board to ensure that the public hearing process is robust and genuinely accessible. That means hearings on every island — not limited to a single location — held in the coastal communities most directly affected by these rules wherever possible, and supplemented with virtual participation options. Place-based engagement is not optional when the rules in question govern the beaches, shorelines, and coastal resources that communities depend on and care deeply about.

The integrity of the final rules will depend on the breadth and diversity of voices heard during this process. Please move this rulemaking forward and commit to meaningful statewide engagement.

Mahalo for your consideration.
John Starmer