

HCR-147

Submitted on: 3/20/2021 9:32:26 AM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jerry lam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

i am a 40 year resident in manoa valley and have experienced the flooding at this important traffic corner. please support this resolution.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2021 10:37:38 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
katherine Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have lived on the corner of E. Manoa and Oahu Ave. for the last 16 years. Over the course of these 16 years, the flooding in this intersection has become progressively worse. Though it had always been prone to flooding, when there is a heavy downpour, the entire intersection floods so badly that the water level is too high for pedestrians to cross the street or even walk on the grass in front of my house. I have seen people remove their shoes and roll up their pants when absolutely necessary to cross...but I have also seen older citizens totally unable to cross in any direction. The water level can be so high that cars driving through the intersection have water that reaches up to the middle of their tires. As cars drive by my house, a wake pushes leaves and debris all the way up to my garage, leaving a mass of debris behind once the waters subside. Water often comes up off the street, covers the grass "sidewalk" and goes under the hedge and up to my garage wall on the Oahu Ave. side of the house. My neighbor's concrete wall has water marks that show just how high the water can get. For years, the neighborhood has tried to do what we can to help the problem, thinking that this will be taken care, improved in some way, but it stays the same. In time, I imagine things will only get worse and properties would risk flooding every time it rains hard...and mind you, in Manoa, this is a common occurrence. It only takes a few minutes of downpour for the intersection to flood. Please do not think this is an exaggeration...ask anyone who lives in this intersection and they will tell you the same thing. Neighbors are buying inflatable devices to block the water from coming into their garages, carting their trash cans to higher ground to keep them from being knocked over, and all of us worry that some day our homes will be harmed by the increased flooding.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2021 4:24:28 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrice Choy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of HCR147 and hope the working group can quickly drill down to the core issues of the 60+ year old problem.

The reasons to correct the flooding are clearly stated in this resolution, but I would like to emphasize that personal property is at stake and it feels so pathetic that no representative of Manoa has been able to shepard a solution through the system to take care of this problem once and for all.

HCR147 is a step in the right direction and I hope it doesn't get lost in bureaucratic red tape or political games.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 6:02:29 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Watase	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas and Committee members,

I am writing in SUPPORT of HCR147 which creates a working group to come up with recommendation to mitigate the flooding at Oahu Avenue and E. Manoa Road. The flooding has gone on for decades and over the years many concerns and inquiries have been made and the answers are always it is a complex and most likely because the storm drainage lines go through the University of Hawaii Manoa who has their own storm drainage masterplan. Then all is forgotten until the next decent size rain. This intersection services over half of Manoa valley and leads to Manoa MarketPlace, Manoa Fire Station, Manoa Library, Manoa Innovation Center, UH Astronomy Dept, and many schools. This issue needs to be prioritized in order to get the attention it deserves and to fix this long overdue flooding problem.

Please vote in support of HCR147.

Mahalo, Dave Watase

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 7:52:27 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Winona T Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HCR147 so we can finally address this flooding problem in Manoa on Oahu Avenue and East Manoa Road.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 8:10:26 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grant Tokumi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the Bill.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 8:49:35 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benjamin Ancheta Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HCR147. As a resident of Manoa since 2008, I have seen the intersection of Oahu Ave and East Manoa flood with every heavy rain. It blocks the intersection, makes it difficult for vehicles to pass, and is extremely dangerous for pedestrians who need to cross at that intersection.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Ancheta, Jr.

Manoa Resident

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 9:19:11 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Chinen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 10:28:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pat Watson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It's time to take action on this flooding problem & not wait until heavy rains wreck havoc & possibly take lives. Please be proactive!

Thank you,

Pat Watson

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Submitted on: 3/21/2021 10:41:38 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine Otto Zaa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco and Members,

Please support HCR147 to resolve decades-old flooding issues in this area of Manoa.

Mahalo,

Christine Otto Zaa

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Submitted on: 3/22/2021 6:59:44 AM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sidney Lynch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support HCR147. This intersection has been an issue for many years. With more frequent rain bombs the situation will only become worse. It should be addressed now.

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Submitted on: 3/22/2021 7:11:13 AM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of resolution HCR 147 that is:
“REQUESTING THAT A WORKING GROUP BE CONVENED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS on flood mitigation at the intersection of East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue.”

My name is Bruce Lum and I applaud Representative Dale Kobayashi for having the backs of the Manoa residents who have suffered and tolerated the very chronic flooding of the intersection of Oahu Ave. and Manoa Rd. for decades. This chronic problem has been further exacerbated since Manoa Valley has transitioned from a mixed-ag-residential zoned community of the early 1950’s to the dense residential-commercial community of today.

As a child, I used to walk across a wooden plank over the Manoa Stream at Kahaloa Drive when the original Manoa School site moved to the present day site. At that time, even during the heaviest rains, flooding at Kahaloa and the Manoa Stream was nothing as threatening as it is today. The small drainage channels surrounding the present Manoa School and Manoa District Park were well maintained and assisted greatly in the abatement of upper Manoa Valley flooding. Some of those drainage channels are filled in and some are over-grown. The elimination of those channels is part of the reason for the disrupted, deficient means to abate the flooding occurring today at the subject intersection of HCR 147.

I strongly concur with the convening of a working group to make recommendations on flood mitigation at the intersection of East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue as called for by HCR 147.

I strongly urge the adoption of HCR 147. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 147.

Bruce Lum

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Submitted on: 3/22/2021 3:37:12 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elton Fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

David Tarnas, Chair

Patrick Branco, Vice Chair

House Water and Land Committee

Dear Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco and the Members of the Water and Land Committee:

I write in support of HCR147. Although I am Vice Chair of the Manoa Neighborhood Board, I write in my individual capacity as a resident of Manoa Valley.

When I was a child, my family moved into Manoa in 1961. I live in the original house in the back of Manoa Valley that I inherited from my parents.

Ever since I can remember, the intersection of East Manoa Road and Oahu Ave. floods whenever it rains heavily. It floods on average 6-12 times a year and perhaps more. I always wondered why the City didn't do something about it. I assumed that the flooding was due to leaves and debris clogging the mouths of the storm drains. The flooding causes the intersection to become hazardous to drive through, so whenever it rains hard, I take an alternate route.

As a Manoa Neighborhood Board member, I have found out that the problem is that the storm drain line is too narrow. It also must go through the University of Hawaii. The cost will be somewhat large.

I support the creation of a group to look into a solution to this problem. Manoa residents should not have to put up with driving conditions that could damage their vehicles. And they should not have to wait for at least 60 years before anything gets done.

Thank you.

Elton Fukumoto

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Submitted on: 3/22/2021 4:17:35 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharlene Chun Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

HCR 147 requests that a working group be convened to make recommendations on flood mitigation at the intersection of East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue. The composition of the five member group includes elected lawmakers representing Manoa from both State and City as well as two residents of Manoa who have direct knowledge and experience of the problem. The group is tasked with presenting its findings no later than 20 days before the convening of the legislature next year and is slated to end by June 30, 2022.

This is a great approach to addressing this ongoing concern. The small but powerful group, short timeline, and laser beam focus are all elements that can lead to meaningful recommendations. This may become a model for how other longstanding community problems could be addressed.

Please pass HCR 147.

Mahalo,

Shar Chun-Lum

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March 22, 2021

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
House Committee on Water & Land
State Capitol Building
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: HCR 147 – Requesting That A Working Group Be Convened To Make Recommendations On Flood Mitigation At The Intersection Of East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue.

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

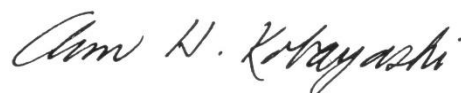
I would like to submit testimony in strong support of HCR 147. For many years the residents and visitors of Manoa have long endured the flooding at East Manoa Road and Oahu Avenue. This is a primary ingress and egress to Manoa and when flooding occurs after every downpour, the water level rises above the curb. Pedestrians have had to wade through this intersection and casualties have occurred. Emergency and public safety vehicles have had to maneuver this intersection for decades.

Constituents have been pleading for assistance for many, many years but there has been no remedy and/or no resolution.

I would like to respectfully request passage of HCR 147 so all possible venues can be explored and placed on the table for continued discussion and hopefully workable solutions can finally be provided.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



Ann H. Kobayashi

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Submitted on: 3/22/2021 7:44:36 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audrey Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I think it would be good to get something productive done about this problem. Perhaps this can be viewed as a model for other areas to get flooding problems under control. Although it may not be an efficient way to tackle every flooded intersection, this could be used as a roadmap to solve many of the current areas prone to flooding during heavy rains.

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Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2021 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cliff & Mary DeVries	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We support taking care of the flooding problem in Manoa Valley. It has been a long time coming and it needs to be repaired.