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Testimony for JHA on 3/29/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joni Kamiya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The effects of climate change is real as we have seen with the recent rains with flooding across our state. Our local governments have been touting the urgency to address this issue for years, however, its inaction clearly indicates that minimal action needs to be take on their part.

While I realize that this resolution comes with 0 funding and most like zero change, as elected leaders of your communities, you have a duty to craft evidence based policies and back those policies with funding and action. Sure, you may not get those numbers in testimony that is needed to convince you to pass this resolution, but I hope you have a conscience to know what the community you represents needs.

The home I live in was my grandparents. Their home was flooded in 1965. A grandmother and her two grandchildren were killed as a result. To this day, mud from that flood still falls from the walls some 50 years later in my wall sockets. As a result of that incident, action was taken to prevent it from happening. Some 55 years later, that stream is filled with weeds, trees, and debris. Studies have been conducted that indicate how another flood can occur when debris fills the lower part of the river and blocks it. Here is factual evidence placed in front of legislators and other government agencies with no actual action. Meanwhile, the community remains at risk because "there's not enough testimony."

There are times when a leader must lead for the community. Just because you get a miniscule number does not mean this resolution can and should not pass. To not take action shows us the lack of leadership to do what is pono.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for JHA on 3/29/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kelly anne k olayan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a kaneohe resident and my Luana place home backs up to kamooolii stream and the urgency to clean the stream is long over due. every heavy rainfall we get I have to worry if it will flood into my yard. there is now only a 5ft area where the water can flow because if the rock & grass build up that has now turned into an island behind my home in the stream. there are multiple full grown MASSIVE trees in the stream and not to mention the amount of california/Buffalo Grass weeds that have now started to grow in my yard because the wind blows the seeds up into our grass. The amount of fish, ducks, turtles, and other wild life has DRAMATICALLY decreased due to a lack of space for them to live in. please maintain the streams and keep them flowing so we do not ever have to live through another repeat of the 1965 flood. Mahalo nui loa for malama our aina in ways and areas that we are not able to.

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Testimony for JHA on 3/29/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

We support a continuous maintenance of the streams & drainage in the Keapuka area.

Our family moved to Keapuka over 35 years ago after the Dam was constructed and the once condemned area was restored with single family homes.

The stream behind our home used to be cleaned regularly and we were not concerned when it rained. Currently the stream bed is overgrown with weeds, bush & trees. In some areas you cannot see the water. The recent rains of 3/9/21 was so forceful that it created a pathway through the overgrown weeds. We watched large debris such as bush, trees & stumps float by. Fortunately the debris did not accumulate and block the stream causing flood and damage. Regular maintenance will prevent a disaster.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susanna Westbrook	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a homeowner, living under the shadow of the Hoomaluhia dam, who experiences significant fear and anxiety that the next big rainstorm could mean my home could get wiped out. Honored legislators, please support the important regular maintenance of Keapuka stream. We cannot have another diaster like in 1965. Aloha and mahalo

Susanna Westbrook