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By
HAWAII SHORE AND BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

In consideration of
City Council Bill 81(2014) WAIKIKI-RELATING TO SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.
City Council Bill 82(2014) CD-1 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WAIKIKI
BEACH SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The purpose of this ordinance (Bill 82) is to establish a Waikiki Beach special improvement district to provide for and finance supplemental services and improvements in and to Waikiki Beach. This will allow shoreline improvement, restoration, and protection projects to be provided and financed by a special improvement district. Bill 81(2014) amends Section 36-1.5, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, to include provisions for construction of shoreline improvements, beach restoration, and protection projects.

The Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association (HSBPA) supports Bills 81 and 82. Recent dramatic beach erosion events across Oahu, including Waikiki have demonstrated the need for comprehensive coastal planning and management. Waikiki Beach is dynamic and complex, requiring strategic planning with dedicated resources to sustain these efforts. The HSBPA supports the development of a comprehensive assessment and strategic beach management plan as identified in Bill 82. The Waikiki Beach Management Plan would benefit Waikiki stakeholders and community and offer a path forward to understand and preserve one of Hawaii's most valuable treasures and economic engine for the state.

The Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association (HSBPA, <http://www.hawaiishoreandbeach.org/>), formed in 2014, is an organization of private sector, academic, and government professionals, students and local community members dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Hawaii's beaches and coastal environments. The HSBPA aims to bring together various members of the coastal community to foster dialogue and cooperation on beach and coastal resource conservation, management, and regulation; supporting professional development of chapter members; and providing education to students and community members on Hawaii's beaches and coastal environments.

Thank you for considering our testimony on this bill. Please consider HSBPA a resource should you have any questions or want more information about beach preservation and restoration. We can be reached at aloha@hawaiishoreandbeach.org