

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND THE ECONOMY

## Voting Members

Esther Kia'aina, Chair; Calvin Say, Vice-Chair;  
Radiant Cordero, Augie Tulba, Andria Tupola

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Committee Meeting Held  
July 20, 2021

Honorable Tommy Waters  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Housing and the Economy, which considered Resolution 21-154 entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO REMOVE THE HAIKU STAIRS AND ITS ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO STOP TRESPASSING, REDUCE DISTURBANCES TO LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS, INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, REMOVE POTENTIAL LIABILITY TO THE CITY, AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT,"

introduced on July 2, 2021, reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 21-154 is to urge the City Administration to remove the Haiku Stairs and its accessory structures to stop trespassing, reduce disturbances to local neighborhoods, increase public safety, remove potential liability to the City, and protect the environment.

The Department of Parks and Recreation submitted written testimony providing comments on the Resolution through Departmental Communication 536 (2021) and at your Committee's meeting, the Director of Parks and Recreation offered comments on the Resolution.

The Honolulu Police Department and Honolulu Fire Department offered comments on the Resolution answered any questions in regards to the Haiku Stairs.

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Hawai'i State Representative Scot Matayoshi, District 49, provided testimony in support of the Resolution.

At your Committee's meeting, 13 individuals testified in support, 5 individuals testified in opposition, and 10 individuals offered comments on the Resolution.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Resolution from the Department of Hawaiian Homelands; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;; Kai Loa Inc; Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau, LPCS; and 97 individuals. Written testimony in opposition was received from the Friends of Haiku Stairs; Unseen Hawaii Adventure Tours LLC; Hawaii Historical Trails Association; and 1280 individuals. Comments were received from 11 individuals.

Your Committee on Housing and the Economy is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 21-154 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Cordero, Kia'aina, Say, Tulba – 4; Ayes with reservations: Tupola – 1; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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