

Bill 14, CD1 Testimony

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Subject: Oppose funding to tear down Ha'ikū Stairs

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As a 32 year resident of Kaneohe/Heeia, I strongly oppose the line item in the City's Operating Budget to fund removal of the Haiku Stairs.

Just last year there was momentum by the City to finally correctly resolve this long lasting issue - so to re-open the Stairs for managed access. This came after a managed access was the highest rated option in the BWS's EIS, fourteen letters of interest was submitted to the City to manage the facility, and the longstanding and overwhelming local support for the re-opening with managed access.

Mahalo for your consideration on this matter,

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Sent from my iPhone

TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
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DATE: Meeting Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Follow up April 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Bill 14, City Operating Budget – **COMMENTS**

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Bill 14, the city's operating budget. The following comments were made during the council meeting.

As you know, firefighters work 24-hour shifts, and the city provides a budget for their food. According to several firefighters I spoke with, they do not receive discounts or participate in grocery store "clubs" such as Maika'i Rewards at Foodland or Safeway for U. Please discuss discounts with the administration to see how we can save money on this line item. These programs result in savings of hundreds of dollars per year for the average family. While the amount spent is small in comparison to the total budget, the city should strive to save money wherever it can.

Please cut the \$1.3 million for the Haiki Stairs tear down. The city should work with the Friends of Haiku Stairs on a win-win response.

Please cut the line item for signs for the Departments of Parks and Transportation Services. Some places have way too many signs that are not needed. Following are some examples.



Kawaikui Beach Park in East Honolulu is about 4.1 acres yet has about 30 park closed signs. Signs are in most of the parking stalls, in the comfort stations, along the beach, etc. There's no need for so many signs in such a small place.

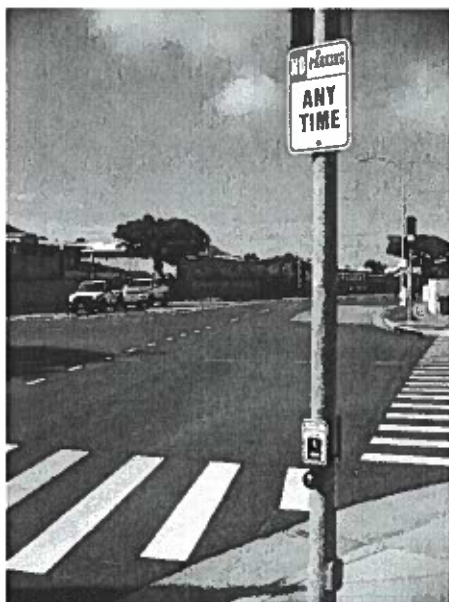


Wailupe Beach Park also has many signs, including park closure and parking lot closure signs on the same pole.

And why is it we don't have covers on our trash cans?



At the intersection of Hawaii Kai Drive and Wailua in Hawaii Kai, there are three "right on green arrow only" signs for one right-turn-only lane.



Another example of a sign that's not needed. Of course, no parking is allowed on a corner or in a crosswalk.