

**BILL014(22)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 231**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Jun 1, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 5

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Ed Lesperance	Email: spirit@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 31, 2022 @ 06:31 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The Haik Stairs are a historic monument and a testament to heroic engineering. Removing the Stairs would be costly and dangerous. The full cost will total in the millions. There are also serious legal, environmental, and safety concerns to be reckoned with.</p> <p>Destroying the Stairs won't stop people from climbing the ridge, especially as the City plans to leave behind a ready-made scaffolding for climbers to attach ropes and scramble up the mountain.</p> <p>Public Wants to Save the Stairs: Two unanimous Kne'ohē Neighborhood Board Resolutions in support; thousands of people have testified island-wide to support saving the Stairs; latest 2022 poll shows 55% of Windward residents in favor of preserving the Stairs.</p> <p>Managed Access is the Answer: end trespassing and provide public access in a safe, environmentally sustainable manner that respects Hawaiian cultural protocols and bypasses residential homes. Managed Access would cost taxpayers nothing and would generate local jobs and investment in the community.</p>		
Name: Erich R Roeder	Email: erich_roeder@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 31, 2022 @ 06:34 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The destruction of the Haiku Stairs is a negligent waste of city money. Let the stairs stay and allow development of managed access to a premier Oahu landmark. Spend money on the citizens of Honolulu, and the troubles of the community, not this.</p>		
Name: Julie Wilusz	Email: Julie96734@aol.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 1, 2022 @ 04:54 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose the destruction of the Haiku Stairs. The financial cost is far too much, and the ecological costs will raise the financial costs even more. Removal of these stairs will cause landslides from the loss of the stairs holding the ground in place. On top of that, the stairs are a historical site, which should be preserved for future generations. Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Managed access to these stairs can ensure future generations can learn about why these stairs were built in the first place, and how we can prevent the need for things like this in the future.</p>		
Name: Erich Roeder	Email: erich_roeder@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 1, 2022 @ 06:05 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Stop wasteful spending on removing stairs, and use those dollars to help communities. The stairs should be open via a managed solution which could generate funds for city, have then properly maintained, to better honor the valley's modern and ancient history.</p>		
Name: Jill McCormick	Email: jill757808@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 1, 2022 @ 09:10 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose funding destruction of historic monument Haiku Stairs.</p> <p>I support the idea of managed legal access to and on the stairs.</p>		