

**Brief Testimony: IEM 33 Sand Mining**

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Aloha Council Members:

I applaud the approach being employed in CC 17-394 relative to sand mining. Furthermore, I encourage your continued support or soft approaches to coastal erosion using sand, rather than building seawalls which often negatively effect neighboring properties and sandy beaches. As such, may I humbly suggest a small amendment to the definition of sand mining, as follows:

Currently:

20.40.020 Definitions

"Sand mining" means extraction and removal of sand from a lot, except for the following:

1. Activities required to comply with county, state, or federal regulations.
2. Activities related to land management for agriculture, landscaping, and related uses as described in subsection 20.08.030(C) of this title where no inland sand is transported outside the same lot.
3. Activities conducted pursuant to a valid permit issued prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

Add:

4. Activities that provide sand to beach nourishment or dune restoration projects approved by a government agency.

Thank you for your consideration and for the privilege of speaking to this important matter.

Mahalo!

Thorne Abbott

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