

PC Committee

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Subject: Sea walls

Aloha Planning Committee members,

Mahalo for reading my testimony, I regret not being able to attend your meeting in person due to work responsibilities. I am writing in strong opposition to allowing sea walls (temporary or permanent, as a temporary sea wall would have all of the negative effects of a permanent sea wall). The decision to allow a 400' sea wall at Hololani or anywhere else has the potential to severely impact our nearshore ecosystems this is a precedent setting decision that once allowed could drastically and negatively impact all of our sandy beaches. The science is clear sea walls cause erosion and loss of sand once put up it affects other areas. The science is also clear that sea level rise is occurring so at best this action is a temporary band aid that will cause negative impacts nearby the impacts could be felt at Ka'anapali beach or Napili Bay which both generate millions of dollars in revenue for our state, county and residents annually. This issue has not been presented to the local community in any meaningful way. I agree it is very unfortunate that the owners are in this position but as county council members you must consider the long term bigger picture and possible unintended consequences your actions may cause on all shoreline properties countywide.

This report which is only five pages was written by the county's own planning department and confirms the adverse effects of sea walls this is such a huge issue that we cannot allow the planning commission with no west Maui representative, no cultural or environmental representative to make this call. Please read this report and take over jurisdiction of this issue

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