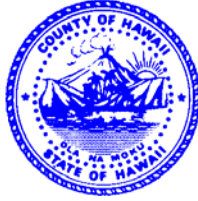


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Pat Blew
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Re: Comments on DEIS for the
Sea Mountain at Punalu'u Project

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that was prepared by Group 70 International. As you are well aware Punalu'u is a very special place. The area is rich with cultural history and is an important nesting habitat for both endangered and threatened sea turtles.

My comments and concerns are as follows:

- The conclusions drawn are not supported by the EIS.
- No shoreline certification has been conducted to establish legal boundaries of public ownership.
- An artificial shoreline has been established by planting palms by the previous owners. This is an artificial boundary that continues to interfere with nesting sea turtles.
- Ponds on the property should be public.
- There is currently little or no natural flushing of the ponds by the ocean, which needs to be re-established.
- Water quality has not been sufficiently addressed; no degradation of water quality, water quality standards must be adhered to.
- The safety of swimmers has not been addressed (there will be the need for more lifeguards if there will be more people in the water).
- Native species of honu, honu ea and seabirds that nest in the area have not been sufficiently addressed (including habitat and food resources).
- Public services have not been adequately addressed.
- The road system will not meet access needs of the public.
- There is no mention of an evacuation plan in the case of a tsunami, hurricane or lava flow.
- Increases in density have not been adequately addressed.
- Traffic at the highway intersection will be negatively impacted, no mitigation methods mentioned.

Mahalo,

cc Chris Yuen, Hawai'i County Planning Director

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