

**From:** [Cynthia Fite](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** "NO!" to dismantling Haiku Stairs !  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:11:30 AM

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Dear BWS -

I am a kama'aina of our beautiful Windward side for 54 years now, and raised my children here to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of our 'aina. The Haiku Stairs are a fixture, a landmark, a part of what makes Kaneohe great ,and an important part of so many of our histories in our homeland.

I agree there needs to be managing of the hiking but that is a doable undertaking that many of us would be happy to assist with. My contact info is below.

Please, Please, PLEASE do not remove the stairs! Instead, let's work together to enhance them and perpetuate the experience of this enviable treasure.

Mahalo nui,

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**From:** [Glen Ewing](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** A friend of Ha'iku Stairs, testimony to keep stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:42:55 AM

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Hello my name is Glen Ewing from NJ. Although I never had the pleasure of climbing the stairs I did read about them while on vacation in Hawaii about 8 years ago. I am an avid hiker, geocacher, adventurer and would love an opportunity to climb the stair way to heaven. I have been following the Friends of Haiku Stairs and offer my heart felt assurance that if the stairs were turned over to the state and re-opened for public use I would be more than happy to abide by all rules and regulations, pay any necessary fees and continue to support the efforts of all local advocates in keeping such a historically significant location open to public use. I would plan my next vacation to Hawaii around an opportunity such as the stairway hike. Please work with the local supporters.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [thalemano@gmail.com](mailto:thalemano@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Against closure  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:12:12 AM

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I am petitioning against the closure of haiku staircase

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [The Gas](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** APRIL 27 HAIKU STAIRS BOARD MEETING TESTIMONY  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:45:30 AM

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Dear Board Members

**I support the removal of Haiku Stairs. I understand and accept both terms of agreement.**

I am writing on behalf of myself, my beloved Kaneohe community, my friends who live near the trail entrance, and my millennial generation. Ever had that toy that you and your siblings fought over, until your mom or dad took it away with scoldings? This is Haiku Stairs. No one will want the actual costs with operating the stairs.

1. The trespassing issue isn't resolved, because having an entrance fee and health restrictions will only encourage more trespassing for hikers to save money and to finish their vacation bucket-list. Thus, the next agency will have to hire numerous security guards to patrol the various boundaries, and even that may not be enough.
2. Mayor Kirk Caldwell has yet to find an agency willing to take it over with a VIABLE plan, once handed over to the Department of Parks and Recreation.
3. Supporters don't reflect the real residents impacted. Majority of the supporters don't reside near the area, let alone Kaneohe. Some previous commenters on the EIS don't even live in Hawaii.
4. Board Proposal is a misrepresentation. Out of the 14 Kaneohe subdistricts in the Kaneohe Board, only Subdistrict 3 contains the entrance and affected neighborhoods. I am not confident the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board voted on their proposal in the best interests of the affected residents, as it only requires a majority, and only subdistrict 3 would have voted against it as it really only deals with their vicinity. I know several people who live near the entrance and they all don't support it at all.
5. Major overhaul already needed for a grand opening. Stairway is extremely narrow, forcing people to go side-by-side when passing. Stairs will have to be widened to accommodate the extreme popularity, or face hikers going off the trail just to pass the slower hikers. To add to the problems, there will be hikers just getting impatient and angry while waiting for the slower hikers, and crowds with vehicle-traffic at the entrance awaiting to get in. This is not Disneyland and no fast-passes would exist.
6. Traffic on Kalaniano'le Highway and Kahuhipa Street are extremely congested as-is at peak hours and weekends. It cannot accommodate more visitors, who will especially use both roads to visit Windward Mall for a meal/shopping before and after.
7. Visitor numbers will skyrocket once it's known that the trail is finally legal, thus overcrowding the neighborhood by adding traffic, noise, and pollution.
8. Essential Street Maintenance (such as repaving) when needed will cause a nightmare for residents and hikers trying to get home or to the stairs.
9. This is not: H-3 Highway, TMT, Honolulu Rail, SuperFerry, nor Dillingham Airfield. In other words, it doesn't serve an essential purpose in Hawaii, other than providing an attraction. There are many other means of recreation in Kaneohe and excellent hikes on the island.
10. Residents would NOT agree to have taxes raised for a city department to take it over and maintain it, should no private owner want it. While more of the city's problem, it's your problem too as a tax-paying citizen.
11. Lawsuits due to loopholes will force you to pay the expensive settlements, as attorneys

are still willing to fight against the BWS. You are still in charge until the transfer, and the state/private agency will be once they receive it. Here is an excerpt from the website of the popular Honolulu law firm *Davis Levin Livingston*:

*“Under Hawaii law, as long as the BWS continues in its efforts to warn potential climbers of the danger of the steps, it should not be liable for injuries suffered by the illegal climbers. Almost all rules have exceptions, so if you were injured while illegally climbing the Haiku Steps, contact Davis Levin Livingston for a free consultation to discuss the specific facts of your personal injury or wrongful death case.”-*

*-<https://www.davislevin.com/blog/2015/june/dangers-of-hawaiis-stairway-to-heaven/>*

12. Take this email to the Department of Parks and Recreation or any private funder. I am sure they will see that the costs of owning and maintaining the stairs FAR outweighs the benefits, and any hopes were just too far-fetched. Saving the stairs is biting off more than they'd be able to chew. I am sorry that it costs a million dollars just to save the community any further trouble. You had no choice but to take-over the land to protect our water, so I realize you were inconveniently dragged into this issue. Yet it will be very much appreciated by many and I hope you will understand that. There are just too many variables working against a successful re-opening. Thank you and Mahalo!

Sincerely,  
Reid Tsuzaki  
8087229187

**From:** [Fay Jones](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** CLOSE HAIKU STAIRS  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:46:14 AM

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I couldn't agree more with Ernest Lau's assessment of the situation.

The stairs are an attractive and DANGEROUS nuisance. Despite gates, notices warning of the danger there will always be hikers willing to ignore all that just to say they have hiked the forbidden Haiku Stairs.

At a purely pragmatic level, the State CANNOT AFFORD to maintain the stairs so that they would be as safe as possible. Also cannot afford rescues on the Stairs when somebody has a mishap. Given the revenue shortfalls due to the coronavirus, we need to focus on maintaining ESSENTIAL SERVICES LIKE CLEAN WATER.

I know it would be costly to dismantle the Stairs but perhaps enough could be taken out to further deter people intent on breaking the rules. They seem willing to risk their own safety but that doesn't give them the right to gamble with the lives of first responders who will called upon to assist them if they have an accident..... not to mention the cost to taxpayers.

THE HAIKU STAIRS MUST GO.....

Fay Jones  
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**From:** [Steven Won](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Close the Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:24:16 AM

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Close it! Liability, safety, taxpayer money concerns. Close stairway to Heaven. Waste of resources!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Juanita Allen](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:44:03 AM

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I am in favor of **removing** the Haiku Stairs.

1. The maintenance cost is prohibitive.
2. The disruption to the neighborhood is excessive.
3. The liability is also an issue.
4. Turning this over to a private enterprise is a really bad idea.
5. We do not owe it to tourists to furnish them with things to do. It seems like that is what the Haiku Stairs is all about - giving tourists a "cool" thing to do on Oahu.

Mahalo, Juanita E. Allen, 94-1005 Kihikihi Street, Waipahu, HI 96797



**From:** [Brad Byrnes](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#); [Brad Byrnes](#)  
**Cc:** [caron\\_ferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:caron_ferguson@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Comment-Testimony to Haiku Stairs Decision  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:03:27 AM

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Sir,

I am commenting on the decision of the BWS on the future of Haiku Stairs. My comments can be entered into the record as an email comment.

1. The Stairs should not be dismantled. Although tourist use the stairs, a great many local BWS rate-paying residents use (or would like to use) the Stairs. Regulating the use of the Stairs is better than terminating the use of the Stairs.
2. The BWS has many properties that are regularly used by residents engaged in hiking. To maintain that the BWS does not, in-fact, provide outdoor space for recreation is ignoring the reality of life on Oahu. The BWS is holding the land not merely for the limited purpose of protecting a watershed but also to provide for the enjoyment of the common good.
3. As a vast property holder and manager of real estate on Oahu the BWS should not ignore the rate-payers who also use the land for hiking.
4. The BWS sees its mission as encompassing all aspects of provide clean drinking water. Managing real estate for the benefit of clean drinking water and the common good of rate-payers can be achieved. The need for clean drinking water in not incompatible with the BWS's ability to manage real estate for uses, such as hiking. Of course, real estate uses that can be proven to damage drinking water coming from the wells (as opposed to surface run off) should be properly restricted.
5. The concern of damage to the neighborhood at the bottom of the Stair is real. For those property owner who purchased land before the Stairway was installed, they can rightly complain about the change over last two decades. All other homeowner purchased their homes with the open knowledge that the Stairs are regularly used (albeit, not legally). The neighborhood complaints are no different than neighborhoods that are at trailheads of many authorized trails, for example, the Maunawili Trail. While the neighborhood complaints are real, the complaints should be given no more weight than any other similarly situated neighborhood complaints.
6. The BWS's management of Oahu's water resources does not include neighborhood safety or private property protection. If the BWS decides to include the neighborhood complaints as a reason to change the status of the Stairs, then the BWS should clearly identify on what legal basis it is expanding its authority to consider aspects not directly involving the provision of clean water.
7. If the BWS no longer requires the land under the Stairs, then the land should be transferred to another public entity. But, if the BWS requires the land, then it has a responsibility to maintain the historic and often used (in face of the physical and legal obstacles) Haiku Stairs for complementary-purpose of the enjoyment of the common good.

Respectfully,

Brad Byrnes  
Kailua, HI

**From:** [benjamin willkie](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Cost Efficiency for Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:12:33 AM

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Water Supply Board Members,

-Estimated Cost to dismantle Stairs is \$1M.

- Annual security cost for Stairs is \$250K.

-Haiku Stairs does not well fit into BWS mission.

- The Stairs presently are of great interest to the community and also present cost to Haiku residents due to trespassing.

Recomend the Board allow one year period to seek out a suitable (non-profit) caretaker of the Stairs that will allow limited lawful (pay per person) access. This will limit costs to much less than dismantling and preserve the Stairs for future generation and provide a means to end the infringement upon Haiku area residents. A stipulation for the non-profit could be long term reimbursement to BWS for security costs going forward.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin Willkie  
Kailua HI  
808-779-4475

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**From:** [Vickie](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Decision on Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:52:01 AM

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I feel that the stairs should remain and be placed in the hands of someone that can manage and maintain them. To take them down is to remove a historically significant item that exceeds 50 years old. It should remain as not only a significant part of the history of these islands, but also as a place where hikers can go in a healthy atmosphere. I understand the frustration of the neighborhood adjacent to the stairs and hope that with someone whose main focus is the stairs and security would be able to alleviate the problem in the area. The stairs have become a place for the local kids to not hike but to hang around and drink beer, as can be seen by the beer cans and bottles left there as refuse. Please do not let irresponsible people close this down and at the same time allow the neighborhood to get their lives and parking back. Give it to someone who cares about the stairs and let the Board of Water Control care about supplying us with water

V Phillips  
Kahalu'u  
880-221-9099  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Mary Brown](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Dismantle Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:39:11 AM

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Aloha,  
Haiku Stairs is a waste of taxpayer money.  
No wonder BWS keeps on raising water prices if they have to support the Stairs also. How is this their mission? Or for that matter, any government agency's mission.  
Dismantle the stairs and stop wasting our taxpayer dollars.  
Mahalo,  
Mary Brown

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Barbara Umiama](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Dismantle stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:08:42 AM

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My opinion is to dismantle stairs. Too expensive to maintain and renovate. Whether it is a unique asset per Caldwell, he should not put more burden on the taxpayers.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Paul Petach](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Disposition of stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:49:38 AM

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My vote would be to turn the stairs over to a “Third” party to operate as a semi-private, profit making, native Hawaiians employing, self supporting, tax paying endeavor

Paul Petach

Sent from an iPadPro, long, long, ago and far, far away  
All electrons used in this email have been recycled

**From:** [Richard Tuggle](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fate of Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:05:12 AM

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I earnestly encourage that the Haiku Stairs be preserved and not dismantled.

The Stairs are a priceless historical, cultural and recreational asset to the Islands.

To remove them is wasteful of the resources already expended in building and maintaining them.

The Neighborhoods' expressed grief of trespassing and vandalism is largely the product of these Neighborhoods' moves to shut off all access routes to the Stairs. These routes have included public roads, easements over State-/privately-owned property, drainage ditches and such.

At the same time, private organizations, and now City & County, have offered to be involved in a managed access plan. Now is not the time to turn them down.

Please support the Stairs; please save the Stairs.

Thank you.

-Richard M. Tuggle-  
Kaneohe

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**From:** [Robert Bachini](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Future of Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:33:44 PM

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Aloha kakou,

As a Ko'olaupoko resident for over 21 years, and former employee of Windward Community College, I encourage you to allow access to this one-of-a-kind hike.

After the financial investment in repairs a few years ago, I was disappointed to learn of its closure. While at WCC, I know a group proposed access via the college out of respect to local residents whose property was violated by illegal and inconsiderate hikers.

I am hoping the trail can be upgraded, maintained, and allow for good neighbor access and care, and truly believe the hike and community can co-exist in harmony.

The stairs remain one of the most iconic Windward treasures that deserves protection and safekeeping.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Bachini

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*'A'ohe mea 'imi a ka maka. Nothing more for the eyes to search for.*

**From:** [Monika Grabowska](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Future of Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:28:16 PM

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Aloha,

As a resident of Hawaii I want to speak loud my opinion against tearing down the Haiku Stairs.

Known as really interesting and most beautiful hike in Oahu should be one of the main hikes that residents and visitors are available to enjoy.

Stairs should be preserved and transferred to City and County of Honolulu. That would be best solution for the Board of Water Supply and all Haiku Stairs supporters who want to be able to enjoy them.

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Mahalo,  
Monika Grabowska

**From:** [Kathleen Anzai](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Haiku Stairs Testimony-I support removal of Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:29:41 AM

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Subject: Fw: Haiku Stairs Testimony-I support removal of Haiku Stairs

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Subject: Fwd: Haiku Stairs Testimony-I support removal of Haiku Stairs

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From: Guy Anzai <koanzai@aol.com>  
To: haikustairstestimony <haikustairstestimony@bws.org>  
Sent: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 8:59 am  
Subject: Haiku Stairs Testimony-I support removal of Haiku Stairs

As a resident of Castle Hills, I am opposed to the Haiku Stairs trailhead to start in or near the Castle Hills neighborhood.

Traffic volume is extremely high on any given day, since Kea'ahala Road serves as the only entry and exit for the Kane'ohe District Park, Windward Comprehensive Health Center, Windward Community College, Hawaii State Hospital, Kane'ohe District Court, State Department of Transportation Windward Base Yard, Hina Mauka Addiction Treatment Center, Anchor Church, Castle Hills subdivision, and the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts.

Po'okela Street is connected to Kea'ahala Road and is the only entry and exit for the residents of the 125 homes located in the Castle Hills subdivision.

The parking lot at the Kane'ohe District Park is inadequate to accommodate the many participants and spectators for practice and competitive swimming events, football games, and other outdoor and indoor events.

Po'okela Street is then used for overflow parking on both sides of the street.

Kane'ohe District Court users and law enforcement personnel also park on Po'okela Street.

Semi-trailer trucks, flatbed trucks, dump trucks, passenger buses, trolleys, and other types of commercial vehicles are parked on both sides of Po'okela Street while waiting to be tested for their commercial vehicle license at the State Department of Transportation Windward Base Yard.

Attendees and support staff of Hina Mauka Addiction Treatment Center also park on both sides of Po'okela Street (75 plus vehicles).

Members from Anchor Church also park on Po'okela Street when their parking lot is full. Certain special services or events require personnel to direct traffic because of the sheer number of vehicles exiting onto Po'okela Street.

Increased volume of traffic, congestion, parking issues, noise, trash, and trespassing will have an adverse impact on the residents and guests of Castle Hills.

Sincerely,

Guy Anzai

**From:** [k k](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:57:59 AM

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Date: Mon, 27 Apr 2020 07:45:24 -1000

Subject: Take it down!

Please take down the stairs!

1 The cost to us is too high when our water and sewer bills keep on increasing.

If the stairs is a cost to the Board of Water supply, it is to us the users of water and sewers, which is everyone on this island.

The percentage of the users that will climb the stairs is a small percentage vs. the amount of users of water and sewer which is 100%.

2. The cost to maintain is too high. Security guards, maintenance of the stairs and anything else that costs to maintain it,

3. The cost of liability is too high. Why are people costing us funds for rescue, medical, etc. when they have an accident when they shouldn't there in the first place? Even if leave it open and you have them sign waivers, they have the family open law suits on behalf of the person that gets hurt or even death, due to their own bad judgement.

Don't transfer to the City and County of Honolulu if even they state that they will take on the liability and costs, the cost just gets transferred and becomes a cost to all of the residents of Oahu taxpayers. The city wants to add additional taxes for rubbish pickup, rail and other services, when they should be cutting and balancing the budget, so don't make this another cost to us, the taxpayers!

Please take it down and consider the costs of maintaining it for some users; versus the costs to all who are the users of the water and sewer and possibly the City and County of Honolulu that will be added to our bills or taxes.

Karen Kawasaki

**From:** [Ginger A. Kolonick](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Keep and restore  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:11:59 AM

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A treasure of history for Kamaaina and meaningful source of revenue from visitors the stairs should have a contract closely monitored with a third party That guarantees safety maintenance and access without disturbing residents in the area.

Ginger Kolonick  
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Honolulu HI 96825  
808-722-8483  
Hawaii resident 48 years

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**Subject:** Keep and restore

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**From:** [Karen Kolonick](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please save the stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:10:05 PM

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PLEASE include this for testimony. It bounced back to me because you use .org and not .com.

Thank you!

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**From:** Karen Kolonick <[alohakk@mac.com](mailto:alohakk@mac.com)>  
**Date:** April 27, 2020 at 11:24:34 AM HST  
**To:** [haikustairstestimony@hbws.com](mailto:haikustairstestimony@hbws.com)  
**Subject:** Please save the stairs!

BWS,

Please don't officially pull the plug on the Haiku Stairs! They are a significant part of our Oahu tapestry and they should be restored and saved.

Do a community fund drive or go-fund-me to repair them. So many people would contribute. And then make it by "day permit" to do it. Only allow so many people a day, and have people sign waivers, much like is done for camping permits.

I grew up here. I have always wanted to do this hike, but since it wasn't "legal" or you had to go in at 2:30am or bribe the guards I haven't done it yet. Bring this hike out of the shadows. There are other places in the country you need a reservation to hike or explore, make this one of them.

Thank you for your time.  
Aloha,

Karen Kolonick  
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**From:** [MK Whiting](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Testimony Favoring Opening Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:56:24 PM

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My first attempt earlier this morning had the wrong address. Please accept my apologies and submit my testimony. I spent a lot of time on it.

Mahalo  
♀Marianne

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** MK Whiting <[747mkw@gmail.com](mailto:747mkw@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Testimony Favoring Opening Stairs  
**Date:** April 27, 2020 at 11:12:04 AM HST  
**To:** [haikustairstestimony@bws.org](mailto:haikustairstestimony@bws.org)

Dear BWS Haiku Stairs Committee,

For 21 years I lived directly below the Pill Box Trail (1111 Ko'oho'o Place) in Lanikai. I *know* what it is like to have many hikers in your 'backyard'. Yet, I also know, these trails can be properly managed. Haiku Stairs its such an asset. It should be preserved and managed asset for future generations.

Reasons why the Stairs should be saved

1. Unique, one of a kind asset. None other like it *in the world*.
2. Historical World War II structure with many educational opportunities.
3. Learning tool and asset for teachers, history buffs, scientists, botanists, and many others.
4. Historical tangible gem demonstrating the ingenuity of our military to develop and use cutting edge WWII radio communication technology.
5. Stunning example of the incredible determination and true grit of our young military men to create and complete one of the most complicated jobs in the Pacific during the War.
6. Haiku Stairs is one of the safest hikes in Hawaii given two heights of railings on each side of the 'trail', one for each hand.
7. Hiking demand remains high among the locals and tourists. Hikers are willing



to pay in order to maintain this unique experience.

8. Thousands of volunteer hours have been expended over the years to maintain the Stairs, clear invasive weeds, and tirelessly work with groups to develop a workable plan for its future use. Clearly there is local commitment.

9. US Coast Guards demonstrated good access management. It can be duplicated and thus reduce the number of complaints from local residents.

10. Hawaii has successfully managed high demand tourist destinations, ex. Diamond Head Crater, Haleakala, Hanauma Bay. Similar protocol could be implemented for the Stairs.

11. In 2003 taxpayers paid \$875,000 to improve the Staircase, including safety, when ownership was taken from the Coast Guard. As a taxpayer I resent the idea that more money would be spent to remove this unique asset.

Having been involved with the Stairs since the days of Coast Guard management and now as a lifetime member of Friends of the Haiku Stairs, it seems clear that the main challenge of the Stairs is a direct result of lack of management and oversight. Today's Honolulu Star Advertiser referenced the 14 third party concession proposals received by the city earlier this year. Many others are willing to be responsible stewards.

There is no disagreement regarding its historical, cultural, environmental, scientific, community, and visitor industry value. Please, listen to the pleas and transfer the management to the city Parks and Recreation who will then lease it to a third party entity who is interested and willing to steward this gem to its rightful status as World Wonder.

Marianne K. Whiting  
Kailua, Hawaii

**From:** [Janell Beattie](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Ha'ikū stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:42:31 AM

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OPEN THE HAIKU STAIRS!!  
Mahalo  
Sent from my iPhone Christian

**From:** [Bob Crone](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku fairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:32:06 AM

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Aloha,

I am not someone who has ever used or probably will ever use the Haiku Stairs but, as an architect and urban/regional planner, I take the long view on such matters. I firmly believe the obvious answer to this issue is to transfer the Haiku Stairs to the City and County government, a willing and able recipient. To opt to instead destroy such an asset would be extremely short sighted.

The Haiku Stairs are a unique asset and as such should be maintain and repaired, not destroyed. Destroying the stair would be akin to the Trump administration destroying the US involvement in the Iran nuclear deal - also an asset - rather than repairing it or their pulling out of the Paris global warming agreement rather than making any repair in the agreement it felt necessary.

There is no logic in destroying such an asset due to want of corrections needed, especially in view of a willing and able recipient.

The Board of Water Supply has no business in the ownership of the Haiku Stairs. As a public asset, the City and County of Honolulu does.

When the deteriorated Haiku Stairs were repaired over a decade ago by the Jeremy Harris administration, the agreement with the state was that the City and County would repair the stairs and the state would create a parking area and entrance to the stairs on the adjacent Haiku Valley lands recently acquired from the US Navy. The state reneged and never create the parking and entrance. Thus the problem over the years with people illegally accessing the stairs through private property. If the state had fulfilled its part of the agreement, that problem would never have existed.

Likewise, if the ownership of the repaired stairs had been transferred from the Board of Water Supply to the City and County of Honolulu and then leased out in a private public partnership (PPP) back then as is now being proposed, the problems of the HBWS in its ownership of the Haiku Stairs would have never evolved.

Now is the time to correct that error made back then, not to destroy the stairs.

Mahalo,

Robert Crone AIA/APA  
Architect/Planner  
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**From:** [Ann Akiyama](#)  
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How can we (taxpayers/government) afford to keep these stairs? The cost to upkeep is tremendous. The dollar liability is un-imagineable. Ask yourself. We taxpayers carry so much burden and you want us to carry more? NO.

It should be torn down and/or made clear that trespassers WILL BE jailed and immediately fined (w/ a significant financial amount). No get out of jail free. This especially goes for tourists (who I presume are the most frequent trespassers). We do not want them skipping out on paying the fine before leaving the state.

It should also be made that if you do trespass and run into trouble, you trespass at your own risk. Our state/city/county WILL NOT BE LIABLE for ANYTHING. This includes expenses incurred if a RESCUE situation arises. Trespassers will be immediately responsible for ANY expenses that arise. Not us taxpayers.

We must be vigilant. Use the community to help police the entrance.

Sure, it's a beautiful natural area. Keep people out to keep it that way. But if they want to "enjoy" it that much, then they can risk the cost of doing so.

Government has been taking on too much and by doing so you are driving us out of house and home. Literally.

**From:** [Jeff Stark](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs - Keep Open to Public  
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To whom it may concern,

I think Haiku Stairs should be kept open to the public. If the state can't maintain the stairs, then private organizations should be allowed the opportunity to do so. So long as the stairs are maintained in a reasonably safe condition, the public should be allowed to use them, at their own risk.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Stark

**From:** [Analisa Cortes](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs - NEW TESTIMONY  
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Aloha,

Stairway to Heaven is a very spiritual place and special place for our island. I am submitting testimony today to keep the stair open for us for future generations to understand and feel the beauty of this island. I am pro keeping the stairs and operating them under managed access. This would allow locals and visitors to safely access and utilize the stairs.

PLEASE KEEP STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN OPEN. Keep the trail maintained, have guests sign a waiver that they will protect the land and do their part to keep the trail clean.

We have spent so much money taking care of the stairs now is not the time to destroy it.

Thank you,  
Ana

**From:** [James Reilly](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs and Trained Climbing "Sherpa" Guides  
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To whom it may concern:

As I have stated previously, I would like to express my support for the City of Honolulu's purchase of the Haiku Stairs for the purposes of maintaining a supervised recreational "trail".

In my view, access to the stairs would be by reservation and guided by a paid or volunteer "Haiku Stairs Sherpa", who is trained (including safety/EMT-type training) and capable of guiding small groups up and back down the stairs, possibly even utilizing safety lines.

Hawaii residents would be offered a kama'aina discount (or not charged at all), while tourists and out-of-state visitors would pay regular rates (kind of like is done with public golf courses). Such "climbing fees" would cover maintenance and liability insurance.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel it would be beneficial for me to present my views in person to the committee.

Respectfully,

James Reilly  
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**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs as HI Ecotourism  
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Let this be a vote requesting HBWS hire 3rd party to refurbish and manage the Stairway, offering both Tourist AND Kamaaina rates.

Rate(s) include a portion to be donated to support local Watershed Conservation. Tourists have to pay additionally for a guide (trained for the purpose), which increases local employment.

Think of the fundraising potential! The infinite ways this could give back to the community AND while generating revenue for HBWS.

New Zealand has many similar ecotourism opportunities that feed back into their economy. (Ex. <https://www.wildwire.co.nz/about/>)

Aloha, Amanda Lei Perron  
808-342-3224  
forgive typos, sent from cell



**From:** [Nicholas Koch](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs determination  
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Aloha,

My name is Nick Koch. I am a 20 year resident of Hawaii Island and avid outdoorsman. I chose to be a professional forester precisely because I was outdoors all the time when I was growing up. I saw firsthand the environmental degradation that a few, indiscriminate campers were causing to favorite campsites; my career has afforded me the opportunity to improve access and manage these problems on Hawaii Island, while improving natural resource stewardship.

I fully agree with Mayor Caldwell's proposal transferring the management of the stairs to an entity who can handle this public use. The Board of Water Supply is in no position to maintain infrastructure for what amounts to a park. For the sake of Oahu residents who seek opportunities to get outside and engage in the natural world, please keep the stairs functioning! Managed properly they will be a highlight of Oahu rather than a scourge to deal with.

Mahalo,  
Nick

**From:** [Robert M. Brown](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Future  
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My vote is to modernize & repair and transfer the Haiku Stairs from the Board of Water Supply to the same organization that is responsible for the Makapu'u hiking trail which is the best on O'ahu. The Makapu'u Trail is the standard by which all other trails in Hawaii should be judged. It's the benchmark of excellence.

Aloha,  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dale Christensen](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs must be open to the public.  
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Please find a way to open The Stairs to the public.  
Aloha Dale

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**From:** [Christian Hicks](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Ha'ikū Stairs must be saved  
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Christian & Melanie Hicks  
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Royal Palm Beach, FL 33414  
April 27, 2020

Members of O'ahu government:

We were planning on vacation in O'ahu next spring, one of the primary reasons for specifically choosing O'ahu over Maui or the Big Island was the Stairway to Heaven (aka the Ha'ikū Stairs. When we heard that the stairs were now off limits and potentially being destroyed by a government ruling, we needed to express our feelings to you. Just like the Inca stairs, both which have significant historical value and are highly regarded in the hiking community. They should **NOT BE** destroyed, rather they should be maintained to enhance the existing beauty.

We believe you and your government can come up with a solution to keep and restore the steps, so that generations of Hawaiians' and world travelers alike can enjoy the beauty of one of O'ahu's tallest peaks in relative safety and experience its vast splendor.

We implore you to do the right thing, and make these steps accessible to all who wish to visit or live on your beautiful island. As a visitor, we would gladly pay an entrance fee to access the steps and maintain any environmental or other rules to ensure the safety, beauty and preservation of this world treasure. Please do not follow other regulators down the path of NOT listening to what the people really want. Knowing that there is a safe way to reach the summit to enjoy the glorious, once in a lifetime, breathtaking views we see from other travelers through their absolutely amazing photographs is\ priceless.

Sincerely,

Christian & Melanie Hicks

**From:** [Maile Blume](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Public Testimony  
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Aloha,

I grew up on Oahu, and would like to offer my testimonial for the Haiku Stairs Public Testimony:

Like many others, I have climbed the sacred Haiku Stairs, as a spiritual experience. As those in my group and I were on the stairs, I could feel a deep appreciation for the natural world. I had never felt so powerfully connected to the land and the sky of Oahu as being on the Haiku Stairs. It has continued to be a practice of rejuvenation for many Hawai'i residents-- to climb the stairs and experience an increased attunement with self, others, and the natural world. As Oahu becomes more and more developed, it is important to preserve access to the sacred place of the Haiku Stairs, which allows members of the Hawai'i community to feel this deep connection to spirit and the land. Please preserve this special and sacred place. It means so much to the hearts of many, to be able to seek solace on these stairs, and in this spirit I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Maile Blume

**From:** [Liane Sloan](#)  
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TEAR DOWN THE INITIAL STAIRS SO HIKERS CANT GET TO THE HIGHER LEVEL STAIRS WITHOUT SCALING THE ROCKS.

IT IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$1 MILLION TO TEAR DOWN THE STAIRS. BUT IF YOU ONLY TEAR DOWN THE STAIRS A QUARTER WAY UP OR LESS THAT SHOULD DETER HIKERS.

**From:** [Hank Leandro](#)  
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**Subject:** Haiku Stairs removal  
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We totally oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs. The stairs are historical and not found anywhere else in the world.

Please consider transferring title to another party.

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I support retaining the Haiku Stairs/Stairway To Heaven and making it available for public use.

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**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

As a longtime Oahu resident, I am asking the Board of Water Supply to avoid removing the Haiku Stairs. While I understand that hiking trails are not part of the BWS mission, the Board should continue working with the city to transfer the property to a more suitable owner who can develop a plan to maintain this trail. The Haiku Stairs is one of the most unique and beautiful hikes in the world, and it would be a tragedy if it were to be demolished and lost forever. A new owner or management company could easily address the trail access issues, control crowds, and potentially even generate much-needed revenue for our city through hiking permits.

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**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

If you tear it down, it's gone forever, while maintenance and stewardship can maintain this resource for future generations of Hawaiians and visitors. Reopening the beautiful, historic stairway under managed access would provide unique, internationally recognized, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities and save one of the world's top 10 best hikes on the National Geographic Endangered Trails list. The Ha'ikū Stairs represent one of the safest hiking trails in Hawaii—there have been no documented serious injuries or deaths resulting from accidents on the stairs. The Kāne'ohe Neighborhood Board resolved in May 17, 2017 to support reopening the stairs under a controlled and managed access plan that respects the privacy rights of residents of the Ha'ikū Village neighborhood, and FHS has a managed access plan in place that is in alignment with the recommended Po'okela Street access route and can be adjusted to meet all the listed concerns, and FHS has years of experience leading people on legal maintenance climbs on the stairs, carrying out repairs to individual modules, controlling invasive species, and mitigating run-off concerns. Having read the DEIS report, I agree that managed access (conveyance alternative) is by far the best alternative with a total score of 7 good as compared to removal with a score of only 4. Please save the stairs!

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### Insert Written Testimony

Ha'iku Stairs is Kaneohe history. Remove it and deny the sacrifice and contribution our community made toward global military operations and the furtherance of peace in the Pacific. Preserve and embrace it and inspire future generations of Kaneohe's impact on the world. The Stairs isn't just a recreational thrill. It's our history, our culture, and part of the six centuries of settlement in the ahupua'a. it's a discovery of the native plants and vegetation, and an appreciation of the passage of time in our community. The current controversy is not about the safety or viability of the Stairs. It's about protecting our neighbors in close proximity to the Stairs. Urban development brought residential homes to the base of the Stairs. Modern technological development pulled the US Coast Guard off of oversight and management of the Stairs. Powerful political influences denied any meaningful custody of the Stairs. No legal access to the Stairs created multiple illegal incursions and points of friction. After 20 years of this unmitigated disaster, it's a point of division that unnecessarily fractures our community. Put the situation back under control. Create a single point of entry and registration back at the Omega Station, and away from the neighborhoods. Prosecute all other unregistered and unauthorized access.

There are many non-profit and private entities willing to do this. Let them do it. As the Board of Water Supply has no interest in managing a non-water supply asset, it should not be making a non-water supply decision. Convey the land over to relevant parties to make a proper decision on historic, natural and cultural preservation.

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**Insert Written Testimony** It is the safest way up!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not remove this iconic landmark. This has the potential to bring joy to many people and bring many more outdoors!

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not remove, it's been a goal and dream to visit these stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I think these stairs have great historic value and are a unique and special feature of the island. This is a rare opportunity to preserve a historical landmark.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** -Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. - Haiku Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

This hike up the Haiku Stairs has proven to be such a popular activity that even to this day with security and fines as consequences, people continue to take risks to experience it. Instead of wasting resources in trying to prevent the inevitable, I believe we should embrace this popular activity. We should not be thinking of ways to prevent this from happening, but think about how we can feasibly open this up to the public safely, and also generate revenue to maintain and make the stairs safer for all to enjoy. I understand that the view from the top can still be accessed via Moanalua Valley, however, I believe that is a much longer and more dangerous route. I am hopeful that the stairs won't be removed and we can all find a positive way to move forward where it will benefit all parties involved.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

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**Insert Written Testimony** Why on earth would you remove one of the most beautiful attractions in the state? Horrible decision. Do not remove.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

Firstly, thank you Board of Water Supply! Thank you for being open to public testimony. It is an important part of democracy and I am heartened to see that is still alive and well, for the benefit of society. I trust that a willingness to hear public opinion also means a genuine willingness to fairly consider opinions, from all perspectives. On to the Haiku Stairs – I understand and appreciate the concerns for safety, privacy, conservation, and cost associated with keeping the stairs. If they were not removed, there would need to be a thoughtful investment made to improve and maintain the structure. It is clear action should be taken to improve the current situation. Please see this as an opportunity. It is an opportunity for permanent jobs, for bolstering Hawaii's tourism, and for promoting responsible outdoor recreation. There is so much potential here. It would be a shame to see it go to waste. Proper administration and the right action could make the Haiku Stairs a safe, economically neutral or even profitable means of access to this special area of the outdoors. This can be accomplished while preserving Hawaii's natural wonders and even improving the privacy of locals near the common, illegal access points that exist today. It is also an important part of history that can either be forgotten

to old records, or live on as an interactive historic site for visitors and locals. For these reasons, I am advocating to keep the stairs in place. I have many thoughts of my own about how to do this, but rather than enumerate them here, I encourage a crowd sourced collection of creative ideas from the public to find the best solution. Consider promoting a competition for the best idea(s) to improve and maintain the stairs and collaborate with other organizations to find a great solution, for an incredible part of Hawaii. Please do not shy away from the challenge. That might be an easier path, but perhaps not the best path. Also, consider that a final decision does not have to be made right away. Be open to continuing to hear and research options and make a well informed decision, when you feel all reasonable possibilities have been fairly considered. Please continue to act as leaders in Hawaii's community by working with the public to find ways to turn a difficult situation into commendable example of progress and enrichment. For your careful consideration, mahalo.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Dear Board of Water Supply, I am submitting this testimony on behalf of myself, and avid traveler who seeks adventure and history. The Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction and its removal would hurt the tourism economy as many people flock to this site.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I feel that the Haiku stairs are a beautiful cultural site and it would be an absolute shame to get rid of them. I believe that the stairs would be profitable if a booth was put out in front charging a fee to enter. Please don't tear down this important and beautiful piece of history!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please save the stairs. It's the jewel of our state and will bring a lot of joy and happiness to generations!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku Stairs is a hike I wish to do, except that it is illegal. I have many friends who wish to go as well, and even people who fly to visit, citing this as a top destination they wish to hike. If we were to create a legal and controlled alternative to participate on this hike, then the nearly quarter a million a year spent on security to deter would be unnecessary to spend. Even if we created a small access fee, this would bring in tourism dollars to help preserve and maintain the site. Haiku Stairs is a potential source of positive revenue, if it were opened and controlled for legal hiking.

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I had a chance to summit the legal route last year, it was the pinnacle of my Hawai'i experience. Please keep it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha Board Members, I support the BWS preferred action to remove the Haiku Stairs. The alternatives proposed are not viable and the situation with illegal hikers will continue without the stairs removal. Social media and the overwhelming desire of thrill seekers or bucket list individuals to hike the stairs regardless of any organization's good intentions to manage the site responsibly will fail. Even in this time of social distancing because of the COVID-19 situation, groups of people still go up the stairs despite HPD's presence and their efforts to stop them. Just this morning two groups, one with 5 people and another with 3 (that I saw), came out of the culvert having hiked the stairs. This will not change with another organization managing the stairs and will only get worse once we are past the current COVID-19 restrictions. Rules, fines, and other admonitions do not work with the hikers that are intent on going up the stairs now and managed access is not a going to either. Visitors from out of state and local residents that want to go up on a particular day will not abide by a system that limits their ability to go up when it fits their timetable. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input and urge you to remove the stairs as soon as possible. Water is the most important thing and should be remain secure to

last no mater what. And I strongly agreed Mr. Gary Karr's testimony so I've used he's here. Mahalo nui loa, Alexis Kim.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Save the stairs. It's apart of World and Hawaiian history.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Would support repairs to the stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I have been wanting to visit and do this hike! Not many can afford a helicopter for the view. Please consider preserving the stairs!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

One of the most awe-inspiring and beautiful trails on the island, I know there is a way the path can be preserved and made available for the intrepid without being a liability to the state. Please find it. One of the most unique stairwells in the world, it would be a shame to destroy the work of the brave souls who built them, and an outrageous waste of money.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The haiku stairs are such an amazing sight to see and an even better one to climb. I understand that it is dangerous but so does everybody else who attempts to hike it, it's not the stairs fault if people fall off, it was their own ignorance and lack of skill. Please open up the stairs or at least don't get rid of them.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please DO NOT remove the stairs! They are a treasure. Removing them would only cause further environmental degradation, erosion, and put more hikers at risk who are determined to get to the top, stairs or not.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Ha'ikū Stairs is a historic site! Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

That's stairs hold a place in every adventures hart. When I found out I was going to move to Hawaii I knew one of the first things I was going to do. As a hicking and rock climbing fanatic the stairway to heaven was a beautiful combination of both. This beautiful hike holds a place in every adventurer on Oahu.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Aloha, we should be working to maintain and improve trails, not shut them down. If an environmental impact statement shows that improvement can be done without detriment to the area then we should improve the hike and charge users a fee that covers the improvement as well as the maintenance of the trail. No profit should be made to keep prices affordable.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I strongly believe that Hawaii can spend a lot more of their time, money and effort into something else more productive and beneficial for the state than tearing down these stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I am in support of the removal of Haiku Stairs. I've heard many complaints from friends who live in the haiku neighborhood of vandalism, trespassing and littering. Not only does it bring danger to the residents, but the state employees who put their lives at risk rescuing people on the stairs which is has been restricted for some years now. Yet we've seen many rescues that could have been avoided not having the stairs. The traffic in our neighborhood is busy as it is, with Windward Community College, state Hospital access to a Church, rehab center and Court house. There's way to much in one vicinity. If Kualoa Ranch wants to build on their property and take care of all the financials and liabilities, I'd say that is a win win. I hope you all take our concerns into consideration. Mahalo.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

It is absolutely insane to destroy an epic historic and environmentally sustainable location. The state could be making millions of dollars off this every year and operating it efficiently so that local residents that oppose it being open, have nothing to complain about. It's an absolute shame that removal is being considered and a show of how government has failed us. Transfer it to the department who handles recreational and historical sites and move on. I will be protesting on the stairs if you decide to tear them out - as it's an environmental nightmare to remove them and an act of human stupidity.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

This is an iconic hike that has been around for generations. My mom was hiking it back when she was my age. There's nothing else like it in the world and it would be an absolute shame to ruin an experience like this. It is no more dangerous than any other hike, in fact the "legal" back way is much more dangerous than the front.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Collect a small fee to access to help maintain and persevere the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Stairway to Heaven has been on my bucket list for YEARS. Aside from the thrill of the adventure aspect of this amazing climb the beauty of Gods work and viewing it from such a high point is astonishing. I have heard amazing testimony of friends who have had this experience and how it has changed their perspective in many ways. Although there is risk involved in the "Stairway to Heaven" each individual is aware of that upon starting this trek. There is no where else in the world that offers the experience that this hike offers and that is the appeal to myself and so many others. I would love the opportunity to have this experience in the upcoming years. Please consider all aspects of this experience and the opportunity that is there for so many people.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Dont get rid of the stairs. It is an iconic part of Hawaii!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I believe the Haiku stairs are an important part of Hawaii. By the stairs being closed and I maintained, they have caused problems in the community as many hikers wish to experience the Haiku stairs and are forced to sneak/illegally do this hike. Now more than ever due to the pandemic being able to hike and get outside for exercise and to experience Hawaii is crucial. We should make every effort to preserve Hawaii's trails. Please do this by allowing the Haiku Stairs to be preserved and allowed to be climbed as part of Hawaii's trails.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Hello, I am writing in opposition of the Haiku Stair removal. I understand that a big part of wanting to take down the stairs is because of safety issues. With the abundance of people that are wishing and waiting to explore the stairs, I think it would be a fantastic opportunity to turn the stairs into an actual trail and have the public pay an access fee. Fees can be used toward the cost of repairing and maintaining the stairs. There is no need to remove such an amazing landmark. It is my dream to be able to visit the stairs someday, as it is for so many people around the world. Please consider our voices and keep the stairs in place. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not remove the Haiku Stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I truly believe that the stairs should be fixed up, preserved and maintained for future generations. IF the stairs were fixed/managed you could potentially even charge a small entrance fee to help maintain. The amount of extra work to have security there, upset residents with hikers all over would go down since people would be more organized and managed. I fear the repercussions of removing the stairs will be far worse than rebuilding and maintaining the stairs since people will still attempt to find ways around that decision...I'm sure there are other more affective areas of opportunity for BWS to save costs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please keep the stairs. Fix and maintain. Charge a free for parking and access - it will help raise revenue like other charged trails.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please save the iconic stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I strongly oppose the removal for the following reasons: Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am profoundly grateful that the BWS is allowing and hearing testimony on the Haiku Stairs. It is undoubtedly a complex issue, so I don't wish to make light of the many factors playing into this decision. My great hope though is that the board would grant the Mayor his wish in transferring control of the stairs. Despite the sometimes unfavorable circumstances that the stairs have created, to say they are unique would be an understatement. These islands are already a haven for many of the world's most exotic locations, the stairs being no different. I would implore you to take up the duty that this state has so proudly carried, to protect our beautiful and storied places, not because it is easy, but because it is right. [REDACTED] I know it won't be easy to find the right solution, and there are many whose grievances about the stairs are more than justified, but I would hope that expediency wouldn't win the day, and that we could instead see this through to the end, and see the stairs officially added as another gemstone to Hawaii's glistening crown.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** There are many feasible options for keeping the Stairs open - please work with community members and explore all available paths forward to preserve this iconic hike.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Save the stairs! I want to see them and walk them one day!

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please don't remove the stairs. They have brought joy to so many and have encouraged people to experience and appreciate the beautiful land. Please allow them to be updated so more generations may enjoy them.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Its a beautiful part of Oahu and should not be taken away as it is one of the major unique features of Oahu. It will be a major loss.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL places in the WORLD. The removal should not even be an option!!!!

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku Stairs is one of the most rewarding hikes I have ever done. Not only is it challenging and beautiful but it also is a reminder of history!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I strongly oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs. The stairs are not only one of the most beautiful paths in our islands, but an important historical site that should be preserved and shared with interested parties. There are few places in the world that offer what Haiku Stairs offer in terms of history, beauty and ecosystems. Haiku Stairs is safe and can be made even safer with managed access. Let us be smart and not waste an amazing asset we have in the islands. Renovation and managed access can be successful. Witness what Spain has done with Caminito Del Rey. Caminito Del Rey experienced 5 deaths from adventure seekers bypassing the barricades before it was renovated. Haiku Stairs has had no deaths directly attributable to the hike, but many people put themselves in danger by attempting access while it is closed. Today Caminito Del Rey is a safe, managed attraction visited by many people through a ticketing system. Haiku Stairs could be the same! We could learn from what Spain has done. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caminito\\_del\\_Rey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caminito_del_Rey) Thank you.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs make Haiku stairs the safest ridge hike on the island with a safe way up and down. Losing this resource would be a tragedy.

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Excellent physical and mental activity. Beautiful views of Hawaii.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku stairs are such a great access to the deep beauty of Hawaii. There are so few opportunities to so many on the island that can display the true natural beauty of the island.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Such beautiful piece of history should NOT be removed.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

This is one of the many unique experiences that make Hawaii special in the eyes of so many people, both local and from elsewhere. I'm certain a fee for use system could be arranged that would in time pay for the necessary renovation and upkeep and allow continued enjoyment of this special place.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I would love to see the stairs open to the public. To offset the cost of upkeep and renovations, please consider charging hikers a fee to access the stairs. Mahalo!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please, please keep them. I'm begging. This is one of the wonders of the world.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

There has been only one death on the Ha 'ikū Stairs since it was built in 1942 and was a heart attack in 2006. A phenomenal engineering job and impressive track record makes the Ha 'ikū stairs the safest ridge hike in Hawaii. The stairs also eliminate erosion caused by thousands of footsteps. The Moanalua Valley Trail is alarmingly eroded, where the stairs show no Erin and the mountain is intact and preserved. With manage access the neighborhood nuisance can be easily eliminated as outlined extensively and friends of Ha 'ikū stairs proposals. It has been called the Eiffel tower of Hawaii and I've known of people visiting for just 48 hours to only climb the stairs. The staircase is the upmost importance to Hawaii's international allure and local economy. There's so much in the heart of the walls of that building up there. So many tears have been shed on that mountain. So many stories of the day on Pu'ukeahiakahoe that forever change the way people see their life. The staircase is not only a historic monument and national treasure, it is a spiritual treasure beyond words. I urge anyone considering the destruction of the haiku stairs to first experience them yourself and linger at top. Bring food and something warm. Don't let me change your mind, the Mountain easily does that.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I definitely support Mayor Caldwell's plan in which he proposed that the city Parks and Recreation take over the stairs and preserve them. I also think that the State of Hawaii could assume the same responsibility. These stairs are a unique asset of Hawaii and MUST be preserved. But in doing this, the residents of the neighborhood adjacent to the stairs' access point must be protected from indiscriminate parking and being overrun by hikers going to the stairs. This oversight is best done either by the state or by city government.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Please please please save the Haiku Stairs. This is one of the most unique outdoor recreational activities that is available on the island. Things like this once they are taken down are gone forever. Such a unique thing must be saved. I highly encourage the stairs being given over to a tour company or an agency so that this hike and these stairs can be used by the general public. If this is done a limit to the amount of people on the stairs could be put in effect, money could be charged to use the stairs and this could be used to help maintain the stairs. The need for unique outdoor recreation is something that Hawaii has that is a great asset to the local community. Please do not take these stairs away to leave our community without this unique resource.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Its a beautiful trail with an amazing view. Whats a few million to fix and privatize it compared to the rail project?

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha! I'm writing in opposing the removal of the Haiku Stairs. I strongly urge BWS to work with all necessary parties to transfer ownership and management to an entity that is able to maintain them with public access. It is understandable for the need to transfer the ownership away from BWS, so BWS can focus on their primary task of providing clean drinking water to Oahu. The neighborhood complaints in regards to accessing the stairs have some validity, but I believe that cooperation and compromise between all parties is possible to ensure public access to an asset Hawaii has like no other while accommodating the needs and concerns of the residents and businesses in the surrounding area. The stairs can be a benefit for everyone when the right parties are involved. Please do not tear down the stairs, once they are lost, this type of asset will never be available again. Mahalo! Ben Robinson Honolulu, HI

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**Your Position on Matter\*** I just wish to comment

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Unless an organization can absolutely monitor both the stairs and summit (including access from the opposite side) the stairs should be removed as they pose a risk to nearby property owners, the hikers themselves, and the delicate ecosystems at the summit and along the stairs and trail. I support the maintenance and use of the stairs if they can be properly monitored, but the public has demonstrated that they cannot be trusted to act within reason. The use of social media has also led to the popularization of the Haiku stairs to those not equipped to perform such a hike and those willing to break rules for their own gain with little regard for who and what they have affected.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I lived in Haiku Valley and believe this hike is such a special and important part of living on Oahu. It's important to maintain access to the natural elements of Hawaii.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I say fix them and put a guide or 2 up there and let people hike it. You can't get great views anymore unless you're rich and if we just continue to destroy our history we'll have nothing left. Please leave them. Please.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** These hikes are important to people and visitors here. This particular hike is known around the world. There are ways to decrease/eliminate liability without eliminating the hike. Please reconsider this.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** These stairs are an asset to your island of Oahu and the state of Hawaii. These stairs properly managed could become a self sustaining attraction. Don't destroy something that could never be replicated.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** While I understand that that BWS does not see the Haiku stairs as part of their kuleana, I feel that the stairs offer the State of Hawaii an amazing opportunity to create a fee for access system that would be self sustaining. Charge visitors \$100 - \$200 per person, and have a very reasonable kama'aina rate for locals. Please do not vote to tear down this one of a kind hike.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

These stairs are a land Mark. Growing up on the east side In Kaneohe I am proud to have these stairs as a scene of my community. With our green beautiful scenery I often refer to Kaneohe as gods country. Where else would you find the stairs way to heaven. I would love to see these stairs repaired and open to the public if at all possible as this is one of the most beautiful hikes on the island. Please don't shut remove the stairs. It's part of our history.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I have many amazing memories climbing these stairs with my father. I would love to have the opportunity to share those memories with my kids.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I feel these stairs are a historic and amazing piece that everyone should be lawfully allowed to climb.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Hey Board! I heard about this and needed to voice my experience and opinion! I visited Hawaii, Oahu about a year ago in April of 2019 and part of the reason was to hike the stairs! I heard about the journey online and how it's life changing and I couldn't agree more! I was suppose to go with my sister, but she ended up not being able to make so I had to go by myself with some strangers I've never met! But it ended up being one of the best things ever! I met people from Australia, New York, Houston, Europe, and we started out being strangers, but after this hike we became friends and still talk to this day! The hike allowed me to see Hawaii's Beauty from a perspective we're often not able to see in everyday life, and reflect on myself in certain aspects I wouldn't have been able to. Now, a year later, I have dreams of coming back with my sister as soon as Covid is under control to experience this with her. I've had this planned for a while, and was extremely sad to hear that the stairs might be removed, making this potentially impossible to experience with her. And I would risk taking the legal way through the Moanalua with my sister to experience this with her, but I broke and dislocated my ankle in September of 2019, and I think the only way I could do it would be by climbing the stairs. They were secure, never making me feel vulnerable or scared, and left intact and uneroded the beautiful mountain. With this being said, I hope to be able to plan a trip back to Hawaii soon when it's possible after Covid to climb the stairs

with my sister, but I don't know if I will make the journey to Hawaii if this opportunity isn't possible. This was truly one of the top 3 experiences of my life and one of the best days of my life and I hope to experience this with my sister .

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I traveled to Hawaii just to do the stairway to heaven hike. I wish more people could enjoy the hike. Please preserve the stairway.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The stairs are a controversial topic, with valid points on either side. I think order to keep the stairs, there would have to be strict rules in place to help monitor and regulate the hike. I think if we were required to pay for a permit to do the hike it would deter some while helping fund security on it. I think that a liability waiver also needs to be signed, to show that hikers understand the risk and agree to respect the land they're traveling on or get a fine. I hope that it would be taken over by the State, because then they might be able to circumvent the trail to prevent hikes from trespassing or bothering locals.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I do not believe it is wise to fund the demolition of the stairs as the state doesn't even have enough money to finish the already worked on rail project.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Those stairs have some of the prettiest views on the island. Please restore them and keep them

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I believe that beyond the liability and nuisance that the stairway creates. It creates a much deeper view of the rich culture and history this island contains. The stairs are world renowned. Each step is a hand crafted example of possibilities and determination of mankind. The haiku stairway imprints an experience of amazement in every individual that encounters them. Even photos of others experience is inspiring and pushes visitors to new heights. The stairs are understood as dangerous and aging. That's what connects each person that chooses to climb them and that's what connects us to the men that built them. Bonds are made here.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** This is an unparalleled site. It should be preserved.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please reconsider relieving the stairs and transfer ownership to City and County of Honolulu, who could reopen them via a managed access plan and allow many to experience the magnificence safely.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs are a part of history and are known around the world. They should not be removed, left alone as part of history, or if anything a plan to repair and charge fees to go up it to keep such a historic and cool hike alive. Anything but tear them down

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Like any trail it is our duty to take the proper precautions before heading out into the wild. We do a disservice to everyone by taking away such beautiful places. This place has served many as a place of retreat from the heartbreaking troubles day to day life brings. We all see it's beauty and I think it's in our best interest to save this place. We put so much money into things here no one has asked for but all of us are beginning, please save the stairs. You have been put in a place to make great choices so please make the right choice.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The stairway is a historical landmark that should be preserved. The stairway should be managed by the state/city or private organization so that people are afforded this unique and amazing opportunity to hike the incredible stairway to heaven. Hiking is not a crime. This hike is far safer than many of the trails on this island. Please do not let conflicts over access and ownership lead to the dismantling of this treasure.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I'm an avid hiker, moved here 3 years ago and have wanted to hike this trail for a long time, I respect the law and have not hiked these stairs because of the restrictions. I feel it would be a huge loss to the Hawaii islands, the people who live here and to visitors to remove these stairs. Please do NOT remove the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

I used to work together with Cliff Jamail, and he frequently relied on my advised. I agree that the BWS's mission is to provide Oahu residents with a safe, dependable, unpolluted, uncontaminated by chlorine and highly toxic fluoride and affordable water supply (filtrated only by activated charcoal). Focus on remedies, not incompetence. Haiku "Stairway to Heaven" is a historical landmark, a National Heritage. Hikers shall have the right to climb the illegally closed for public use Haiku Stairs. "Stairway to Heaven" is a very unique historical landmark of value "Crossroads to Heaven", that should be preserved and made available for public use without any restrictions which belong to all residents of Hawai'i. I believe Haiku Stairways to Heaven is a very important and unique historical landmark on Oahu, and that the Stairs by any and all means should be preserved, renovated for safety, and any public access issues shall be resolved in favor to all residents of Hawai'i. Unfortunately anything on what the hands of government employees are put on is destroyed by over regulation, incompetence and micromanagement. The best is to keep Stairway to Heaven out of hands of government incompetent employees especially those hired through corrupt nepotism of the government employees. are

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contrary This National Heritage historical landmark Stairway to Heaven must remain revenue neutral. Once government put hands on it with time with government employees intelligence limits would be destroyed. One of the best examples of total government incompetence is Department of Land and Natural Resources. Their managerial style is best seen in management of Ala Wai Harbor. They are mismanaging it to the highest possible level of incompetence. They leased the parking to out of state agency, liquidated for no valid reason the refueling dock. The access to ocean in violation of Federal Law is restricted.... Toilets are dirty, and plenty more. Their employees are incompetent and do not even know what their duties and responsibilities are. Access to Stairways to Heaven shall be free and unrestricted for residents of Hawai'i, retired and handicapped. The best way to raise the money is on the HONOR basis. There should be an automatic terminal were volunteers could donate through the credit card donations to maintain Stairways to Heaven. Those donations shall be used only for maintenance to assure SAFETY of the trail. Stairways to Heaven shall have installed SOLAR lighting assuring that can be accessed 24 hours The emergency 911 call stations shall be installed every 2000 feet. On the bottom toilets shall be installed, in the middle and every 2000 feet water fountains shall be installed. There is required at the access parking. For the convenience of very few all people of Hawai'i shall not be unconvinced. The issue of access to Stairways to Heaven shall be resolved. Residents (long-suffering residents) near access to Stairways to Heaven all knew (transparency right to know) or should know that there is a trail, and final recommendation all their complaints should be dismissed as nonessential, not relevant. There is an option to purchase back the residence interfering with the access and to convert it to parking. This would save the issue of inconvenience of complaining egoists. There is a need to provide security to parked vehicles to prevent thefts. Best would be to provide a 2 men police watch out hat. There is no need to provide any manner security at Stairways to Heaven. If you hire any external third party, that would destroy the Stairways to Heaven, and would render it uneconomical, cost prohibitive and and would kill this beautiful landmark.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Removal of Haiku Stairs would be a travesty dishonoring past history and future generations who must learn from the past. Presently this monument offers us a mind and life changing experience. Perspective from the Stairs is elevating, yes, physically, but also a moral testament to humankind and how we exist in this world.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I am writing you to urge you to please not remove the Haiku Stairs! I feel that they are a unique and renowned attraction, that it would be valuable to maintain & preserve for all of us to enjoy safely for years to come. Please support them, not remove them!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I think the stairs can be an asset to our economy if it is maintained by the parks dept and treated like Hanauma Bay. Charge admission but DO NOT REMOVE HAIKU STAIRS

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I am writing to respectfully submit my request to have the Haiku Stairs saved and transferred to the City and County of Honolulu. This historic trail should be maintained for future generations to enjoy. Preserving it will ensure residents and tourists alike may safely enjoy its majesty long into the future. Sincerely, Carrie Williams

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Please re-open the Haiku Stairs in a manner that is safe and allows access for Oahu residents who want to hike. I have never been able to do the hike, as it has been closed my entire adult life. I see it every day on my drive to work and hope that one day, I'll be able to access this rare and beautiful trail at least once. You are stewards of an important resource, please preserve it and figure out how to allow the public to use it in a sustainable manner.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

It's such a beautiful hike and I'd even be willing to pay a small fee, have to obtain a permit, sign up to help maintain it, sign a waiver, whatever it takes to keep the stairs available. As an avid hiker growing up in Hawaii, It's unfair that a large part of the reason it became closed was people being disrespectful of the people who lived in the neighborhoods. I wouldn't want to do anything that would be similarly disrespectful but I think there is a way to have a win win situation. Please don't tear it down- I'd love to be able to enjoy it when it's legal. Mahalo.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am a long time resident of Kaneohe, and have always thought the Stairway was such a unique and iconic landmark/hike on Oahu. If carefully navigated, it a beautiful hike. Of course it would be great if the State could make needed repairs to make it safer and if there wasn't a guard then people wouldn't have to sneak in the dark to do the hike, which is ideal. I support a charge to go on the hike. Mahalo

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Haiku is a world recognized natural wonder. To destroy access is wrong. Hawaii Board of Water Should be able to preserve and beautify the stairs. Do not stop access, we have to take hold of our resources, manage the stairs and teach the tourists we have a right to maintain and protect our assets in Hawaii Nei.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it, but given the general stupidity inherent in the state, I'm sure that is exactly what you will do.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku Stairs are one of the most desirable hikes on the island, and provide spectacular views of Oahu. Keeping this open adds to the attracting and enjoyment of Hawaii. While I have never made this hike, once it becomes legal to do so, I will.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** transfer the responsibility of Haiku stairs to city and county of Honolulu to keep them open!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

One of the most exhilarating hikes in Hawaii. It's a treasure and should be honored and respected as such. It allows exploration and exercise to unparalleled views and appreciation of this beautiful land and sea. The history and those who built and contributed to its creation should also be honored. We as a civilization are becoming more lethargic and entrained to electronics. We need more not less access to nature and remote beauty. I thank you for your consideration and efforts.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku Stairs is so iconic and part of the history of Oahu and part of the Hawaii Culture. I strongly disagree with the removal of the stairs. Please please do not remove it. Everyone that comes to Oahu should have the opportunity to be able to experience this. I do believe that it should be renovated & there should be a way up and down safely & without disturbing the community that lives there.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I would like to submit my testimony to oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs. The stairs and the mountains on which they sit are an important and beautiful landmark. They allow people from all walks of life to see the beauty of Hawai'i from an unparalleled perspective. I believe the stairs are the safest way for hikers to ascend the mountain ridge. The "back way" has proven more treacherous and fatal. The stairs also provide protection from erosion and help keep the environment intact. I believe the board would be best suited to make the stairs a permitted hike. Fees from permits can help alleviate any cost of maintenance. Permits will also alleviate the issue of people sneaking to the stairs via neighborhood properties. Please consider keeping this amazing landmark. I believe all should have an opportunity to experience the beauty that Oahu has to offer, and all will be changed for the better by it. Thank you.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs. I believe it is a staple to the hiking community, is a true gift and should be maintained for people to experience.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is a piece of the history of Oahu that should be preserved and enjoyed by residents and tourists. It can be used to generate revenue that will benefit the city and/or state.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Keep the Stairs. They are an asset.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Just like to vote my support for keeping the stairs. Thanks

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please keep the haiku stairs!!!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Haiku Stairs is now a landmark of Hawaii. It's a truly special place that should never be removed. To be honest, it's what made me hear of Hawaii in the first place and what has gotten me to come back to Oahu 9 times in the last few years. Doing the hike from the other side of the mountain to just peak at the stairs is breathtaking, and truly don't understand the need to remove them. Please don't, landmarks of this beautiful island should be kept and protected, not removed.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** These stairs are filled with history. It would be a travesty to tear them down.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I wish to walk the stairs one day. I would like the stairs to be repaired not removed. My mobile phone is currently out of action.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku Stairs should not be removed. It is one of the best views in Hawaii and is known across the world. I also do not think we should be paying the guards \$250,000 a year.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** i very strongly oppose removal of haiku stairs. haiku stairs is an historical site because of pass use to send signals to submarines and is a world class hike for locals and visitors. i think the mayor to turn it over to a 3rd party is a great idea.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** keep the stairs!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The stairs are an incredible representation of the beauty of the islands. People around the world adore the stairs and they make people feel Amazed about nature and life. The stairs themselves can be a reason people come to the islands. Don't destroy beauty. Don't destroy Hawaii's gifts.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I am firmly against the removal of Haiku Stairs. To my knowledge, Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i and an important historic site. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. I have never climbed the Stairs, but it has been on my wish list for many years. I've talked with a number of out of state hikers who come to Hawaii with the intention to hike the Stairs. I've also talked with a number of them who are coming down road from hiking them and they were enthralled with the experience. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it. Please preserve it!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I am firmly against the removal of Haiku Stairs. I have never had the opportunity to climb the Stairs, but it has been on my wish list for many years. I cannot climb it, except illegally, but, as a long-time Volunteer with the Sierra Club, I have chosen not to do. To my knowledge, Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i and an important historic site. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. I've talked with a number of out-of-state hikers who come to Hawaii with the express intention to hike the Stairs. I've also talked with a number of them who are coming down the road from hiking Haiku Stairs and they were enthralled with the experience. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it. Please preserve it!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The stairs is a world renowned and a safe way to appreciate Oahu. Having been up the back way, I can confirm it is MUCH more dangerous than the stairs.. Removal of the safe passage of the stairs will force hikers to go the back way and put themselves in danger. However, I understand that the BWS has concerns of their own. In an effort to solve that, I propose that they: 1. Charge a fee to climb the stairs, to cover the cost of security 2. Have those climbing sign a waiver, removing liability from the BWS. This could solve most of your concerns. I look forward to hearing your response

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

It would be a major travesty to remove those stairs. Instead of taking the negative approach the Board should take a positive approach to provide access to those who want to climb the stairs. You should be promoting healthy outdoor activity not trying to restrict it. If funding is a problem, then lease the stairs to a private entity and/or put a collection box at the begging of the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs due to it's historical importance. I think people should be able to climb the stairs legally but the number one priority would be to keep them.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I'm against the removal of the Haiku Stairs...its a good recreational hike for locals and tourists.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose removal of the stairs and believe the public should have access to this hiking trail. I support the Mayor's approach - transfer responsibility to the city (parks and rec), facilitate a separate entrance away from the residential area, limit the number of hikers, and charge hikers to use the trail to help maintain the stairs.

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I am opposing the removal of the Haiku Stairs (Stairway to Heaven) because so much money and time was clearly put into building the Stairs. There is no other view that will be seen in the whole world like the one we see on the Haiku Stairs. It has provided so much enjoyment and good exercise for so many. It is so much more safer than so many other legal hikes around Oahu. But not only that I am against removing historical structures, and the stairs are historical. I feel that it is highly unnecessary to spend millions of dollars on removing this beautiful structure and immaculate architect that was put there by humans. It is truly a lovely thing. Do not remove.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Please do not remove this icon for Hawaii. The stairs should be transferred to parks and recs to manage. This was recommended by mayor caldwell. When our tourism opens up again this could be a wonderful attraction for people who already heard about it through social media. There can be a fee charged to help manage the stairs and do needed maintenance. The city can work out a safe passage to the stairs to not impede on the property owners land or purchase some land through eminent domain. There can be shuttle busses bringing people from Waikiki and adjacent areas so we can control the parking situations. Hawaii has so much competition with other countries for tourism and this can be a great asset to put us ahead of the others. Spending over a million dollars of our tax money to remove it would be so bad for Hawaii's economy which is in a very bad place now. We need to be smart about this for our future. Thank you! Dan

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I feel that the Haiku Stairs is a unique asset to Oahu residents that if, "MAINTAINED" and "USED RESPONSIBLY" there should be no issues. I have gone up the Haiku Stairs over 20 years ago and it was one of the most beautiful sight and experience. That being said. The enforcement of the "EXTREME ATTENTIONS SEEKERS" who go far beyond the realm of safety or anyone needing to be rescued by helicopter needs to take responsibility and pay for this service. People who uses the Haiku Stairs should be responsible for themselves and not place blame or seek monetary lawsuits due to their own choice of hiking the Haiku Stairs. In closing as long as everyone takes responsibility for their actions and no frivolous or ridiculous lawsuits the Haiku Stairs should have a responsible entity that will fully maintain the stairs while limiting the entry to allow safe entering and exiting the stairway. Along with keeping the neighboring residents their own privacy without having unwanted trespassers in their property. If not, it should be taken down. Thank you

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

aloha, As a individual that has and will continue to enjoy the beauty that is our home. I feel that the hiaku stair not just show case the beauty of the islands but have a rich history with them as well. I would be fully in support of a similar permit system that is used for the napali coastline as a way to reduce the number of individuals as well as help fund the conservation of the area. I know and understand the concerns of the state and residents of the area and feel that with permitting in place it would increase the accountability to individuals to show respect and kokua to the area. As it has been seen in many other areas as well as the haiku stair closure has not stopped the passage of people to the area. The drive to see and be part of Hawaii's beauty is much stronger then a fine or jail. Why then should we close such a beautiful hike when it can be used to educate so many.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku Stairs are a public asset and would not be discarded. If the Board is unwilling or able to manage this asset, you should turn to another entity that is better able to manage this public asset.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

This is an amazing opportunity for the state to charge and increase tourism dollars and it was is a very safe hike compared to some of the other hikes on Oahu so I think it makes no sense to remove. I think this should be turned into a controlled access and a funding stream for the state, which should consider the protection for the neighborhood and also the cost avoidance of the removal as well as future funding for the state and all of its residents.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are a unique and unparalleled resource. As an avid hiker I am very much in favor of retaining the Haiku Stairs for public use. Access to the stairs should be managed. I am in favor of charging a significant entry fee which could go towards salaries, maintenance and other necessary expenses. Donations could also be solicited. I also suggest that users be required to sign a waiver releasing the city from liability. Thank you.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I strongly support the removal /shut down of Haiku stairs. I know of many who have illegally trespassed the hike/trail and continue to do so. Their need to hike the trail is mostly for photo opportunities and bragging rights. Of course the view is spectacular and breathtaking, however at the expense of injury, invading a neighborhoods privacy, parking illegally, climbing over private property and fences, and then to leave the area in a mess, being loud and disruptive, I think it's time to close the trail. There are dozens of other, legal and accessible hikes that can be utilized. They all have beautiful views and most are away from neighborhoods. I feel the Board should transfer ownership of the property and be done. Mahalo, D

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku Stairs are part of Oahu's beautiful history and allow locals to engage in safe natural viewing of the island. If you are concerned about the public's safety, the Haiku Stairs should not be torn down, but instead maintained and visitors/tours regulated safely as many other hiking destinations in Hawaii are. Bob Twogood has offered to serve in this capacity and he has demonstrated himself to be a reputable business owner in Kailua. This can be done in way that does not disturb the residents, as many other trails are. Please preserve Oahu resident's favorite trail the Haiku Stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Removing stairs would be a waist. There is plenty of interest of someone taking over the stairs and doing Maintenance. Guided tours could be had with a limit of how many people per day. Which would not affect the neighborhood. The money making opportunity could be substantial there could be a tax if need too. I think \$100 per person could be acceptable and much cheaper for locals.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose removal of the stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I believe and fight for the stairs NOT to be torn down!! They have such history and add such beauty to the Island of Oahu . I had the wonderful opportunity to hike (the legal back-way up) just in February 2020 on leap day. I was just out in Oahu in July of 2019 and was so upset with myself I did not get to do them. I promised myself and made it a bucket list goal that if I ever came back I would do them. I completed the hike and the view from the top words could just not describe. The hike taught me so much and challenged me and made me believe in myself and give confidence to myself on so much more I can do in life if I just go for it just like I did with that hike. I am afraid of heights and I met wonderful people on that hike as well and they were from all over the world. On that hike it didn't matter your age, your sex, your race, or where you were from and what status you held, it brought us all together to get up to the top and back down all together . It was one of the biggest accomplishments of my life and I got the date tattooed on my ankle. I understand the risk the state takes and how people do get hurt but I think the good out weighs the bad. It would be such a shame to see the stairs come down because the rush, the view, the experience, the feelings you get at the top anyone who is willing to hike it



should be able to have their breath taken away and escape the real world just for a little and appreciate who we are, where we are, and what we can become.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I have lived in Kaneohe for 42 years, currently in the community where illegal hikers look for entry points. My objection to having the stairs become a "controlled attraction" is the introduction of tourism to our community. I was born and raised on Kauai and have seen first hand what tourism has done to Hanalei and Haena. I have also seen what tourism has done to Kailua town and I don't want that to happen in Kaneohe. My suggestion would be to move the stairs to the Kualoa Ranch. They are in a better position to manage access and already provide other attractions to both local and tourist.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** On our last visit, we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to this beautiful place. We hope to be able to visit it again and those oppose the removal of this site.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

My family and I flew from Canada to Oahu in 2018 for the express purpose of hiking the iconic Haiku Stairs. There are plenty of ridge hikes in Hawaii, but this route with its interesting military history, unique spirit, and relative safety is truly amazing. I consider my one trip up and down Haiku Stairs in 2018 my single best day outside! I'm so glad we did it and I'd love for others to be able to do it as well. Please don't dismantle this inspiring bit of nature, history, physicality, and unique experience.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Haiku Stairs is one of the most beautiful and arguably also one of the safest hikes on Oahu, thousands of tourists visit Oahu annually because of the famous views on the summit viewpoint. Not only is the hike incredibly scenic, but its history is also incredibly fascinating, connecting so deeply with people from all around the world who come to see Pearl Harbour with its rich military history and identity. Please keep the Haiku Stairs and make it an even safer hike that will continue to be part of Oahu's legacy. The fact is, regardless of whether Haiku Stairs continues to exist, people will keep summiting to the top for the famous view, and the Moanalau Valley route is much more dangerous and treacherous, especially to the amount of inexperienced hikers ascending unprepared.....thus jeopardizing public safety even more so than actually maintaining the stairs and keeping the trail public. Removing the Haiku Stairs is not a solution; if anything, it is just the beginning of a new series of problems that will cost much more in human lives and rescue missions.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I've hiked the stairs over 20 years ago. It should be viewed as a local treasure.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Organization

### Insert Written Testimony

I represent Haiku Experience. I have been reading the support of removal of Haiku Stairs and most of the support for the removal of the stairs comes from residents who live close to the stairs. I think that what people have experienced for the last 20 years definitely has soured their feelings to the stairs. Do they hate the stairs? No, they hate the trespassers that invade their private space to access the stairs. Hawaii is made up of many trails. Unfortunately, most trailheads begin at the end of a residential neighborhood. This is not a a unique problem to the Haiku stairs. But their are unique solutions that could bypass all neighborhoods, create security, and create a good, if not great relationship with the neighborhoods surrounding the Haiku Stairs. Haiku Experience has done years of research on the stairs and has found a solution that would provide increased security and non neighborhood access to that would eliminate current trespassers and instead create a legal way to enjoy this wonder of the world. It would employ locally. It would work with nonprofit companies and educational groups. It would give back locally and turn what has been detrimental to the community into a positive relationship that benefits those around it. I don't think it is reasonable to relocate the stairs. This isn't an amusement park

ride that is purely for fun and can be set up anywhere. It has history. It would be like moving the Eiffel Tower, or the great pyramids. Their history is just as important as the structure itself and should remain together. It would be a travesty if residents in Venice decided to fill in the canals because tourism made Venice too crowded. It would be unconscionable if Machu Pichu in Peru was torn down because residents of Cusco didn't like tourists. There is no humanity in destroying a historic relic because the world sees the value in it. There are viable solutions that will appease local residents and preserve this treasure. I implore you to preserve. I am available to help with these solutions. Thank you.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Ha'iku Stairs is a valuable asset not only to O'ahu and Hawaii but to the world. It is unique in all the world and is poised today to either become a memory or, hopefully, to be treated as a priceless jewel that could provide sustenance and life to those who climb it and the peoples and culture beneath its gaze. There are many issues facing the stairs that have been voiced. These include access, ownership, liability, maintenance, cultural preservation, environment, and security. All are important and all have viable solutions. The stairs could be a great source of income and pride for the kamaaina. It could provide agricultural, environmental, and business management jobs and internships to many. It could be a catalyst to the preservation and conveyance of the rich history and culture of Hai'ku Valley and the windward side of the island. It is not enough to preserve history but it must be taught and instilled in the hearts of the people. The Ko'olau Range is part of that history and needs to be preserved. The Ha'iku stairs provides access to the range without creating erosion issues. It also provides access to remove invasive species from the mountain without introducing more. There are viable access solutions to keep vehicles and hikers out of the neighborhoods and the private property that has had



issues in the past. There are well thought out and planned solutions that can create positive effects if the choice to preserve the Ha`iku Stairs is sustained.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Stairs should NOT be removed and should be allowed to be managed by a private organization who will maintain and be liable for it. This is an awesome historical and Hawaiian icon which should be kept and maintained.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Hi Hawaii Board of Water Today is an auspicious day, you have the chance to change Hawaii for the good... Please consider handing the Haiku Stairs over to National Parks and keep this available to the people of Hawaii Kind regards

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am in strong support of the removal of Haiku Stairs. I believe by removing the Haiku Stairs, the Board Of Water Supply will be carrying out their mission of "providing safe, dependable, and affordable water supply" to the people of Hawaii. The Haiku Stairs is located deep in Haiku valley well within a very sensitive area of our watershed. It is near impossible to maintain the Haiku Stairs without the use of any chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, or cleaning chemicals). Any entity "managing" Haiku Stairs will need to use chemicals to maintain Haiku Stairs in order to mitigate liability. They will need to clean the stairs and rails, as well as prevent overgrowth of nearby vegetation. Thus, I believe that only by removing Haiku Stairs will the Board Of Water Supply be in accordance to their mission. By transferring the property to another manager (C&C Parks and Rec, DLNR, or other government entity), the BWS will be supporting management of the Haiku Stairs, which will involve the use of pesticides and/or herbicides to prevent overgrowth of vegetation near the stairs, as well as possible use of other cleaning chemicals to maintain the stairs. Since true management of the stairs by any entity will require actions to be taken to mitigate liabilities (i.e. cleaning of stairs, reducing plant grown to provide views), these acts

go against the BWS's mission of providing a safe water supply. In order to provide a safe water supply for Hawaii, BWS needs to remove the Haiku Stairs, and NOT transfer it to another entity to manage.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

If the USS Arizona had sunk within the BWS's boundaries, it would have been removed and scrapped. Likewise the Koko Head 'stairmaster' trail, or the fascinating Diamond Head lookout and associated WWII relics. BWS would have closed and demolished them, because of maintenance costs, potential for litigation, or access problems. BWS is a fish, and the Haiku Stairs are a bicycle. There's no question the bicycle has value - just not to the fish. There's a clear, inherent, historical and attractive value to the stairs that merits considerable expense and effort to preserve and maintain them, based not just on their historical interest, but for their scenic and recreational value. If BWS cannot or will not undertake maintenance and restoration of public access, then the solution is, clearly, to transfer the stairs to an entity that WILL do so.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku Stairs is a national treasure and should be preserved.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I would like to support that the historical Haiku Stairs remain. Some how supporters can work on fund raisers, donations, state and/or federal grants to bring the Stairs to a safe condition for all to enjoy!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Years ago I was fortunate to be able to ascend the Haiku Stairs legally with an environmental impact study. I was a photographer working on behalf of a newspaper at the time. The Haiku Stairs provide a unique opportunity to see one of the most beautiful vistas on the island. I strongly feel that this should not be shut down. That being said I also hope (as I have for years) that a solution be sought to provide access without negatively impacting any of the neighborhoods or the land and the Haiku Stairs become a safe and respectful hike and be another wonder of Oahu

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** One of the most beautiful and important experiences I've had growing up in Hawaii. I think the locals know how to take care of this place and respect it, and getting rid of it is truly not the answer. There has to be a better solution to make this cherished experience more safe for everyone.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I want the stairs available for family and friends. Please solve neighborhood problem by building a parking lot for people to use and charge a fee to use.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I remember the first time I learned about the Haiku Stairs it was while scrolling on Instagram . I came upon a picture of what looked like stairs in the sky . I immediately did some research and found out that they were the Haiku Stairs soon after that I looked up others experiences of actually traveling to see the stairs in person and fell in love with the idea of one day being able to go . Since that day I have planed my trip and prepared for the journey the only thing stopping me from it is school . I planed on going one I graduate as a gift to my self however if you close it down I won't be able to fulfill my dream . I am not stating that you should not keep it up just because of me but to consider how many other individuals would like to experience such a life changing experience . Where else in the world are you going to find stairs in the sky no where is the answer . There are few places on this planet that hold such influence and meaning don't make this one be the one that disappears .

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I am one of many people who has experienced how wonderful it is to hike the haiku stairs. Yes it has the potential to be dangerous but so do most wonderful things in this world. I am a physician, a psychiatrist to be exact, and I think the benefit of keeping the haiku stairs intact far outweighs any risks. It is good for our mental health for these things to stay.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I strongly support the removal of the Ha'iku Stairs. I am a life-long resident of Kailua and Kane'ohe. There is no justification for providing continued access to conservation land and the watershed for Kane'ohe and He'eia, especially given the long history of disrespectful behaviors and vandalism. The environment, the neighborhood and the larger community suffer. We have all lived with the situation with Ha'iku Stairs for many years and now see it replicated in many pristine areas throughout the State, where sensitive environments, cultural and historic sites are trampled by unfettered access. The north shore of Kaua'i and Maunawili come to mind. In the current environment, "managed access" is inadequate for protecting the area associated with the Ha'iku Stairs. Whatever historical significance the stairs has is hugely outweighed by the negative impacts they have on the environment and community resources. I strongly urge the Board of Water Supply to do the right thing – remove the stairs. Mahalo for your consideration.



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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

A military historical treasure is placed in your backyard that numerous people are willing to face fines/jail for the opportunity to use and see your beautiful island from a perspective seen by few others. And you want to destroy this potential revenue to charge admission because it's too hard to convert government land and make a small parking area. To note, few other trails have parking being asked. Shame on Oahu and Hawaii if you pass on this opportunity because it's too hard.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Don't remove Haiku Stairs, it's such a great place for people to visit for people of the island and people visiting the island.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I live in New York City and visited Oahu in August 2019. I stayed for a week and really enjoyed my stay and spent lots of money. My one regret was that I did not get a chance to climb the Stairway to Heaven, but it has been added to my bucket list and will be the main reason why I visit Oahu again. After climbing Kokohead, my soul and willpower had a transformation that I now carry with me everywhere I go. I believe that Stairway to Heaven would have an even greater soul-transforming quality and could be very lucrative for Oahu if managed properly (charge admission, etc).

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku stairs are an important part of history. They are not only beautiful but tell a very important story of what was. I have dreamed of climbing them and feeling the connection to our brave soldiers and ancestors. Even if climbing them is never an option, the history is still important. Far too many pieces of history are being destroyed and erased from our children's future education.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Ha'ikū Stairs holds a very dear place, in my heart. It is through weekly hikes, over 17 years ago, that my husband and I developed a connection through exercise and the beauty of Kāne'ohe. I understand the concern for the safety of the hikers and the community that resides at the foot of the hiking entrance, as well as the maintenance of said access. Nonetheless, I truly believe that Ha'ikū Stairs is a gift that should be cherished by many. And for this reason, beyond my fond memories of love birthed and the enrapturing, beautiful oasis from the vantage point of this gently pressed stairway, I implore you to not dismantle the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

RE: Haiku Village resident statement: Remove the Haiku Stairs Dear Board of Water Supply, I own the property at 46-064 Makena Place, Kaneohe, HI 96744. My home is in Haiku Village neighborhood, which is nestled in the beautiful Haiku Valley and is directly impacted by the illegal hiking of the Haiku Stairs. Many supporters of opening the Haiku Stairs do not reside in Haiku Village, surrounding neighborhoods, Kane'ohe, or even on Oahu. I trust that the opinions of a neighborhood resident, such as myself, would be considered more significantly than that of those who are unaffected day to day by the problems associated with the Haiku Stairs. I am writing to ask that the BWS remove the Haiku Stairs in light of these facts: The Haiku Stairs were never intended to be, nor are they, a recreational, educational, historical or cultural resource meant for the public's enjoyment. Moreover, the Haiku Stairs is not a "hike". It is a man-made structure that requires maintenance, oversight and management. It bears an enormous onus of liability. Neither the state, nor the city, nor the BWS owes anyone anything concerning this structure that is on their land, except to be sure the use of the structure does not infringe on the local landowners peaceful enjoyment of their property. At this time, the mismanagement of the stairs infringes on

**Insert Written  
Testimony**

property enjoyment of the local residents of Haiku Village. Security, parking, and noise are constant problems in Haiku Village and are directly related to the Haiku Stairs owned by BWS. 2. Managed access does not guarantee the the problem will go away. No matter how it starts, ultimately, managed access run by a private entity will become a business. Once the stairs are open for business there will be more and more demand for access, which gets us right back to where we are today. More people, more traffic, more disturbance for residents, only now it will be legal and money will win out over environmental or residential concerns. Even if the entity that originally manages the stairs has good intentions at heart when they start, what's to stop them from selling their Haiku Stairs business in ten years to a different entity whose motives aren't so pristine? There's nothing to say that the stairs will be managed or owned in perpetuity by a responsible entity who will do right by the community. Seeing how the BWS, an agency with perceived government backing has failed to adequately manage the stairs, it is highly unlikely that a private entity will be able to do any better, and will probably do much worse. 3. I would like to see the Haiku Stairs removed and I do not support any alternate managed access route to the stairs, either through Windward Community College, the Hawaii State Hospital, or any street in Haiku Village neighborhood: via Kahuhipa Road, Kuneki Street, Makena Street or Haiku Road. Each of these access points puts undue stress on either local property owners or back on the state. Friends of Haiku Stairs suggests using Haiku Road as an access point and using the Omega Station parking lot for the stairs. This actually makes the neighborhood nuisance worse for Haiku Village and the surrounding residents as it continues to bring thousands of visitors through a residential area. The infrastructure of our community cannot handle this additional traffic or nuisance. 4. The Friends of Haiku Stairs says that the Haiku Stairs has brought joy to a million people and that this is a reason to keep it. I say that what this means is that a million people have illegally traipsed through our neighborhood and parked on our streets, urinated on our neighborhood lawns, left their trash in our driveways, used our hoses to wash their dirty shoes and bodies, sped through our community, blocked our driveways and refuse collection accesses, left beer cans, awakened us at all hours of the night, and caused the local police and fire departments to respond to countless disturbance and trespassing calls. The burden of dealing with thoughtless people from around the world falls to our neighborhood residents. This is not acceptable. We should not have to pay the price for every one else to be able to "enjoy" this man made structure. I respectfully ask that the BWS proceed with the removal of the Haiku Stairs. Sincerely, Drew Jernigan

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Stairway to heaven is one of the places that allows people to connect with the beautiful nature here and allows people to challenge themselves to explore the outdoors. Contrary to popular belief, it is much safer than many other hikes on the island. There is a "back way" which many people hike due to fear of being caught, but this way is actually much more dangerous especially when it rains (nearly every day in the Ko'olau). Opening stairway to heaven to the public would present some logistical challenges, but would also promote the health and safety of those who are able to hike it legally. There is also an opportunity for education about our Aina and the culture of Hawai'i.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha Board of Water Supply Directors, I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs and feel that doing so would not only be detrimental to the public's safety but also be a missed opportunity for the City and County to capitalize on what is an obvious interest in the hike. The main issue is that I fear with the removal of the stairs, there would be a sharp increase of individuals hiking the moanalua valley trail up to the summit, which in my opinion, is far more dangerous. Hikers get lost and injured hiking the legal way frequently. The trail does not have a clear path or hand rails like the Haiku Stairs offer. Not only would there be a sharp increase on the more dangerous trail but there would also be some thrill seekers that would attempt to follow the path that the stairs once occupied. Ultimately, I feel that the removal of the Haiku Stairs would bring far more problems than they currently do. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are an important World War II historical site in Hawaii. They must not be destroyed, but preserved. There is no excuse for not developing a proper management plan and putting it into place. When that exists, the Stairs can and should be safely and legally accessed by interested residents and visitors.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony**

Please, please, please... do not remove the stairs. I've respected the rules and never visited them, but to take away such an incredible landmark would be a true loss. While no small feat, I would fully endorse rehabilitating them and allowing controlled & measured access by the public.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Hi I am R. Mathi from India. I came to know about Haiku stairs a few years back. Me and my brother were saving money for the past 14 months to visit Hawaii. I dont know English well but i feel terribly sad while reading this information on Instagram. My monthly income is 240 US dollars only. But i am saving nearly 50 dollars every month and working another job after 6 PM from which i get around 65 dollars a month. I know i am poor and visiting a foreign country is a way big dreams for people like. Yet me and my brother Vignesh decided to visit Hawaii and Haiku stairs by saving up for a period of two years. After 14 months it is heart breaking to hear such news and i didn't know how am I going to get out of this shock. I am writing this mail with tears. Please reconsider the demolishing plan, i am building a dream. I cant even express exactly how I feel in a foreign language Once again I request You to reconsider demolishing a treasure.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am born and raised in Kaneohe and I have had many friends who loved the stairs! I've always wanted to go, but soon enough the hike was illegal and I didn't want to risk it. My uncle was in Friends Of Haiku and he helped maintain the stairs often, he always stated how amazing it was to be up there! I think that if we have the stairs added as an official hike it would not only be a great community asset, but also bring in experienced hikers who would never forget the amazing beauty they saw from atop the Ko'olau's in Hawaii. The stairs are both historic and unique, the educational experiences alone should qualify them to be kept. If kept maintained, it can stay one of the safest ridge hikes in Hawai'i!! Keep the stairs!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** These stairs provide such an amazing hike with a breath taking end result of beautiful views from on top of the world. You can't get the same experience anywhere else.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The haiku stairs shouldn't be torn down because it's part of Hawaiian culture and history and shouldn't be demolished but should be protected.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Organization

### Insert Written Testimony

April 26, 2020 Aloha mai kākou, KAI LOA, Inc. is a nonprofit entity that advances the work of a Kane'ōhe Hawaiian immersion school - Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau, Laboratory Public Charter School - that sits at the base of the Stairway to Heaven. We SUPPORT the removal of the Ha'ikū Stairs. The safety of our students, staff and families are at-risk as long as the stairs continue to exist, even under the alternatives provided in the BWS Environmental Impact Statement for the following reasons- • Trespassers consistently come onto the school campus, at times threatening and harassing students and staff. • Trespassers park alongside the state access road accessible from Ha'ikū Road and Kūneki Street, regardless of posted signs at the entry. • Trespassers have damaged the entry gate when gates are locked after hours. • The school has experienced property damage (cutting of fences) in order to get to the stairs. • The School has experienced repetitive unsanitary conditions including litter, human fecal matter and other biohazards left by trespassers. The burden continuously falls on the school to address trespassers and the damage they cause on a regular basis. The school spends staff time and thousands of dollars a year to address these issues, which ultimately takes away from the educational needs of students. Secondly, it poses an unnecessary liability for our organization and the school. This is completely unacceptable. We were involved in the stakeholder feedback draft process of the Draft BWS Environment

Impact Statement and again to provide comments upon the completion of the draft. We strongly supported the BWS proposed action to completely remove the Ha'ikū Stairs then and now for the following reasons- • The absence of viable solution to keeping and managing the stairs; while years have been devoted to this study, there has been little progress in identifying “managed access” and land owners have not agreed to usage of access roads (eg Ha'ikū Rd, Kūneki St) • The previously proposed alternatives do not sufficiently address the safety risks posed to our students, families and staff. We ask you to please SUPPORT the Removal of the Ha'ikū Stairs and thank you for your consideration. Mahalo, Elizabeth Aulsebrook, M.Ed. KAI LOA, Inc., Secretary

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is a feature that attracts amazing and adventurous people from all over the world. The amount of money that was put forth to make these safe should be considered as well.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Strongly oppose the removal of these iconic stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Thanks for all the work you have done on this. It seems clear that since there is a way to keep the stairs, we should keep the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not remove the stairs. I'm from Australia and have been fortunate enough to have been up there and it's one of the best memories I have. It would be a shame to see this piece of Hawaii's history go.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Aloha, I support keeping the Haiku stairs intact and reopening them to the public. I also support a 3rd party managing the operation in a way that provides relief for the surrounding neighborhood. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Sincerely, Ellyse Mazzi

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is a major tourist hike. If it were to be transferred over to the Parks department we could reopen them and bring in even more to our tourist based economy.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I think the Haiku Stairs are an amazing land mark and hike on our island. We should find a way to monetize from it to restore its safety, to keep landowners happy, and to keep it available to the public.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please keep the Haiku stairs!! They are an important piece of Oahu History

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are such a unique part of what the Koolau Mountain offers those who love the outdoors. They are particularly special to those of us who grew up with it in our backyard. I understand that maintaining and protecting the stairs does not fit into the BWS core objective in providing Hawaii with clean water. Transferring the ownership and responsibility to the City and County of Honolulu would be a perfect way to relieve the BWS of the responsibility while protecting an incredible site. By voting to transfer the Stairs, rather than remove them, the BWS can enable the City and County to transform the stairs into a site accessible for the community to enjoy. They are cherished in Hawaii, and renowned world-wide. Please protect the stairs!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** BWS should sell the lands to a private entity to maintain the stairs and regulate access, possibly even charging a small fee for entry. A pathway to legal hiking of this trail should be created for all Hawaii residents to enjoy.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I spent four months on Oahu exploring the various trails and waterfalls and I didn't miss one. The view from the haiku stairs is the singular, best view of the island. I didn't find the stairs to be treacherous but if they prove to be perhaps consider restoring them rather than tearing them down. When I climbed the stairs there was a group that came up the backside through rain and mud which is far more dangerous. If the stairs are removed people will hike there all the same it simply would further endanger them. As in all things in regards to the land of Hawaii, I believe the decision should be made by the natives and locals. As one of the most beautiful features of the island and something that is known worldwide - I would advocate for its restoration.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are a popular tourist location that prompts many to take on the challenge and to post about it on social media. This location has already a following, and by closing and removing them, will not keep people away. This instead will increase costs. The stairs should be properly managed and invested into, like Diamondhead Trail (a small daily or annual fee). By removing them, a part of Oahu's history would be removed, it would like closing Kokohead or Diamondhead.

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of the Haiku stairs and their history!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Aloha! I am against the removal of the stairs. It would be ideal if another agency of the government could manage the stairs like DLNR. The stairs present a unique opportunity to see the beauty of our aina. Please do not remove. Mahalo!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are a historically significant piece of Hawaii history. 2 folks scaled the ridge to provide the radio antenna so we were able to talk to our forces all the way to Japan. As a true testament to their heroic efforts, we were able to communicate with our troops while also be able to witness some of the amazing views O'ahu has to offer. I remember going up the first time back in 2010 and was taken back at how beautiful the windward side of the island looked as the fog cleared. I understand how unsafe it could be at times to climb and how slippery, but regulating this like some of the other trails could prove a useful way to keep it sustainable as well as give folks a chance to appreciate the work done by those two individuals who scaled the ridge as well as the views it provided are a vital part of recent Hawaiian history. I would love to see this trail maintained and be available for those to enjoy.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I grew up idolizing the pictures of Haiku stairs, and once my twin brother and I turned 12....he and my older brother were allowed to go on the hike, but not myself, because I'm a girl. I spent my life being competitive due to the nature my household created (hinted above). Close to my 18th birthday, I did the hike with my friends (all local, all experienced hikers). It was the best experience of my life. I understand the necessity to make this hike safe, as it IS dangerous when inexperienced hikers or unfocused individuals attempt it, however, for locals like me and my friends, this hike is a place to see the beauty of O'ahu. The whole beauty. Literally a whole 360° of the most beautiful place on earth--at sunrise. No one should be denied that.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is not right. Leave the beautiful stairs!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I hope you keep the stairs — they are such a unique piece of the island and such a special experience.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Please save, repair, and re-open the Ha'ikū Stairs as described in the managed access (conveyance alternative). Removing the historic Ha'ikū Stairs would result in the irrevocable loss of one of the most unique and awe-inspiring trails in the world. Managed access with a fee-based permit system would not only allow for the enjoyment of the trail, but also could generate revenue for the BWS beyond operating costs, as well as addressing the concerns of the neighbors. Please save and reopone the stairs!!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The stairs are a historical landmark, above all else. They are also a place that, if maintained and regulated, can offer locals and visitors alike, a beautiful way to stay active while also seeing some of the most beautiful views on the island. I lived in Hawaii for 5 years and visited the Haiku summit from the legal way, which involved a longer and potentially more dangerous than the stairs. Even with the restrictions placed on the stairs, I observed many people summiting from both directions (stairs and via the Moanaloa trail to the summit). I feel it would be in the interest of the State of Hawaii to look at options for public funding support through crowdsourcing to rehab and maintain the Haiku stairs. Aloha and thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am writing in opposition of the removal of the Haiku Stairs on the grounds that a fair, reasonable compromise can be made by the hard work of compassionate, enthusiastic individuals in our community that not only wish to see this historic structure preserved but realize the urgency in restoring peace and order in the surrounding neighborhood that has been otherwise begrudged by a lack of parking and overall disorder. The stairs are an iconic Oahu landmark and draw visitors from all over the world, some with the express purpose of ascending them for arguably one of the best views on the island. This is perhaps the safest means of reaching this point on the mountain with the correct skill set or supervision. Well regulated, even expert guided, use of the stairs that is booked in advanced, capped daily, and taxed could be a tremendous boon to the local economy. It is already not uncommon for tourists to pay unofficial guides on social media hundreds of dollars for private tours. I would venture to say there is enough revenue opportunity to establish a proper parking and/or shuttle facility that will eliminate neighborhood parking as well as resources to maintain the safety of the stairs and prevent litter and vandalism at the observatories. This, in addition, to sparring taxpayer dollars that have already been spent

restoring the stairs previously and the many more dollars that will be needed to destroy them. With careful consideration, a win-win scenario for all affected parties should be possible to achieve.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha and good morning, in regards to the future of the Haiku Stairs, I would submit the following testimony to the Board of Water Supply. History: The Stairs have been a tribute and testimony to the resourcefulness, ingenuity, and precision of the Hawaiian Engineers, Construction Workers who worked tirelessly to create it during WWII. It has stood the test of time and has been symbol of hope, endurance, and what our people can do if we work together for almost a century. It overlooks one of the most majestic and inspiring views in this or any other land. Recommendations: To keep the Stairs as is or better, with the following improvements to the current situation. 1. Designated Parking Area – the concerns of the area residents are noted and valid. There is no question that they are correct about the incidents that have occurred over the years in this area. To resolve this recommend the following: a. The State or City and County of Honolulu can, and should, designate a parking area away from the residential area, that would allow access to the approved trail entrance and minimize impact on the residents. b. Charge a parking fee for the area usage. 2. Safety of the Trail/Limitation of Liability – the BWS, and the Honolulu City & County’s concern for the safety of the hikers is laudable

and justified. Suggest the following to remediate these concerns: a. Similar to Peacock Flats, require an online form with certification of health and waiver for all legal hikers. b. Impose a fine for all those who attempt to do trail without proof of waiver. c. Have an unmanned aid station near the top and/or at the bottom of the stairs. d. Solar powered phone lines, similar to H3, at designated spots on the trail. I submit this testimony for your consideration.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This hike is an incredible experience. This trail should be legal, regulated, and maintained. use it as a source of revenue, charge whatever it costs to maintain, but don't take it out.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Stairway to Heaven is an iconic part of the Hawaiian land. It is safe. It is a part of the history of Hawaii and tearing it down is just erasing history. Photos of the stairs brings people young and old joy and amazement. It is a wonder of the world.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku stairs is the the number one hike in the world that I would love to take my wife to. It is an amazing representation on Hawaii's history, beauty, and wonder. I took my wife back to Hawaii with me on our honeymoon, but we were very disappointed to not be able to hike the Haiku Stairs. Please preserve the Haiku Stairs so that future generations may have the opportunity to partake of this incredible wonder of Oahu.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I have been waiting for over 17 years to hike the Haiku Stairs, but have refrained from doing so until restrictions were lifted. I find it alarming that after considerable public monies have been spent repairing and renovating the Stairs and the significant public support for opening them that the Board of Water Supply (BWS) is moving to destroy this resource. I suspect that construction of the Stairs preceded the births of most of the neighborhood residents who object to re-opening this facility. I've always thought that the BWS was acting for the benefit of all Oahu residents but it appears that the BWS has been persuaded by a small special interest group. I hope the BWS conveys the Stairs to the City and County of Honolulu a reaffirms that it operates for the benefit of all of Oahu, not just a select few. I wonder if the BWS has already decided how it will vote and that all of our public input is just another part of the checklist on a pre-determined path. If so, I say to the BWS "Shame on you!"

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

My husband David and I have been residents of Haiku Village for about 44 years and we strongly agree to have the Stairway to Heaven removed. It has caused so many controversies that it is time to have it taken down and removed for good. These hikers do not have any respect or consideration for the residents living here in Haiku Village. Our bedroom is situated right next to the street and these hikers come so very early in the morning and make so much noise with their cars and with their conversation with each other as they embark to go on their hiking journey. They also leave all kind of rubbish on the street and on the sidewalk and we as residents have to clean up after them. I have even had to confront a couple as they tried to climb over my neighbors fence trying to look for a faster way to get to the roadway. I told them that this was not right to trespass on someone's property. One of them even climbed over that same neighbors fence and bent the aluminum pole. My property is located right next to the forest reserve and the hikers have tried to get to the stairways by going to the forest and that made my dog bark and make a lot of noise at so early in the morning. I had even one of the hikers move my trash can so he could park right in front of my house thus putting the trash can back the wrong way.

Could you imagine if the trash can was picked up the wrong way. There would be trash all over the road. I was told by some of the neighbors that if you confront the hikers, there are some that can be very rude and would mouth off to them. I am very concerned because I have young grandchildren and have been afraid to let them play in the front yard. Also, the speeding of cars makes it even more worrisome for all of the residents here. I would hate to think of anyone being hurt or killed which will be too late for any family. Not to mention the theft and bodily harm that could arise with all the hikers coming through. That is the reasons that we both would like to have the Stairway to Heaven dismantled, broken down , taken whatever it takes to get rid of it. I would like to have Haiku Village be kept as the safe, peaceful and quiet place as it was and hope that it will always be that way. My husband and I would like to thank you for listening to our testimony.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I would like the stairs to remain present, upheld, and made legal for access. It is not a dangerous hike, and should be made sanctioned. I have discontinued access since regulating, but would like to hike it again in the future.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** OH NO! Please don't remove the stairs! This incredible landmark should be preserved, improved, safety improvements and made into an accessible, chargeable landmark that should be enjoyed for generations to come! Please don't remove the stairs!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I lived in Hawaii for 5 years in the early 2000's when the stairs were not managed by anyone and going up them was not an issue. I have been up the stairs several times and it was a fantastic experience that I think should be available to anyone who is willing to tackle them. It is a beautiful ridge trail and ranks up in the top of ridge trails hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved since it has been around for many generations and keeping it open will allow many more generations to enjoy it. With the new stairs in place it is also much safer and could allow for enjoyment by a variety of locals and visitors. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it. The stairs were a highlight of the various trails that we hiked on Oahu. I have done over 100 different hikes and all the ridge hikes in Hawaii and I believe this one should remain open for future generations to experience. Thank you for your consideration on this very important matter.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Had a plan trip to visit and would still want it to be open when I go visit.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I believe these stairs should stay. Every person should have the opportunity to go and see the island from this amazing view, and you are doing a disservice to your community by removing them. You are alienating tourism that might stem from them, as well as joy it can bring your personal community. Why limit outdoor activities? Especially at a time like this?

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Hi! I don't think the stairs should be removed. It is a vital part of the outdoors community to create a fundamental hiking experience for those who cherish making memories as well as a great form for exercise. I hadn't hiked it yet but I know it is a good hiking workout and the views are something that people should be rewarded to witness. Especially since during these COVID times, we realized just how important experiencing life's treasures and keeping close to making new memories with loved ones and being out there is a necessity. We learn life is short and that the stairs have helped people experience it. It's on my bucket list as well as hundreds of others. Please don't remove the stairs. I do think there are better ways on how to make this hike better accessible and safe. The stairs should be constructed to become safer for people to hike. It is one heck of a beautiful trail and since Hawaii strives from tourism, this hike will help continue tourism. I do believe in this instance that paid permits should be given out to support this part of tourism and to lessen the load of those who are trying to access it. Thank you so much for reading this if you do!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Transfer responsibility for the stairs to another entity who can ensure it once again becomes an asset to Hawaii's residents and tourists alike, as well as alleviate the problems illegal access is causing for the local community at the base of the stairs. Please don't throw away nearly 80 years of history and punish past and future generations for the bad behavior and selfish actions of a tiny percentage of people. Allow the creativity and energy of good people to turn the stairs into the precious jewel of Hawaii recreation and cultural nexus it can become, while simultaneously restoring the deserved peace and tranquility to the residents of the valley below.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Safe environmental practices are being ignored by the presence of the stairs. From what I have read and seen, the current existence of the stairs no longer have a purpose that benefits the people of Oahu. Who can guarantee that its maintenance, repair, improvement or expansion will not harm the environment and subsequently the social and cultural characteristics of the neighborhood. Tear it down. Declare the location an environmental protected zone. Trespassers should be arrested. Trespassers who manage to get in and require rescue should be required to pay for the rescue services.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I strongly support the removal of the stairs. We would not want additional traffic through our Castle Hills neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Best place in Hawaii. Changed my life !!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha! I'm George Tsuchida from Mililani Mauka. I worked for the Board of Water Supply as a summer student aide to Mr. Wallace, Hydraulic Engineer (maybe Chief Engineer I'm not sure) during my summer break in 1963 soon after graduating from Leilehua High School. I read the article in today's The Honolulu Star-Advertiser, "Decision to be made on fate of 'Stairway to Heaven'" and totally agree with Mayor Kirk Caldwell's April 14 statement where he "reiterated his proposal to have the city Department of Parks and Recreation take the reins of the stairs and then lease them to a third-party vendor who would make repairs and improvements, and then charge the public, or at least nonkamaaiana to visit. I believe Haiku stairs is an important and unique asset on Oahu, and that the stairs should be preserved as long as they can be renovated for safety, and that public access issues are addressed and resolved," Caldwell said. I believe Haiku Stairs is definitely one of Hawaii's treasures that should be continued as evidenced by the people who continue to illegally trespass and use the stairs even with a private security guard at the entrance. I believe my children, grandchildren and myself would definitely use the stairs when it is opened to the public again. I only have a short time of my life remaining as

I'm in my 70s and don't have much time to legally enjoy hiking Haiku Stairs at least once before I die. Please, please let our kamaiiana at least enjoy one last opportunity to enjoy Haiku Stairs once again. Mahalo nui loa!  
George Tsuchida Mililani

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Get rid of it--for good. Way too much humbug and trouble and expense.  
Get rid of it

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Keep the stairs open. They are an important part of cultural and social history. Removing them will not solve the issue of trespassing. Instead, it will increase cost in the form of emergency rescue and possibly loss of life.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I oppose the removal of the historic landmark known as Haiku Stairs or Stairway to Heaven. Legal access should be provided to keep visitors to the stairs away from the residential communities near the stairs. Please consider other options that can keep the stairs in place and provide safe and legal access to the stairs without disrupting the community below. Thank you.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I favor retention of the Haiku Stairs, with access by permit, much like it was in the past when regulated by the US Coast Guard. Many years ago a group of friends and I made the climb under those conditions and will never forget the experience - the beauty of the island, and the panorama of Oahu from the summit of the trail are unsurpassed and access should be preserved. Whoever does manage the Stairs must do so with strict rules and enforcement. Again I oppose removal of the Haiku Stairs. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Board of Water Supply should surrender or forfeit the land/parcel in which Ha'ikū stairs is situated on to return it either back to the City and County of Honolulu or the State of Hawai'i especially since the Board of Water Supply's intention is to relieve itself from said land/parcel anyways, with or without Ha'ikū stairs. Additionally, the Board of Water Supply lacks discipline in managing land to which it has no business whatsoever anyways. Excuses related to the land containing any watersheds are false because the Board of Water Supply admitted at the Kāne'ohe Neighborhood Board watersheds run underground in addition to the unsuitability of the terrain of the land/parcel Ha'ikū stairs is situated. The Board of Water Supply shirks duties all the same. Emotional statements relating to residents whining not apply. The direct problem is Board of Water Supply's ownership NOT the existence of Ha'ikū stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Save the stairs!! The haiku stairs are such a beautiful part of our history. I personally saw the stairs last year after hiking up the back way, but the views were worth it! Many adventure enthusiasts including myself would pay to climb the stairs... this could be a way to turn a profit for the local community and pour back into maintaining the stairs, building a parking lot, and giving back to the residents in the haiku neighborhood. Please don't tear down part of our history that is also the hike of a lifetime!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I believe that the Stairway to Heaven is an important piece of history that Oahu has to offer. Not only is it one of the most incredible hikes on Oahu but one of the best hikes in the world due to it's history and beauty. I believe that by tearing down the stairs there will be many that would be saddened and heart broken. It's a piece of Oahu but more importantly it's a piece of many many people throughout time. It would be a mistake to take down something that means so much to so many.

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The haiku stairs is such a motivational and meaningful site. If this is torn down, it cannot be recreated with the same story. There are other solutions for the problems that people are claiming other than destroying the work of art. This is something that was created before most of us were even on this earth and can stay for generations beyond. The haiku stairs to Hawaii is like Machu Picchu to Peru. Before considering destruction of such a historic site, we should consider other alternative. I am happy to bring other solutions to the conversation but please oppose this removal.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I have always wanted to climb the haiku stairs, but I wanted to do it legally. Please do not remove them and find a way to make it accessible to the law abiding public

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The stairs are historical. They are an important remembrance of soldiers keeping watch over our great nation. Taking the stairs away erases an important part of our history. Be proud and find a way to showcase the stairs. Find a way to educate all visitors to the region about the importance of the stairs. Keep them, do not remove them. Take steps to improve them and create a safe space for people to experience them.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please open Haiku Stairs to public and charge some reasonable fee for operating and maintaining it. Enforce strict rules to prevent negative impact on neighbors and the environment (for example, no littering whatsoever).

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The main reason I came to Oahu in 2018 was to climb the stairs. It was a life changing experience and would be an absolute travesty to tear them down. The end result would be a lot more injuries and deaths taking the legal route.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Keep the stairs it's apart of history.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha Chairman and Board Members, I strongly support opening the stairs to the public. This should be a fee to enter. I have waited over 33 years for a legal opportunity to climb these stairs. If needs be a fee charged for off site parking and shuttle. Residents and visitors alike will use this opportunity to see the beautiful Koolau and pay for its up keep. Thank for this opportunity to express my opinion.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** If they are unsafe, they should be removed since people don't understand "No Trespassing" signs. Otherwise repair them and charge an entrance fee to pay for maintenance.

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**Insert Written Testimony** One of the beautiful wonders of Hawaii!! Stupid to remove it

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Oahu is a special place for me. As a past Oahu resident, the stairs also hold a special place in my heart. I know they have been a blessing to both residents and visitors alike. I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs and believe it is a waste of tax payers Money, especially in light of the pandemic and the effects it will have on the future economy. Now is not the time!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Removing the Haiku stairs would be removing a piece of Hawaii's history. There Are people who travel from all over the world just to see this incredible symbol of determination and perseverance. It would be an incredible disservice and act of immense disrespect for the men and women who laid down their lives or lost loved ones to the building of those stairs at its origin. The Haiku stairs mean so much to so many people all around the world who have been fortunate enough to discover their true magic. An alternative solution to demolishing the stairs would be to transfer its management To some sort of private entity that can manage access to and maintain the safety of the stairs. This would, in turn, also open up new job opportunities for local Hawaiians as well as have the potential to generate a profit if the private entity were to charge hikers a fee for access to the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Please dont tear down the stairs. it is a Safe hike. a great way to experience native plants that grow on wet pali. Please figure out how to manage it wisely for the community. Properly, managed it could generate funds, Controlled Ecotourism for our post Quarantine future. Mahalo We got to hike it legally back in the day with groups from Ho`omaluhia and Sierra Club High School hikers. they were experiences that We still cherish. Please dont destroy this unique historical hiking and Nature trail. Mahalo, Heidi Leianuenue Bornhorst

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I have climbed the Haiku stairs over ten years ago and feel it is a unique heritage experience that should be preserved and moderated. Instead of being illegal, why not charge an admittance fee that would pay for the upkeep of the stairs and still give people the experience like none other. As per the findings of the BWS's DEIS: "The Ha'ikū Stairs was built in the 1940s, is defined as a historic property per §6E-2, HRS, and retains its historic integrity." (Vol 2, p. 701). Why would you destroy a historic structure, especially if you could repair it for less? The Ha'ikū Stairs represent one of the safest hiking trails in Hawaii. There having been no documented serious injuries or deaths resulting from accidents on the Stairs. Reopening the Stairs under managed access would provide unique, internationally recognized, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities and save one of the world's top 10 best hikes on the National Geographic Endangered Trails list. The Kāne'ohe Neighborhood Board resolved in May 17, 2017 to support reopening the stairs under a controlled and managed access plan that respects the privacy rights of residents of the Ha'ikū Village neighborhood. We have read the DEIS report and we agree that managed access (conveyance alternative) is by far the best alternative with a total score of 7 good as compared to removal with a score of only 4. FHS has a managed access plan in place that is in alignment with the recommended Po'okela Street access route and can be adjusted to meet all the

listed concerns. FHS has years of experience leading people on legal maintenance climbs on the stairs, carrying out repairs to individual modules, controlling invasive species, and mitigating run-off concerns.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**  
An iconic landmark of Oahu & challenging hike for locals. I oppose the removal of the Haiku stairs and propose repairing and charging a park entrance fee like some of our other state parks such as Diamond Head and the Haleakala Summit (Maui). Paying an admission fee may also change liability of injury or death to the patron rather than the burden falling on the state.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I view the Stairs as a drain on the resources of the BWS. When I pay my monthly water bill, I want to pay for our water use and not security for a tourist attraction or recreation for residents. Furthermore, no matter who "owns" the Stairs, I see them as a liability with a lawsuit waiting to happen and as a terrible imposition on the residents in the area.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please keep this beautiful hike so many people need to experience it that haven't I would love to go back some day at least add a fee to it for the upkeep I would rather have to pay a little and have it stay then have it gone forever!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Sure is a beautiful scenery and lots of history. I think it should be moderated. Consider limited slot per day hike with waiver. Like what they do to visit kalaupaupa in molokai and their beautiful waterfalls there.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku stairs should not be removed because they are a historic landmark that must be preserved. The stairs are unique to the island, and nothing like it is replicated in the whole world. Going in and destroying the stairs would not only harm the environment, but it would harm the environment for no reason. The stairs should either be left alone or restored; what the stairs provide cannot be replaced. Once it's gone, it's gone forever, and that part of history should not be destroyed. Mahalo, Ian Zwink

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs. My testimony is below or attached. I live overseas but Hawai'i is my island second home I am strongly opposed to removal of the haiku stairs. How on earth can this even be considered it is a part of Oahu's history and such a beautiful experience for those who have had an opportunity to experience it. I understand that it has caused concern due to it being run down and people using it illegally but it should like anything be at people's own risk Like any mountain hike activity. It could be managed with a bit of Money to repair and make safe some parts and perhaps even charge a little to cover maintenance Like the diamond head lookout .. if a guard is stationed anyway they could collect a signed waiver. Check for noise early mornings etc People have to take responsibility for their own actions. Please save them it is truly a beautiful experience I can see though I hve never done it I would dearly love to one day and also making it safe will stop daredevils being reckless Protect unique things don't destroy I myself would be happy to pay a fee to support the guard and ensure behaviours numbers acceptable Thankyou Ingrid kuebler Sent from my iPhone

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I strongly oppose the tearing down of the haiku stairs. For years these have been the one connection for many to Hawaii's past. Being able to see the untouched portions of this beautiful state is amazing and the removal of that is greatly disheartening.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I traveled to Oahu in 2018 and was blown away by the beauty of the island. I wanted desperately to take it in from the stairs but being closed off to the public it was not possible. I would very much like to travel back to Oahu someday soon and climb the steps to get a truly unique view of the island. Please consider keeping the stairs!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** It's the public right and choice to take the risks of hiking stairway.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please I am OPPOSING permanent closure of the stairs so other locals like myself can have access and enjoy them. Mahalo for your consideration

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** to much of a burden for those living in the area of the stairs. Past mitigation efforts to limit vandalism have failed

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** keep the stairs! heaven on earth and a truly unique landmark that draws worldwide attention.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** My first thought was to oppose access to Haiku stairs. However, since it costs less to have security mind it as opposed to demolishing it why not keep it open and charge a fee/donation per hiker to support the upkeep of the stairs and the surrounding environment? Treat it as a rarified trail and provide a system in which users are responsible for packing out their garbage or receiving a fine.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please consider removal and the offer from Kualoa Ranch . There is no controlled solution to the Haiku Stairs. It would also be a distraction to drivers on the drivers on H3. Hikers will still be going through neighborhoods and finding a way up.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku Stairs should be removed. They are dangerous and provide no cultural value.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Haiku Stairs is a historical structure and apart of Hawaii's history and culture. It's present reminds us that Hawaii was a strategic military outpost during WWII and reminds us of the sacrifices that our elders made so that we can live in peace and freedom today. To remove the stairs would be a travesty to the preservation of the history of Hawaii. And removing this piece of history for the sake of some complaining neighborhood residents would a insult to our grandparents. Haiku stairs not only holds a historical value, but traversing the stairs to reach the summit instills a sense of wonderment at the beauty in nature of Hawaii. I connects you to the aina and you gain a sense of appreciate for our small piece of land in the middle of the ocean. Also, Haiku stairs provides a healthy activity for the local community to engage in.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

This site is a landmark of worldwide appreciation. People fly from around the world to see the amazing view. With the proper care, this site can easily be maintained and turned into a safe experience for local residents and tourists alike. Tourists should be charged, locals should be freely admitted with proof of residence. The natural beauty of this site is not something we should let go to waste. It is an excellent exercise opportunity, and a potential learning experience. Don't let the selfish folks that live nearby convince the board that this place is not very important to Hawaii locals and visitors. Keep Haiku alive, help it thrive!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The stairs are iconic and a beautiful hike. I'm sure many people would be happy if the stairs were repaired and fee's were charged to people wanting to hike them and limit access to limited numbers or outsource to other limited number of guides so not needing to self manage. I would have even paid \$200-300 for 2 to climb the stairs without the worry of fines and prosecution and having to travel back from Australia just for a court date.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** It would be a shame to tear down the stairs and history along with them.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

For the State of Hawaii, managed access can be a revenue generator, rather than a liability. Removing or relocating the stairs creates more exposure for the State. If the stairs are moved or destroyed, people will still climb Pu'ukeahiakahoe via a hazardous route (Moanalua Valley Trail). There have been countless rescues of inexperienced hikers on Moanalua Valley Trail and the surrounding ridges of the KST.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Organization

### Insert Written Testimony

Dear Board of Water Supply, I strongly oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs because they are a cultural asset to the community. Like any asset, they require responsible stewardship and a commitment from both the local citizens and community leaders to ensure that it will be valued as a public resource. The passionate support demonstrated for their preservation is more than enough evidence of this heritage position and it would be a travesty to remove them. In addition, the Friends of Haiku Stairs have provided care and maintenance over the many years that the trail has been controversial. I encourage you to adopt their framework for the management of the stairs. Many of the concerns that others have expressed are addressed in their plan. It is hardly possible to express the profound feelings I have from my experience hiking the stairs during a (BWS-sanctioned) volunteer workday to help with maintenance. Hiking the Haiku trail is one of the greatest memories of my lifetime. In Hawaii, a land like no other in the world, this specific location has no parallel. If you have hiked the trail, then you will know: you can never forget the dewy anticipation of the unknown lying ahead... at first rocks and grass and dirt.. then dark treads emerge, giving order to a wild hillside. Muddy boots searching for a narrow reveal... each footfall rising upwards.. slowly ascending through mist.. the climb never ending, yet the body, tireless... God herself is pulling you skyward. There is a pause in gravity. Clouds cling to your

shoulders, beckoning to peace in the heavens. Sheer slopes sweep in vast arcs left and right... the only movement the quiet traffic of native birds, and the measured, earnest breath of your hiking companions. My only hope is that others will have the opportunity to experience this beautiful journey. Please, with your help, make this possible. For your consideration : - Statistically, the Ha'ikū Stairs is a safe hike - Managed Access enables the possibility for a safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. - Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and its heritage should be preserved. Please do the right thing and preserve access to this vital resource for our community!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha, I am writing to submit testimony in opposition to the removal of Haiku Stairs. Since hearing about the hike back when I was a young adult, I had always wanted a chance to climb the Haiku Stairs for myself. I had seen pictures of the incredible views online, heard stories from others who had hiked it in the past, all of which served to feed my desire to hike this trail for myself one day. Sadly, that never came to pass, and because of recent developments concerning the stairway, it seems I nor my children will ever have the chance to hike this unique and beautiful trail. There is no other trail on Oahu, to my knowledge, that has a clear and safe path complete with ACTUAL stairs. That alone makes this hike ideal for those wishing to get a view of the Ko'olau's. It is my hope and belief that a resolution can be met to create a plan which preserves this historic trail and respects the land and the people living around it, for generations to come. Should further testimony or input be required to create such a plan, I would be more than willing to contribute. Mahalo.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Please save these magical steps! The history of the steps alone should be reason enough to retain them. The opportunity to see the grand view from the summit sbllid not be detterd. I think with proper supervision and care, the steps will ne beneficial to tourists, hikers and natives. Do not destroy history here. Sabe the "stairway to heaben". Respectfully submitted, James Pritchett Washington DC....perpetual Hawaii tourist

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs is unquestionably one of the most breath taking and awe inspiring hikes in the world. Destroying them to satisfy a disgruntled neighbors would devastate a world wide population of outdoor enthusiasts and erase one of oahu's coolest features. I am in favor of any path forward that involves keeping the stairs accessible to the community. I believe with planning and careful consideration an equitable solution to monetize, manage, and utilize this amazing resource can be found and could greatly bolster the tourist economy on which hawaii depends. Many hikes around oahu are suffering greatly and are eroded because they are not designed to withstand heavy traffic. The Haiku stairs retains its natural beauty despite the popularity because the structure of the stairs keeps people on them and preserves the surrounding environment. I think this is a fantastic opportunity for hawaii to preserve and use for gain an existing attraction. With proper management, the ROI of repairing and properly managing the stairs is a no brainer.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Although I have never climbed these stairs, I truly desire to one day and that is exactly why I hope they remain. I have had friends who have climbed them and told me of the amazing experience. I hope you'll keep them!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Please do not remove this part of Hawaii's history! This is a hike that showcases awesome views! I wanted to do it last year when I was out, but couldn't because I tore my PCL earlier in the year. I am coming out this year to do the hike. I have been training for it and have lost 70 lbs in the process! All because of wanting to do THIS hike in Hawaii! This is more money for Hawaii's commerce just because of this hike! Again, please do not remove the Haiku stairs!!!

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is a life changing & amazing tourist opportunity & the stairs should not be removed. The stairs hold significant historical artifact & should be preserved.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Removing the stairs will be a huge mistake. It will result in decreased tourism and increased deaths via. Alternative routes. Please don't take them down

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## HAIKU STAIRS TESTIMONY

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** My heart aches when I think of the Haiku Stair being removed. I have waiting to be able to hike the stairs because of their history. What occurred there is very important to preserve. Please do not have the stairs destroyed.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** -haiku stairs are one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i -Managed access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations -it is an important historical site to be enjoyed by current and future generations

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Stairway is a special piece of Oahu, and I am strongly in favor of finding a way to make it available/accessible to the public.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Leave it open so Strawberry can be happy! Fakas!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I'm writing to ask you to restore and re-open the Haiku stairs. I have never had the chance to hike the stairs - they have been closed since I have lived here - but I hope to one day be able to access this important cultural resource. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

My wife and I love Hawai'i. The nature is unprecedented compared to the rest of the world. These stairs provide a great vantage point to take in the beauty of the island. To remove them would be a great injustice to everyone. People have the right to see the beauty of Hawaii, and should make the choice for themselves on whether or not to climb the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** DO NOT TEAR IT DOWN!! It is an incredible hike and deserves to be preserved

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs is a valuable resource for our state. It is a jaw-dropping amazing experience that any one lucky enough to experience it would remember forever. Our state is known for its natural resources, but many of our trails currently show signs of overuse. This indicates we need more trails, not less. Please figure out a way to keep this amazing place open for all to enjoy.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Please keep the Haiku Stairs! It's part of the island's identity! My husband and I knew we had to hike the Stairway to Heaven when we visited Oahu in 2018 for our honeymoon - it was at the top of our list! It was an awe-inspiring and magical experience every step of the way up. We felt so connected to the island, and we will never forget the peace and serenity we felt being up 2,200 feet above sea level. Not for a second did we feel like we were in danger. We luckily had a guide who helped us get up to the top safely. Why not let the Haiku Stairs help the city generate revenue? Make it legal for people to climb and charge an entrance fee, guide fee, etc. It will for sure attract more tourists to the island. If you are worried about the environmental impact, create guidelines/parameters around what people can bring up to the mountain - have trash cans at the bottom and top of the stairs, and in between at the overlook areas. I'm no expert, I'm just speaking as a tourist who fell in love with Hawaii. I will be devastated, along with thousands of others if the stairs are removed. I hope the government can come up with a positive solution, so that people can experience the magic of Oahu in the years to come. Thank you for reading my testimony and God bless!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The haiku stairs have stood the test of time and are historically part of Hawaii's history. They might be in disrepair, but with a dedicated task force to oversee a refurbishment is possible. I think either government (National Park level) could be explored, or state park over taking of haiku stairs and make it into a profitable sightseeing destination. With safety standard, the haiku stairs could be safe for all to use, with paid fee, or even with addition of safety features to the stairs - clamping climbers to overhead cables that staff ensure are attached and reattached at certain check points - I'm not a professional in this area, but I'm sure you can get the idea. If governmental level is not interested, could it be opened up the private sectors? Money is to be made here, with planning it could boost the areas income 20 fold!! I desperately want to legally climb the haiku stairs, it is safe, and with proper oversight - even taken over by such nonprofits as 'Friends of haiku stairs' - should be explored thoroughly, before the stairs are arbitrarily removed, gone forever.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Keep the stairs. It is a slap in the face to tax payers when the city spent millions to repair this one of a kind stair way hike. Friends of haiku stairs have developed a plan where everyone wins. Please let us keep this gem.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

Greetings Honolulu Board of Water Supply I am writing from Jackson, Wyoming which much like your island is a paradise full of natural beauty. Last year my family and I visited Oahu for the first time and it immediately became one of those places on this planet that I desire to return to as often as possible. In addition to travel my passions include speaking out for things I love, making sauerkraut and hiking in beautiful places. Here in Jackson we are able to hike to the tops of amazing mountains and admire fantastic views in all directions. Today you are set to once again debate the removal of the iconic Haiku Stairs and I wish to register my opposition to this project. It is my dream to stand atop of these iconic stairs and take in the sweeping views of your island and the surrounding azure waters. Here in NW Wyoming we are lucky to have amazing access to so many hiking gems, some of which has been done in partnership with private landowners. It is my belief that the stairs can remain for all to view and admire by educating hikers of the appropriate routes to use and of the responsibility that each user has to their own safety and that of others. Please leave the Haiku Stairs as they are so myself and many others can honor their history, admire the ingenuity of those who erected them and

stand at the top and watch the first light of day bathe your amazing island in its beauty. Thank you for your time in reading my comment. I hope you and your families are happy and healthy during this crazy time in history. My wife and I will be over there as soon as conditions permit.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of the stairs, it's a great piece of history and the story behind it is incredible. Plus, it's a great object to look at when passing it on H3. I feel it is a bad idea to disturb the life around the stairs and let it be with nature.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I have not personally been able to witness firsthand the Haiku Stairs, but it has been on my list for years. Seeing other people's experiences and testimony of what the stairs had done for them physically and spiritually is what has drawn me to the stairs. I think removing the stairs would be a serious disservice to the public who wishes to safely access this land. I hope the BWS seriously reconsiders the removal of the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** These stairs have become a landmark of Oahu. It is a beautiful landmark and should not be destroyed but repaired.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I do not support the removal as a native from Hawaii. The Haiku Stairs is a part of Hawaii's historical patrimony and must not be removed.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am one of the many people who have always wanted to climb the stairs, but have held off for fear of a fine. I'm a teacher and we all know we don't have enough for fines for hiking. I have wish so much to one day have the chance to see the view from there. I truly hope you don't choose to tear it down. Many of us would pay permits to climb. Please don't take it away from those of us who have been waiting with hope we can one day climb it legally.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are such an iconic attraction of Hawaii and Oahu. I feel so honored that I was able to see them while living there and I really hope that there can be a solution to maintain such a historical site. The mountains won't look the same without them and this could be a great opportunity to work something out to where people can pay to use them which would help in the maintenance and upkeep. Please consider not taking away this amazing piece of history.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of Haiku stairs. It should be open for others to hike. Whether people pay to hike or not, it should be saved. Signs mentioning to hike at your own risk should be implemented.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

i am a ride-share driver who has picked up & dropped off countless number of hikers that has made or attempted the trek on the haiku stairs. and to hear the testimonies from these hikers reaching the top of the "stairway to heaven" is an experience that is priceless. i think the people in the world should be given an opportunity to experience this but only if the government controls the number of permitting climbers. just like the Tibetan government allows permitted climbers to scale Mount Everest.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs. It is probably the greatest attraction in Oahu and a magnificent hike. To many, it is part of a bucket list. Please keep it open to the public, removal would be devastating to many who has not experience this magical hike. We all need a taste of heaven.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Historical value to keep stairs ...make available to hiking

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Haiku Stairs is a jewel and should not be removed. It is possible to manage this unique area to the benefit of the people of Hawai'i. The community nearby should be included in management issues. It is reasonable to charge for access to tourists, and support sustainable use. A reservation system can be implemented. Please do not remove this jewel, and take away access to this incredible area.

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

This is a historic and unique site to be preserved. It offers breathtaking perspective of the Ko'olau ridges in a way no other hike can. It is unfortunate everyone can agree that BWS is currently responsible for maintaining the stairs on top of their water related affairs. Please vote to transfer ownership to the city so the hike may be preserved and managed by the proper organization.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** We should turn the Haiku Stairs into the State Park so we can cherish this historical site.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs. I have been a resident of Oahu for more than 30 years and have never climbed the stairs because it has been legal to do so. When the City spent money some time ago to rehabilitate the stairs, I thought my chance was coming soon but still I wait. Please turn over the land and responsibility to the City's Parks and Recreation Department as they are the right organization to administrate the recreational and economic opportunity. Please do not remove the stairs it would be such a waste. Thank you.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** I just wish to comment

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**  
I'm a resident Honolulu. I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs. The Haiku Stairs are one of Oahu's treasures and if reopened would be a huge tourist attraction. Instead of closure, the Stairs should be refurbished and turned into a State, County or local park. An admission fee could be charged if deemed necessary to cover maintenance and park employee salaries, etc.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Over the years I have hiked the Haiku stairs many times with friends/family, and as an avid hiker, is one of the most unique, beautiful experiences anywhere in the world. That alone should be reason to repair, restore, preserve one of the most breathtaking views of Oahu...please keep this alive for our future.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I was lucky enough to go up the back/legal way and go down the stairs with a group of friends in February of this year. These stairs and the adjoining trail were absolutely the most wonderful perspective of Hawaii's history I got to see in my stay on Oahu. The combination of nature and human history makes this a hike unlike any other, and it deserves to be preserved. Please keep the stairs! I'm sure you can monetize them if maintenance costs are the concern. The thought of removing this connection to Hawaii's and the world's past is horrible.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku Stairs are a significant historical asset to the State of Hawaii. They are climbed by many, and represent a resource that is unlike any other in the State and is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by all. The Stairs are an important historic site. Preservation is paramount. Removal of the stairs would be a tragedy for present and future generations. There is nothing in the United States like the Haiku Stairs. Save them!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku stairs is unique to Hawaii and a state treasure. Let's make Hawaii better by keeping and improving it.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Haiku stairs is a jewel in the heart of the isle of Oahu. An experience that will change my life forever. A legend told by locals, a surreal voyage to the peak and a mystical journey in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. 4 000 steps to the unknown, through misty weather, mud, rain or a bright blue sky what really matter is the experience of each steps to the top. One step at the time, where each movement remain us to be be present, to pay attention where we take step but also to finally be able to observe the beauty of the isle with new eyes. The Haiku stairs are a spiritual elevation for everyone. It has the power to embrace emotions coming from your heart to observe life from another perspective. Going at the top of the mountain Pu'uokeahiakahoe is a life time experience because it simply allows to free a new energy. I am so grateful for what the experience of the Haiku stairs brought me, and truly hope that they won't be removed. I am supporting a new structure around that natural monument in order to respect peace and tranquility in the surrounding neighborhood, emphasize an adequate and fair regulation of the stairs for travelers and visitors and limit the erosion of the mountain because every steps are made on steel.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stair case is such an iconic display of the beauty Hawaii has to offer. People travel from all over the world with their stop at Haiku Stairs being the center piece of their trip. I hope to be able to walk it one day.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I understand that there are a number of issues surrounding the Haiku Stairs and I don't think everyone will be happy with any decision, but removal of the Haiku Stairs is in my view the worst possible option. It removes an icon from the island and will only create calls for a new set of stairs to be created.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Hi, My name is Jonathan, I currently reside in San Francisco California but was born and raised in Honolulu till I moved in 1999. I go back often to visit family and friends and to see the natural beauty of the islands and what it has to offer compared to here where I reside. It's not the same I can tell you that, all u see is sand and grass and dirt for views near the beach and the busyness of the city. I was brought up by nature visiting many beautiful locations in Hawaii (esp. HAIKU STAIRS) growing up and there is nothing like it! As an outdoorsman I feel if u take away what was then you take away the history of when was because it will cease to exist for future generations. I know it will be costly and the situation regarding the HAIKU STAIRS will be difficult but we the people of near or far will do our best to preserve and prolong the enjoyment and natural beauty of the historic site. Ask yourself, HAVE U PERSONALLY VISITED/BEEN TO THE STAIRS? Do you know what we are fighting for? Well I HAVE! Much ALOHA to everyone and god bless!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is the most incredible hike I have ever done. It has been a highlight for my family and I.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Hey guys, I just want to say the Haiku Stairs are a fantastic experience for anyone who is willing/able. Taking this away, especially in a time like this, would be drastic. I'm sure many others would highly enjoy the chance and opportunity to have this life changing experience once all of this Covid stuff blows over!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** I just wish to comment

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha mai kakou, As a member of the community, raised on the Windward side, I generally OPPOSE the removal of the Haiku Stairs. However, action must be taken to MAINTAIN the property and LIMIT all visitors to the attraction. Otherwise, removal or partial removal to prevent unmanaged or unauthorized access or use of the attraction must be done to discontinue prolonged debate over the issue. I do believe that either a government agency (e.g., Department of Parks and Recreation) or a third-party should seek to fund maintenance of the attraction in a self-sustaining manner (e.g., Hanauma Bay or Waimea falls). Although it has been many years since I have hiked the stairs myself, I understand that the usage of the attraction has since been used by many, especially visitors and transplants. The area has been and continued to fall into disrepair with excess litter and damage to surrounding trails and private property. In addition, the likely increase in unauthorized or unmanaged access will result in unnecessary harm and death to hikers, which is absolutely unacceptable. The Haiku Stairs are a remarkable and beautiful attraction when properly maintained and managed, and has the potential to be a valuable asset to our home and community. I hope and pray that proper and responsible action will be

taken to handle the issue responsibly. Mahalo nui loa.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

These stairs represent more than just what they are. It's a journey. An adventure. A transcending. This item is so important to the local culture and values. It is an item that has brought happiness and love to so many. A chance to explore nature and oneself. An opportunity to get away from the day to day life. Is the purpose of removing them mandatory? Do the stairs NEED to be removed? If not, then why is this being considered? Because people have money and want to get rid of them? That doesn't justify destroying such a beautiful thing that brings joy to the life of so many.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are important to me, they are a connection to an important time in Hawaii's history and its role in the second world war, as well as a connection to the ancient Koolau range itself. It would be a travesty to remove the stairs. It's the only one of its kind in Hawaii and already attracts people to climb it because it is a unique experience. Removing it will be another step towards mediocrity, where edges are tempered and idiosyncratic remnants of the past are destroyed in favor of tract housing and fast food chains. We lose a lot more than some stairs if they are removed, we lose a piece of history and we lose the potential to turn it into something amazing to be enjoyed by everyone.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku stairs is one of a kind landmark that shouldn't be taken down. I was able to form a deep relationship with other individuals at the top of this peak. The Haiku stairs left all of us captivated by Hawaii's beauty. Please do not tear it down, instead make it better and new!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

For starters, the stairs have historical value and should be protected as a historical landmark. The stairs were built before most homeowners nearby owned their homes and they bought knowing the stairs were there. The citizens of Hawaii should have access to the stairs and not have access refused based on parking issues that can be mitigated. Funding for the stairs can also find a way to exist so the removal is not necessary.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I very strongly oppose the removal of Ha'ikū Stairs, and encourage you to vote to transfer the Stairs to the City and County of Honolulu and reopen them under managed access. The stairs are a world class unique resource that should not be destroyed. They offer a special experience with less negative impact to the environment and less danger to the hiker than a regular trail. It would be a travesty to destroy the stairs. Let the city or a private or civic group manage the stairs and access.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

April 27, 2020 To Whom It May Concern: Please note that Oahu is the greatest place on Earth! After visiting 50 Counties, 30 Island and have lived in 3 Continents I can honestly say, that climbing the Haiku Stairs still to this day, is my greatest memory of ALL adventures. Just an unforgettable experience. Climbing Haiku Stair is an attraction I would love to introduce to my kids to in just few short years. - the experience of climbing the stairs equals to the satisfaction of completing NYC marathon - hiking the Haiku Stairs over exceed local attractions such as: \*skydiving (air pollution) \*Waimea Bay snorkeling (disruption of marine life) \*Free hikes around the Island (lack of benefit to the Island), etc - Opening the Haiku Stairs will be a Financial Benefit est Half a Billion \$ annual revenue (avg 3 million tourist at \$150 per entree) - climbing the stairs SAFE - views from the hike are breath-taking, once in the life time experience - Job/ Volunteer Work for Local residents Please be brave and make the right decision, the Haiku Stairs MUST stay!!!! In light of COVID-19 we ALL realize that only authentic, unique and inordinately things and places are special and are worth to fight for, the Haiku Stairs are worth the fight. Thank you for Your consideration of my testimony and request to keep the Haiku Stairs. Best

Regards, Justyna Ochocinska

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** There must be another way. There is no reason to remove such a significant piece of architecture.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please don't tear down the Haiku Stairs! I would like to hike it in the future. It should be kept for future generations to appreciate the beauty of Hawaii.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I believe that this is sentimental to a lot of people and I believe there should be other options than to remove the Haiku stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Removal of the stairs would be an irreversible error. Charging a small fee for individuals or groups to assist with maintenance costs, utilizing volunteers (individuals & groups) for trash collection, inspection, education, clearing overgrowth, and other such services, as well as appealing to the Hawaii Visitors Bureau for funds for signage and education of visitors would go a long way in keeping the stairs open, accessible, and affordable. Further, consider that ppl will likely try to do the climb without the stairs. The expense in habitat, life, rescues, and lawsuits can be avoided if the stairs are kept and maintained. The last time i did the stairs was in 1986, when the trail was still legal. It's beautiful. I'd like to see it reopened and kept beautiful, please. Thank you.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I feel these stairs are part of the history of Oahu and should remain.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** It's part of the islands history. Locals are proud of the stairs and what they represent. The stairs are sought out while driving by, not only by locals but by tourist too.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku stairs are a big part of my life. I remember as a child seeing the stairs and driving past them every week, wondering where they led to. When i finally had a chance to hike the stairs, I was overwhelmed. To know what it feels like to be in the clouds...truly in heaven. We need to save the stairs as hiking is a large part of everyday life for many of us in Hawaii.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Let this be a vote requesting HBWS hire 3rd party to refurbish and manage the Stairway, offering both Tourist AND Kamaaina rates. Rate(s) include a portion to be donated to support local Watershed Conservation. Tourists have to pay additionally for a guide (trained for the purpose), which increases local employment. Think of the fundraising potential! The infinite ways this could give back to the community while generating revenue for HBWS. New Zealand has many similar ecotourism opportunities that feed back into their economy. (Ex. <https://www.wildwire.co.nz/about/>)

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Every single person I've known to visit Hawaii, their #1 bucket list item they have is to experience the stairs and it's breathtaking view. It's hard to imagine, but I truly believe this will have an impact of tourism in Oahu, as most people between 18-25 that visit the island have Haiku Stairs in mind. Of course due to the trespassing and safety laws most people don't actually go up the stairs, but just the fact that they're there is what got them to the island in the first place. It's what got me to Hawaii and what gets me to keep coming back. Please don't remove them.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I strongly oppose the removal of the Haiku stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Please don't take them down! It has always been on our family's bucket list to do that, but we stayed away because it was illegal. You could turn these stairs into a very significant tourist feature that would bring in a lot of money to your economy. We would definitely pay for the experience.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**  
I am an avid hiker and support the removal of the Haiku Stairs. The stairs encourage illegal activity (trespassing), individuals who may not be physically or technically prepared to face conditions at the summit ridge line to embark on the hike, and the overuse of this trail has caused deep scarring and erosion. Please remove the stairs in order to protect people and to allow the mountain to heal.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it. Especially now in today's changing world, we need places a beauty and recreation that can be managed respectfully and carefully and enjoyed for years to come by our current and future generations

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I have hiked many trails around the world. The Haiku Stairs has become infamous and a real treasure for those who choose adventure. It would be a real shame to remove the stairs.

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I do not wish to have the stairs removed. They are a part of Oahu and a part of our history. I prefer these stairs remain and be made safe so that people can use them. I do think the use of them needs to be regulated and that some fee can be applied for their use. This fee can then be applied to up keep and maintenance of the stairs. Maybe follow the same system the Cables at Halfdome in Yosemite National Park employs.

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#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are one of the most unique and exceptional hiking trails in the world. Besides being an unique historic site, the stairs also allow one to experience an otherwise inaccessible portion of native Hawaiian forest and Koolau cliff environment in a safe manner. The city and it's partners, Friends of Haiku Stairs, have committed to support the Stairs and regulate access. Please transfer BWS control of the Stairs to the City so that we can continue to enjoy this fantastic resource and unique experience.

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**Insert Written Testimony**

The recent state and county actions in response to Covid-19 have shown just how critical tourism is to Hawaii's economy and exposed how vulnerable a quarter of a million Hawaii residents are when tourism is halted or non-existent. To ensure its place in the world as a tourism destination and to compete with other desirable locations for visitors, the Haiku Stairway (Stairway to Heaven) is a unique attraction to the State of Hawaii and has earned itself its own social media presence providing unmatched views and an experience for its visitors. It is in the best interest of Hawaii to keep this attraction available for locals and tourists alike. Kevin Kacatin Pearl City, HI

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

This is not only an amazing piece of world history because of WW2, it is also a huge tourist attraction if made legally accessible. I traveled to Oahu years back and took the 'legal' way up the back to the top of stairs. The experience and community surrounding the stairs is awesome and truly was a highlight of my trip. Although a legal way exists, the best part truly is being at the top structure and seeing the stairs descend all the way down. Future generations will acknowledge what a mistake it was if they are torn down. Thank you.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I oppose the removal of the haiku stairs because it is one of the most unique hikes in the world. Additionally it is cheaper to repair and reopen the stairs, per the EIS, than to remove them. Beyond the cultural loss of the stairs that removal would cause there would be potentially dramatic environmental impacts as required heavy machinery was brought in along the trail damaging native vegetation and providing additional opportunities for invasive species to continue colonizing our ecosystem.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Please consider re-opening the Haiku Stairs. Born and raised on the windward side, the Haiku Stairs have always been part of my life. As a kid my siblings and I loved to look for them as we drove past and see if we could find anyone climbing, then as a teen when I was finally able to climb them myself and feel the elation of rising up into the sky. I was disappointed to return home from college and not be able to climb them anymore. I believe that people would pay for a permit to hike the stairs. These fees would cover any management costs and possibly could even bring in revenue for the BWS. The number of hikers could be limited by permits as not to upset the neighborhood or over run the trail. The cost to remove the stairs must be staggering. I believe there are alternatives to removing the stairs, ones that might even make money for BWS. Please consider them! Mahalo.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of the stairs. This is a place filled with so much beauty and wonder, it draws in people from all over the world. It is so much more than a hike, it is a place where many lives have been changed for the better including my own. Thank you.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are such a unique part of Oahu and it's history. Hiking up them is also one of the most amazing and unique experiences you can have in your life. Why tear down and take away part of the island's history as well as something that means so much to an immense number of people that they consider so special. Because they are. The Haiku Stairs \*are\* special. There's literally nothing else in the world like them. I also think of all the work people did to even create them in the first place. Why tear down what they worked so hard to build? All because of a handful or so of residents in that neighborhood?? Throw it all away just for a small amount of people when the stairs mean so much to thousands and thousands of people? There are many logical solutions that have been put out there to fix the issue of hikers in the neighborhoods. Bottom line, there are \*many\* ways to make this work both for residents in those neighborhoods \*and\* for the people who hold the stairs so dear. And there have been plenty of logical solutions in ways to fund the maintenance of the stairs and even handing ownership over to another organization. I beg you to do the right thing and find a solution that works for everyone. The Haiku Stairs \*are\* a worldwide icon of Oahu and Hawaii. It would be a

travesty to tear something like that down. You don't tear down a world icon for the pleasing of a few. Please find a way to make it work. Don't remove the Haiku Stairs!

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not remove Haiku Stairs

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

These stairs are one of the wonders of the Island. Tearing them down would be both a shame and a waste. I would far rather see money spent to repair/upgrade the steps then permanently remove them. this is an area that COULD be a great source of income for our islands, while providing an amazing experience/activity to both locals and visitors.

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**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I would love the opportunity to hike the stairs LEGALLY. It's a goal and dream of mine. I would also take full responsibility of my actions and even be willing to acquire a permit to hike the stairs waiving the states liability!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I have visited Hawaii once in my life, and only due to a temporary glitch on Delta airlines website allowing us to purchase tickets for \$80 rather than \$800. During this trip I contracted a severe stomach virus that left me bed ridden for almost a week. I came down with this virus the night before my friends and I were supposed to visit the Haiku Stairs. They had to leave me behind and described it as one of the most rewarding, breathtaking, and memorable events of their lives and I missed out. Removal of the Haiku Stairs will make so many others miss out on a truly wonderful experience. Rather than spend the money to demolish and remove them, why not spend it on a safe restoration of the stairs and reopen them? Charge admission to pay for yearly maintenance and upkeep and allow people to experience their magic for generations to come.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** It is a spectacular and unique hike - It would be a shame to remove something that brings such a feeling of accomplishment and wonder to locals and tourists alike. Please keep this experience available for the next generation

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

In terms of life, at the end of it- it is just a big collection of moments. The stairs, are a moment that is forever with me. It provides strength when I am feeling weak. It provides a smile when I am feeling down. It reminds me of the beauty in simple, and that we actually need very little. I know clean water is a focus point, but know there can be an alternative. Taking down the stairs would be a monstrous and most likely dangerous job. I propose leaving the stairs, and putting the focus on encouraged donation for anyone who decides to take the trek. Make it an online fund, easily accessible and direct to support. In the theme of permaculture, it is always best to harness the energy. Clearly there is so much energy around these stairs, and if it were to be harnessed, we can win and expand LIFE across the board. Thank you for your time, and taking time for this decision. Kyle Walker  
Stairs reminded of heaven in earth February 2017

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am an avid hiker who supports removal of the stairs. The stairs are more trouble than it is worth. I don't believe a group of volunteers can adequately manage and maintain the stairs. Too many out shape people climb it just because social media makes it seem cool to climb. Being cool is no reason to keep the stairs. Locals can find other better hikes and other ways to exercise as they have before Mayor Harris when off half cocked to waste taxpayers money on his "legacy" program of parks and recreation projects. The result is too many taxpayer expense rescues. It's been too many years and there is still no adequate parking and access solution. The problems will not end unless the stairs are removed. Once it's gone, people will eventually forget about it like everything else.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The beautiful views afforded by the Haiku Stairs are world renowned and magnificent. It would be a crime to destroy the stairs. Be smart and allow a private venture to charge admission fees and manage the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please considering preserving this beautiful Oahu icon!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

aloha, this year i have two types of contact with people climbing the stairs. 1st is 2019 summer august through march 2020 picking up my granddaughter after school which is located up the dhhl road. twenty feet from the entrance to the school is the entrance to the haiku stairs . there are signs clearly marking the entrance saying Kapu. several times a week there were 3-15 hikers coming down the steep dirt trail . 95% wouldnt speak or make eye contact. the 2nd way i had contact with people was as an uber driver. most of drop offs would give a street close by and ask me to stop away from the police. i advised them that the safest way to do the stairs is virtually on youtube. there is one video that is on there that they could climb stairs at home watching the video of the guy with the go pro camera on his head for 6 hours. if they could watch the whole video climbing along they would know how much conditioning was needed. then i asked if they had an insurance policy usually because of high risk conditions that day of raining and slippery conditions, damage to land and also to pay the cost of the helicopter , driver, and risk for them to be rescued and or funeral costs if like others they fall . i found no regard for thee enviroment or the cost to me as a tax payer for emergency services.

**Insert Written  
Testimony**

plus bws expenses. i also experienced picking up 4 people, none of whom knew each other when they dropped off. i picked up two of them at 9pm and took them back to waikiki after providing water and trash bags so they could remove the mud or dirt from the mountain. none of them had made it to the stairs. they all got lost in the bamboo , all thought they would never find their way out and possibly might have died. instead they found each other 2 from towns in romania 2 from different towns in czeck republic and then found their way out. it was an all day ordeal. they were the most open to my respect for local culture, for mother earth, and for my tax liability. they were still thinking of trying again to do the stairs. i also advised them that the stairs were manmade stairway to heaven and that the legend about the god made stairway to heaven is located less than 5 miles from there but there was more to worry about violating the kapu then trying to find someone to tell them the legend of the stairway to heaven . i did advise that similar areas on earth exist and info is on you tube on national geographic series called "one strange rock" with Will smith interviewing the astronauts who lived on the international space station. the clues are on season one the show named Aliens. the place is well know to locals that have seen aliens on oahu. thank you for your time. i am unable to drive uber since january when i was exposed to influenza type 4. and have not driven since due to being high risk myself health wise and also needing to babysit and homeschool my grandkids with parents that are risking exposure . my daughter in law works in the pediatric icu at kap. please take down the stairs thank you Laura Lamb

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of Haiku stairs. I think we should all be able to enjoy the Haiku stairs. If the stairs are open legal access can be provided so that will keep people away from the residential communities below the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Do not remove the stairs! It would be very short-sighted and there are other options to explore. Yes, definitely let someone else handle it and take out of hands of Board of Water. Give other options a chance to prove themselves, do not take the easy way out through destruction. thank you!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs are a historic landmark. They should be restored, not destroyed.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs need to be saved! I have lived in Hawaii for 6 years now but have had family here my whole life. When I was little I always heard about the "Stairway to Heaven" as one of the most magical hikes you could do on this island. The experiences that I always heard people talk about were ones that I so wanted for myself. Because of the build up of hearing about them and how epic they were, I didn't know if I would then feel disappointed when I did the hike as an adult. I was blown away even further! The Haiku Stairs have a mystery about them that other hikes don't have. How and why they were made is an awesome history to discover and I always think about the people who came before me when I am on them. They really are in amazing shape for how old they are, and I think they are worth protecting. The views, and the beauty of the island that you can witness from them is majestic and creates an awe of beauty and an appreciation for what we have here in Hawaii. I believe with all my heart that they are worth fighting to keep and maintain for further generations to be able to enjoy and experience some of the magic of Hawaii. Thank you so much for your time.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Save the stairs!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I am a resident in the neighborhood where the proposed access way to the Haiku stairs will be located, and there are many concerns and no assurances in terms of the safety and well being of my community. Having the access way so close to my community will cause an increase in outsiders congregating in our area and taking up valuable street parking that residents use. As seen in other communities where access has been used for the Haiku stairs, hikers have shown a lack of respect for people living in the area and for the environment. They have caused an increase in noise (putting up trees along the pathway will not prevent this if they are parking/walking through the neighborhood) and are known to leave behind trash or even use hoses belonging to residents to rinse off after the hike. I live in a quiet and safe community and the increase in foot traffic around our homes is both unwanted and unsettling. For these reasons, I am in support of the removal of the Haiku Stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

It would be a shame to remove the stairs. They are historical. Managed access is the ideal solution. The mainland states are littered with state and city parks and hikes yet we have so many problems with hikes in Hawaii because no one is managing them. Big solution: someone needs to step up and manage the hikes! Let people get outdoors, be active, and enjoy the beautiful islands. It can be educational as well. Don't cut off one more piece of our precious islands to the community.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Beautiful hiking area. Only needs to be kept up for safety purposes.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I'm stunned that this continues to be a topic of discussion. The stairs are a unique and amazing asset to our community that provides the means for residents and visitors alike to enjoy another aspect of the beauty of Hawaii. At my age I will probably never take the opportunity to hike the stairs, but it pleases me to know that such an attraction exists. Significant taxpayer dollars were spent in years past to repair damaged and unsafe segments of the stairs, yet we now want to talk about spending big money to tear it all down? I don't see the logic in that kind of thinking. I understand that there is some impact to the immediate community, and that additional investments might be necessary to enhance security and access controls, perhaps to include parking to relieve congestion. These seem like a small price to pay to sustain a valuable resource like the stairs. The access control process should include some sort of registration and permitting, with an appropriate fee to support the use and maintenance of the stairs. How can a community that is so dependent on the visitor industry even contemplate getting rid of this asset, especially when we already have it. I think the Board of Water Supply has a unique perspective that positions them well to maintain and operate the stairs, but if they don't want it I'd like to think that

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

If the stairs are maintained, it is one of the safest hikes to one of the most breathtaking views I've ever experienced. Personally, I have problems with my knees and so climbing up is fine, but I am unable to hike down. Haiku Stairs is the only hike I can fully enjoy as I am able to use the handrails to hike down. It is the best hike for people with slight physical handicaps. The biggest problem is the neighbors who complain about noise, parking, people using their water and stomping on their yards. We could -easily monitor entry if people signed up on-line for hiking times and if the neighbors don't want anyone parking there, we could park elsewhere and have a shuttle ride to the hike entrance. It's just such a beautiful hike and because of the stairs, hikers place such a light footprint on the native plants and species in the area. You don't damage nature at all as you do in all other hikes on Oahu where people speed up erosion and damage the native plants and species where they tread. Please open Haiku Stairs. I've been wanting to take my daughter on this hike for years and soon she'll be graduating. Mahalo for listening.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

These stairs are more than just a hike for those adventurous enough to take it on. It is history and a part of our island's beautiful past. It is a visual representation and reminder of what we have gone through as Ohana of this island. It is a unique and one in a million type of hike that can never be replaced if torn down - please save our stairs and don't tear them down!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** It's a bucket list item to walk up the stairs. Since they're already in place, there's little impact on the environment & therefore a great tourist attraction.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Ha'ikū Stairs is known to be one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i; managed access can only improve this status. Furthermore, Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site that must be preserved. We have the ability to offer a world-renowned, safe, and educational experience. It would be a tragedy to remove it and rob current an future generation from enjoying all that it has to offer.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I oppose removal of the Haiku Stairs. It is a historical landmark, known around the world. BWS has wasted millions "guarding" the stairs when they could have been making money off of them. They're no more dangerous than Diamond Head or most of the state managed hiking trails, if they are kept in good repair. If money is an issue, then charge a fee that will cover the cost of operations and maintenance. But, first you must address the parking issue and do so in a way that Haiku Valley residents won't be impacted (other than a fit more traffic in and out). I'm an outdoorsman and man-made structures don't excite me a lot, but there are plenty of Hawaii residents and visitors that love the stairs. I've never been up the stairs, but would do so if they were legal. I've been to the top many times from other legal routes, but your average person isn't going to do a 10-mile, 5-8 hour hike to see the top. And besides that is more dangerous anyway than stairs. I think a lot of people are endangered by the current situation. The Big Island boy, Moke, who died in February 2015, would probably be alive if the stairs had been open. Also, he would be alive if the Moanalua Middle Ridge (MMR) had been marked. Instead he took the marked state trail, Kulana'ahane, and fell to his death off of the Moanalua Saddle. The Hawaii

Hiking Group marked the MMR a couple years ago, but DLNR took the sign down, which has resulted in more rescues off of the Moanalua Saddle. The east side of the Moanalua Saddle is extremely dangerous. I've done the entire Ko'olau Summit Trial and the east side of the Moanalua Saddle is the second most dangerous section of the entire range (Kalihi Saddle is first). It doesn't make sense to not mark the MMR and instead inadvertently lead unknowing hikers to the most dangerous route to the Haiku Stairs. Who will be the next Moke? It's coming if some common sense isn't applied to this situation. Whether you keep the stairs or tear them down, hikers will go to the top of Pu'u Keahi A Kahoe, so at least put up at sign at MMR or one at Kulana'ahane clearly explaining that is not a safe route to the stairs. You can prevent the next Moke.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

This has been a recreational hike that has not proven to be more dangerous than any other. Due to the railings, it is even safer. With the cultural exposure to those who want to do the stairs, we will be informing the hikers (who come from all over the world) about Hawaii's unique environment and history.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I have always wanted to hike the stairs, but being that it is illegal and dangerous due to it not being maintained I have not. My son recently made the rank of Eagle Scout and I have been involved in Scouts for many years and we have not been able to do this incredible hike with the boys. I am currently Scoutmaster for the Troop and would love to be able to do this hike with my Troop and family. I do not think the management and maintenance of the stairs should fall on BWS. I do think that a non-profit or similar should be created to manage and improve the stairs in a way that is safe and has minimal impact on the surrounding community. I believe that if the stairs could be maintained with a few safety improvements it could be an amazing opportunity for our residents and visitors alike to enjoy.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

It would be a shame for the BWS to dismantle the Haiku stairs when the City and County of Honolulu has offered to take possession and responsibility for the stairs. I urge you to accept the offer of Mayor Caldwell and transfer responsibility for the stairs to the city. This would be the choice that would cause BWS the least expense. And it also would preserve a wonderful and unique feature of Kaneohe that I and my fellow Kaneohe residents cherish. Thank you for your time.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku Stairs are a piece of history. They should be protected, not removed. The stairs offer a truly unique and world class views. It would be a tragedy to remove them.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I've always wanted to hike this beautiful trail but have known it's been illegal for many years and so I haven't. I hope they will open it back up so that we can see and share the beauty with others!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I think we should keep Haiku stairs. It is a landmark of east honolulu and it'd be a shame if something so significant was removed. I understand the fears and liabilities involved from the state by keeping it up but I think these can be mitigated and lessened with the proper maintenance of the stairs. Please do not remove

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Watershed areas and remote places of beauty in our state should be left alone, free of man made structures and people. Please remove the stairs. Mahalo.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not remove Haiku Stairs! These stairs have historical value and if handle properly, could generate revenue for Honolulu county. Removing them would be a huge mistake. Mahalo.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is such a unique hiking spot unlike anywhere else in the world. Please preserve this beautiful landmark trail.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I have always wanted to hike the Haiku stairs, but I have not been yet but I plan to in the near future. It would sadden me to have that dream taken away from me. Not to mention here are a few other great points in keeping the stairs accessible: - Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. -Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational, and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. -Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. -Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I support the public having access to Haiku Stairs and appreciate the mayors approach to move responsibility of the stairs to the City Parks and Rec. We should, though, facilitate the entrance away from neighborhoods or limit the number of hikers.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved for future generations. Please consider renovation and making it a safe and legal recreation area that can not only be piece of history, but also generate revenue + jobs for those involved in its maintenance and stewardship.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** One of the best place in the world. Please open public access and share this wonderful trail with the world.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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I have lived on the Windward side almost all of my life and have seen it grown and change - some changes to the better, some to the worse. I have legally climbed the stairs on several occasions and am deeply saddened to see that a wonderful resource like the Haiku Stairs has fallen into disrepair again. Please retain the stairs and work with the Friends of Haiku Stairs to come up with a suitable solution to allow limited and appropriate access to this hike,

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Why removing a place for everyone to enjoy? you can even ge some revenue from it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

For 21 years I lived directly below the Pill Box Trail (1111 Ko'oho'o Place) in Lanikai. I know what it is like to have many hikers in your 'backyard'. Yet, I also know, these trails can be properly managed. Haiku Stairs its such an asset. It should be preserved and managed asset for future generations. Reasons why the Stairs should be saved 1. Unique, one of a kind asset. None other like it in the world. 2. Historical World War II structure with many educational opportunities. 3. Learning tool and asset for teachers, history buffs, scientists, botanists, and many others. 4. Historical tangible gem demonstrating the ingenuity of our military to develop and use cutting edge WWII radio communication technology. 5. Stunning example of the incredible determination and true grit of our young military men to create and complete one of the most complicated jobs in the Pacific during the War. 6. Haiku Stairs is one of the safest hikes in Hawaii given two heights of railings on each side of the 'trail', one for each hand. 7. Hiking demand remains high among the locals and tourists. Hikers are willing to pay in order to maintain this unique experience. 8. Thousands of volunteer hours have been expended over the years to maintain the Stairs, clear invasive weeds, and tirelessly work with groups to develop a workable plan for its

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future use. Clearly there is local commitment. 9. US Coast Guards demonstrated good access management. It can be duplicated and thus reduce the number of complaints from local residents. 10. Hawaii has successfully managed high demand tourist destinations, ex. Diamond Head Crater, Haleakala, Hanauma Bay. Similar protocol could be implemented for the Stairs. 11. In 2005 taxpayers paid \$875,000 to improve the Staircase, including safety, when ownership was taken from the Coast Guard. I resent the idea that more money would be spent to remove this unique asset. Having been involved with the Stairs since the days of Coast Guard management and now as a lifetime member of Friends of the Haiku Stairs, it seems clear that the main challenge of the Stairs is a direct result of lack of management and oversight. Today's Honolulu Star Advertiser referenced the 14 third party concession proposals received by the city earlier this year. Many others are willing to be responsible stewards. There is no disagreement regarding its historical, cultural, environmental, scientific, community, and visitor industry value. Please, listen to the pleas and transfer the management to the city Parks and Recreation who will then lease it to a third party entity who is interested and willing to steward this gem to its rightful status as World Wonder. As I've grown older, I've become more grateful to those who had the foresight to save unique places and structures. I'm grateful to those who did the right thing to preserve special assets for future generations to enjoy. Hopefully, the Board of Water Supply will choose to do similarly today.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

As a LifeTime Member of the Friends of Haiku Stairs, I implore you to SAVE THE STAIRS. Truly the finest hike on Oahu by far. It saddens me that the BWS has not allowed us to do our job with quarterly maintenance as we did for so many years in the past. No wonder the stairs have gone into disrepair. We worked hard to keep them maintained until we were no longer allowed access. Very disheartening. We are all willing and able to provide the much needed volunteer time to once again bring them up to standard. We are here to help with thousands of hours of volunteer effort. I used to work for the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii and we had dedicated Marines who would provide much needed Community Service manpower and equipment to help maintain the stairs as well. May I remind you, the stairs have railings on both sides, making it one of the safest hikes as well. Have you ever climbed Half Dome in Yosemite? I have. That is a MUCH more dangerous hike with no railings or stairs and yet that hike is managed, limited and permitted. These stairs are a treasure and it makes no sense to tear them down. We at Friends of Haiku Stairs rally on these major points: 1. As was so noted in your DEIS: "The Haiku Stairs were built in the 1940s, is defined as a historic property per S6E-2,

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HRS, and retains its historic integrity" (Vol 2, p. 701). Why would you destroy a historic structure, especially if you could repair it for less? 2. The Haiku Stairs represent one of the safest hiking trails in Hawaii. There have been no documented serious injuries or deaths resulting from accidents on the stairs. 3. Reopening the stairs under managed access would provide unique, internationally recognized, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities and save on the world's top 10 best hikes on the National Geographic Endangered Trails list. 4. The Kaneohe Neighborhood Board resolved on May 17, 2017 to support reopening the stairs under a controlled and managed access plan and respects the privacy rights of residents of the Haiku Village neighborhood. 5. We have read the DEIS report and we agree that managed access (conveyance alternative) is by far the best alternative with a total score of 7 good as compared with the removal with a score of only 4. 6. Friends of Haiku Stairs (FHS) has a managed access plan in place that is in alignment with the recommended Pookela St access route and can be adjusted to meet all the listed concerns. 7. FHS has years of experience leading people on legal maintenance climbs on the stairs carrying our repairs to individual modules, controlling invasive species, and mitigating run-off concerns. We are ready and willing to help maintain, monitor, lead hikes, and do whatever is necessary to save this treasure. We are aware that the City received 14 proposals to manage and operate stairs. Surely something can be worked out and FHS would be willing to help whoever is chosen. Please Save the Stairs!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Let's find a reasonable compromise that is fair and equal for all.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** This is part of our history we need to preserve it for the kids or kids this is part of our land please find an alternative but do not remove the stairway to heaven

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of Haiku stairs. It adds a lot of character to the island of Oahu. It should stay!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose removal of the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Keep the staircase! The staircase is no where near as dangerous, lengthy, and rigorous as the back way to the top. Not to mention this is a HUGE piece of history. The stairs bring so much awe to the island.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku Stairs is a part of Hawaii and the people loves the beauty at the end of it. Please keep it so our children, and our children's children can also enjoy the beauty of Hawaii. Born and raised resident of Hawaii. Thank You for your time and consideration.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** A beautiful landmark that should be saved!! I believe you should make it safe and have tours to explain the details of why the stairs and the meaning behind them. Charge people to come climb the stairs and limit the people climbing each day.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I was born and raised in Kaheohe in 1980 and strongly oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs, both as an environmental attorney and a someone who enjoys hiking on O'ahu. The Stairs represent a fantastic, unique recreational amenity -- the fact that tens of thousands of people have risked trespassing over the years is a profound testament to the demand for the Stairs. While it is regrettable one neighborhood is impacted by parking, etc., this is the same as neighborhoods that are near other trail-heads and beach access points. I would hope that the impacts to the Haiku neighborhood can be lessened, but PLEASE do not destroy this unique, amazing recreational resource on account of a few impacted folks. I imagine that members of the local neighborhood will come out and testify vigorously for removing the Stairs, but I urge the Board to do the right thing and preserve the asset for the nearly million people on the island who might someday wish to explore it. Shall we close beach access points too, because they engender noise, traffic, etc.? People would not have to come at 3am and wake up residents if access during the day were provided. The impacts to the Board's budget in hiring security are real, but are in many respects a self-imposed cost. Expensive security is purchased to keep

people out, but if people are welcomed to this fantastic resource, there is no need for expensive security. Much was made in the EIS of a swing that was illegally installed. That is bad, but one yahoo's actions should not be a primary basis for taking away a community asset. The City wants to save the Stairs, and as the island grows, we need more recreation, not less. The EIS wholly discounts the impacts to recreation. Please keep this piece of our heritage and important part of our recreational assets in Hawaii. Please work with the City to come up with a way to preserve the City's investment and an amazing recreational asset. Respectfully, Matthew Carr Attorney

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Save the stairs. Sell them to private organization if needed. The public needs this hike!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I oppose removal of the Stairs. This is one of the most unique hikes in the world, and there is high demand for access. I fully support managed access to Haiku Stairs, including limited number of hikers per day and admission charges. The stairs would easily be self supporting or even profitable if properly managed.

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The beauty of Hawaii is like no other. Being a resident of Hawaii I have a love for hiking and viewed unbelievable views from around the island of Oahu. In sharing this hike with others that I've met on the trail, I've learned different that we all shared the love of hiking together, it opened boundaries to newcomers. Although some of the hikers were not from here we shared a bond similar to surfing, it was a simple love for hiking, sharing a hard climb to the top. Please don't take this hike away, it will be taking away from the diversity we can share with others. I think if we respect the land and the people around the entrance of haiku we can very much keep this hike alive. Thank you.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I love the Hawaiian islands it is apart my heritage and my parents lived in Oahu and Maui. The stairway to heaven was a beautiful way to take in the whole beauty of the island of Oahu. It should be preserved and updated for all future hikers who respect and appreciate the land of Hawaii. As a avid hiker and backpackers it is truly a wonder to behold,

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs hike is a part of my childhood. I remember the first time I was taken on the hike I was so little I was strapped into a baby carrier pack on my dad's back. It's been years since I climbed the stairs but I can still remember specific images ingrained in my memory like the scrawny 'Ohi'a Lehua tree that grows on the right side of the stairs half way up and the sight at the top where you can look down through the parted clouds and feel pride for the place where you grew up. It was there on the top of the Haiku stairs among the native plants and ferns that I decided I wanted to be a part of the environmental protection of Hawaii. I am now writing to you from Montana State University where I am a senior studying Conservation Biology. I write this testimony in hopes that one day I can again stand at the top of the Ko'olau in that very spot and look down at the 'aina that I have committed my life and my love to. This is my cry, my Ku Kia'i Mauna.

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please don't take this beautiful hike down!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Christian & Melanie Hicks 202 Berenger Walk Royal Palm Beach, FL 33414 April 27, 2020 Members of O'ahu government: We were planning on vacation in O'ahu next spring, one of the primary reasons for specifically choosing O'ahu over Maui or the Big Island was the Stairway to Heaven (aka the Ha'ikū Stairs. When we heard that the stairs were now off limits and potentially being destroyed by a government ruling, we needed to express our feelings to you. Just like the Inca stairs, both which have significant historical value and are highly regarded in the hiking community. They should NOT BE destroyed, rather they should be maintained to enhance the existing beauty. We believe you and your government can come up with a solution to keep and restore the steps, so that generations of Hawaiians' and world travelers alike can enjoy the beauty of one of O'ahu's tallest peaks in relative safety and experience its vast splendor. We implore you to do the right thing, and make these steps accessible to all who wish to visit or live on your beautiful island. As a visitor, we would gladly pay an entrance fee to access the steps and maintain any environmental or other rules to ensure the safety, beauty and preservation of this world treasure. Please do not follow other regulators down the path of NOT listening to what the people really want. Knowing that there is a safe way to reach the summit to enjoy the glorious, once in a lifetime, breathtaking views we see from other travelers through their absolutely amazing photographs is

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I think the stairs should be preserved as it is a unique piece of history. These stairs have brought not just myself but many people to this island to experience being so close to these stairs. Although we can't hike them getting up to the top we can be near them and experience how beautiful they are amongst the landscape. It's a beautiful and unique experience special to this island. Due to the influx of people regarding this it will also help your economy grow.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Instead of removing an important part of history, why not renew it? There are endless possibilities of turning into a functioning part of the surrounding area and give it new purpose. History should be cherished not forgotten and removed.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I previously sent something supporting removal. I meant to say I support the stairs and oppose removal. Thanks.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** I just wish to comment

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

While the Haiku Stairs are unquestionably a wonderful hike, and one I've taken on more than one early morning, it would only be right for the BWS to act with a bias towards its own mission and the desire of local residents. Too many residential areas are too often overrun by tourists and others chasing a thrill that seems to be far too often predicated on social media likes. This disrupts the character of small communities and has no bearing on BWS' duty to hana e mālama our water resources. While every attempt should be made to preserve the stairs as a valuable local resource, it is not at all clear that a sensible plan has been put forward that would align with the mission of BWS or the needs of the neighborhood.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Born 1955 & Raised on Oahu. When I found out about Haiku Stairs as an adult returning from college it was already closed to the public. In waiting for it to open to experience it in my lifetime I have now aged to the point that I will probably never again be fit enough to enjoy the scenic beauty of my back yard. It would be a travesty if that experience is to be again denied to my children and future generations of people renewing their love for their surroundings and the mother earth.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** resubmitting testimony as an attachment; easier to read

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Stairs have been a historical presence for the people of Hawaii and the world in experiencing the breathtaking beauty of the Windward coastline and mountains. Please preserve this means of continued management and maintenance of this stairway to heaven.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Please do not spend the money to remove the stairs. This is such an iconic landmark and could be a world-class destination for able-bodied locals and tourists. There are organizations that would happily oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the stairs. If needed to keep the stairs, I am sure that everyone would be happy to pay an entrance fee or make an advance reservation to be able to climb the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please leave them alone. Pick your battles. Stop trying to take everything away. Listen to the people.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs. I believe it can be an educational area for all generations.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

These stairs are a valuable tool and landmark for the people. These stairs allow us to deeply reflect and cherish Mother Nature, and ourselves through the almost pilgrimage journey to the top. These stairs should stay open and have access made available to continue to safely make the summit. The experience I've personally had with these stairs has been life altering and a huge part of my life's journey, everyone should have the opportunity to be impacted so positively by the Haiku Stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am a resident of Honolulu who regularly goes hiking. I have never been on Haiku stairs, although I have been at the top. I have been eagerly awaiting the time that I will be able to hike the stairs legally. It would be an asset to the community to have the hike available. When we have guests from the mainland, they always ask about the stairs. I'm sure that repairing the stairs and making them accessible for all, would make them a major draw for both locals and tourists.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Removing the Haiku stairs is a step in the wrong direction for our communities mindset on environment and conservation. Our state should be a model for managed and maintained access to our most precious recourse, our environment. Residents deserve access to these unique and precious areas to allow us to connect ourselves and our future generations to the importance of protecting the beauty of the island. Visitors also deserve a chance to see this trail. For many this trail is the highlight of their trip, leaving themwhelmed by the beauty of the natural wonders this island has to offer. Others argue “there are plenty of other hikes”, but that would be equivalent to dredging the reef at Pipeline and saying “there’s plenty of other surf spots”. This hike is the only one of its kind on the island, arguably the world. Haiku stairs needs a creative and modern new management. BWS should not be tasked with this. As a possible alternative I’ve seen the Department of Conversation in New Zealand do phenomenal work maintaining their trail systems. Money is always at the heart of every political decision but if we could invest in an agency dedicated to maintaining our trails, it could pay for itself by promoting local sustainability and supporting tourism for our visitors that crave Hawaii’s natural beauty.

Please make the right choice, not the easy one.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs. These stairs are a piece of history.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I feel O'ahu will benefit from having Haiku Stairs available for public use- can charge a fee. such as, Diamond head hike.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I believe the stairs should be maintained. For those whomping to really connect with nature and take proper care, they should have the right to be able to go there.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

These stairs are a landmark that is well known throughout the world - people recognize it when they see a picture of it, it brings people to Hawaii to have this amazing unique experience that is unlike any other hiking trail. To regulate it, it could be a paid trail with a permit required, limited amount of permits per day, and involve signing a waiver so there is no liability to the state.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I used to live in the Haiku area. The historic value of the old stairs, plus their scenic & recreational value should absolutely be preserved for current and future generations - please vote to transfer their management to the City & County of Honolulu. Mahalo.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please Save Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please consider some sort of permit system to allow hikers to pay for maintenance

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I strongly oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs. It's well known among locals and tourists. Removing it would obly cost lots if money, while the state and the bord of water supply could generate money from repairing and opening it up to the public. It is a beautiful hike and many people, including myself would be devastated to see it being removed.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I, Mya Johnson, oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I am opposed to the removal of Haiku Stairs. I believe they are a beautiful part of Hawaii's modern history and landscape which should be preserved for our residents. I live in the neighborhood which I believe will be affected by one of the proposals to have a contractor guide the hikes. One of the concerns I've heard about this proposal is that there would be un-guided hikers taking over our street parking and leaving their trash in our neighborhood. I think it would help to mitigate this issue if the contractor is responsible for the security of the hiking trail and for providing adequate designated parking for those on their guided hikes.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of the Haiku stairs. They are part of the Hawaiian culture and the Hawaiian history and should not be torn down, rather they should be protected!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is a safe and beautiful way to experience Hawaii and nature. People will still find a way to get up there, but will do so unsafe my and risk injury. Please keep the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Sav history!!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku Stairs is a way to show the beauty of the island. By removing the stairs, you are taking away educating moments in people's lives. I oppose the removal of the Haiku stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I very strongly oppose the removal of Ha'ikū Stairs, and encourage them to vote to transfer the Stairs to the City and County of Honolulu and reopen them under managed access. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I believe the stairs should stay there. The amazing views, and the attachment it has to the community and state of hawaii.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Save the stairs!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Thank you for your time and listening to my testimony. I believe there are ways to maintain the stairs and it's most amazing path without causing such an impact to the city or community. If there was a way to charge a fair entrance fee, that could offset or cover maintenance costs. Educational trips could be taken on the trail as well. Even there's a registration process. I understand that takes away from the thrill aspect however I also understand this can solve some of the concerns of the your board as well. Find a way to preserve this amazing location and it's history. It's known around the world as the most beautiful hike in the world, the true Stairway to Heaven. Do you really want to be the group responsible for its removal? Or would you rather be the group responsible for it's preservation and transformation into a historic destination of Oahu? We all pray you choose the later. You are the heros of the Haiku Stairs!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I like reading and I like climb stairs!!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

This has been on my bucket list for years. I currently am living in New Zealand and have always wanted to go to Hawaii, especially after flying through the Honolulu airport on my way here. With the coronavirus things occurring, travel and tourism are taking a massive hit and I think removing any attraction such as this that allows people to appreciate nature will be super important after all this blows over.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I strongly oppose the removal of the Ha`ikū Stairs. I instead strongly support transferring management of the Ha`ikū Stairs from BWS to the C&C Honolulu Dept. of Parks and Recreation to reopen under managed access. The BWS should focus on providing safe access to drinking water for the people of Hawai`i. It is not necessary to demolish the Ha`ikū Stairs to achieve this mission, only to transfer management from the BWS to an appropriate department.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

As a resident of O'ahu, I believe we should NOT remove the Haiku Stairs. How can we encourage our keiki to remain caretakers if this beautiful island if they are not allowed to see the best of it? Let us remain committed to keeping open a beautiful piece of O'ahu nature.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Why not keep the stairs and create a way for the community and visitors to enjoy while also providing some income to the state via trail fee or something similar? It would be a shame to remove this legendary site. Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose to the removal of the haiku stairs as they are a historical piece of Hawaii islands.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Removal of Haiku stairs will bring sadness to us. KEEP THEM!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Remove the stairs. Most of the testimony sent in last 2 days from people who oppose removal of the stairs are NOT Hawaii Zip CODES How Will Mayor Caldwell s talk of a private public partnership work??? Who will pay for the tremendous costs to fix and maintain, and Liability

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** I just wish to comment

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to opening the Haiku Stairs. As a resident of Castle Hills, the Board of Water Supply's proposal to open access to the stairs through Castle Hills will bring unwanted traffic, both by vehicles and people, into our private community which will potentially jeopardize the safety of our neighborhood. We have many children who, as of now, are able to safely walk themselves to neighborhood friends homes to play, ride their bikes or walk their pets. For the most part Castle Hills is a safe neighborhood. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE don't jeopardize our safety by allowing unnecessary people into our community.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** It would be shameful to tear down the stairs after the City and County spent tax dollars to repair it. Many people would like to experience hiking the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I'm an avid hiker and this is one of the most beautiful hikes with the most thrilling views and it would be wonderful to allow the public to safely enjoy this hike in some manner.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Organization

Dear Mr. Ernest Y.W, Lau, P.E., or To Whom It May Concern, This email is being submitted to you in regard to the testimony and a proposal to the Haiku Stairs. I am prepared in my proposal to privately manage the access to the stairs through the collection of entrance fees and give access only through professionally trained guided tours, take the liability off your Office, provide needed security. Upon the collection of fees, it will be utilized towards the conveyance/any needed neighborhood improvements, maintenance and up keep of the stairs as needed and income to the State/County after an agreement can be settled on. The fees would further go to the business expenses of conducting, managing the tours and operational costs. After all of the above is covered, hopefully there will be a small profit at the end for all of my efforts. For further information, please continue to read the body of the letter. Thank you. I am sorry for this very unprofessional letter and means that it is delivered, as I was/am in the process of submitting a formal written proposal to your Office expressing interest in the disposition of the Haiku Stairs. However, due the Covid 19 pandemic, all research, drafting of formal letters and proposals were sort of put on hold. In my proposal, I was addressing your concerns; the general



**Insert Written  
Testimony**

liability of the stairs, the security measures that I would be possibly implementing to address the trespassers, and managing the entrance to the stairs through the collection of private entrance fees by way of conducting tours, which would address all the safety concerns, as I don't see how access could be granted any other way without the conducting of highly trained tour guides to minimize the dangers of the hike thereby jeopardizing the safety of the hikers/public. My managed access plan addresses not only all of the above, but I am prepared to manage/collect the entrance fees, (which still needs to be determined?) Which would go towards the operation costs, the maintenance and up keep of the stairs. The collected fees would also, go towards the conveyance/any improvements to the surrounding area's neighborhood. Proceeds would also, be issued to the State and City as agreed after negotiating an income/revenue. Upon conducting my research on the history of the stairs and based on the illegal public hikers traffic flow and the totality of the stairs and the positiveness that it brings and stands for , I am hopeful with all of the above costs and expenses, that I will still make a little profit? The managing of the stairs in a correct way, has a lot too offer, from tourism, local jobs, educational benefits for our Schools or Universities to cultural interests? In regard to Mr. John Morgan of Kualoa Ranch with intent to purchase the stairs materials, remove it and then place it on top of his mountain ridges surrounding his Ranch, it is a nice idea, as it removes the liability from your Office and you do sort of break even for the materials. However, the further revenue to the State and City are lost, as so the neighborhood area's improvements or conveyance. The placement of the stairs on his property is not the same as where it is at now. The majestic beauty of the Haiku mountains and area cannot be matched. Also, the history of the stairs would not be the same, not too mention that it is a feat of engineering in itself where it is at the present time and spot. By managing the access to the stairs correctly and safely, it has unsurpassed potential with regard to not only tourism, but educational value and to generate a profit for everyone willing to negotiate what needs to be done to get the job done. Thank you for your time and hopefully consideration to my proposal. Sincerely, Patrick Shinsato (808) 622-5056 email; Tacticaledgeserv@aol.com 1625 Walea Street Wahiawa, HI. 96786

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku Stairs should be considered a historic landmark. They served an important service to support navigation pre GPS days and much effort has been exerted by support groups to maintain the stairs for many years. A viable plan to maintain the stairs and oversee access should be developed. I strongly oppose removal of the Haiku Stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

While I in general oppose the removal of the stairs, if the stairs are to be transferred over to the city then the city needs to have the appropriate infrastructure to handle the stairs. If the city is unable to provide the infrastructure, then the only satisfactory solution is to have the stairs transferred over to Kualoa Ranch. Given the cities infrastructure at the KoKo head stairs, I am not too confident that the city will provide the appropriate infrastructure for the haiku stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

There is no doubt that without the stairway another piece of the struggle placed on "The Greatest Generation" will be lost. The replaced stairway and its controversy is just a small part of the underdeveloped nature of Oahu. The entire site of the Omega Station is essentially abandoned. Though there is use taking place why is this not a public park? Why, after decades, is it an eyesore when it could be open space with valley hiking trails and a regulated fee based access to the stairway??? Though this is not the mission of the BWS it is in all our interest that the residence of Oahu not be hemmed in. There is vast open space on Oahu that is inaccessible for no good reason and if the BWS can help alleviate this situation, even peripherally, it would be legacy building for generations to come.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are known as one of the best hikes in the world. Many hikes in Hawaii are extremely dangerous. The stairs are much safer than most hikes, they prevent erosion and they attract people from around the world to hike them and come spend their money in Hawaii. I think Hawaii should make them by permit only and use them to generate revenue. People already pay hundreds of dollars to hike them. Keep the legendary stairs open and work them to the state's advantage. The stairs only add to the allure of Hawaii. They should be in tourism adds, not removed.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

We live off upper Haiku Road and strongly OPPOSE REMOVAL of this significant recreational resource and cultural legacy from our community. Hiking on the stairs could be managed by a reservation system and designated parking areas. There could be more than one access point.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Please do not tear down the stairs. They offer one of the most beautiful and iconic views of Oahu. They should be maintained and managed by a capable third party who can charge hikers to use the stairs. Even if the entrance fee was high, many people would still pay it. To minimize impact on the local neighborhood, a bus could transport hikers from a meeting location elsewhere on the island. This would allow us to keep a cherished landmark, generate revenue, maintain the stairs, and lessen the risk to local property owners.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

It would cost the state more money to completely tear it down that revamping completely and charging an entrance fee for hikers. It's a profitable move. There's so many ways to be proactive instead of destructive. Why tear down such a historical/majestic sight? I would be incredibly disappointed to see it torn down over politics. You're forgetting what you're state is all about.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Despite the controversy surrounding the stairs, it is surprisingly safe. Literal stairs with hand rails for the entire ascent. The view from the top is hard to compare to anything else I've seen. Being able to access via a fee and permit allows people to experience a world class hike while helping fund it and other hikes in the state.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Lots of great hiking trails on Oahu but none with the cost in taxpayer dollars, lives, or huhu that this trail has brought. You can't make everybody happy and this is way past the time to find another private partner for a C&C/State function. Just close it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I would support making the hike available for a fee.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** An iconic site that must remain intact for future generations to experience.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**  
I am a long-time resident who was here when the stairs were originally refurbished 20 (30?) years ago. I believe they represent a unique opportunity to engage with the natural beauty of Hawaii in a non-destructive manner. I understand it has been a challenging process to figure out how to provide appropriate access, but I request the board of water supply to continue this important work and not give up.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs. They are part of our islands' history. I prefer these stairs remain and be made safer. I do think that use of the Haiku stairs needs to be regulated and maybe even add fees when requesting the stairs to be used. These fees maybe use in restoration and maintenance of the Haiku stairs. Mahalo

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I strongly oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs and support Mayor Kirk Caldwell to have the city and department of parks and recreation take the reins of the stairs and then lease them to a third-party vendor who would make repairs and improvements and then charge nonkamaina to visit.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku Stairs are an asset to the community. Properly managed, the Stairs could be self sufficient, and safe. This is a premier hiking opportunity,

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I believe the Haiku Stairs should be transferred to the City and County parks department and a managed access program should be installed

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be sad to lose it before I got to experience it for myself. It's worth solely to come to Hawaii for.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Why would they ever tear down such a great part of history? Make it safer, have tour guides, or whatever you need to preserve such a beautiful place.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** They are a historical landmark, do not tear down please.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not get rid of a part of irreplaceable history!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Long history here on the islands. If you think its not environmentally safe, you shouldnt have put it up in the first place. Now people have it and dont want to give it up.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I very strongly oppose the removal of Ha'ikū Stairs, and encourage you to vote to transfer the Stairs to the City and County of Honolulu and reopen them under managed access. There are so many reasons why, but here are a few: Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i; Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations; Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and should be preserved; Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. All in all, it would be a tragedy to remove Ha'ikū Stairs. Thank you.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The stairs are absolutely revered and treasured by so many, it would be tragic to destroy them. I believe hiking up the stairs is the safest way of reaching the summit. The 10 mile "legal" way has already caused many rescues, resulting in unnecessary spending of resources. Were the stairs to be maintained, and remain legal, then perhaps they could begin to generate money for the state by charging hikers a fee to purchase a pass to access them. Additionally with the system of enforcing pass purchasing, a limit of passes to be purchased can be imposed to prevent excess erosion and wear and tear on the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I grew up in kaneohe. Haiku stairs are a landmark and should be treated that way.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Ha'ikū Stairs (Stairway to Heaven) is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i - other ridge hikes like Olomana (Three Peaks) clearly have worse safety records and remain open to the public. The Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction and managed access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Using a model like the one currently used in Sydney, Australia for the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb could be extremely effective in creating a new revenue stream for the City and County, ensuring hiker safety while reducing C&C liability, and limiting neighborhood disturbances. The Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved - it would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Tis a Hawaiian landmark.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs is a historical monument that represents a huge cultural masterpiece against the Honolulu mountains. The removal of these stairs removes a landscape, a piece of Hawaii that tens of thousands have come to know and love over the years. It should absolutely be saved, and should not, by any reasoning, be removed!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I have climbed the Stairs, and as a senior citizen, it was a proud accomplishment. The climb is a spiritual practice, one which should not be denied (forever!) to our people because the utility rightfully views it as not part of its mission. But we have the easy and splendidly sensible solution of removing the Stairs from the utility's responsibility and giving it to the Parks, where it belongs. To tear down the Stairs when there exists a willing and eminently capable recipient would be spiteful. I urge that the handover be accomplished at this meeting today (4/27/20) and make everyone happy.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** I just wish to comment

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Hire 3rd party to refurbish and manage the Stairway offering both tourist and kamaaina rates. With a portion to support conservation efforts.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

This is a world class hike and in an economy dependent on tourism it makes little sense to remove it. Its eco-tourism draw can't be over stated. Properly managed it can be maintained, remain safe and accessible and just adds to reasons to visit Oahu. I believe this hike could be a determining factor in choosing this location over others when deciding where to vacation. Each person that climbs the stair will bring stories of the experience and pictures from summit back with them enticing others to follow. National Geographic rates it as one of the top ten hikes in the world on its endangered trails list and the rest of the world knows this. It's also a significant part of Hawaii's history and deserves preserving for this reason alone. Not to mention the awe inspiring views and sense of accomplishment one feels from making to the summit.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** We love Hawaii and would enjoy climbing the stairs often if they were opened to the public. I think it would become a major tourist attraction.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please keep it open. Keep it as a tourist attraction and charge people with a guide to take tourists up there. It's world famous.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs can be rebuilt , maintained, and managed by a dedicated non-govt group. Access land would need too be provided . this will remove the residential problem and could be leased for \$1.00 a yr. This piece of Hawaii should always be present.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is an irreplaceable resource and access to Hawaii's spectacular scenery. Just manage the parking and we can all enjoy it. There are so many alternatives - off site parking, shuttles, etc. Richard Philpott

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I oppose the removal of the stairs at this time. Instead, the stairs should be used as the access to restore the native habitat that has been severely impacted since the stairs have been rebuilt. I was contracted to do the biological assessment for the BWS feasibility study and compared my results from this to what I observed along the stairway 10 years prior (the last time I hiked it for a volunteer weed pulling day) and the difference is shocking. The diversity of native plants have been replaced with highly invasive species from the bottom of the stairs to well beyond the top of the stairs to the Ko'olau summit. Low elevation invasive weeds that would typically have a hard time establishing themselves at higher elevations are now found in large quantities at the summit. These plants not only compromise the health and capacity of the He'eia watershed but also threatens the future of the 7-10 endangered plant species found within that range and the numerous other native plant and animal species there. I would hope that the City would allow a private party to lease the land for a minimum of 10 years and allow them to operate hiking tours with the intent to use the proceeds to do the restoration and educate the public as well. The lease agreement should include these details with the ultimate goal of removing the stairs once the area has been restored and the lease agreement has expired. I'd be more than happy to help answer any additional questions should you have any. Mahalo for your time on this important matter.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

It's one of the most famous sites in Hawaii and it's should be restored to its full glory. The view and the satisfaction of being above clouds is absolutely amazing and creating a safer route to experience that would be amazing. Maybe you could charge people to hike haiku and have a lottery system would help the state.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The removals of the stairs will just make the trek a lot more treacherous than what it already is besides it is part of the island history it would be like taking aloha out of the Hawaiian language! People will still go there one way or another so wouldn't be saver on everyone just fix the stairs And charge for the trail usage you would make money they could go back into the infrastructure of the island and its culture!

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**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku Stairs are a valuable historical resource for Hawaii and for the US Military heritage from WW2 and beyond.

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**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs are a huge asset we would suffer a great loss if they are removed.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Please consider doing everything possible to keep these magnificent stairs and the opportunity for others to enjoy them. Our family has a rich history in Hawaii going back generations and the stairs are part of that history. While we are now on the mainland, it would be a shame for our children...and others...to not be able to enjoy what in fact is a historic landmark. I agree with the plan to transfer ownership and have them reopened in a safe, limited way that can benefit others to enjoy them in a safe, responsible manner.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a supply is a critical milestone on our journey to Save the Stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please don't take down these stairs. Let the people explore the beauty of your state and bring tourism to your economy. Stop taking away all our rights!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** As a historical staple of the island, it must be protected and preserved for all future generations, not dismantled and destroyed. Please save our Stairway to Heaven.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I fully concur that the operation and maintenance of the Haiku Stairs should not be an issue that is the responsibility of the BWS. But the Stairs are a unique and important part of the trail system of the city and state of Hawaii and should be preserved. Having them removed or closed would be a great and unique loss.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

It is understood that not all parties use these stairs in a respectful or responsible manor, however, we as a group of people should understand that this small group individuals should not have the ability to destroy all peoples opportunity to love an experience one of Oahu's greatest sights. We do not restrict island drivers from using their cars or roadways due to other drivers negligence. Why should all parties be punish for this small groups disrespect for the 'Aina. Truly what is needed is a leader. A leader who will step up to maintain this land. If the state is not willing to open and maintain this land. Surly others will be happy to step up. It should also be noted that there are ways around the stairs that would put the general public at more of a risk to themselves. By discontinueing service of the haiku stair. You have sentenced inexperienced hikers/climbers to a sure death. Or even risk more publicity of hikers lost in the woods.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

To Board Members, I appreciate the opportunity for me to express my opinions on this important issue. I grew going to Kapunahala Elementary looking up at the majestic mountain and seeing it as something special , almost sacred to me. With that said, I support the removal of the Haiku stairs for the following reasons. First, the environmental cost is high. How much and who is it going to pay for the cost of installing and maintaining waste facilities along the trail. Or do we just allow human waste from hikers to accumulate? Second, no one wants to pay for the liability of the stairs and I do not feel the govt should be responsible for this cost. Third, opening up the stairs puts emergency responders at unnecessary risk as HFD's helicopter has already made many rescues of illegal hikers. Fourth, maintaining the stairs would be expensive and dangerous. Finally, access to the stairway has been and will be intrusive on the nearby neighborhood. The stairs have used by those that have no regard for the law knowing that the activity was illegal instead of waiting for a final decision on this important issue. Thank you for your time and consideration. Aloha, Russell Ito

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs. The Haiku Stairs is well known world wide. Many people travel from all over the world just to experience the "stairway to heaven." The amazing views and a safe way to utilize the stairs up the mountain make it ideal for people of all ages if restored. The option of making it into a monument or park with the option of charging entry fees would allow the state collect funds for preserving and maintaining the stairs to make it safe for everyone. The tourists that travel all over the world to hike the stairs spend their money at shops and local stores the stimulate the economy. Please consider my testimony and preserve Haiku Stairs. Thank you.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Stairway to Heaven is a unique gem in Oahu and one that has been cherished for many decades. We have already invested \$1 million to make safe and structurally sound. All that is required is a reasonable Master Access Plan which is more than doable.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it. It is also an important historical site that needs to be preserved.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I oppose removal of the Haiku Stairs. "Stairway to Heaven" offers a unique and breathtaking view of the Ko'olau mountains and Windward Oahu, inspiring Aloha in the hearts and minds of anyone who visits. It would be a shame to remove them, to say nothing of the expense it would take to do so. Managed access would allow us to share the beauty of our island, while addressing the community's valid concerns about impacts to the residential area. This should be a realistic plan, as the hike is one of the safest ridge hikes on the island. If we can spend public funds on rescuing people by helicopter from legal trails like Diamond Head and Manoa Falls, safety "concerns" should not be a valid roadblock here. Managed access would also open the door to feature educational information for visitors. Haiku Stairs are a unique, world-class, historic attraction that deserve protection. Removing them would be nothing short of a cultural tragedy. I hope the spirit of Aloha will guide our community in this decision. Sincerely, Ryan May Oahu Resident

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I am totally befuddled! Any country or state would pay billions to have a tourist attraction as amazing and simple and easy as the staircase. This situation proves again how absurd Hawaii has become; the telescope, Sherwood, windmills, a playground, and the list goes on and on, asking where are our bold leaders that know how to solve problems. I am so disappointed. And the solution to this problem is the simplest of all. By simply installing abundant signage in the Haiku neighborhood explaining of no public access there but that the designated access point is at state land around 45-815 Pookela street where there is ample parking and no private residences to bother then everyone can be happy. Regardless of whatever solution is, you should please give the staircase to Honolulu Parks and Rec and let them arrive at a solution. To remove an asset that is worth billions of dollars and you know in this complex society to ever have anything like this built again would never happen. Please do our grandchildren and great-grandchildren a favor and do the right thing and save this landmark. I hope in your heart of hearts you can see it tremendous value not only for our own personal enjoyment, but the fact that our entire economy depends on tourism and wondrous attractions such as this. Has this unusual time of

corona virus not taught us something; that we must work together and find common ground and be kind and nice and create worthwhile solutions that benefit us all. Please let us have the wisdom to do what is right and good for everyone. Thanks so much for your time. I am willing to help in any way that I can. Please let me know. Ryan Routh

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

BWS, As a new resident of Hawai'i, licensed professional engineer for the government (Civil Engineering), and outdoor enthusiast, I urge you to NOT dismantle the Ha'iku Stairs, and to turn the ownership of the structure and land under it to the City of Honolulu or other state entity. I agree 100% that the maintenance and management of this structure should not be a responsibility of the BWS, but should be preserved for historical purposes and future recreational use under a managed access program. This structural feature is one of the very few locations in HI, if not the U.S., where hikers can enjoy the most breathtaking views of tropical mountain ranges, valleys, and ocean views, and experience the majestic topography of a ridgeline climb up dormant remnants of a shield volcano. The Ko'olau Range is a National Landmark, and what better way to showcase its significance and awe-inspiring scenery than to have an access path available to residents and visitors traveling from across the world. The safety and maintenance responsibilities of these stairs should not be expected of the BWS, but by an entity within the city/county that is equipped and resourced to manage it. Other alternatives are transferring it to the State of HI Department of Land & Natural Resources Division of

**Insert Written  
Testimony**

Forestry & Wildlife to be incorporated into the Na Ala Hele Hawai'i Trail & Access System, and/or allowing a non-profit organization to responsibly manage it. These entities could implement online risk information and waivers, control the numbers of hikers per day, and implement access fees that can help improve the safety/liability and resources available to maintain it. When the stairs are properly maintained and in good structural repair (which they predominantly still are thanks to the 2003 renovations), they pose less risk than other hiking paths in HI (steep ridge trails with no steps or handrails) and other parts of the US (Grand Canyon, AZ; Half Dome, CA; Mt. Rainer, WA; etc.). Additionally, other entities would be able to manage and provide improved access to the stairs and reduce occurrences of trespassing on nearby private residences. By demolishing the Ha'iku stairs, this one-of-a-kind structure built with tax-payer dollars, will not be around for future generations to enjoy and experience the natural beauty of HI only accessible by it. Please do what is right for the community of citizens and visitors in HI, and not what is only in the best interest of the BWS. By not listening to the public, and simply tearing it down without regard to how to preserve it or at least allow for the development of a responsible management plan, would be very irresponsible of the BWS. Don't make an irreversible decision, even if it is the easiest one to make. Save the Ha'iku Stairs for others to enjoy and look for alternative ways to keep this unique structure a part of Hawai'ian history, and an access path into some of the most beautiful views of the natural resources Hawai'i has to offer. With respect and understanding, Ryan

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku stairs should remain intact and not be removed. Removing it would cost too much money and construction noise for the neighbors. Why tear down these beautiful steps?

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The haiku stairs provides incentive and added revenue to the state of Hawaii. Tourists from all over are inclined to travel and spend on Hawaii - especially those embarking on the exquisite and unique views/journey one embarks on the haiku stairs. Removal takes away revenue from the state as a whole - especially since Hawaii is tourist driven. Secondly, the Haiku stairs is a safe alternative to the opposing trail which is actually eroded! Removal of the steel stairs presents additional harm and danger to tourists and citizens of Hawaii to take the alternative route. Third, The haiku stairs should be considered a historical site such that these stairs and the top towers were used in wartime- therefore removal of the stairs is actually violating preservation of historical landmarks by federal law!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Save the Stairs!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Amazing Landmark! Please do not remove the stairs - this is an amazing piece of history. The stairs should be improved, made safe and open to qualified walkers and this would be incredible! Please don't remove the stairs!!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Transfer ownership to the state

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Support legal public access to the haiku stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Please save the stairs! It enables relatively safe traversal of some of the most wondrous and breathtaking outdoor scenery representative of Hawaii. Who has not looked upon the Ko'olau's luscious green knife edge ridges and admired their grand beauty? And which of the more adventurous among us have not wondered what it would be like to stand upon such a ridge? Ghe Haiku Stairs provide a means to do so with reasonable safety. And the experience is everything one imagined. Fresh air splashing your face, kudu green vegetation waving all around you, and clouds forming around you when you reach the top. There are sheer drops on either side, but with the sure stairs and railing, you are free to enjoy the splendor. Please transfer them to the city so they may be preserved as the precious resource they are.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Instead of removing the stairs and wasting tax payer dollars, instead sell permits to climb the stairs, limiting the amount of people going through the neighborhoods and use that money to fix and maintain the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not take down the stairs! Spend the money supporting people effected by corona virus!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs. The Stairs are the easiest and safest way to access the Ko`olau Summit. The Stairs inspired me to get healthy and active. I credit Haiku Stairs with saving my life.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

To Whom It May Concern, The Haiku Stairs/Stairway to Heaven is known worldwide as one of the most extreme/beautiful hikes you can enjoy. It would be an absolute shame to tear down this thing of beauty with so much history. People want to hike this trail for the extreme challenge and the extreme views. For those of us who hike, we KNOW we can find an acceptable resolution that would not have adverse effects on the community. I can almost guarantee that people would pay to go on this hike too. We are a community built on tourism and I've personally had many tourists asks me about hiking this wonderful hike and I'm always sad to tell them it's not supposed to be possible. It would be a devastating tragedy to remove the stairs. I've hiked them only once almost 20 years ago and would love to hike it again someday and to have our keiki hike this as well. The Haiku stairs are an important part of hiking history in Hawaii, please don't delete that history from us all.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I have been a Kaneohe resident since 1976, and live within walking distance of Haiku Stairs. I believe the stairs are a valuable resource, enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. They are a unique hike, and from the top offer unparalleled views of Kaneohe Bay and the windward side. I firmly believe that an acceptable means for retaining the stairs can be developed, and strongly encourage that the government and public work together to maintain the stairs and access to them.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Everyone wants to enjoy this. Do not remove. It's a spectacular spectacle in Hawaii

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Climbing these stairs has conquered many fears for many people. They've inspire people. These stairs have brought strangers together. These stairs have done nothing but help people. They do not need to be removed.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Ever since I was a little girl I've been an avid hiker. A back injury while working 4 years ago put my dreams on hold but I still walk little trails with lots of medication. I'm hoping to have my surgery in the next few years and all I would want is the opportunity to climb the haiku stairs.... I want my children to have the opportunity to see O'ahu from the clouds. These stairs aren't hurting anyone and the magic they provide should be more than enough reason to keep them up. A walk to the heavens, a kiss to the clouds and now when everything is so uncertain you want to limit our access to beauty? I know that people will still climb the mountains (me included), it'll just be less safe.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Hi, I support to upgrade and maintain the beautiful Haiku stairs making this hike legal. I would also recommend to add signs to make sure that hikers don't make this hike another trash areas. Thanks for your attention. Aloha Severine Busquet Hawaii Kai

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**  
With basic upkeep and proper security measures the Haiku Stairs could once again become a natural treasure for Oahu. I'm sure a nominal entry fee could be added in order to remove some of the financial burden -- lovers of hiking and nature would pay! Please consider turning over such a project over to County control and Save The Stairs! Mahalo for your time, SGT. Shawn L Knaus, US Army

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I, Sheila Martinez, have chosen to oppose the removal of the stairs. In order to preserve this amazing beautiful hike. I feel it would benefit hawaii if the stairs were repaired and there is an assigned parking lot made so that the public doesn't disturb the residents and walk onto residents property. There should even be a fee per person to be able to hike the stairs. People from all over the world come to Oahu to hike these stairs and it would be devastating if they were destroyed. These stairs offer views of the island that no one is able to experience.

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Stairway to Heaven has been a staple to Hawaii. It's a challenge to overcome but once you reach the top, the reward is so beautiful. Please don't tear down the stairs. There's so many people that haven't gotten the chance to experience it and it would be a shame to remove it.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I am opposed to removing the Haiku Stairs and would like to encourage you to vote to transfer the Stairs to the City and County of Honolulu and reopen them under managed access. For the following reasons- 1) Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. 2) Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. 3) Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. 4) Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it. Thank you

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** As a resident of castle hills, I strongly support the removal of the haiku stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** There should be more outdoor activities and the stairs should be repaired. The stairs offer a good workout in nature.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha, Thank you for the opportunity to testify against the removal of Haiku Stairs. I oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs, and wish/emplore the Board of Water Supply to consider a "middle ground," between those in the community who oppose it, and those who wish the stairs be removed. The Stairs bring a number of residents and visitors to a fantastic view and experience, that many wish to do on Oahu. It is an opportunity for those living here, and those visiting, to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of the Koolau mountains and windward side of Oahu. I believe the restoration, maintenance, and proper regulation of the stairs may bring a solution that is both economical and benefits both the hiker and Haiku residential community. Perhaps the Haiku Stairs can become a State owned and operated hike, costing a parking/hiking fee for those wishing to hike, then the fee being used to maintain and regulate the Stairs, and keeps communities around hiking entrances/trails undisturbed. Please consider a decision which does not leave the Stairs in its current state, but a decision which benefits residents, visitors, and the renewal of the Haiku Stairs -- an amazing, historic site. Mahalo, Shion

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**Insert Written Testimony** People should know their own risk as well as other hikes

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

They should not be closed, hikers will come anyway to see the remains of the stairs, the views, and the antenna facility at the top. Many Board of Water Supply properties are used for hiking -- I wonder why are the Haiku stairs a liability over others? Removing the stairs sets a precedent that the Board of Water Supply, a utility, is liable for monitoring the security and condition of hiking trails and closing them accordingly. These trails (dozens of them) are used by people from all over the world. People will not stop using them. Most of the hiking trails on water supply property do not have stairs -- the assumption that removing the stairs will remove hikers is incorrect. These trails should be maintained by DLNR to be used for hiking at the individuals' own risk. This is good for our economy and risk management for trails that are hiked anyway. It is not fair for water consumers that these stairs be removed -- they are famous worldwide and will certainly continue to be used as a hike without the physical stairs. They will continue to need security without a plan for access. Human behavior is generally hard to change -- will removing the stairs change the problematic behavior? In my opinion, absolutely not. If we remove the stairs, we are just be left with the same problem minus the actual stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** These stairs are a prominent part of Oahu and should never be removed.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The community and hikers can all benefit from allowing the stairs to remain. If you've ever hiked the stairs you leave with a true appreciation for so much to include the island and it's true beauty and also leave with more respect for the island. Please keep the stairs open for generations to experience and learn to appreciate as I have. Set a decent schedule for hikers and one that the neighborhood will appreciate with knowing when traffic will quite. Charge hikers to help pay for renovations to stairs. Trust me we don't mind paying. It's a spectacular experience.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** It would be a shame to remove something that can be enjoyed by so many people.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku Stairs are a beautiful and historic feature of Oahu. It would be a shame to remove them and the beauty that they offer. I oppose the removal, and support maintenance on the stairs in order to keep them safe and a part of our island.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I think if done responsibly, the Haiku Stairs is one of the most spectacular and unique experiences in the world. Of course, the number of people accessing the stairs at any one time must be tightly controlled, perhaps through an online sign-up similar to reserving campsites. Also, ensuring that a certain amount of limited access is reserved for local residents is essential to ensuring it is truly a public resource. Not only do the Haiku stairs offer a spectacular experience of one of the most beautiful places on this planet, but also a window into 'Oahu's history.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

The City & County of Honolulu and the Board of Water Supply has one of the most unique 'hiking' experiences in the United States, and possibly even in the world, in that of the Haiku Stairs. I also understand that it has some unique operational challenges with maintenance and parking. I would oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs for the sake of the lost experience and opportunity for the City & County of Honolulu and the Board of Water Supply to capitalize on the demand for this type of experience. Tourists would happily pay to fund the parking lot, perpetual maintenance, and the installation of additional safety measures. My wife hiked the stairs while being pregnant and felt very safe. She was prepared for the experience with proper shoes, gloves, etc. It was one of the best hiking experiences we have ever had and would definitely do it again and pay a fee if opened up to the public again. Thank you!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku Stairs are a national treasure. With some basic repairs and maintenance - which could be easily funded by charging the thousands of locals and tourists who would visit each year a reasonable entrance or park fee - the stairs could be preserved and safely enjoyed by all for many, many years to come. To remove and destroy such an incredible landmark would be a tragedy! SAVE the stairs!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku Stairs are an iconic hike on Oahu. Many of us wish to hike them safely and legally and would be happy to pay for their upkeep. We would love the Haiku Stairs to open to the public so that we can continue to explore our island and enjoy the views after a challenging climb.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku stairs is a part of Hawaiian history that should be saved. It would be a pity for it to be destroyed.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

To remove the Haiku stairs would be to remove a piece of history and excitement. There is nothing like the "stairway to heaven" hike and although dangerous, only the people who know they can accomplish the hike partake and it would be sad to see something that hikers work hard to gear up towards, taken away. This stairway leads to one of the most beautiful views on Oahu and should be open to all. Thank you.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I am in favor of keeping the Hailu Stairs open to the public. It gives great views of the island and it is a part of our military history.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs are a piece of history and are an awesome piece of human achievement amongst the gorgeous natural surroundings. Keep them!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

My wife and I visited the lovely island of Oahu last autumn. In preparing for the visit, we came across the stairs online and were immediately taken not only with their beauty and mystique but also in the history of the stair. We also naturally learned about the controversy surrounding the stair. We strive to be good neighbors, so once we learned of the closure we elected to not attempt a climb, having no interest in disrespecting the rules or further endangering the obviously tenuous future of the stair. As a 'few-times-in-a-lifetime' visitor, I strongly oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs. They are such a treasure, historically and otherwise. The presence of the stair, especially if properly maintained and managed, and funded by permit access (which we would gladly pay hundreds of dollars for), decreases erosion and increases safety. This, coupled with education on good stewardship for the stair, and other management goals such as decoupling access to the stair from private neighborhoods, etc. thoughtfully proposed by Friends of Haiku Stairs, can ease the [real and justified] anger/worry by local residents, temper the bad behavior encouraged by straight-out prohibition, and preserve what is a real historical gem and utter privilege to be able to experience, both as a local, and as a respectful visitor to these

amazing islands. Watching with fondness, Steve Clark

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I strongly support the continued existence of the Haiku Stairs. I implore the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to work with the city and county of Honolulu to transfer responsibility to the Department of Parks and Recreation. I can understand why this has been such a headache for BWS, but the answer here is not to spend rate payer dollars to do an extremely expensive removal of the stairs. Nor is it to use rate payer dollars to continue paying for security. Instead this precious asset should be managed by the city and county. I strongly oppose the removal of the stairs. This is a unique, world class attraction. Properly managed, it can open up a world - class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by local residents and visitors. It would be a tragedy to remove this and deny this experience to future residents and visitors. Thank you for considering my testimony.  
Kind regards Steve Colon

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The Haiku stairs are an iconic piece of Hawaii. Lets manage it properly and use it to draw more visitors in!!!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

It would be shameful and disrespectful to remove this historical landmark for future generations, just because WBS' lack of will to manage it properly. If appropriate parking and legal access are provided elsewhere, people have no reasons to access it 'illegally' as described in other testimonials. Please do not confuse symptoms as root cause. Stairs are blameless. A person has a headache, a doctor with common sense would not suggest just cut it off to cure the headache, would it? This historical heritage belongs to all Hawaii people, not just a few neighborhood residents making noises! That's mob mentality! As a community, better solution can be reached if everyone to work together to preserve the stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Organization

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha Hiking strongly opposes the removal of Haiku Stairs. There are certain accomplishments we can strive for in life that give meaning and satisfaction to our time on earth. Our focus here is the life altering feeling of satisfaction that can be earned by overcoming fear, doubt, and exhaustion to conquer a challenge. Those of us who have summited the stairs have been gifted this unfading memory. Providing citizens the ability to seek happiness and satisfaction of this magnitude should be at the core of a government's mission. I fear that the hurt and backlash created by ripping out the heart of the hiking community is being grossly underestimated by some. The removal will create a void that cannot be replaced. I have a proposal that acknowledges the concerns of every concerned party. In my proposal all parties win. The city gets tax and commissions from the stairs, the community will no longer be troubled by trespassers, BWS will have no liability, many good paying jobs will be created, and most importantly we will be able to safely share this visceral and intense feeling of accomplishment with thousands of residents and visitors. Please do not remove or relocate these stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I think the Haiku Stairs are a treasure of the islands, and have contributed positively to the beautiful legacy of Hawaii. The photographs and stories told from the fabled "Stairway to Heaven" paint the beauty of this island more than any other single hike, helicopter ride, or experience. The view is legendary and unrivaled. To remove the stairs would be to remove a piece of history, and remove access to one of the most amazing places on planet earth. More importantly, the cost of removal far outpaces the gains that may be served by opening the trail. There is simply no other hike like this one, and we stand to lose more by removing the stairs than we can gain by keeping it. People who haven't even visited the islands know about this hike, and dream about it. It would be a shame to kill those dreams for the generations to come.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I oppose removal of the Ha'ikū Stairs because it is a very unique historic site that must be preserved and "Managed Access" can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it. Please let the City of Honolulu take over and manage the site.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

My hike of the Haiku Stairs was one of my favorite experiences while visiting Hawaii. I learned so much about the history of the island, and it was an experience that I will talk about for the rest of my life. My hike through the clouds with a view of the island that is unparalleled except by helicopter. Please do not remove the Haiku Stairs. They are an important part of history and the best way to enjoy the island.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs. I believe that the hike can be safely managed with the implementation of the proposal from friends of Haiku stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please do not take the stairs down. This is an amazing stairway to the most beautiful place on earth!!! PLEASE keep!! Thank you!!!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The Haiku stairs are a part of history and not only should NOT be removed, but should be open to the public. My father was stationed at Haiku just after WW2 and climbed the stairs several times a week to maintain the radio equipment at the top so I heard about the stairs when I was growing up. They are a part of history, please do not remove them!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** We love Hawaii and would enjoy climbing the stairs often if they were opened to the public. I think it would become a major tourist attraction.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I love the haiku stairs and would hate to see it shut down but I support the removal. The reason why I am supporting the removal is that it has been the topic of much debate. There is no public access available which makes it a nightmare for small communities. There is no way the small neighborhoods can support the traffic that the stairs would bring as well as maybe the possibility of increased illegal activity. It is also financial liability to the state growing up in Kaneohe a number of times I see helicopters and fire engines doing search and rescues for people climbing the hike. These are the reAsons I feel that the stairs should be removed. Mahalo for your time.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I love the haiku stairs and would hate to see it shut down but I support the removal. The reason why I am supporting the removal is that it has been the topic of much debate. There is no public access available which makes it a nightmare for small communities. There is no way the small neighborhoods can support the traffic that the stairs would bring as well as maybe the possibility of increased illegal activity. It is also financial liability to the state growing up in Kaneohe a number of times I see helicopters and fire engines doing search and rescues for people climbing the hike. These are the reasons I feel that the stairs should be removed. Mahalo for your time.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Monuments like this are very important in today's society

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I wholeheartedly support the plan proposed by Mayor Caldwell in which he wanted the city Parks and Recreation take over the stairs and preserve them. I also think that the State of Hawaii could also assume the same responsibility. These stairs are a unique asset of Hawaii and must be preserved. Also, the residents of the area adjent to the stairs' access point must be protected from indiscriminate parking and being overrun by hikers going to the stairs. This oversight is best done either by the state or by city government.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I'm submitting testimony to oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs. I believe the Haiku Stairs are one of the historic landmarks of Hawaii that should be preserved. Those who hike the Stairs are reminded of Hawaii's important place in the Pacific and are able to experience a part of world history. It is, when maintained, one of the safer mountain ridge hikes in Hawaii, as the stairs/ladders have railings, unlike so many other hikes, especially any of the other hikes that might rival the amazing views.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please see attached testimony.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I believe that the Haiku Stairs are a unique and valuable resource that should be preserved. Please convey the parcel to a public or private entity so that the public can safely use this island treasure.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please don't tear the stairs down, they are very big part of the Hawaiian culture. People come from all over the world just to see those stairs and It's a very big part in my life.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I support the saving and opening of Haiku Stairs.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku stairs is one of the safest ridgeline hikes on Oahu and is a historical site that shod be preserved.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Please save the haiku stairs. Make it accessible for local hikers. It's a beautiful source of exercise and adventure.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Organization

**Insert Written Testimony**

I have lived in Kaneohe 35 years and the more recreational options we have the better. The stairs are a vital recreational resource world renown, why would one even recommend their destruction not only for the likes of me but any visitor coming to the State. If our most fearless leaders cannot work out a reasonable management arrangement what good are they? Get rid of them and put in replacements that can. As for the population most affected by the stairs being managed as a recreational resource, join the crowd of population being impacted by non-immediately local populations. We tolerate the inconvenience for a greater common good such as freedom of movement and access to desired destinations. Same here.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Removing the haiku stairs is just crazy and ill-conceived. This is a world-class destination deserving of care and attention. People will come from around the world and pay to hike these stairs. Allowing them to do so will only enhance the reputation of the City and county of Honolulu.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Open the historic stairs, the Haiku Stairs is the safest way to hike the ridge trails in Hawaii.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I have never had the chance to partake in the beauty of the Haiku Stairs because I live thousands of miles away. I live vicariously through those who post videos and pictures of the views of gorgeous Hawaii. I understand the danger and propose a GoFundMe to raise money to fix the stairs. Close it for a year to fix it and charge a fee for upkeep and security. Close off the "legal" way for good to keep others safe. Stay unique, Hawaii!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs are my son and I's favorite hike. They should be cherished as an engineering feat and a true wonder of Hawaii. Please do not remove Haiku stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I'm an avid hiker and have always wanted to hike the Ha-iku stairs. I have not broken the law and hiked the stairs illegally, indeed the only people able to include the stairs in their life experience are by definition law breakers. It's onerous for the government to actually encourage law breaking but that is exactly what is happening with the stairs. If the upkeep of the stairs is taken care of through private means what on earth does the Hawaii government care if they stay open?

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

As a resident of the City and County of Honolulu and a magazine journalist whose interests include outdoor recreation, landscape preservation, and environmental conservation, I strongly oppose the removal of Haiku Stairs (aka Stairway to Heaven) on the grounds that this extraordinary work of design and planning deserves to be retained as part of the historic fabric of the island of Oahu. Others will argue that the stairs are a world-class attraction that can, under proper management, pay for its own maintenance through paid permits or other forms of restricted access and offer visitors and residents a one-of-a-kind experience. This is true. But it is also true that to remove the stairs is to lose a piece of Hawaii's history and therefore opportunities to understand the myriad forces that have shaped the islands. Remnants such as the Haiku Stairs offer not only thrills (which with the proper leadership can be made safely accessible) but clues into the past. Think of Diamond Head and the lookout that draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Hikers may come for the views, but along the way, they are confronted with Hawaii's history. The same is true of Koko Head or the Lanikai Pillbox trail. These experiences subtly prompt visitors to ask questions about why Hawaii has been developed in the way that it has.

Stairway to Heaven offers similar educational lessons. Each of the aforementioned trails has been overrun by tourists in recent years, and the potential impact to residents living near access points to Haiku Stairs is a valid concern. But through planning and design, we can limit those impacts. We can create an experience that works for everyone. The current situation, involving security and unsafe use of the trail, is not one we should continue. But to remove the stairs, with the energy, time, and resources (not to mention embodied carbon) that such a project would require, would be a mistake. Dismantling the stairs would rob the island not only of a singular outdoor experience but of a piece of its own history. I oppose removal. Thank you for your time and consideration. Aloha ~

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Please keep the stairs! The hiking trail is so much more dangerous!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** Pls stop holding it hostage and release it back to the people.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha, My name is Titi and I respectfully oppose the removal of the Haiku stairs. Please consider in keeping it open and improving its accesses for the public especially for the kamaaina's. I haven't been there to avoid breaking the law in hopes one day it will be safe and legally open for educational and recreational purposes. Mahalo, Titi

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku Stairs are unique in the world are unique in and one of the best ridge hikes in the world and MUST be preserved.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of this beautiful place.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

With so many hiking trails being closed by private landowners and the popularity of hiking exploding, it is very important to maintain as many hiking opportunities as possible. The Haiku Stairs are not just an excellent hiking opportunity, but a world-class attraction. I have personally been to the top of the Haiku Stairs (from leeward trails) around 10 times and have also been to the top of nearly every hiking trail on Oahu along the Koolau and Waianae Ranges. Most of the hiking trails in the Na Ala Hele system are well maintained, but very crowded. The Haiku Stairs offer a very safe and excellent exercise option, far exceeding the experience of the Koko Head Steps. And, the view from the top of the Haiku Stairs is exceptional and arguably the absolute best on Oahu. The Stairs are unique, spectacular, safe, and a treasure. It would be a disgrace to destroy the historic and simply awesome "Stairway to Heaven".

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Haiku stairs is by far the most beautiful part of O'ahu and removing it due to the actions of some, hurts everyone who respected the surrounding neighborhoods. If you've ever hiked it, you know the spiritual weight it holds. It truly is the stairway to Heaven. Creating an access to the hike will solve the issue of people in the area being disturbed; they're being disturbed because people have to find a way to the stairs. Obviously, the hike is for experienced hikers and regulation would be necessary. Perhaps signs removing the liability from the State to anyone who risks hiking in addition to creating access to the hike. Haiku stairs is so much more than a hike to so many people. It makes O'ahu. It's a view and journey beyond compare.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I believe the stairs should remain and maybe be updated for visitors, I have seen many pictures of people doing the hike and upon visiting and seeing the landscape I so wanted to be able to say I did this hike but I chose not too as it is illegal and the legal way is much more dangerous. Please don't take this majestic view away more people will be seriously injured attempting to hike with no stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs should be open by permit only similar to some camp sites. Limit the number of permits and make reservations well in advance, and require a fair but hefty fee. Encourage removal of opala and responsible use. Please don't tear down the stairs, which could never be re-built.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I support reopening the Haiku Stairs under managed access. It is a physical, cultural and historical treasure that is marveled at by people all over the world. It would be a travesty to discard such an amazing structure. Also, my understanding is that removal would not be cost effective.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

The Haiku Stairs are a historical space for the state of Hawaii. Its reputation reaches far beyond the state itself--worldwide, people know the "Stairway to Heaven," and its on countless bucket-lists to see it. Removing this icon will kill a cultural artery for the state and future generations. Please save the Haiku stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

I feel that there is surely a way of making the Haiku stairs safe and accessible to all that are willing to accept responsibility for the risk of hiking this trail. Please continue to consider and explore options to open the Haiku stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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### Insert Written Testimony

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I was born and raised in Keapuka Kaneohe on Luluku Road. Before Ho'omaluhia Park and the H3 were built. I OPPOSE the removal of Haiku Stairs, as it is an important historic site and must be preserved. More importantly Managed Access should be one of the top priorities. Do NOT commercialize the stairs as the State has done with Diamond Head or Hanauma Bay on Oahu. It should be an educational experience. Some type of entry payment (per person) should be charged, with those proceeds being applied to maintenance, staff and security. Non Profit Organizations could adopt sections of the stairs to maintain and develop. Individuals not complying with the rules should be fined an hefty amount (as deterrent). Local residents (Proper HI DL or State ID) should have a kamaaina rate.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

These stairs are a more than just a sight to see. They serve as a way for people to escape any troubles they have in life and just feel so free. The journey up allows one to behold the beauty of the Earth and bask in the tranquility surrounding them. If these stairs are removed, a piece of Paradise from this planet will disappear.

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**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Aloha. I have not climbed the Haiku Stairs, but I have been following the discussions and the impacts - good and bad. From an economical stand, Hawaii has a potential to make the stairs a money raiser and a unique attraction so I don't understand why we would elect to tear them down vice repair them, impose a fee to climb them with an insurance and liability waiver, possible train/recruit guides, provide benefits to the community members impacted by the hikers, and offer merchandise (I survived the Haiku Stairs etc). Yes stairs are manmade and not designed to be a tourist attraction, but they are - just like the pill boxes - so lets embrace the stairs and make the hike an epic experience.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** Haiku Stairs are legendary and should be saved. Safety can be managed if trails are better maintained. Preserving this island is our job, we must embrace the work.

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**Insert Written Testimony**

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** We have always wanted to do this. We would love the opportunity. It has actually been a significant factor in planning a trip to Hawaii. It is a unique opportunity to see the island without getting on a helicopter.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I have personally never hiked up the haiku stairs but it is a goal of mine to do so. The stairs are part of history and they should be preserved at all cost. If we consider trails like half dome, it has its risks but it hasn't been removed because it's historical and with proper maintenance and regulations, the stairs can also be saved. This place connects many to each other and to Oahu in a way like no other. Please save the stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** These stairs are something that I really wish to hike in the future. And a big part of what will draw me to Hawaii since I love to hike. Please leave them in place.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I oppose the removal of one of the safest ridge line hike on Hawaii that if maintained, gives world class views and a beautiful as well as historic perspective of this island.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

Please keep the stairs. The stairs are added to every hikers bucket list. To remove a dream hike and experience like the Haiku Stairs, you are letting millions down everywhere. Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

As a botanist for the state of Hawai'i, I was privileged to hike the stairs twice, approximately 15 years ago. The area is one of the few remaining 'native' areas on the island of Oahu accessible to people that will have little or no impact to the native plants and animals. The popularity of illegal access of the stairs indicates the interest of locals as well as tourists. Removal of the stairs would negatively impact the native plants and animals that currently exist there by creating areas that allow for invasions of alien species and by increasing erosion of the habitat. I urge you to support the proposals of the Friends of Haiku Stairs and would happily volunteer to support their efforts to keep the stairs open. Feel free to contact me at anytime.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. It would be a tragedy to remove Ha'ikū Stairs.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs. As a hiker, I understand the consequences of any hike and I assume all responsibility of anything that the hikes entail. I know the risks associated with the hikes I go on and with that, I practice extra caution. I'm originally from the mainland and I have family and friends all over the country, the stairs are always on their list of things to do when they visit Oahu. I feel very fortunate to be a resident here in Hawaii, which gives me the ability to hike and see beautiful landscapes that people on the mainland only wish to see. I don't feel that the Haiku Stairs should be removed because they are so unique to the islands. All hikers should go into the hike assuming all liabilities and risks associated with it. I feel strongly about this especially since the stairs were built before the houses were ever built in the neighborhood. If we do win and the stairs stay, I know I'm not the only one who is going to say this, but I wouldn't mind signing a waiver or paying a fee to the state to be able to hike the stairs and the state shouldn't be liable for any deaths or injuries from the hike.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I recently visited Hawaii and the Haiku stairs was the highlight of my trip! It is extremely breathtaking and totally worth the challenge. Please please don't take this away!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I visited Oahu for the first time early 2019. I knew that I needed to summit the Hiku stairs. Once I got to the island it was made clear that it was illegal and I decided that it wasn't worth my freedom or never being able to visit Hawaii again so I decided not to climb the stairs. I figured there had to be another way. And I was right. There is a back way up the mountain. Determined to reach the top I found the way, which was breathtaking and heart wrenching at times. I believe that the journey was a walk with God, heart warming, breathtaking, and a walk to remember. After 4/5 hours I reached the top. Muddled and exhausted I made it. It was worth the trip. The view from the top is one that I'll always cherish and remember. The heart wrecking part was nearly falling off the ridge twice on the way down. All in all I would do it again and again. Anyone who asked about the trip I told them of the awe and beauty of the people and the island. But, I am insistent that if you only had one day on the island they had to make it to the top of the Haiku stairs. Then they would be fulfilled. If they stood on the island for weeks or months and didn't do the hike they'd be incomplete. The hike with God. The Stairway to Heaven is irreplaceable and if there is a safer way shouldn't we use that? Please keep the stairs! Open the hike to

the public! Ensure Safety and share the majesty of the stairs and mountain with all!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I respectfully ask the board members of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to vote to transfer BWS responsibility for the Ha'ikū Stairs to the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation. I would like to see the re-opening of Ha'ikū Stairs with access to the stairs that is managed. Managed access is a win-win solution. I have lived in Ha'ikū Village, the community close to the base of the stairs, since 1979. I hiked the stairs over 30 years ago when they were open to the public. Hiking Ha'ikū Stairs is a memorable experience about which I still enjoy telling friends. I like to explain the history and the beautiful views of our island at the top as well as tell about the exhilarating feeling of accomplishment after completing the hike. Thank you for considering my testimony.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written Testimony

I think BWS should remove the Haiku Stairs. The existence of the stairs draws selfish people who don't care who they affect when they illegally access the stairs, put our first responders at risk, and trespass in the neighborhood. Maintaining the stairs impacts me, as a taxpayer and ratepayer. People are injured or killed because the stairs are not safe. I think the BWS and other agencies have tried long enough to find a third-party who can organize and can afford the maintenance, liability, and access to the stairs. Nobody has taken it up because they can't afford it or operate it safely. The Friends of Haiku Stairs have been in existence for decades and hasn't made any progress on solving the problem. Mayor Caldwell is barking up the wrong tree. The City doesn't have the money or resources to take care of it either, and I bet if you ask the Parks division privately, they would tell you they want nothing to do with it. The stairs are a liability, an eyesore, and a trouble spot. Get rid of it, and those people will stop coming. If they want to climb up to the ridge, they can come up the other side at their own risk, without impacting the Windward neighborhood. It'll still be a problem for first responders, but stupidity has no cure. Sorry. Just get rid of it.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

#### Insert Written Testimony

I am writing to oppose removal of Ha'ikū Stairs. I believe that Ha'ikū Stairs are a historic landmark and deserves to be restored and preserved so that future generations can learn and observe the beauty that is the essence of the Hawaiian islands. I would like to point out that - Ha'ikū Stairs is one of the safest ridge trail hikes in Hawai'i. - Managed Access can open up a world-class, safe, educational and recreational experience to be enjoyed by current and future generations. - Ha'ikū Stairs is an important historic site and must be preserved. - Ha'ikū Stairs is a unique, world-class attraction. It would be a tragedy to remove it. There is an enormous support to preserve there is an enormous support to preserve Ha'ikū Stairs and transfer it to the City and County of Honolulu so it can be reopened under managed access. I know that you will make the right decision. Thank you for listening to my testimony. Mahalo, Wayne Pan

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I am opposed to removing the stairs. Hawaii has been my home for 36 years. I enjoy hiking and water sports. Please allow the public to enjoy the beauty of hiking our island. We can find a way to have an access point.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** The stairs are dangerous and in need of repair. They are a financial burden to the BWS. That means the general public and that is me remove them now! Thank you Wesley Larson, Kailua, HI

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

Ever since seeing pictures of the Haiku Stairs many years ago, I have had a dream to climb them and see the views they provide. I've been to the island once before, and I was very tempted to try getting there the illegal way, but decided against doing that. I want more than anything to climb these stairs, and to do it legally, so I am asking you not to remove these stairs. Please hand responsibility for them over to the city. I can't imagine anything more special than making a trip back to the island with my kids to experience this hike. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

### Insert Written

Our names are William and Amber Aduja, we are the adult children of Melodie Aduja. We are third generation residents of Ha`ikū and He`eia. Our grandparents raised their family in Ha`ikū Plantations. They watched the development of Ha`ikū Road and the Kane`ohe area for over 50 years when the Omega Station was in operation in the 1960s until it was decommissioned in 1997. We attended St. Ann's Church and Schools, and we continue to reside in this ahupua`a. We write in opposition to the removal of the Ha`ikū Stairs and in support of the Managed Use Plan advocated by the Friends of Ha`ikū Stairs. We are in favor a managed access arrangement to best accommodate hikers, visitors and sightseers, environmentalists, cultural practitioners, and area residents. Through managed access, residential complaints of non-resident parking, trash, noise, and trespassing can be eliminated. Through this managed plan, the following safeguards will be in place: (1) limits on the total number climbers allowed per day; (2) safety program and education in coordination with the HFD; (3) scheduled reservations; (4) tiered rate structure for kama`āina, military, and educational, scientific, and cultural groups, (5) right of way through government agency lands; (6) liability insurance and release forms; and (7) security, including a shuttle van to and from the Base of the Stairs and at least two staff members assigned to oversee, monitor the hikers in number and speed, and offer education. Given these safeguards, the use and

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maintenance of the Hai`kū Stairs can and should be perpetuated for all to enjoy. What struck us the most about maintaining the use and enjoyment of the Hai`kū Stairs is the cultural aspect. According to the Ko`olau Foundation, climbing the Hai`kū Stairs can be a cultural and educational experience in addition to a recreational experience. Hawaiian cultural values will be incorporated, such as respecting the mountain and `āina being paramount; offering a pule or Hawaiian blessing before the climb; providing education on the history of native Hawaiians in Hai`kū Valley, which may include the late Kahuna Sam Lono; providing education on native Hawaiian plants and workings on native plan preservation and restoration; and providing research projects on the Hai`kū Stairs and Hai`kū Valley for and by students from Kamehameha Schools, Windward Community College and other educational and scientific institutions. The Hai`kū Stairs is a valuable educational, cultural, and recreational resource which should not be destroyed depriving students, cultural practitioners, hikers, and visitors of the pleasure of learning and experiencing this unique structure and the benefits it provides overall. It is our testimony to object to the removal of the Hai`kū Stairs and instead advocate for the development of the Managed Use Plan provided by the Friends of Hai`kū Stairs. Thank you very much, /s/William Aduja /s/ Amber Aduja

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** This is an incredible asset for the Windward Oahu community. With proper planning and management, we can provide for continued use and public enjoyment without impacting the surrounding neighbors or compromising safety.

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** I favor keeping the "Haiku Stairs" as some sort of park. Everyone agrees that the demand is HUGE. An example of how to proceed is "Hanauma Bay". Let's get on with it!

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**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony**

The issue of the Haiku stairs has been ongoing for years. Now, an organization has developed a plan to manage and operate the stairs. Yet, it is being decided to remove the stairs. The decision to remove the stairs is now baseless as you have an organization that has stepped forward. While I have never hiked the stairs myself and know others that have. I have seen many videos and photos from that have. I wish to some day hike the stairs legally. National Geographic has listed the Haiku stairs as one of the top 10 hikes in the United States yet this group meeting today wants to demolish that. I strongly oppose any decision to demolish such an incredible feature that can be enjoyed by so many. Thank you for your time!

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**Agenda Item\*** Haiku Stairs Testimony

**Your Position on Matter\*** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

**Representing\*** Self

**Insert Written Testimony** It would be a shame to see such a wonderful thing ripped down instead of repaired and re purposed.

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**From:** [Te'sha Martines-Melim](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:51:57 AM

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Aloha,

I am writing to you in support of keeping the Haiku Stairs open after making safe renovations to it. Haiku stairs is important to our community connecting us to nature on a while other cultural level as a native Hawaiian. If I can make a proposal to help renovate the stairs by offering my services of making the steps out of plastics I would be more than happy help in that case if it means to keep the stairs open for the community to enjoy once it's safe again. Please keep the stairs open for this is the only place in the world where we can experience aloha in nature.

Mahalo,  
Te'sha Makamae Kaikamahine Martines-Melim  
Makamae's Plastics

**From:** [G & S](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Aloha,

I live in Canada and would plan a trip to Oahu just to do the Haiku Stairs!

You have a gem there!!!!

Save it, charge a small fee \$10 range to cover costs, plus a waiver. Also limit the hikers/day for safety as well as congestion and you'll have created a NEW tourist attraction for tourists and locals to enjoy. I've been to Oahu around 20 times, but haven't been back in a while, but this would definitely bring me back. So my \$10 hike up the stairs morphs into a hotel stay, car rental, food etc.,.....I think you get the picture.....the State has created another revenue stream that brings in money from multiple areas because of the stairs being open.

Mahalo,

Gerry Peake  
Canada

**From:** [Jacob Smith](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:28:19 AM

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I think that the Haiku Stairs should stay open or at least be required to purchase a permit for the hike. People have come from around the world to climb the stairs and to ignore that is pretty foolish since Hawaii depends greatly on tourism. Now with the Covid-19 business shutting down all of our tourism spots I think it would be more beneficial to charge money for permits, that way it is a win-win for everyone. The stairs are truly awe inspiring too and I think closing them down would be a real shame, hopefully more people see it my way and vote to keep them.

Mahalo-

Jacob Smith

**From:** [Drew Spirlock](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:30:27 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

{one of the few months I had lived there}  
Mahalo

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [rubyrose.foryou@yahoo.com](mailto:rubyrose.foryou@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:56:52 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Hello

I have been up the “legal” way to get to the top of the stairs, I can tell you first hand that way is so dangerous compared to the stair way! I was so afraid of going back the legal way, I went down the stairs, because a ticket or getting arrested just seemed like a better option. I hope to see the stairs opened up legally.

Aloha.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kris Lyn](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:43:23 AM  
**Attachments:** [Haiku Stairs.pdf](#)

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April 24, 2020

Board of Water Supply  
630 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu HI 96843

Dear Honorable Deciders,

I understand the decision on the Haiku Stairs will be tough, and I trust it will be handled by all persons involved with compassion. Before deciding on the Haiku Stairs, it seems measured to consider outside perspective.

I believe a win-win situation for a great number of people would be an effective way to manage existing concerns that currently exist. A potential situation involving both opportunities for community growth and keeping the stairs open involve privatizing maintenance costs and access some way; consider some items and the feasibility by seeing if there's a way for the market to address the needs of all. Would any of the following be possible as avenues in giving people opportunities and the hike to remain open:

- A) Permit participating residentials/privatized entity/shareholders to legally self-regulate the use a fee schedule and metrics for stair maintenance and for their involvement/time, contracted or otherwise
- B) Allow for the public to opt in to donate money to a fund/ county/division meant for parks recreation and trail management and maintenance type duties on ballots or forms pertaining to public fund allocation selections or word of mouth during transactions
- C) Promote or increase awareness of public of any parks recreation and trail management and maintenance type programs, event hosting/planning, events, funds
- D) Consider volunteering groups support networking or project hosting, given the number of people who care about the stairs
- E) Consider phased hike closures during times of prolonged wet/muddy conditions (could be monitored and tracked by the involved) to serve as a safety buffer and reduce all-year traffic degradation and provide option for absences as needed for the involved

The hike is a gratifying experience, and with management and access to support and resources, could continue to enchant and enrich the lives of generations to come. Thank you for your time and sincere consideration of all possibilities.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Hong, Julie \[USA\]](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:53:42 PM

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Aloha Sir/Ma'am,

This testimony is in support of transferring control of the Haiku Stairs property to the City of Honolulu. I support transferring control of the property to the city, so that the stairs could reopen under the management of that agency.

There are several ways to provide funding to repair the Haiku Stairs and protect their historic and cultural value to Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,  
Julie Hong  
Kaneohe Resident

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**From:** [Jaycee Gossett](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Aloha, my name is Jaycee Gossett and I have lived on this beautiful island for almost two and a half years. In my time of being here I have completed more than 50 hikes in one year. The Haiku stairs are on my list. I know confidently that I won't be back on the island after I have to move back home. I see this as an opportunity. If we can require a permit to hike the stairs with a fee and require public parking away from the neighborhood I believe it would do nothing but good. It seems illogical to take such a beautiful and extravagant place from hikers who respect the trail and just want to take part of a once in a life time hike and view. Before I moved to Oahu I knew of the stairs. Every time I drive past them I marvel at the beauty and tell myself I will climb them one day. So I ask you to just take a step back and use this as an opportunity to let hikers and residents enjoy this beautiful place. I have been on many trails all over oahu and I have not seen one as breathtaking as the haiku stairs. I do hope that you will consider. Thank you for taking your time.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Barbara Pope](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:59:16 AM

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I support the removal of the Ha'iku Stairs and oppose providing recreational access to conservation land and the watershed.

The remaining pristine areas throughout the State are sensitive environments with Hawaiian cultural and historic sites and need better management and careful protection. Current so-called managed access is not working. Other critical sites are also unprotected and nearly ravaged both on windward Oahu and throughout the State and need to be shut down to the public. Maunawili is another windward Oahu example. In the current environment, "managed access" is inadequate for protecting these sensitive areas.

Whatever historical significance the stairs has is hugely outweighed by the negative impacts they have on the environment, community, and natural resources.

I strongly urge the Board of Water Supply to remove the stairs and focus throughout the State on protecting the environment and natural resources, and historic sites that are associated with Hawaiian cultural history and contemporary Hawaiian cultural practices. I would like to see BOWS taking a leading role in this together with DLNR and the City and County.

Mahalo for your good work in protecting our water resources and our forests.

Barbara Pope

**From:** [Drew Spirlock](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:28:25 AM

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My testimony is below or attached.

Going to one of these meetings while I had lived in Hawaii for a few months was a complete game changer in how the inner workings of my mind understood life. Please continue to share the wealth that is your aina. Many many thanks for the consideration

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kevin Burgess](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs. My testimony is below or attached.

The Haiku stairs are an iconic image of Hawaii. They speak to the history of the islands and the contribution to the world war era history where the people of this great nation came together to support one another and the world in the fight against Nazis) fascists and others who sought to make slaves of us all. If anything, these stairs should be repaired and celebrated as part of Hawaii's importance in the preservation of freedom for the entire world.

I am an active duty military member and before I was ever stationed in Hawaii, I knew about the "Stairway to heaven" and what it represented. I did climb the stairs and it was an otherworldly experience, one I will cherish for my entire lifetime. Please, I'm not asking you to open the stairs, but I am asking, for all those generations to come, let them remain and let the story be retold forever. These stairs represent the struggle for freedom against repression and violence that all people face throughout history, even to this day. Let others experience what I did, a spiritual connection to the Earth and the people that steward the freedoms that should accompany being a part of it. I will never forget my experience. I hope others get that same chance.

Thank you for listening.

**From:** [tatianajlane@gmail.com](mailto:tatianajlane@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Haiku Stairs are a historic site on the island of Oahu. It would be a terrible shame to lose such a monumental part of this land's history. There are so many places and monuments that are being destroyed and history being rewritten. These stairs must remain and the lore continue as a part of the amazing glory of beautiful Oahu.

Secondly, spending funds on such a thing as this in a time when there is such unrest is fiscally irresponsible. No one has bothered to keep the stairs in good repair because of the time, personnel and money that it would take to do so. So why and how on earth would now be a good time to throw good money after bad to pay to remove them? This is another example of how government chooses to irrationally adopt projects in the most inappropriate time and manor.

Keep the stairs.

Respectfully,

Tatiana Lane

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Paul Jolley](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:27:00 AM

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BWS,

The Haiku Stairs is an important and treasured landmark and should not be removed but should be maintained for the community and future generations to safely enjoy.

I am in favor of allowing a third party company to maintain the daily maintenance and operations of the Haiku Stairs for the enjoyment of the community and the public. There should be a bidding process that would allow all interested parties to take part of.

Sincerely,  
Paul Jolley  
Hauula Resident  
808-492-6163

**From:** [Andrew Kim](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:09:34 PM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Why is this issue so complicated?

- \* transfer control of the stairs from BOWS to the City.
- \* handle visitors via permit and fees. This will control access and raise revenue for maintenance and security.
- \* mandate liability waivers for all users.

I am against removal of the stairs. Make use of it as an asset.

Andrew Kim  
Ph: 808-388-0215

**From:** [robert.myint](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:55:13 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I've had the very distinct honor to have experienced this beautiful hike in the past. I feel the opportunity to hike the Haiku Staircase should be available for future generations to experience as well.

I also feel that a properly managed and fee based usage of the area would work well.

Thanks for your consideration.

Aloha

Robert Myint

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [tsuchidag001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:tsuchidag001@hawaii.rr.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:58:29 AM  
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Aloha!

I'm George Tsuchida from Mililani Mauka. I worked for the Board of Water Supply as a summer student aide to Mr. Wallace, Hydraulic Engineer (maybe Chief Engineer I'm not sure) during my summer break in 1963 soon after graduating from Leilehua High School.

I read the article in today's The Honolulu Star-Advertiser, "Decision to be made on fate of 'Stairway to Heaven'" and totally agree with Mayor Kirk Caldwell's April 14 statement where he "reiterated his proposal to have the city Department of Parks and Recreation take the reins of the stairs and then lease them to a third-party vendor who would make repairs and improvements, and then charge the public, or at least nonkamaaiana to visit. I believe Haiku stairs is an important and unique asset on Oahu, and that the stairs should be preserved as long as they can be renovated for safety, and that public access issues are addressed and resolved," Caldwell said.

I believe Haiku Stairs is definitely one of Hawaii's treasures that should be continued as evidenced by the people who continue to illegally trespass and use the stairs even with a private security guard at the entrance.

I believe my children, grandchildren and myself would definitely use the stairs when it is opened to the public again. I only have a short time of my life remaining as I'm in my 70s and don't have much time to legally enjoy hiking Haiku Stairs at least once before I die.

Please, please let our kamaaiana at least enjoy one last opportunity to enjoy Haiku Stairs once again.

Mahalo nui loa!

George Tsuchida  
Mililani

**From:** [Anthony Grise](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:47:26 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs. My testimony is below or attached.

Aloha,

I'm writing to support the managed opening of Ha'iku stairs you the public, and strongly urge you against the removal of the stairs. To lose an iconic, incredible and popular landmark because of the inability to manage land egress would be a horrible shame.

Mahalo for your time,  
Anthony Grise

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Anthony Grise  
+1 808 379 7099

**From:** [Erin Fitzpatrick](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:26:20 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below.

Please reconsider tearing the stairs out. These mean so much to locals and visitors alike. The stairs are one of the most iconic hikes this island has to offer.

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**From:** [Shelly Andrews](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:41:59 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I moved to Oahu from Kauai in the mid 90s as a college student at UH Manoa for a year or two I rarely was able to leave the UH Manoa Bubble (this is what I call the little area around UH where I could easily ride my bike around Campus, Kaimuki, Manoa Town, Ala Moana and Waikiki). Being originally from Kauai if I was lucky enough sometimes an Oahu friend would be able to show me how to ride the bus or even drive me somewhere out of this bubble one of these Magical Places was to the Haiku Stairs or Stairway to Heaven. When I first hiked the stairs it was falling apart in several places then improvements were made; then it seemed it was illegal to access the trail but I was still hearing of many that knew how to access the trail anyway. It always made me sad to see that there was controversy over people hiking the stairs because as a Kauai Native I have found The Koolau Mountain Range to be one of the most beautiful things about Oahu. After I graduated from UH I decided to move to Kaneohe partly due to the beauty of the area and also because the Windward Side of Oahu has always reminded me of where I grew up in Kapaa on Kauai. For the stairs to be off limits for so many years has been such a loss to local people and visitors alike while I have not been able to access the stairs since they were closed I have heard ( guarded by a police officer during the day) I know of many people that hike the stairs daily or have instructed others of how to access the stairs and avoid the guards. Some friends of mine actually ended up at the State Hospital by accident and needed to be escorted off the property. Now as a Kaneohe resident and home owner I can see why residents who live the the neighborhood surrounding the stairs would like to remove the stairs or make them illegal to access. As a former Kauai Resident I believe actions as taken by Kauai at the Haena State Park to access the Kalalau Trail and Haena Beach have created a way for residents, visitors and locals to share the area. Steps that were taken to minimize the amount of visitors to Haena that could be utilized with the Haiku Stairs would be having a designated parking lot, charging fees and the ability to make reservations to park and possibly a van service to transport people to the trail from Windward Mall. At this time fixing the trail could be provided though donations and community organizations. The saddest thing to me would be to spend money to remove the stairs and to continue to deny access to the area. Due to the beauty of this area people will continue to try to access it and with the wrong information could get hurt trying to access the trail or avoid being detected by guards. For the safety of hikers who want to access the trail and to honor the residents who live in the community a middle ground must be reached or this issue will continue for another 30 years.

My hope is that The Haiku Stairs

are preserved and that one day everyone can share in the beauty of the Koolau Mountains in a safe and equitable way. Hiking the Stairway to Heaven inspired me to stay on Oahu and to build a live here, by preserving the Stairs they can continue to inspire visitors and local people in ways we can only imagine.

Shelly Andrews  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bill Primo Pimental](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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One of my closest of friends sent the note below speaking for the keeping of the stairway to heaven. I echo her sentiments and ask that the stairway be maintained for use by the public. I am a 79 year old Hawaiian lifetime resident of the Windward side, grew up in Kailua and have been a resident of Kaneohe since 1964.

Thank you  
William E. Pimental  
Kaneohe

I am an 84 year-old part-Hawaiian lifetime resident of Kailua. Haiku Stairs have always been (albeit small) part of my life. First as a youngster in awe of the idea that those stairs were the “stairway to heaven”. Then as a teen-ager / young adult marveling at the fact that someone had actually built those stairs and understanding why. Finally, in my 50’s, actually climbing “the Haiku stairs”! The thrill of accomplishment was nothing compared to the awesome view of our island home. It would be a travesty to dismantle the stairs. But, not only because of the view. Taken in a greater context, because of the significance during WWII. Yes, there will be cost for continuing maintenance; but this cost is nothing relative to the over-arching cost to our history if this monument is destroyed. And, the stairs are just that - a monument. It would be like destroying the USS Arizona. The stairs may not be as well-recognized as the USS Arizona; but they are, indeed a monument. At the time, built out of necessity; but in time, to become recognized as a tribute to our efforts to fend off enemy attacks. They are far more than offering a spectacular view; they are a part of Hawaii’s proud history.

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**From:** [Jo Jeffries](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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In lieu of in-person testimony, this email will my testimony in favor of continuing with the Haiku Stairs. It is an awesome adventure and well worth the climb. I would suggest making it safer and maybe having those who want to climb, schedule a time so that too many people aren't climbing at the same time. Just as in the case of the Diamond Head stairs, for a long time there was no charge and no there is. Maybe, there could be a fee which would be used to maintain the stairs.

Mahalo for considering my testimony in favor of keeping the Haiku Stairway to Heaven.  
Jo Ann Jeffries

**From:** [Jansen, Paula](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:26:59 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Please do not close the stairway to heaven hiking trail. This is such a beautiful part of the island and a very special place for the people of Hawaii. It is a great way to exercise and taking the wonderful nature around us.

If needed, please develop a permitting system to control and help cover the expenses.

Please don't take this away from Hawaii.

Respectfully, Paula Jansen

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**From:** [Joanne Ing](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:58:05 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

My family and I have lived on Kuneki Street since 1990, 3 years after the stairs were officially closed. Our street is an access point for the Haiku Stars. We have an unobstructed view of the stairs and surrounding ridges from our backyard, and have watched many hikers over the years make their way up and down this beautiful mountain. We have also watched hikers being rescued, signaled by the hovering helicopters, and have been worried for the hikers that were caught in bad weather, which can happen very quickly in this valley. We've witnessed the cat-and-mouse scenarios of hikers versus patrolling police cars along our street, and the mud-covered hikers sitting on our curbs, waiting for ride-share drivers, then trying to talk them into letting them into their vehicles.

I have never done this hike, but I have friends and family who have. I've seen the online videos, and can understand the draw that this place has, with its breathtaking vistas and unparalleled views. And I can understand how kamaaina and tourists would want to see this, and would risk the fines to go on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

I also understand how my neighbors that are directly impacted down the street feel, because I would definitely not want to deal with the early morning disturbances, and the actions of some of the less considerate hikers. No one should be trespassed upon and/or be harassed on their own property.

Having said all this, my opinion is as follows:

I believe that the most obvious plan would be to transfer the Haiku Stairs to an entity that will restore and manage the stairs and provide a safe entry point away from residences. All the negatives that I listed above would be resolved. There will be no more illegal activity, no more dangerous access during bad weather, and no more early morning trespassing. There may still have to be occasional rescues, which happen during any unforeseen accidents, but the dangers would be lessened with managed planning for such events. I believe if this hike could be made into a managed attraction, with parking and facilities, and without any adverse effects to the surrounding community, then there is no reason that this beautiful and unique hiking venue should be destroyed.

Thank you,  
Joanne Ing

**From:** [Amber Alderson](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:37:36 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Hello There,

The removal of Haiku Stairs should not be something up for consideration. This is one of the Island's precious gems that has breathtaking views, and is a rare experience when hiked with care. To add further guidelines, yes. To update or put in place more efficient regulations, yes. To remove, no. Taking away one of the island's amazing trademarks is taking away home that much more. Please reconsider.

Thank you for your time!

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Amber Alderson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kauka Kaiapuni](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [JOHNLONG96744@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOHNLONG96744@GMAIL.COM)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:00:46 PM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF HAIKU STAIRS.

**From:** [Cassandra Goff](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:13:28 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Something that was never meant to become a tradition has... A spiritual journey from bottom to top and back down again. Whether one hikes the legal back way or trespasses onto the stairs themselves which are dangerous~ many will, just to be a part of the stairs story and to enjoy the Heavenly views. My Ohana were on the island when Pearl was bombed... they survived... my Grandfather's are military... One Navy... I speak as one with native love for our beautiful islands and a sometime haole! I spend time scolding STH trespassers (those planning and those that have already climbed). With minimal or no security at the fence (people could be stopped but they aren't)... We know most set out around 3 a.m. when it's the most dangerous (they can't see and the stairs are slippery). As one who has worked SAR, it's more dangerous not to make them safe and legal, unless you are willing to dedicate the necessary wall/fencing as well as the complete removal of the stairs and security to stop people! I am part of a world wide hiking community of which Ha'ikū always seems to be on the bucket list of many! If done right this could be a money maker for Oahu! With waivers required of all climbers to own responsibility for SAR costs if needed... charge permit fees, you could even work off a lottery system for residents and non residents (being more expensive). Why not help the neighborhood out and charge parking fees that go back to the locals who have to tolerate the tourists...

I can go on...but know this: if you pull the stairs and permanently close the hike (you will still have the same idiots trying to hike it for free, putting themselves and SAR teams in danger because at some point those lawbreakers (most likely a tourist with no hiking or climbing skills) are going to need rescued!

In closing, this is already a tourist attraction. Why not build on its heritage and initial purpose... Make it a landmark protected by some historical reference and charge permit fees/sign waivers (minimum numbers) or host lotteries while opening up a few additional jobs for the island! You'll make islanders Happy, Tourists will feel honored to be a part of our tradition and eventually money will be made and our Search And Rescue Teams will be more prepared as well as keeping injury to a minimum.

I've hiked many beautiful places in my lifetime. Believe it or not, at age 48 I've never hiked Ha'ikū, not because I physically can't but because I respect the law, the landowner and the communities and their burden from the disrespect of those who do trespass destroying lawns, driveways while littering etc.

Please consider my suggestions and vote YES to the repair and making this a legal hike on Oahu. It would be a Blessing to the Islands and the World if you would

reopen Ha'ikū Safely! But if you choose No, please know you will have to rip out the entire stairs and build a fence around it with 24/7/365 security with the intent to fine and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law~ because you will have locals and tourists still climbing and destroying the communities properties from trying to sneak in.

Sincerely,  
Cassie Goff LE  
#VyingVild

**Sent from my iPhone**

**From:** [Danielle Pollard](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:44:24 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Please do not tear do the stairs! They should be able to be enjoyed by all in a safe manner. Haiku is arguably Oahu's most rewarding trail and should be maintained and open for the natural enjoyment by locals.

Honolulu resident - Dani



**From:** [Stephen Trimble](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:53:42 AM  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Regards,

Stephen Trimble

**From:** [Kimo Albarado](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs. My testimony is below or attached.

Mahalos  
Kimo

**From:** [sandra.nicholl](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:28:05 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I am against keeping the Haiku Stairs.

I live on the Windward side below the Koolau Mountains. The location of the stairwell impacts residents living at the bottom. Tax paying residents should be able to peacefully enjoy their homes without the stress, noise, and impolite hiker abuses. Visitors should be directed to more managed, safe, and secure venues, i.g. Ho'omaluhia, public beach parks, etc. The Haiku Stairwell invites unwanted liability issues and additional burden on First Responders on the Windward side. There are other hiking trails along the Koolau Mountains which offer comparable majestic view planes.

Please remove the Haiku Stairs. As a customer of the Board Of Water Supply, I object to the additional expenses now incurred for the upkeep and maintenance of the Haiku Stairs.

Sandra Nicholl  
slhnicholl@yahoo.com

**From:** [Kauka Kaiapuni](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:00:02 PM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.  
My testimony is below or attached.  
I SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF HAIKU STAIRS.  
My name is KAME'E NAKAMURA.

**From:** [amalani@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:amalani@hawaii.rr.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I live on the perimeter of Hokulele Subdivion and I believe Haiku Stairs should be removed.

Because there is no legal way to access the stairs, we are constantly dealing with hikers trespassing through our property going up and down the stairs. We have put up no trespassing and private property signs to no avail. The signs are ignored. They come up our driveway and jump over our wall to exit to the street.

If the stairs were conveyed to another entity what assurances do we have that things will change? Will parking be provided to preclude flooding the neighborhood with cars. If there will be a fee for parking, will hikers park in the neighborhood rather than pay the fee? Or if there is a fee for entrance, will hikers just continue to trespass as an alternative?

What hours will the stairs be opened? Will cars and Ubers be driving through the neighborhood at 3:00 in the morning so hikers can go up to "see the sunrise"?

The stairs put our rescue workers in danger when they need to take a helicopter up to rescue some hiker stuck or hurt on the stairs. (And I have seen many rescues).

Tour helicopters constantly fly over our neighborhood taking tourists to see the stairs. It seems to be getting worse with all the social media attention the stairs have been getting.

I think the best solution would be to let Kualoa Ranch take the stairs and rebuild it on their property. They are set up for tourists with parking and conveniences for them.

Respectfully,

Anita Tai See

45-533 Puoni Place

Kaneohe, HI 96744

**From:** [Marian Fong](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:51:38 AM

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Hello,

My name is Marian Fong and I just submitted my testimony a little while ago. May I ask that you take out my phone number if this will be a public document?

Thank you.

I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.  
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Boomer the neurotic dog and all his crazy friends](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:59:38 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs. My testimony is below or attached.

I climbed the stairs when I was 15. It literally was one of the most memorable things I have ever done. I was so excited to share the experience with my children and it saddens me that they may never get to feel the awe and wonder that can only come from something so exceptional and rare. I would be willing to pay a fee to have to hike them to help maintain them. Please, I ask you to consider doing whatever needs to be done to save this treasure that is unique to our land. I have been to the Grand canyon, I have been to the smokey mountains, Yellowstone, My st. Hellens and I have hiked in other beautiful places in our country. When I think that this is man made and what it took to construct it at the time it was built, I think, how sad it would be to have to take it all down. Mahalo for your time, Aimee Ball



**From:** [Tom Pavlis](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:14:38 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I support the plan for the city to take control of the Ha'iku stairs and bid it out to third party.

It would be a crime to tear down the staircase. I never climbed these stairs but would be willing to pay a fee to climb them.

Aloha,

Tom Pavlis

46-324 Auna Street

Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

Tcpavlus@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Melissa Lawrence](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:33:54 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

I oppose the removal of the Haiku stairs. It is historic and an amazing outdoor resource that could be rejuvenated and managed responsibly by another party.

Sincerely

Melissa Lawrence

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Auggie Smith](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:47:53 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Aloha,

My name is Auggie Smith, I live on Oahu. I believe taking down the Haiku stairs is a terrible idea because you will waste so much time and money trying to bring it down. You could potentially waste a million dollars in helicopter fuel alone. If the members of B&W have never been up the stairs then they really don't know what they're trying to take down. The stairway to heaven is by far one of the most spiritually enlightening hikes on the planet. It attracts super humans. It doesn't attract incapable people. It shows people the most sacred views of the island. You have to work hard for that view. I feel the island needs to be seen from that view to be appreciated to its fullest extent. So please on the behalf of adventure, aloha, & saving money. Please don't take the stairs down. So many people actually love them. I have to aggressively disagree with this article:

“The BWS's mission is to provide Oahu residents with a safe, dependable, and affordable water supply. Managing Haiku Stairs draws BWS staff, financial, and other resources away from our core mission to efficiently and effectively meet the water demand of our customers.”

I disagree with this mission statement because I've never seen a BWS employee anywhere near those stairs. Except a security guard and he sits in his car, the BWS is making up an issue and it's completely unnecessary. I say this because the haiku stairs will never affect the actual water supply for the people of Oahu. So please don't take the stairs down. You would be making a big mistake for yourself as the BWS, save your time and money. Please allow Gods children to see his kingdom. Mahalo for reading my email.

Aloha! , from Auggie Smith.

**From:** [Sergio Florian](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:01:49 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

The stairs have been there a very long time. Although they were refurbished not long ago, I would venture to say they can be considered a historical landmark. It's also one of the most popular destinations for hikers who live on Oahu as well as those traveling to the state. It's popular for very good reasons.

Unfortunately, just like many other popular hikes on this island, there is no infrastructure in place to accommodate the masses of people coming to the stairs. So therefore the burden is placed on the community. Increased traffic and people in otherwise quiet neighborhoods. This is becoming a problem island wide. I propose the board of water supply use up some of its land to build proper parking areas, bathrooms, and establish a park at the trail head to the stairs. The community would be impacted minimally. Furthermore, a private company can be contracted to run tours of the stairs. Revenue from this can be used to maintain the trails and build more facilities to accommodate hikers and not disturb the communities islandwide. This would allow us to control the number of hikers as well. ( Australia did this with the Sydney harbor bridge. You can go on it but only with a private tour. They use a harness system and even breathalyze for alcohol before going over the bridge). The Haiku stairs are a treasured historical landmark. They can also be a built in revenue maker if operated properly and the land around it is used for something. As of right now everything is just abandoned and folks come and go as they please. There is a lot of unused land that could be slightly developed to accommodate. Please don't take down the stairs.

Regards

Dr. Sergio Florian  
Kaaawa, Hawaii

**From:** [Kauka Kaiapuni](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [kalahiki\\_long@yahoo.com](mailto:kalahiki_long@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF HAIKU STAIRS.

My name is Kalahari Long. I was born and raised at the very top of the Hōkūlele Subdivision. I have seen and heard first hand accounts of illegal trespassing hikers when the Stairs was CLOSED. It will get worst if it is OPENED.

**From:** [Daniel Ostler](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:31:27 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I am not a native Hawaiian, however in my interactions with Hawaii and the native Hawaiians I know that I have the aloha spirit! In addition, I have spent hundreds of hours doing research on the Environmental Impact Study and what the consequences would be of tearing down the stairs. I've spoken first hand with individuals that are experts in their field of invasive plant species in hawaii, and specifically on Oahu.

Tearing down the stairs does not solve any problem, in fact tearing the stairs down only makes the situation worse. In order to restore the natural habitat of what the Aina used to be will require time and if not done will only make things worse in the Haiku Valley and eventually affect the rest o the island.

I know that many people are concerned about individuals climbing the stairs and going through neighborhoods.

1--People will still continue to climb the front side or backside whether there are stairs or not.

2- Almost Every hike in Hawaii is accessed through a neighborhood/park/ or other area that is similar to that.

I am happy to send in a more in-depth testimonial with all of my findings, but will let this suffice as a simply and powerful testimonial to keep the stairs and to find an alternative option.

Daniel Ostler  
801-669-6039

**From:** [tara penton](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:47:21 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

To whom it may concern:

The Haiku Stairs are a historical and cultural landmark, and it would be a devastating loss to the community if they were removed. Please respect the significance of this site and do not move forward with the plans for removal.

Thank you.

**From:** [Steve](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I love this amazing hike and encourage it to be open to all to experience.  
Steven Malecki



**From:** [Arthur Eberhardt](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Arthur Eberhardt](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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The Haiku Stairs should be destroyed to prevent further costs to both the BWS and the City and County of Honolulu.

- Why shift Repair/ Maintenance and Liability costs to the City and County of Honolulu who can not manage existing parks and facilities?
- The Haiku neighbors will experience trespassing, vandalism and property damage similar to Property owners have experienced in Maunawili.
- EMS and the Fire Department will by responding to increase in emergency calls (similar to Maunawili).

By removal of the stairs it would eliminate all future liability and costs.

Art Eberhardt

**From:** [Robin Metcalf](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Aloha Board,

Haiku Stairs is a unique, beautiful, historic landmark on Windward Oahu. It would be such a shame to remove them when a balanced solution can be reached. Hikers would readily pay an entrance and parking fee. The numbers of hikers can be regulated to accommodate disruptions to the neighborhood. It just seems like a win-win solution. Please do not destroy this one of a kind hike and landmark. It's worth saving!

Mahalo,

Robin Metcalf

Kailua, Hawaii

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Iza Clark](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:43:57 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Please keep the Haiku Stairs! It is a highly unique state treasure that should be preserved and not destroyed! I have not experienced the stairs personally, but it is a beautiful monument that I deeply appreciate. I believe it should be preserved and that there are feasible ways to maintain it.

Iza Clark

**From:** [Gerald Melanson - 9PRE](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:40:06 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose removal of the stairs. I have been blessed to have traversed the stairs over the many years since the early 1980s. It is a special place going up and down the stairs, and of course at the top. I am hoping there is a way where the stairs can be retained and maintained for future generations to experience. I understand the liability and maintenance concerns, but know through community and organizational support, that this matter can be addressed to the satisfaction of all concerned. I ask that you keep open to this avenue, and earnestly work towards that. Possibly release easement for the stairs to the State or City, or organization, willing to maintain the stairs and liability accordingly. Your consideration is appreciated.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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Gerald "Joe" Melanson  
Federal Realty Specialist, FAC-C/COR/PM  
(415)238-0890 cell

**From:** [Gloria-Leilani Palma](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:13:56 AM  
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Aloha,

Testimony attached for today's BWS meeting. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!

Mahalo,  
Gloria Palma

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**Gloria-Leilani Palma** | she/her/hers  
Student Bar Association President, '20-'21  
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**From:** [Carol L Bell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors

My testimony is below or attached.

Please keep these amazing stairs.

I have friends and family that have hiked them and we plan a trip just to be able to hike them. They are a treasure.

Thank you,

Carol Lemke

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Karen Oliveira](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Please don't shut down the haiku stairs. It's part of the history in Hawaii. Can't you find a way to charge a little something for those going up there which could cover safety issues and parking? Thank you for not shutting down another beautiful part of Hawaii.

Karen OliveiraSpofford  
Sent from Karen's iPhone

**From:** [Ed Mersino](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:14:07 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

I Strongly urge the Board to vote to transfer the Haiku Stairs to the City Department of Parks. The Stairs are important historically and are an amazing asset that should not be destroyed.

Living in an area near the trail head of a heavily hiked trail I understand the problems the neighborhood has with trespassers and inconsiderate hikers. However having hike the Stairs many years ago when the Coast Guard managed the area, I also know there are ways to access the Stairs without impacting the neighborhood.

If a responsible entity manages the Stairs all of the neighborhood's objects could be addressed in a satisfactory way.

The City and County of Honolulu spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair the Stairs. Why throw that investment away?

Thank you for your important work.

Sincerely,

Edwin Mersino



**From:** [GB](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I have lived in Kaneohe or kahaluu for the last 36 years. I have enjoyed watching peoplr, including my family members traverse those stairs with no difficulties and no problems for years. I would like to see the stairs be opened to visitors and kamaaina alike. A plan to manage the number of people traversing it daily would add some control to managing numbers of people climbing the stairs. As well as having the traveler pay for any rescue that resulted from their climb.

Gary Burbage  
45-538b paleka road  
Kaneohe  
808-343-9266

**From:** [Doug Walker](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:08:20 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

The stairs, like many issues, have become a pawn in a multi-disciplined world of unneeded politics and unwanted communications. The bottom line here is the fact that the stairs are a state asset that promotes adventure, history, exercise and potential revenue. The thought that the stairs should be removed is irresponsible and shortsighted. A solution should have been adopted and implemented years ago. Simply put, the stairs stay. Run with it. Make it work.

Thanks, Doug Walker,  
Kalapana, HI.  
(808.965.0893).

If you need management leadership, let me know, I'll volunteer to manage them. And I'll make money for the state.

**From:** [Ann McBirnie](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below:

I am an 84 year-old part-Hawaiian lifetime resident of Kailua. Haiku Stairs have always been (albeit small) part of my life. First as a youngster in awe of the idea that those stairs were the “stairway to heaven”. Then as a teen-ager / young adult marveling at the fact that someone had actually built those stairs and understanding why. Finally, in my 50’s, actually climbing “the Haiku stairs”! The thrill of accomplishment was nothing compared to the awesome view of our island home. It would be a travesty to dismantle the stairs. But, not only because of the view. Taken in a greater context, because of the significance during WWII. Yes, there will be cost for continuing maintenance; but this cost is nothing relative to the over-arching cost to our history if this monument is destroyed. And, the stairs are just that - a monument. It would be like destroying the USS Arizona. The stairs may not be as well-recognized as the USS Arizona; but they are, indeed a monument. At the time, built out of necessity; but in time, to become recognized as a tribute to our efforts to fend off enemy attacks. They are far more than offering a spectacular view; they are a part of Hawaii’s proud history.

Sincerely,  
Ann McBirnie

**From:** [S. PORTER](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs. My testimony is be

BWS,

Stephen Porter, former resident. My father and uncle were both stationed at the HAIKU BASE doing communication and navigation. I worry with Hawaii's record of budget irresponsibility, of maintaining anything on the island. Since there has been wide spread vandalism of the OMEGA/LORAN site, the prudent decision should be remove the stairs. My groupe repeated approach Lingle/Abercrombie and Ege, with a plan to take over and also alleviate any traffic to the area, all of them answer with how much money can we make, so my honest and professional opinion is take it down. It was a giant waste of tax payer dollars to install the curren delaptated stairway, and it's going to rob the tax payers more to remove. I believe the term fiscal irresponsible is the new term. But in reality, I represent a group of veterans and active duty that had a plan to open the entire property as a cold war museum, a camp site, rec-facility, and have a gondola to the first platform, we registered as a non-profit, but non-veteran self serving types wanted money for themselves to help...please, remove the stairs, no more liability, no more fines, no more harassment of the residents, no more Kamehama estate asking how much they can skim from the project. If hikers want to enjoy the view, they should access either tripler, or Kalihi.

Thank you and stay safe

**From:** [Sharron McMorrow](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:05:16 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I hiked Haiku Stairs about 35 years ago with my family including a 12 year old son and 7 year old daughter. At that time it was legal with parking and sign at the Coast Guard Station in the valley. It was a great hike and we did not encounter any one else on the trail.

Now that it has become so popular and no longer operated by the Coast Guard it seems that parking in the adjoining neighborhood is the biggest problem facing the "Stairway". Who owns the land once occupied by the Coast Guard? If the "Stairway" could use some of that land for parking then there would not be a problem in the neighborhood. I don't know what's going on on that land but if it were available that would surely solve the biggest hurdle to having the "Stairway" open.

Respectfully yours,  
Sharron McMorrow  
Kaneohe

**From:** [Alex Mench](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below.

As a kid the stairs was one of our favorite hikes growing up. It allowed families to come together and do challenging hikes and see majestic views of Kaneohe bay. I understand the concerns of the neighborhood, above privacy, unfortunately the islands are too small and the wonders too vast not to share such places with the entire community. I don't believe removing the stairs will actually discourage hiking on that trail. Instead of hiking up a set of stairs, people will carve their own path up the mountain. The removal of the stairs, won't eliminate the liability or burden of a security guard on the BWS. I believe the money would be better spent repairing the existing staircase and creating a better parking arrangement with that neighborhood. I would support parking or trail access fees with the aim of opening the hike to residents again!

Alex Mench  
808-726-1545  
[alexbmench@gmail.com](mailto:alexbmench@gmail.com)

**From:** [Jeni Kendrick](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

**From:** [June Anne](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:03:36 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

These stairs are not only in beautiful land and offer peace to all that hike there but also a part of Americans history of fighting for freedom that we won. I would be willing to participate in finding funding to help maintain the stairs and wells as creating a how to operate. Please save the stairs.

June Garbayo

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



**From:** [Vickie Chance](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I believe the stairs should be saved. They are apart if our history.

Thanks,

Vickie Chance.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mark Baker](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:55:50 PM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

The stairs are landmark locally, nationally, and I suspect worldwide. It would be a travesty to remove them.

If the problem is related to parking in the neighborhood there are much better solutions. I expect there are tour vendors who are willing to coordinate pickup and drop-off of clients. Permits could be issued like they are for camping in a state park.

Thank you, if you would like further clarification please let me know.

Mark Baker, MD

34 Puukani Pl., Kailua. 96734

808 – 754 – 4456

**From:** [Juan Jimenez](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:54:02 PM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I have been on the stairway hike several times as probably most of your own children have! This is a historic site and to think that you want to tear it down for your own selfish release of liability is absurd! We the people demand you as our public servants to listen to our voice and let us be free and just! If someone dies off the stairways then they knew the consequences of their own risk in climbing the stairway! This is not your responsibility! If someone drowns in the ocean are you going to close the ocean to us? Please listen to our calling or you will be voted out by the people from your office!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Chris](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:35:10 PM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

The “stairway to heaven” is an iconic Hawaiian historical landmark. The State could set up a limited use program that could turn a profit. Keep it open and share it with the people. It is a once in a lifetime event.

Chris Cerwonka  
540 840 8402

**From:** [Jeff Pompadur](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs testimony  
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ACCESS ROAD - Please consider the possible use of the former H-3 construction road that terminated near the current Likelike to H-3 on ramp.

Please make the Stairway available to the public.

Aloha,

Debra and Jeff Pompadur  
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**From:** [John Alford](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Aloha,

Make no mistake about it, the Haiku Stairs is a world class hiking experience.

We are interested in seeing the Haiku Stairs being saved and open to the public and even open to obtaining a permit for commercial eco-tourism as a fee based use. As a commercial hiking company, we would be willing to incorporate safety harnesses and helmets to our guided tours as an add next level safety precautions and eliminate potential fall hazards in the steep sections. As a kama'aina owned eco-tour company here on O'ahu for the past 21 years, we have proudly worked with several private land owners to share authorized guided access to remote areas of the island. Since 1999, we have worked with Kualoa Ranch, Paradise Park, Kamehameha Schools, Koolau Golf Course and carry commercial permits from Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

I strongly believe we (Hawaii) should look at models used in other areas of the world that offer even more extreme hiking in much more extreme conditions such as Via Ferrata being used in the US, Canada and Europe. We can continue to improve the hiking experience and possibly provide even more services listed below.

There are so many ideas that would improve and preserve the historical areas along this epic hike.

First, just repair/replace the bent hand rails near the lower section of the stairs.

Future investments could include:

The CCL structure and cable house structure on the ridge could become temporary warming shelters to get in out of the wind/rain. The larger shelter could even be converted to provide overnight accommodations.

The historical Transmitter Building located on the valley floor could become a restaurant for indoor/outdoor/rooftop dining.

We have something very special here and by all means, we should protect it at all cost and if we included the later, the business model could pay dividends long into the future.

Mahalo for hearing our voices.

John Alford  
President

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**From:** [Voorhees, Kenneth J CIV USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI \(USA\)](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my support for the City of Honolulu's purchase of the Haiku Stairs for the purposes of maintaining a supervised recreational "trail".

In my view, access to the stairs would be by reservation and guided by a paid or volunteer person, who is trained (including safety/EMT-type training) and capable of guiding small groups up and back down the stairs.

Hawaii residents would be offered a kama'aina discount (or not charged at all), while tourists and out-of-state visitors would pay regular rates (kind of like is done with public golf courses). Such "climbing fees" would cover maintenance and liability insurance.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel it would be beneficial.

Respectfully,

Ken  
808-354-2619



**From:** [Dawn Yoshimura](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:23:04 AM

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Aloha e

I am writing in SUPPORT OF REMOVING the stairs. I am a lifelong resident of Kane'ohe and have myself gone up when a teen with my church youth group many years ago so I understand the allure and excitement with the idea of climbing this trail but I hope today, you will take the decision to remove the stairs permanently.

My reason is that there are TOO MANY disrespectful and careless lolo who go up there. They disrespect property by trespassing, nature by going off trail, and our first responders by having to go rescue lolo who get into trouble up there.

It happens TOO OFTEN and I get PTS when helicopters fly overhead, because I wonder if I will see on the evening news of a rescue, or when a search and rescue is under way, like for that Big Island guy that was never found--it was WEEKS of drones, dogs, helicopters and seeing people on the stairs and neighboring ridges looking for him---it now causes me anguish not joy when I look at that stairs everytime I drive on H3 and if I happen to spot hikers I can't stop worrying about them until I get home and see there is NO news. Please make back into a monument of beauty and remove the stairs!

I support the proposal by Kualoa Ranch to create an attraction that would give visitors and hikers the opportunity to climb safely to a peak and vantage point to see our beautiful Ko'olau and moana surrounding us. At least they can make people sign safety waivers, listen to safety advice and bring in some needed income to local business.

AGAIN< PLEASE CLOSE THE STAIRS,  
mahalo

Dawn Yoshimura  
46-151 Alaloa Street  
Kaneohe HI 96744

**From:** [Barroga, Rogelio B JR CIV USN \(USA\)](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Robles, Victor M Jr CIV USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI \(US\)](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:54:53 AM

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Honolulu Board of Water Supply members,

We ask that you kindly consider our comments and reevaluate your decision to permanently close down Haiku Stairs. With tourism being our largest economic source in Hawaii, it is important that we begin to implement an influx of attractions to lure visitors in hopes of rebuilding our economy after this pandemic. The Haiku Stairs would be an attractive draw for eco-tourism and can easily provide a boost to our economy. The attraction also offers a variety of educational purposes to our community. Haiku Stairs offers spectacular views giving observers an opportunity to have a unique vantage point to view the geology, and plant life of the Windward Oahu. Haiku Stairs symbolizes the true natural beauty of our Aina and it would be a shame to not have the chance to share such a marvel to our future generations.

Very Respectfully,

**Rogelio (RJ) Barroga Jr**  
Human Resources Assistant  
DCHR Staff  
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**From:** [Janine Sherry-Honderick](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:56:43 PM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

To whom it may concern,

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE HAIKU STAIRS!**

The stairs are my son and I's favorite adventure. We do not go through the neighborhood and do not disrupt anyone at 4am. We respectfully climb the stairs and always bring trash down.

The stairs should be cherished for an engineering feat and a wonder of Hawaii.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Tim and Nate Honderick

**From:** [Suzi Griffith](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:54:35 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

Please make the Haiku Stairs a part of the Parks Department so they can be maintained by the Parks Department. This is an important area for hikers to enjoy and should be maintained for safety and the ability for all to enjoy. Especially in our changing times, we need to be able to explore outdoor areas for exercise and emotional health.

Susan Griffith  
500 Lunalilo Home Rd 13f  
Honolulu HI 96825

**From:** [Jana Leuschen](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:31:38 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs. My testimony is below or attached.

The stairs are of huge historical significance and should not be removed. Further, they bring in tourists and much needed dollars. The economy is in the toilet right now. The stairs should be promoted to bring in more dollars, once tourism can be safely promoted, at a time when \$ are much needed.

**From:** [Donna Punzal](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:43:59 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I was born & raised here & am an avid hiker, here in Hawaii, Japan & California.

I love my island home. It angers then saddens me how un-Pono hikers can be. Every trail, state & private, even mountain trails, hikers leave trash or pick then trash flowers, ti , maile, etc.

The internet shows the beauty of the trails & even how to get around guards (ie Haiku Stairs).

To say that this trail can be managed is a farce. People, being people, there will always be scofflaws. The attitude of people has changed, & sadly, not for the better. Just for bragging rights, to say they did it or to get the Instagram shot, but do they really appreciate the land?

Do they respect the land?

Can they be responsible for the land?

Can they love the land & be/act Pono?

Mahalo,  
Donna Punzal

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**From:** [Kristi Layman](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or

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**From:** [Zak Silker](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
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I Oppose removal of the stairs.

The stairs are iconic and should be made public. If the stairs were open to the public, hikers would not trespass. If the stairs are removed, hikers will continue to attempt to hike the trail left behind.



**From:** [Chris Lee](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Lee Chris](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony  
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Representative Chris Lee  
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee  
[replee@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:replee@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Aloha,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter. I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed removal of the Haiku Stairs (stairs) for these four reasons.

First, I have long represented communities on the windward side of the island and over many years have had several discussions with the BWS about transferring control and jurisdiction of the stairs to other entities who can provide for the safe operation, maintenance and proper access to the facility that addresses the ingress and egress issues raised by some of the immediately adjacent neighbors. While I appreciate that BWS was publicly open to the discussion at the time, at least in these interactions behind the scenes in which I was involved, no sincere effort was ever made by the BWS to actually followup or pursue any of the options that we brought before it as we endeavored to establish real alternatives.

Second, millions of dollars have been spent establishing and maintaining the stairs as a resource for all taxpayers. Should the BWS decide to remove the stairs, it should not only absorb the cost of removal which should not be passed on to ratepayers since alternative options continue to exist, but it should also repay the full investment made into the stairs by the City and County and others in recent decades. This is public funding spent for a public resource which the BWS seeks now to eliminate. Therefore, that full value should be returned to taxpayers for use improving other parks or recreational facilities.

Third, The precedent set by choosing to finance the removal of the stairs rather than pursuing an alternative, the expenditure it creates, and particularly the loss of value for the investment made by the City and County and others over the years in this resource calls into question what sort of financial partner the BWS may be to other entities. The stairs can be an easy revenue generator if managed properly as has been demonstrated at numerous sites of interest and value elsewhere. The BWS also regularly leverages state resources such as loans, revolving, funds, and others in regular operation. How this can continue without greater scrutiny or regular audit, after the BWS chooses to spend millions unnecessarily at a great loss to taxpayers and ratepayers, when alternatives for cheaper management and revenue generation have existed and continue to exist, is questionable.

Finally, in recent years I have worked with and alongside the Board of Water Supply (BWS) addressing the Red Hill fuel leak issue. I have passed legislation to ensure the BWS a formal seat at the table in negotiations, discussions, and pushed as hard as I could to adopt the recommendations of the BWS for a secondary containment system to protect BWS customers on the island of Oahu. While cheap fixes to the Red Hill storage tanks may save some money now, it will cost significantly more in the long run to cut corners and take the easy way out, instead of double lining appropriately. The long term cost when a new leak occurs will be

borne not only by the BWS but also likely by federal, state, and county governments. It would be a loss to taxpayers all around.

Should the BWS choose to move forward with removal of the stairs, it will be seeking a similar short-term solution resulting in a long term loss in resources and value to federal, state, and county taxpayers, and will undermine the entire premise we built our case upon to push the Navy and Department of Health to avoid cutting corners and instead seek real fixes at Red Hill. When the BWS similarly chooses to cut corners in its own projects to the detriment of taxpayers, all credibility is lost.

Alternatives to removal exist that address the issues of liability, access, and others which have been raised. For all these reasons, I stand strongly opposed to the removal of the stairs at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

**From:** [Justin K](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Ha'iku Stairs Testimony/Vote  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:22:09 AM

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Please acknowledge his email to serve as testimony regarding the fate of the Ha'iku Stairs.

It is my opinion that Option 2, conveyance of the Ha'iku Stairs to a public or private entity (as provided in the Final Environmental Impact Statement) is the appropriate course of action.

Aloha,  
Justin Killingsworth  
808-342-0343

**From:** [Karen Galut](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs Testimony--Support Removal  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:26:37 AM

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I would like to submit testimony to the Board of Water Supply Board of Directors regarding Haiku Stairs.

My testimony is below or attached.

I support removal of Haiku Stairs.

HPD presence and a guard at Haiku Stairs has not deterred illegal hikers and neither will managed access. Liability (aka getting sued) from a hiker(s) trespassing on my property is my main concern. I installed a 4' chain link fence, posted "no trespassing" and "beware of dog" signs and hikers have still climbed over my fence to cut through my property.

The 2 most recent incidences happened at night:

- 1) My neighbor's security camera has a video of hikers hunkering down below my living room window sill (while I was talking to my girlfriend in my living room) attempting to get back to the street.
- 2) While talking to my neighbor, 3 men came from the back area of my house and startled us while we were standing in my driveway. They admitted they had scaled my locked fence because it was "shorter" than the BWS roadway gate fence.

These were not tourists, these were local people that have no respect for private property. What makes anyone think that managed access will deter hikers?

Other concerns include:

- 1) Lives of HPD/HFD personnel that need to rescue hikers even in inclement weather.
- 2) Blocking of my driveway by HFD, HPD, and other rescue vehicles because I live close to the BWS roadway.
- 3) Cars blocking my driveway and on a rare occasion, my garbage can. I fear retaliation so I don't call HPD to have cars towed.
- 4) Trash, including: cans, water bottles, slippers, 2 pairs of hiking shoes, human excrement covered by tissue, walking sticks, etc.
- 5) Dogs barking all hours of the night, especially early in the morning.
- 6) Overzealous neighbors for/against the Haiku Stairs pitted against each other because they don't call HPD when they see hikers or "allow" hikers access through their

property.

- 7) Exchanges of neighbors/hikers yelling/swearing at each other.

The bottom line is: What guarantees do homeowners have that they won't get sued by a hiker (trespassing through their property to access Haiku Stairs) that gets hurt? Is managed access going to resolve this issue? I seriously doubt it.

Karen Galut

**From:** [Leslie Griffin](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs to heaven  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:18:07 AM

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Aloha

I have had the opportunity to hike the infamous "Stairwell to Heaven". It has a BEAUTIFUL view of the Koolaus, but like anything else the upkeep of maintaining the stairs, the surrounding vegetation, and the liability of persons being injured or death.

The purpose of the stairwell by the BWS is no longer needed (not essential), it is now used for photo bombing (non-essential) by persons disregarding the signage to KEEP OUT!

Although, it has been a landmark for generations. I strongly feel that the RISKS outweighs the REWARDS and BWS MUST decommission THEIR STRUCTURE!!!

**From:** [David and Karin Brown](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:46:57 AM

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I can almost guarantee that anyone who has ever hiked Haiku Stairway will be in favor of maintaining it. The views are magnificent. It seems to me that almost a million dollars was spent in restoring the stairs, what a waist if they were dismantled! Yes, proper ingress and parking has to be provided for, but please maintain the stairway for our future generations!!

David L Brown  
KANEOTE

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**From:** [Jean Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:26:58 AM

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Aloha Board Members,

Thank you for continuing your important work through this difficult time. I am writing to provide my thoughts on the Haiku Stairs.

I hiked them once, back in the 1980s when the Coast Guard controlled access. It was a safe and wonderful experience. I would wholeheartedly endorse finding a third party operator to operate and maintain the stairs for public access in a manner that does not adversely impact the neighborhood or nearby school.

If this is not possible, I'm afraid I would support removing the stairs, heartbreaking as that would be. The BWS should not have to shoulder this burden that is well outside their mission.

Please stay safe and thank you for accepting my thoughts.

Aloha,  
Jean Campbell  
Kailua, Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Douglas Vollrath](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:03:35 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please do whatever it takes to preserve the Haiku Stairs because once they are gone they will be gone forever. The views are breathtaking and with the stairs and handrails it is much safer than the Koko Head stairs. Mayor Caldwell and Councilman Ikaika Anderson are very powerful and are able to make land deals to secure this as seen in examples in Waimanalo neighborhoods with zoning changes.

Mahalo,

Douglas Vollrath

**From:** [Mike Weston](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:40:57 AM

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I have a very fond memory of climbing the haiku stairs in the early 1980's, while visiting my college roommate who was from here (I am pretty sure it would have been 1982). My wife and I moved here a couple of months ago, and I would love the opportunity to climb the stairs again. Thanks for looking for a way to make this happen.

-- Michael Weston (96822)

**From:** [John Berry](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:51:09 AM

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I think they should renovate the stairs and open to the public. The stairs have been there since the 1940's, they are part of Oahu's history.

Thank You

John Berry  
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Honolulu, HI 96826

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**From:** [Bill Orr](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:39:05 AM

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The Haiku stairs are a beautiful and safe way to experience the fantastic views, fresh air and wilderness of Hawaii. I am sure that the state could implement a fee based system with a simple app that provides for fee collection, safety acknowledgment, risk waiver etc. the funding could be used for maintenance... though I believe there is enough desire to keep it open that donations would easily cover and initial maintenance and safety repairs.

Bill Orr  
PO Box 894  
Kailua.

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**From:** [kiele627@aol.com](mailto:kiele627@aol.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
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Aloha!

It is imperative to reopen and make Haiku Stairs a legal, safe area to hike and enjoy for residents especially.

Many of us have wonderful experiences fond and memories of enjoying the stairs to heaven!  
We need to make this experience enjoyable for generations to come!

Mahalo, Debbie Waitley  
(808)756-8645  
521 Hahaione Street 8F  
Honolulu, HI 96825

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**From:** [Peter Ehrhorn](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:34:25 AM

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Please be advised that I favor keeping the stairs. In this time of falling tourism, I don't think it is wise to do away with one of the best attractions on Oahu.

**From:** [Frank Buty](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:00:26 PM

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Aloha. We realize that the BWS is in the business of providing water not running a hiking adventure, however, we believe that the stair feature should be preserved and NOT removed. We don't know if it would be economically feasible to lease it to a private operator who could use it for an adventure venue like a zip line but suggest that it be explored. If not, perhaps a join venture with the BWS with the private entity operating the trail. It would be a crime to tear it down. Thank you.

Frank and Carlene Buty  
Waikiki, HI

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**From:** [Robles, Victor M Jr CIV USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI \(US\)](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:33:33 AM

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I hope you keep Haiku stairs and open it up to the public with stricter guidelines. Maybe we could purchase a permit that is good for certain time periods. The funds could go and fix our potholes, or restore the stairs. There are plenty of ways to make this safe and enjoyable for everyone. This is a historic site.

V/r, Victor



**From:** [Catherine Elaban](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:33:28 AM

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To whom it may concern,  
I would like the Haiku stairs to be preserved as this is historical. Also transferring it to the city and county of Honolulu will be good.  
Mahalo,  
Catherine Elaban

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**From:** [MARSHALL GOOCH](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
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Please, just use common sense and the decision is not difficult.

You don't put a Diamond Head Crater like hike in a residential area. Crowds, traffic, parking, liability, maintenance, security. That many people on a narrow stairway! How are you going to keep unfit people from going up?

I hiked it many years ago. Yes, it is breathtaking, but one of the main reasons I went was because it was there. Take it away and it won't be missed. Looking back if I hadn't gone, I would not regret not ever going up. There are other existing trails with spectacular views from the Koolau ridge. Spend the money maintaining trails and creating new ones.

In fact, a good place for a new hike is Old Pali Road, Kaneohe side, in back of Pali Golf Course. No houses, already a paved road, just needs a parking area. Useful, easy walk for most people and for walking dogs.

I have just about lost faith in the local government's ability to make logical decisions. Either that they don't decide and just pass it off to someone else. This should have been decided back in Jeremy Harris's day. So be resolute, take the heat, so we can put this to rest and move on.

Hoping for the best (in futility?),  
Marshall Gooch

**From:** [shirleyinhi@aol.com](mailto:shirleyinhi@aol.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
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Please decide on removal. They have been a problem for too long. A nuisance for the residents in the area and a nuisance for rescue providers. If people want to climb a mountain, use a nice trail.....not some man made stairs that do not belong there.

Shirley Hasenyager  
Kailua Hawaii

Shirley Hasenyager  
[shirleyinhi@aol.com](mailto:shirleyinhi@aol.com)  
808-295-7061

**From:** [Bob Gabler](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
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Open the stairs. If you are worried about too much walking traffic then make the stairs available for those people that live on the islands of Hawaii only.

It is especially important in these times that we honor the places that the people living in Hawaii feel have been both in the past and present a part of their parents and their lives. Other cities are rioting. Don't give our citizens another reason to be angry by taking away an important part of their lives.

Bob Gabler

**From:** [Graham, Joan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:08:27 AM

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As a Hawaii resident and a person who enjoys being in the outdoors .

I think that the stairs should remain and maintained by the city / county or the state .

A fee could be charged just like any other attraction for maintaining and security.

This is a unique opportunity to see an area of the island not normally available

Sincerely

Joan Graham, Realtor, RB 18516  
Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties  
cell: 808 228-8444

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smart phone

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**From:** [Ving Yamamoto](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
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don't waste this valuable asset.

Charge entry. More for visitors.

Amount should pay for security, shuttle from a parking area, cost of parking, maintenance for the stairs. NO parking in the neighborhood.

Establish towing guidelines.

Shuttle entry will allow check on proper hiking attire and water, etc.

Strict what you take in you take out rule.

No tour buses.

Thank you,  
Irving Hirata  
Mililani

**From:** [Coranne Park-Chun](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
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Haiku stairs has been trampled and trashed by disrespectful hikers even to this day.

They jeopardize themselves because of their stupidity and does not care if they jeopardize our Honolulu Fire Department.

It is not their refuge, this is part of our home.

I SAY TAKE IT DOWN AND LET THE LAND HEAL.

Ua mau keia o ka aina i ka pono.

**From:** [JIM haas](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
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We want the stairs given to the City ,opened & maintained for everyone's use!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Martin & Lyn Haas



**From:** [williewang77@gmail.com](mailto:williewang77@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
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**From:** [Chris Meheula](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
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To Whom It May Concern,

Born and raised in the city of Kaneohe, I grew up running around different trails of the Ko'olau mountains and I strongly oppose the removal of the Haiku Stairs.

I understand the dangers it presents, especially in the world of social media today. But there should be able to be regulations and a way the city could use it to create income rather than SPEND money to get rid of something that the entire world finds to be incredible.

I've been lucky enough to travel to many countries, and see them use what they have correctly. Take for instance the Rock of Gibraltar, or Quinta da Regaleira in Portugal, the Great Wall of China, etc.

We need to come up with a more inventive way to make it WORK FOR US instead of wasting money, let's start making money and creating jobs while we're at it.

There's dozens of officials and an entire Authority in charge of Hawai'i Tourism. Start making better choices and DO NOT REMOVE THE HAIKU STAIRS.

Mahalo for your time and energy.

BIG Aloha!  
Christopher Meheula

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**From:** [Jo Ann Villarmia](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:29:41 AM

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I vote to keep the trail intact and made available for public use.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [McKay Murdock](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:28:58 AM

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Aloha Board of Water Supply,

I was born here on Oahu and feel very strongly about the unique beauty, vistas, beaches, and adventures our island offers. As a community, we have seen the last 2 months how important tourism is to our local economy. Managed correctly, The Haiku Stairs would be responsible for countless millions in tourism and tax revenue to our island. To dismantle the Haiku stairs without TRYING the third party avenue is wrong. The fact that 14 contractors expressed interest in taking on the stairs tells us it's worth pursuing. Go through the bid process. Let's figure out how to make it work so the homeowners in the Haiku area don't have people parking all over the place ALL the time! It's a huge nuisance for that community because of the parking and trespassing. When I climbed the stairs with my brother years ago, we got dropped off and didn't walk through anybody's yard. There are ACRES of open area at the base of the stairs where you could have shuttle drop off, staging area, etc.

At the top of The Stairs, I met people from all over the world. Hiking The Stairs is the SOLE purpose of some tourists trip to Oahu.

To lose this iconic Oahu landmark would be so sad. My plea is to make The Haiku Stairs safe, get foot and vehicle traffic out of the Haiku neighborhood, and keep this amazing asset so it can be enjoyed by future generations!

Mahalo,  
McKay Murdock

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**From:** [Tom Ching](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:28:24 AM

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**TO whom it may concern**

**I think this is a treasure that the people of the world need to be able to experience.**

**Back in the early 80 when the Coast Guard controlled the land, you could register and sign waver and**

**hike the stairs,**

**NO WHERE in world can you experience the beauty this has to offer!!!**

**We need managed access**

**It would be a shame to tear down this hidden treasure**

**I live near the bottom of the stairs and the key is controlled access**

**Limits and protecting the right of all**

**Thank you,**

**Tom Ching**

**From:** [Randall Yanagi](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:26:29 AM

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Dear Board Members,

Please decide to dismantle the Haiku Stairs because it is dangerous for hikers. The mayor's idea of a private-public partnership will not exempt the taxpayers of Honolulu from lawsuits. Maintenance will be costly. We taxpayers need tax relief especially because of the costs of operating and maintenance of the rail system.

One more thing, if the Haiku Stairs are not dismantled people will still trespass other people's property and if someone needs rescue it will put first responders at great risk.

Please have the courage to make the right decision because this will greatly affect the taxpayers of the City and County of Honolulu forever!

Mahalo,  
Randall

**From:** [Earl Lau](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
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**From:** [Yvonne Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:15:21 AM

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Having climbed the stairs several times while they were controlled by the Coast Guard, I write with some knowledge of the subject. It appears that the City and County of Honolulu is bent on the destruction of the stairs. The objections to the stairs seem to circle around three things: 1 Liability - This was not a problem when the Coast Guard controlled the stairs. Before the ascent, one signed a waiver at the Coast Guard building accepting the risks and absolving anyone other than oneself of blame.

2 Neighborhood objections - Again this was not a problem when run by the Coast Guard. Parking was at the Coast Guard building and did not require trespass on private property. That area can still be used and can be used as a security/entrance fee station.

3 Cost - An entrance fee (such as Diamond Head) could be charged to help defray costs and pay for security. I would not object to my tax money being used to fund maintenance and security. We seem to have billions of dollars to support a never ending make-work project (the train), but a fraction of that for the stairs is a stumbling block? That sounds fishy to me. If we are going to put all our eggs in one basket (tourism), and it appears we are (eg. chasing away the TMT), then we should maintain these stairs which are a rather unique entity.

Gregory B. Wilson



**From:** [Thomas Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:22:14 AM

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Honolulu Board of Water Supply,

I would like to express my opinion on the Haiku Stairs. I think the Stairs should remain. The Honolulu Board of Water Supply should:

- 1) Provide proper maintenance and inspection of the “Stairs” for the safety of those individuals who choose to use them.
- 2) Explore methods which would allow individuals who choose to use the “Stairs” which would hold the individual totally responsible for their own actions in doing so.

Even though I have not personally hiked the “Stairs“, I would very much like to in the future. I think it would be a shame to lose this unique asset, which provides such a marvelous hiking experience, with its magnificent views of Kaneohe Bay and the windward side of O’ahu.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Thomas G Henderson  
47-584 Maiapilo Way  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jorene Hewett](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:10:23 AM

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I am in favor of removing the stairs.

At this point no more damage to the flora and fauna should continue. No more risky and dangerous rescues should continue. No more intrusive behavior to the residents that live there should continue.

For years people have made the conscience choice to break the law. What makes you think they will follow the rules if you keep the stairs. We are a small community and we do not need a so called tourist attraction to clog our streets, create more traffic and intice more criminal activities in our neighborhoods.

Bottom line, the stairs was built for a reason and purpose and that purpose is no longer needed. Please remove the stairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jorene Hewett  
Kaneohe Resident

**From:** [Lauren Folsland](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:14:54 AM

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Aloha,

As an avid hiker and resident of Oahu, I think the stairs should be opened to the public. I think that either the Board of Water Supply or whoever will own the property next should be charging a fee to allow hikers to hike and also have them apply online for a permit and sign a waiver. The fee can go towards maintenance and payment for a guard to enforce the permit instead of just turning people away. Kamaaina should also be given a discount rate. With the increase in publicity of the hike from social media, tourists have come to know Haiku stairs as a bucket list hiking destination and if it were opened legally, it would help boost tourist spending. I think keeping the stairs open with strict regulations would be a win win on all sides. As more and more hikes are being shut down it is frustrating as a hiker/resident to be able to enjoy one of the best aspects of nature Hawaii has to offer. No one wants to get in trouble for enjoying a good hike so if there is a solution to make it legal, there would be less tension on both parties.

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Blessings,

-Lauren Folsland  
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**From:** [Anthony Britton](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:43:30 AM

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BWS,

If feel this is a good time to remind that the right decision is not always convenient or even popular decision. Your decision should be a balanced one that reflects the good brought into the world and not just the cost. The history of restrictions to the Haiku Stairs prevents you from having a clear demand signal. I personally have always wanted to hike the stairs, however I am a law abiding citizen. The fact that some would break the law to enjoy our islands beauty should speak to the demand and virtue if the current laws. I would be willing to pay a fee and abide by certain reasonable restrictions. I encourage you to ask not what should stop us from keeping the stairs but we can do to open them to the people of the island. The people who all public servants are ultimately accountable too.

Anthony Britton  
Kaneohe Residen

**From:** [Sean Clements](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:16:20 AM

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As a hiker. I strongly support going forward with the Haiku stairs project being open to the public. The issues of the neighborhood complaints can easily be solved by opening parking above the neighborhood and minor improvements that can be paid with a small admission fee. Look at the massive improvements done with a fee at Haunama Bay. Seems like it would be a waste of the time and effort put into refurbishing the stairs to not let people enjoy recreational activities there.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Randall Alcesto](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:50:23 AM

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This hiking trail is famous throughout the world .Even doe the hike is not for everyone . it still should be saved . Not every is able to hike this difficult trail on a daily basis . I.ve lived here all my life and the only 2 hikes that i usually do is Diamond Head and Aiea loop trail .. As for the entrance . there should be another way to enter the trail . instead of passing through the residence homes .. So the existing entrance should have a taller and stronger fence built so the hikers can't enter from there.

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**From:** [Stephanie](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:15:07 PM

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My Testimony for the Haiku Stairs: It should be closed PERMANENTLY!! The land there NEEDS to go back to "NATURE" for all to enjoy like how Nature should be!! The stairs should be taken down & give it to Kualoa Ranch they have an awesome plan for the "Stairs" & it will NOT inconvenience anyone or anything!! Please do the RIGHT THING!! Nature is calling OUT!! LET US HEAL!! Kualoa Ranch is an Awesome option!! Mahalo Steph Ku-Tangonan

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jim Cook](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:52:07 AM

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I support removing the stairs. The abuse of private property and the residents who live close has gone on long enough.



**From:** [Kathleen Wesely](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:35:49 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I want to express that I am in favor of keeping the stairs.

If there could be a legal access to the stairs made, then hikers would not have to access through a private neighborhood.

I'm in hope that a permit system can be put in place and it remain open to the public.

I am in favor of having the stairway be turned over to the City Parks Dept.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Wesely

**From:** [Jim Perry](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:42:36 AM

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To: BWS Board

From: James Perry, Honolulu

Subj: Haiku Stairs

1. Thank you for accepting my input.
2. I support the recommendation to transfer the property to the City Park & Recreation Department for the purpose of keeping the Stairs open to the public
3. I believe that the stairs have historical importance
4. I do not think that the location has any cultural significance, or that anyone would be damaged by the Stairs remaining open
5. I want to remind anyone that feels local property owners are currently being impacted by unauthorized or illegal visitors that the Stairs have been closed for decades and the illegal visits have been going on since they closed. Thus, while I sympathize with the problem, it was most likely a known problem when the property was purchased, unless the owner has been there before the stairs were installed. Any "new" owners are simply attempting to improve the value of their property at government expense.

Thank you

**From:** [Jeanine Nakakura](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:41:17 AM

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I am against keeping the Haiku Stairs for 3 reasons:

- 1) It is a liability issue; people do not follow the rules and bypass the security guard to climb the stairs;
- 2) Parking is limited and the people who live in the neighborhood deal with cars blocking their driveways, trash in their yards, and people trespassing on their properties;
- 3) Managing the property takes away resources from the BWS.

However, I would support a third-party to manage the property if:

- 1) Insurance covers liability issues;
- 2) they are self-supporting, financially;
- 3) the neighborhood is not used for parking and access to the stairs.

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2020/01/24/final-environmental-impact-statement-calls-permanent-removal-famed-haiku-stairs/>

Sincerely,  
Jeanine Nakakura

**From:** [Carla Gosline](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:53:17 AM

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Hi. I just wanted to ask the BWS please do not take down the stairs. I lived in HI for three years and hiking up the stairs was the best advert I had. Oh, I had a lot of other amazing adventures, but the hike up those stairs was the best. Even now, typing this, I get chill bumps remembering the views. It was so beautiful and peaceful. And not worrying about unstable, eroded ground or using worn out ropes made the hike up very relaxing. I was never afraid or scared. The stairs made it possible to just enjoy the hike up. I had hoped that one day I would be able to share that experience with my daughter. So, I'm asking that the stairs be left in place and maintained so that anyone who willing and able can take that hike up the Stairway to Heaven.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Alia Loder](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:46:25 AM

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Aloha,

I would like to join those who want to see the stairs ceded to the city and county and reopened. My goal of this is to show my strong support of the stairs being reopened so we can enjoy this beautiful and historic hiking location and not have them removed.

Thank you,  
Alia Loder

**From:** [Steven Pagano](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:56:51 AM

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Aloha,

I am not a hiker and have never been to the Haiku stairs. However, I believe that Mayor Caldwell's proposal seems to make the most sense. By coming under parks jurisdiction, and having transfers from a remote location, will keep any hiking orderly and safe, as well as preserve the neighborhood, with less intrusion for residents.

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**From:** [iwamasa@yahoo.com](mailto:iwamasa@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:57:45 AM

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I'm stunned that this continues to be a topic of discussion. The stairs are a unique and amazing asset to our community that provides the means for residents and visitors alike to enjoy another aspect of the beauty of Hawaii. At my age I will probably never take the opportunity to hike the stairs, but it pleases me to know that such an attraction exists. Significant taxpayer dollars were spent in years past to repair damaged and unsafe segments of the stairs, yet we now want to talk about spending big money to tear it all down? I don't see the logic in that kind of thinking. I understand that there is some impact to the immediate community, and that additional investments might be necessary to enhance security and access controls, perhaps to include parking to relieve congestion. These seem like a small price to pay to sustain a valuable resource like the stairs. The access control process should include some sort of registration and permitting, with an appropriate fee to support the use and maintenance of the stairs. How can a community that is so dependent on the visitor industry even contemplate getting rid of this asset, especially when we already have it. I think the Board of Water Supply has a unique perspective that positions them well to maintain and operate the stairs, but if they don't want it I'd like to think that the Parks department could handle it, or transfer it to a community based organization in perpetuity, as long as they are able to meet obligations for maintenance and secure operations. Come on people, we can do this!

**From:** [Brittany De Leon](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:37:33 PM

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Aloha Board of Water Supply,

I lived on Oahu for four years during college and Oahu has a very special place in my heart. One of the things I did while living in Hawaii was to climb the Haiku stairs twice. These memories are among some of the most dear to my heart. The Haiku stairs have a unique beauty and experience that is difficult to match anywhere else on the earth. I understand that there are difficulties with the neighboring area and parking, but managed well there must be a solution or way around it.

A similar situation occurred near my home state of Oregon. Parking for a particular hike was closed because residents that lived near the parking area were complaining. A different entrance to the hike still remains open and I gladly hike 6 miles extra in order to complete the hike. It seems like an entrance further away or a mandatory shuttle system could be viable options to explore.

I know that I myself and many others would pay top dollar to be able to have access to the haiku stairs again and exploring options to keep them open could greatly benefit Oahu's economy.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Brittany De Leon



**From:** [Erika Bar-David](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:55:04 AM

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Aloha, I think for everyone involved for safety reasons and out of respect for our local community it is best to remove the stairs. There have been accidents, there have been deaths there are plenty of other beautiful trails to do that are less dangerous. Besides that if someone were to get hurt, then first responders would have to come after you as well and they risk their lives for us every day. Is it right to ask that of them because you decided to do this at your own risk? If they are kept then we should have them maybe sign a waiver.

Mahalo,

Erika  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Bill Myers](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:41:00 AM

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I favor keeping the “Haiku Stairs” as some sort of park.  
Everyone agrees that the demand is HUGE.  
An example of how to proceed is “Hanauma Bay”.  
Let’s get on with it!

Bill Myers, [navigator.bill@gmail.com](mailto:navigator.bill@gmail.com) 808-294-2670

**From:** [Steve Brown](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:54:58 AM

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Aloha,

Haiku Stars is a valuable resource for hiking and tourism in Hawaii. Although currently off limits, it still draws people to the unique experience of hiking, incredible views and scenery, and a healthy workout. Every effort should be made to retain this one of a kind feature.

Mahalo  
Steve Brown

**From:** [Mia Coffman](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:26:16 AM

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Aloha,

I am asking you to please leave leave the haiku stairs. I have lived here almost 20 years and have wanted to hike them but out of respect for the home owners and the law I have not. I would love the opportunity to experience this legally one day. Please keep them in tact and transfer the responsibility to the city.

Mahalo,

Mia Coffman

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Andrew Char](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:50:14 AM

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Please repair and keep the stairs in place.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Nancy Vaughn](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:40:54 AM

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Aloha,

I think the Haiku Stairs should be maintained and open to the public.

Mahalo

Nancy Vaughn

Haiku Village, Kaneohe

**From:** [NancyAnn Souza](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:08:33 PM

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Dismantle stairs.

Respectfully,  
NancyAnn M Souza  
Resident  
Taxpayer  
Native Hawaiian

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [LONO ZANE](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Ha'iku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:09:18 AM

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How many people actually use the stairs? Maybe the HBWS should charge an admission fee to use the stairs; similar to Diamond Head and Hanauma Bay. Perhaps those fees could be used to pay for maintenance, rescue services, insurance, and fee collectors/security guards. It could be on a trial basis and if not enough fee paying hikers can cover the costs, then close the stairs permanently. Why should tax money be spent for a VERY small amount of hikers? If the "Friends of Ha'iku Stairs" would like to support the project they could be responsible for all those services.

Thank You

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**From:** [Tony Stieber](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Ha"ikū Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:41:16 AM

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Dear Madam / Sir,

Having visited and worked in various island of Hawai'i over the years, I only learned about the Ha'ikū stairs recently, and definitely plan to come to visit again climb them with my wife provided that it's legal. This would be one big attraction for us as we're more interested in hiking than in the beaches!

Please make sure that this valuable and historical asset of O'ahu becomes accessible. Even though it is not a part of Hawaiian culture heritage, it is a big asset not only to native Hawaiians but also to tourists who would like to explore the Ko'olau Mountain Range with those splendid views of O'ahu. One day, the mountain ridge trails which are currently not so accessible could become as famous and popular as the John Muir trail in California.

Best regards,

Tony Stieber  
San José  
California, USA

**From:** [Joshua Hagan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs: Intent to Provide Corporate Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:34:57 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that I, Joshua Hagan, on behalf of 4ward View Investments, do intend to provide a .PDF file of correspondence in testimony of the Board of Water Supply's inquiry into the Haiku Stairs, and acknowledge today's submission deadline of 12:00, noon, HST.

As I endeavour to do so, please await transmission of this correspondence before 12:00, noon (HST), today.

Thank you for your time.

Thanks,  
*Make it a great day!*

**Joshua Hagan**  
*Chair & C.E.O.*

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**From:** [Douglas Sim](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairway email testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:25:35 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I have been climbing the Stairway to Heaven since the 1980. This is truly a island treasure which should be shared. It allow for some of the most spectacular views in a way unattainable by hiking by the use of the stairway.

In the early years the Stairway was accessed thru the Coast Guard Omega Station which was the idea parking location as it did not encroach on the residence.

If the Stairway to Heaven is closed it will be a tragedy.

Sincerely,  
Douglas Sim  
573 Iana St  
Kailua, Hi 96734

**From:** [Gary Shizuma](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Haiku stairway removal  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:36:33 PM

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I am a resident of Kaneohe residing in the Hokulele Subdivision. Our subdivision is the closest entry point to the Haiku Stairs.

We often hear barking dogs all hours of the night due to Hikers trying to trespass thru the chainlink fences that are supposedly made to deter trespassers

I would like the Board of Water to remove the Haiku Stairs. It is my opinion that the City and County or a Private Entity will be unable to efficiently manage the use of the Haiku Stairs.

1. It would be impossible for vehicles or tourist buses to access the area without entering thru the surrounding subdivisions and creating more unwanted traffic.
2. There are so many entry points to the trail that it would be impossible to control illegal access.
3. There are no bathrooms on the trail and this is in our precious watershed area.
4. We have seen numerous rescues. The high cost of Rescues and possible lawsuits is something that the City & County cannot afford.

Sincerely,

Gary Shizuma

**From:** [Ly](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Hiking  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:06:29 PM

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PLEASE SAVE THE HAIKU STAIRS!!

It's a great opportunity for hiking and being able to explore nature and to see the beautiful views from above.

Thank you!!  
Lorna Rothstein

**From:** [Jim Simon](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** HWBS - The Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:58:24 AM

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Aloha HBWS,

I believe the Haiku Stairs are an important and unique asset on Oahu, and that the Stairs should be preserved as long as they can be renovated for safety, and that public access issues are addressed and resolved.

Transfer the stairs from HBWS. Contract to a non-profit or vendor to operate and maintain. Charge admission to pay for upkeep and operation of stairs. The Haiku Stairs are too valuable an asset to be destroyed.

Jim Simon  
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**From:** [James Metz](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose removal of the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:08:11 AM

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To Whom It MAY Concern:

I oppose removing the stairs. Not only have I climbed them since the 80's, but I know many people want to climb and surely some arrangement can be made to keep the stairs. They will never be built again. It is historically significant and people risked their lives building them. It will be sad to destroy their monument to ingenuity and bravery.

What if your father had helped build the stairs? Would you want to destroy the work of your father? How about if we talk some more and see if we can make some suitable arrangements that will please everyone. If they go they are gone forever. Why rush when we have plenty of time now to look at solutions. Please save the stairs.

Aloha,  
James Metz  
1630 Makiki Street #C-105  
Honolulu, HI 96822-4434

**From:** [Karen Tarascio](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I OPPOSE the removal of the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:54:59 AM

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Mahalo.



**From:** [Apyl Binuya](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I vote for 3rd party renovation  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:30:13 AM

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Thank you

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**From:** [mcchun2@juno.com](mailto:mcchun2@juno.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** In Favor of keeping Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:54:41 PM

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KEEP HAIKU Stairs  
thank  
Mark Chun

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**From:** [Alana Taniguchi](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** In Support of Maintaining Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:33:00 AM

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Aloha,  
Would like to provide testimony in Support of maintaining Haiku Stairs with non-profit management.

If properly managed, it can be an asset for the community and the people of the state.  
It is a beautiful space that is appreciated by anyone who goes on it.

Negative is adverse impact to neighborhood.  
A clear review of cost and management of the stairs and creation of best management practices would be required to address neighborhood concerns.  
This is a task that can be done.  
If a non-government agency can operate and manage the area, this could mitigate the burden on government management of a contentious resource.

To simply cut off access is a waste of a resource.  
Further dialog required.

Thank you,

Alana Taniguchi  
Kaneohe Resident

**From:** [Shauna Kahiapo](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** In SUPPORT of opening the stairway  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:01:49 AM

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Aloha, as a life long resident of Kaneohe, I respectfully request the Board to allow a third party to take over management of the stairway. I have been hiking there all my life and would like to continue to legally hike there. A third party can responsibly manage the stairway and alleviate the financial burden and liability to the BWS. Designating a parking lot, setting a maximum number of hikers will greatly reduce the foot traffic and nuisance to the neighbors who live around the area.

Mahalo,  
Shauna Kahiapo

**From:** [Jamie Ryan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** In Support of the Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:48:51 AM

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Aloha,

While I understand the troubles that the residents surrounding the stairs are facing, I do believe that with proper management and planning the stairs should remain. The Haiku Stairs is an iconic hike, commonly viewed on social media. Those photos are what draw in visitors to our state. Especially now, we need to highlight the beauty of our island so that hopefully, in the future, our economy can bounce back.

Furthermore, Not all hikers are trespassing and vandalizing property as well, but due to poor directions and information available, many hikers do not know where to go, resulting in improper access. If the stairs were managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation, or another third party, hikers would be better managed.

The Haiku Stairs should not be taken down, but rather repaired and managed through permits. This hike is historic and picturesque. Every effort should be made to preserve the stairs.

Jamie Ryan  
Honolulu, HI

**From:** [John Chow](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** John Chow Testimony supporting the BWS Proposed Plan  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:02:53 AM  
**Attachments:** [Removal of Haiku Stairs, John Chow Testimony.docx](#)

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To whom it may concern,

My name is John Chow a second-year student at Richardson Law School and attached is my testimony in support of the removal of the Haiku Stairs. Thank you for your time and consideration. Have a great day!

Sincerely,  
John F. Chow

**From:** [Ginger A. Kolonick](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep and restore  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:03:05 AM

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**From:** [Lisa Altieri](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Haiku stairs open  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:48:33 AM

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Aloha:

I am a lifelong O'ahu resident and now live in Kaneohe. I have always known about the Haiku stairs. It is a wonder of engineering, and a marvel to hikers. It should be maintained and kept open. Limitations on usage can be maintained through a management organization to make sure the resource isn't overused. I am in favor of keeping it open with an management organization involved.

Mahalo,

Lisa Altieri  
45-180 Mahalani Place #3  
Kaneohe, 96744  
808-561-6535



**From:** [Carol Fontanive](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Haiku Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:40:30 AM

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Please pass along this treasure to an entity that can run & maintain it for Hawaii's people.

I am opposed to the removal of Haiku Stairs.

Keep Haiku Stairs

Mahalo, Carol Fontanive

**From:** [Raynell Anes](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:06:57 AM

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Why waste an opportunity to let people legally enjoy the beauty of Oahu and turn it into revenue for the C&C of Honolulu? Even if it doesn't generate much revenue, charge enough so that the money can pay for the maintenance costs. People are willing to pay a fee just like they do for Hanauma Bay. In addition to paying a fee, hikers should sign a liability waiver and people with health conditions should be advised to not go on the hike.

I have lived here all my life and would love to do this hike to see my beautiful island home from a vantage point that I've never seen before. Please keep Haiku Stairs open for all to enjoy for generations to come.

Thank you for your time,  
Raynell

**From:** [Mark Chun](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:56:08 PM

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PLease keep haiku stairs  
there are seven people in our office that vote to keep it

thanks  
Kamaaina Dental

**From:** [Ron Warren](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:46:24 AM

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Board of Waters Supply and All Involved,

This is a true thing of beauty for all to climb.

Sometimes you (BOWS) just need to let things go and allow the Oahu Ohana to take over the Haiku Stairs. Why would we spend so much money to put in the stairs and then not use it. Also to spend more money to take it down.

Is my taxes going to be used to remove it? If it is, then I say keep it up and allow someone to manage the Haiku Stairs.

Let the people of the Islands keep the haiku Stairs up and enjoy the beauty. If I have to pay to do the hike, then I'm okay with that. I'm an avid trail runner and hiker and would love to do the Haiku Stairs legally one day.

Mahalo for allowing me to share my thoughts and passion for the Haiku Stairs!!

Aloha,  
Ronald Warren  
Mililani, Hawaii

**From:** [Terry Heckman](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:58:10 AM

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Dear BWS,

There is no reason what so ever to remove the Haiku stairs. There are several groups who have shown interest in managing and maintaining the stairs. Let them! There are other ways of accessing the trail than through the neighborhood so that is not a valid reason to dismantle them either!!

Hiking the stairs is an amazing and unique experience. I enjoyed legally hiking the trail many times in my youth (when the military managed radar station) and have been waiting patiently to be able to take my kids on it legally. Do the right thing. Let a third party manage it and allow access to legally to Haiku stairs.

Mahalo,  
Mary Heckman

**From:** [alison Aldcroft](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep open please  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:05:45 AM

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I rarely agree with the mayor, But I do like the idea of having a private party manage the stairs, control parking, numbers of people and reduce neighborhood nuisances.

Thank-you,

Alison Aldcroft

**From:** [Dan Smith](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Haiku Stairs and run by a responsible organization.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:02:16 AM

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Aloha BWS,

I have have hiked up near the stairs from the Moanalua Valley side and seen the grand views.

I hope that I and others may legally climb the stairs someday. I would be happy to pay a reasonable fee for security and maintenance.

Mahalo,  
Dan

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Pearl City, HI 96782

**From:** [Daron Stevens](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:48:58 AM

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BWS,

I am emailing you to give my strong support for keeping the Stairway to Heaven and letting a third party group maintain it. The Stairs are a unique asset to our state and something I have always wanted to hike myself. I know I, and many locals and visitors alike, would be willing to pay to have this experience.

Mahalo,

Dr. Daron Stevens



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**From:** [Tenaiya Brookfield](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Stairs Open  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:25:42 AM

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Aloha,

Thank you for taking testimony via email and hosting this live on facebook for all of us. Hawaii is in a transition period. Hopefully moving more towards a diversified economy. This means finding ways to create value for locals and tourists alike that is sustainable and good for our environment. Natural experiences are at the top of that list.

I suggest doing some calculations on entrance fees versus maintenance to see if the city could manage it. If not, there are groups willing to take it over, please consult them. If Diamond Head, Hanauma Bay and others can make it work, the Haiku stairs should too.

There are almost 700,000 posts in Instagram under the hashtag #stairwaytoheaven and #haikustairs. Clearly this is a popular attraction. For reference, Hanauma bay only has 193,000 posts under it's hashtag.

Shutting down trails like this one, is an abstinence based approach that will result in further dangerous illegal hikes, or excessive amounts of money to remove the stairs. Let's put our tax payer dollars to good use and come up with a sustainable solution to keep the Stairs open.

Mahalo,

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**From:** [Barry](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Stairs Open  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:35:25 AM

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I am writing to endorse opening the stairs legally to the public. It is a fantastic hiking resource that deserves preservation. The popularity of the stairs is no accident. Access requires management. It would be shameful to close this popular, healthful, and important recreational resource when all it needs is active and thoughtful management. Complaints from the neighborhood would disappear if appropriate management of this resource was in place. A small but vocal group of residents should not have the right to close an important recreational resource that matters to all Oahu residents.

Sincerely,

James Di Giambattista, Ph.D.

**From:** [Bob Gould](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** KEEP THE STAIRS OPEN  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:09:19 AM

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BWS,

We believe that the Board of Water Supply should never have been given ownership of the Haiku Stairs. It has obviously caused a hardship for the Board, and closure of the stairs and access to Haiku Valley has caused a hardship for the community; especially the neighboring community.

I climbed the Haiku Stairs when they were still controlled by the Navy's Omega Station. Parking was available in the valley and safe access to the bottom of the stairs was available. We had to sign a visitor log and a liability waiver, and all was very organized and easy.

The City and County of Honolulu (that is, we taxpayers) spent a lot of money to refurbish the stairs to make them more safe.

Then OHA and/or DHHL got involved, and the BWS ended up with ownership. In the process access to the valley was cut off and the lower accessible portion of the stairs became inaccessible. As a result people who wanted to climb the stairs had to come up from the Honolulu side and go DOWN the stairs, then back up and over the mountain to Honolulu, or they had to illegally park in the neighboring community, trespass over private property or BWS property, and then make their way to the new bottom of the stairs via dangerous overland routes.

The stairs should be accessible, available, and properly managed. Paid parking should be available in the valley under similar terms to the parking at the Pali Lookout. No tour buses or tour vans should be allowed. A reasonable fee structure should be instituted to cover operational costs and a registration procedure and liability waivers should be instituted and required. Hospital style wrist bands could identify those who have properly gained access. New and proper safe access to the bottom of the stairs should be provided. Any required rescues of people on the stairs should be at cost to the visitor and this should be properly and clearly explained in the liability waiver.

BWS should be relieved of all ownership, responsibility, and liability for the stairs and anything associated with them.

Robert and Gretchen Gould

44-365 Kaneohe Bay Dr.

Kaneohe, HI 96744

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**From:** [Linda Umstead](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** keep the stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:40:18 AM

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A beautiful and unique hiking trail that should remain in place for hikers and tourists. Add a parking lot and signs for safety. There are many hiking trails all over the island and this one should be no different. Thank you.

Linda Umstead  
Mililani, Oahu, Hawaii

**From:** [Caroline Waasdorp](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:54:52 AM

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Keep the stairs

**From:** [Robert O'conner](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:41:15 PM

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Please transfer ownership of the stairs to the city and county of honolulu or DLNR. I support keeping the stairs open. The board of water supply should transfer ownership of the stairs.

Robert O'Conner  
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Kaneohe HI 96744  
[roconner@hawaii.edu](mailto:roconner@hawaii.edu)

**From:** [Wayne Takazono](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:14:42 AM

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I have hiked the stairs at least 20 times during the late 70s and 80s while it was still legal to do so. I climbed it one time when it was illegal because it is an incredible experience I wanted to share with my entire family. Regarding it being a cost to the BWS, I believe it can be turned into an asset.

**From:** [wkunimoto](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep The Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:01:19 PM

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Please keep the stairs. It is an irreplaceable experience and unique to almost anywhere.



**From:** [Pat Zitz](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the stairway to heaven intact!!!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:28:21 AM

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Aloha,

I hope you are doing well. I am a tax payer, voter, and a resident living in Waialua. Recently, I saw a feature on the local news that mentioned the possibility open the Haiku Stairs to the public.

I fully support opening the Haiku Stairs to the public for several good reasons. First, in 2002 \$875,000 of taxpayer money was spent to repair the stairs. Let's allow the citizens who paid for the repair with their hard earned money enjoy the stairs.

Secondly, I firmly believe that opening the stairs to the public and charging a fee to climb the stairs would be a great way to generate revenues.

By opening the Haiku Stairs to the public, the hard working citizens of Hawaii will be able to enjoy the breathtaking views that the stairs offer while getting an excellent workout.

The stairs will enable citizens to enjoy one of the best views on the islands.

Thanks for considering opening the Haiku stairs to the public and keeping the stairway to heaven intact.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Zitz  
Waialua, HI  
(808)782-8238

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**From:** [Sam Rhoads](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Pui Hin Rhoads](#)  
**Subject:** Keep the Stairway to Heaven  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:35:20 AM

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We are strongly in favor of keeping the stairs! We walked up to the top many years ago when it was allowed and it was a wonderful experience. We have never forgotten it. It was simply great. It would be a shame to deny this experience to others.

Sam & Pui Hin Rhoads

**From:** [Marlene Montana](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** keeping stairs open to the public  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:56:39 AM

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It is time to reopen the Haiku Stairs. When the subdivision of houses at the entrance to the stairs was proposed the council assured the existing homes and Hawaiian families that they would never close the stairs. It is time ESPECIALLY NOW for promises made in the past to be kept.

Marlene Montana

[marlenemontana7@gmail.com](mailto:marlenemontana7@gmail.com)

**From:** [Laurie Hayashida](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Keeping the Haiku Stairs hike  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:47:28 AM

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Hi,

I agree that the BWS should not be responsible for maintaining this trail.

I am for the transfer of the stairs to third party that would maintain this hike.

Create an entrance to the hike that is not on the residential street. Charge for the hike.

I am a hiker, and would love to do this hike when it's legal.

Thanks for listening to my comment.

Sincerely,

Laurie Hayashida

**From:** [Murray Visser](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** leave Haiku Stairs open for the public  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:10:51 AM

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Good morning Board of Water Supply Officials: please leave Haiku Stairs open to the public. I've lived in Kaneohe since 1989 and have climbed the Stairs many times with friends and family. I've never hiked with anyone who has trashed the Stairs. I've never seen any one trash the Stairs. I do know that the people in the neighborhood, at the entrance to the Stairs, want to keep that neighborhood for themselves only. Their attitude is that *"their" neighborhood is private property*. That neighborhood is *public property*. I've talked to one person who lives in the neighborhood by the Stairs, and he told me that he hikes the Stairs all the time because they're easy to access from his home. That is hypocritical. I think that the Stairs are the best hike on Oahu, and thus shouldn't be closed and dismantled. At the very least, charge visitors and locals (at a lower fee) for hiking the stairs to pay for the upkeep of the Stairs.

Aloha, Murray Visser (Kahuhipa St., Kaneohe)

**From:** [David Chappell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Legalize haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:25:42 AM

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Aloha,

Since Hailu Stairs is such a popular tourist attraction, despite its illegality and need for repairs, and neighbors complain about intrusions into their property, probably as people evade security efforts, I think the most sensible solution would be:

1. Legalize the Stairs, since tourists will use it anyway.
2. Transfer the control of it from the Water Department to the Hawaii Tourism Authority, or another entity that could see to its maintenance and monitory traffic.
3. A modest fee could even be collected to provide for maintenance, unless that contributes to more evasions that upset the neighbors.

Sincerely, David Chappell

47-736 Hui Kelu Street #4  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

**From:** [Lucas Berio Fortini](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** long time kaneohe resident in favor of keeping the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:59:34 AM

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I have lived in Kaneohe near the stairs (Keaahala st.) for over 10 years and think the stairs are an incredibly resource for the community that should be saved. We often have no way to have our community to connect to the wao akua and our mauka native ecosystems. The stairs provide a rare opportunity for us.  
Please don't tear them down.

ALoha  
Lucas Fortini

**From:** [jhq12356](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:46:14 AM

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This is in support of keeping the Haiku Stairway. It is an important and unique landmark adventure in Honolulu. The stairs should be preserved. It should be renovated and maintained. This is one expenditure which would be a benefit for all of Hawaii.

James H.Q. Lee

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device



**From:** [Justin Rivera](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:19:31 AM

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BWS,

If feel this is a good time to remind that the right decision is not always convenient or even popular decision. Your decision should be a balanced one that reflects the good brought into the world and not just the cost. The history of restrictions to the Haiku Stairs prevents you from having a clear demand signal. I personally have always wanted to hike the stairs, however I am a law abiding citizen. The fact that some would break the law to enjoy our islands beauty should speak to the demand and virtue if the current laws. I would be willing to pay a fee and abide by certain reasonable restrictions. I encourage you to ask yourself not what should stop us from keeping the stairs but we can do to open them to the people of the island. The people who all public servants are ultimately accountable too.

Justin Rivera  
Waimanalo Resident

**From:** [Alison Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:50:10 AM

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Please dismantle them asap. People nowadays have no sense of aloha or use any common sense. Their need to take dangerous pictures to post is uncontrollable and they trash the local residents homes. Enough is enough. Get rid of them.

**From:** [Bernadette Moya](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:06:50 AM

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I'm for dismantling stairway. BWS should not be liable for hikers on their private property & why hand it off to C&C for them to have liability issues & why let a private co. step in? The local won't be able to enjoy because it will be overused & overcrowded with tourist just like all the other trails are where us kamaaina are unable to enjoy ! Dismantle it, keep the beautiful area preserved!

**From:** [4406109001@vzwpix.com](mailto:4406109001@vzwpix.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:55:21 AM  
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**From:** [Kelsi Killermann](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** My opinion  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:37:36 AM

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Good morning.

I was lucky enough to do the stairs a few years ago after dreaming about it for years. It was such an incredible hike and one of the best days of my life. Please keep the stairs for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you  
Kelsi Killermann

**From:** [Clyde Morita](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** No to Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:23:14 AM

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To: Board of Water Supply Commissioners

RE: Decision on Haiku Stairs

I am a resident of Kaneohe having lived here since 1947 when my family moved here. I am now retired from the State Department of Transportation, after managing the H-3 Tunnels and Freeway for 12-years from 2006-2018.

Since my family moved to Kaneohe in 1947, none of my family of four children, parents, my three children nor three grandchildren have climbed the Stairs. While growing up, none of my friends or I climbed the Stairs as it was off-limits by the military.

There is no valid reason to continue maintaining the Stairs for illegal hikers who want the thrill of saying they went up and/or to experience the winds and the vista. It is not a historic site nor a noted cultural site.

I have watched the melodrama for the past 15-20 years since Councilman Steve Holmes got money appropriated by the City to restore the stairs at a cost of \$900,000 +/- without any plan to manage its access. Some of my friends who live in the subdivision at the base have been threatened, cajoled, inconvenienced and otherwise hassled by trespassers and illegal hiker. These hikers thought they had a right to experience the stairs.

Three reasons to dismantle the stairs now:

1. It costs too much to maintain security to prevent illegal hikers.
2. There is no government agency willing to manage it because of cost and liability.
3. There is no capable organization with the resources and plan to manage it.

Enough already!

Keep the Pali pristine. Remove the man-made structure which mars the beautiful cliffs.

Thank you for your consideration and service.

With Aloha,

Clyde B. Morita  
46-316 Ikiiki Street  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Randall Pong](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Open haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:37:55 AM

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Convert Haiku stairs into a resource instead of a liability.  
There are successful programs that we use such as Hanauma bay and Diamond head hike.  
Haiku stairs have an historic value with the operation of the Omega station.  
These programs provide a safe and self-sustaining program that opens up resources residents and visitors.

#### Steps to improve access to Haiku Stairs

- Construct a public parking away from the residents
- Turn over the land to a nonprofit organization to manage the trail
- Provide education and staff like Hanauma Bay and Diamond head
- Charge a fee to all hikers (local resident discount)
- Limit the capacity of hikers on the trail for safety and a better experience
- Support the neighborhood and resolve trespassing issue

**From:** [Dale Christensen](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#); [Dale Christensen](#)  
**Subject:** OPEN STAIRS  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:19:12 AM

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Find a way to open the stairs to the public.

**Dale Christensen - Owner**  
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**From:** [Stanley Wright](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** OPEN Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:38:47 AM

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**Transfer** the stairs from BWS to Parks Department... or some other agency.

**Open stair and manage access.**

Contract management of stairs to **Non-Profit or Commercial Vendor** (Kualoa Ranch, for instance)

Turn Haiku Stairs into a **profit making** or at least **self sustaining** operation... not the money drain it is now

**Haiku Stairs is too valuable an asset to be destroyed.**

Thank you,  
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**From:** [Michael Mase](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Open the trail for hiking.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:56:45 AM

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This trail with stairs has been a favorite for many years through multiple generations. It should be opened for the enjoyment of generations to come. Once in a lifetime views with a chance to see God's blessings.

Mahalo, Michael Mase

**From:** [Kim Toomey](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose closing haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:12:32 PM

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Aloha,

Hawaii has a truly unique outdoor adventure, which could attract adventurous tourists if managed and marketed well.

It is a marvel - and should be appreciated and promoted as such. Management plans exist and partners stand ready. Liability concerns will be addressed. What possible reason could there be for refusing to at least try this solution for a selected time period? We'll never build anything like this again. And neither will our competing tourist destinations. Save it now please!  
Mahalo

**From:** [Paula Henry](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose closing stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:10:24 AM

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Please do not close the stairs. It can be operated correctly and remain a benefit to our culture.

Please look into having an operator control the use and operation.

It is a very great health benefit. Do not take this away.

Paula Henry

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [tracey ayres](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:11:22 PM

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To whom it concerns:

As an annual visitor to Oahu I have followed the plight of the Haiku Stairs and would, at this time, like to chime in and let you know that I am opposed to their removal. The Haiku Stairs remain a place I would like to try to hike but only when it is legal and safe to do so. I would love to see the stairs saved and maintained for everyone to enjoy for generations to come. Oahu is full of wonderfully rewarding hiking opportunities. Let's make sure that this remains one of them, even stronger and more available than it has ever been before.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Ayres  
(an Oahu fan, in California)

**From:** [billhicksknb@gmail.com](mailto:billhicksknb@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Removal of the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:40:01 AM

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Aloha Board of Water Supply Members,

I have lived in Kailua for 26 of the last 34 years. I strongly support the Board of Water Supply transferring the Haiku Stairs to the City & County's Department of Parks and Recreation for the eventual preservation and operation of the stairs.

The rationale for the C&C of Honolulu spending about \$1M for restoring those stairs nearly 20 years ago was sound. With solid steps and handrails they provide the safest access for many people to enjoy both the exercise and the spectacular views from the ridge. That rationale remains valid.

The inability of various government agencies to work out a fair agreement for access to the stairs is a complete embarrassment and has subjected the surrounding neighborhood to abuse over the years. That is not the fault of the stairs. Furthermore, substantial progress has recently been made in resolving those problems.

I commend the Board of Water Supply for initiating action that would lead to a final resolution of this long-standing problem. I believe you have spurred action in the right direction. Mayor Caldwell's testimony said the city's Request for Information for Managing and operating the Haiku Stairs yielded 14 submittals and that the city is now ready to issue a Request for Bids to restore, operate, and maintain the stairs.

The Environmental Impact Statement commissioned by the Board of Water Supply compared the available alternatives on 8 stated objectives (pages 6-67 to 6-70): (1) Eliminate Board of Water Supply Liability Risk, (2) Supports Board of Water Supply Core Mission, (3) Improve Public Safety, (4) Reduce Neighborhood Disturbance, (5) Protect Natural Resources, (6) Promote Public Recreation, (7) Provide Long-Term Economic Benefit, and (8) Provide Cultural and/or Environmental Education. Your proposed action to dismantle the steps scored "Good" on 4 objectives, "Fair" on 2 objectives, and "Poor" on 2 objectives. The alternative to convey the stairs to the Department of Parks and Recreation for managed access via Po'okela Street scored "Good" on 7 objectives, "Fair" on 1 objective, and "Poor" on 0 objectives. You paid for this study. The most responsible action for the Board of Water Supply would be to pursue the highest scoring action.

The Kaneohe Neighborhood Board unanimously took a position SUPPORTING REOPENING THE HAIKU STAIRS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC UNDER A CONTROLLED AND MANAGED ACCESS PLAN.

The Friends of Haiku Stairs has developed a Concept Plan for Managed Use of Haiku Stairs that comprehensively addresses all of the concerns that have been raised.

The key Board of Water Supply objectives of (1) Eliminate Board of Water Supply Liability Risk and (2) Support Board of Water Supply Core Mission are fully satisfied by the alternative option to convey the stairs to the Department of Parks and Recreation for managed access. Furthermore, these key Board of Water Supply objectives would be achieved for less monetary cost to the BWS than the alternative option to dismantle the stairs. The alternative option to convey the stairs to the Department of Parks and Recreation for managed access also preserves the city's ability to safely and responsibly bring the recreational potential of the stairs to fruition as well as respecting the historical aspects of the stairs.

In summary, I believe the logic is overwhelmingly in support of the Board of Water Supply transferring the Haiku Stairs to the City & County's Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mahalo nui loa.

Aloha,  
Bill Hicks  
Kailua

**From:** [Annette Rogers](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Removal of the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:58:11 AM

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The stairs are a historic and valuable asset! I would travel to Hawaii just to hike them and I am sure there are many other hiking enthusiasts that would as well. Please preserve these historically important and one-of-a-kind stairs and make them open to tourists!

Thank you,  
Annette



**From:** [David Matthews](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose removal of the stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:19:08 PM

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Hi Hawaii Board of Water

Today is an auspicious day, you have the chance to change Hawaii for the good...

Please consider handing the Haiku Stairs over to National Parks and keep this available to the people of Hawaii

Kind regards

**David Matthews**

Owner/Manager

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**From:** [David Matthews](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose removal of the stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:21:08 PM

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Today is a day of opportunity, you have the chance to change Hawaii...

Please consider handing the Haiku Stairs over to National Parks and keep this available to the people of Hawaii

Kind regards

David Matthews

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**From:** [maek](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose the Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:29:08 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I opposed to keeping the stairs. It is a bad idea for City or State to discuss taking it over. Their primary responsibility is the safety of the community as opposed to operating entertainment activities.

It is my understanding that the Haiku Stairs were built for BWS for the purpose of their access to the heights and was probably designed towards that end. There is no mention that it was also meant to be frequented by hikers and thrill seekers as well.

Keeping the stairs, regardless of who takes over, will pose continued, unnecessary risks to our first responders who are sent to save illegal trespassers.

Furthermore, it is not up to the minority to who are merely romanticizing these stairs to decide, rather it's the decision of the majority of the community who pay taxes toward rescuing the few from their frivolous activities on the stairs and elsewhere.

If a private entity succeeds in taking it over, they should be held to purchase insurance, be fully responsible to the neighboring community and pay for all rescue efforts and complaints.

TAKE THE STAIRS AWAY

Mae Kanazawa

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Mike Andrade](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Our beloved Haiku Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:22:17 PM

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Apparently I'm one of the many that are still waiting to climb the stairs legally. Please hand it over to the City so they can at least try. Thank you for all the other things that you do. Mahalo

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Makue, Refford J](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please CLOSE the Stairway to Heaven - PERMANENTLY  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:59:06 AM

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BWS Committee-

I propose to close and dismantle the Stairway to Heaven entirely on a permanent basis.

I grew up in Kane'ohe and can appreciate the views from up there are spectacular. However, in the advent of social media during this digital age, the influx of people who frequent or attempt to frequent the stairway because of social media apps that popularize this venue has had a direct impact on the quality of life for the residents who live in/around the area of the stairway's entrance/exit because of the increase in interest/traffic.

So for the following reasons, I propose it be shut entirely:

- The cost of repair (approximated at \$ 1 million) can be better served to fund other needed programs/costs.
- Liability: both before or after repair, should someone find the gravity to find a loop-hole for a lawsuit - wouldn't such negative impacts or costs outweigh keeping it open altogether
- The lower-lying neighborhood near the entrance is inundated with parked vehicles and foot traffic - check the zoning for that residential area, is it really zoned for that?
- Some local residents near the entrance/exit have had disgruntled exchanges with people trespassing their property to gain illegal access to the stairway. One even shot a pellet gun at them - check the Police Report
- Cost of special duty HPD Officers / private security officers - monies and resources that could be better spent by BWS or the C&C of Honolulu.
- Call-outs: when a argument does occur or ensue regarding the stairway, whether local resident vs hiker or hiker vs hiker, Police Officers on-duty are dispatched to respond, thereby depleting necessary resources and manpower for an altogether avoidable issue.

I urge the BWS committee, the City Council, and the Mayor to dismantle and close the Stairway to Heaven permanently. And yes, despite it not being a popular thing to do in an election year for some, it is the RIGHT thing to do.

Hiki no,  
Reef Makue  
reefmakue@outlook.com

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**From:** [Teri Silva](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please close  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:33:53 AM

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Good Morning,

I am emailing to submit my testimony in support of CLOSING Haiku Stairs.

While I realize that it is an iconic and beautiful hike, I climbed it twice many years ago, it violates the property owners right to privacy as well as their right to not have trespassers on their property.

I live in Haiku Village and right now, street parking is horrible for the residents. There are so many vehicles that violate the City and County parking ordinance by parking less than 4ft from our driveways, often times making it very difficult to pull out without going into oncoming traffic to avoid hitting the parked car's bumper.

I think if BWS doesn't want the liability, which is understandable, then it should be closed. If the City wants it, which truthfully I can't see why they would want the liability, then close off the trail leading to the Windward side and violating the property owners right to keep unwanted people from trampling in their yard.

Thank you, Teri Silva

**From:** [Linda Black](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not remove Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:34:37 AM

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Please please do not remove. I believe the stairs can be safely managed and also resolve the resident's concerns. It is a treasure for Oahu. Signed,

Linda J. Black  
Kaneohe resident  
808-478-1102

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**From:** [Karen Turran](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please DO NOT take our Haiku Stairs away  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:54:34 PM

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Dear Sirs & Madams,

I grew up in Kailua, my teen years were in the early 1970's. The Haiku stairs have always been such a unique and beautiful hike.. Please do not take it away from us.

Mahalo,

Karen Turran

**From:** [Almost Asleep](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not tear down the stairs..  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:08:18 AM

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I have recently moved to the island and by the time we found out about that hike, it was already closed.

I am not up to speed on all of the drama and politics around this situation but if there is anyway to keep the stairs open and possibly put it under the jurisdiction of a group that can raise money to repair and maintain the stairs, I think that would be best. With the right people in place, I can see this being one of the many hikes on this island that can be around for another handful of generations.

Thank you for your time,  
Paul McKay

Sent from [Outlook](#)

**From:** [Ricky Li](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please just dismantle the Haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:01:00 AM

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For the sake of a few hikers (some of whom aren't even residents), and people who can't let go of the past. You're putting the rest of us tax payers at financial risk if something goes wrong, even if you transfer it to the city as a Honolulu resident I'll still be on the hook for the selfish whims of a group of people who only think of themselves. Greater good is to remove the stairs so it's not a financial burden on the tax payer in maintenance and liability. Besides to a person who loves nature, seeing the white rusted scar of the stair way going up the side of the mountain is an eye sore and reminds ones more of the disregard of nature. We have enough pictures from the top of those decrepit stairs, enough for several books and *tons* of instagram posts which is really what all the *supporters* want more content for their social media profile.

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Best Regards,  
Ricky Li Liliha Resident

**From:** [Bill Gieri](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Keep and Open Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:00:17 AM

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Dear Honolulu Board of Water Supply,

As an avid hiker I have always wanted to legally do the Stairway to Heaven hike. I think that people will do the hike, but it would be so much better and safer to do if the trail and stairway were properly maintained.

Often policy is clouded by the dollars and cents it takes to maintain the trail vice the beauty of hiking the outdoors, getting exercise, and camaraderie with friends and other hikers. That's not to mention the tourist draw to the island from such a spectacular hike.

Mahalo,

Bill

**From:** [Darci Singlehurst](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep it open  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:03:42 PM

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Aloha,

I have been in love and awe of the haiku stairs hike for many years. There is nothing else like it, and it would be devastating to lose. I understand it has it's community challenges, but I think with some creative thinking, those challenges can be overcome. Please consider switching it to a different department to manage. I'm confident that the problems that are currently being experienced can be resolved through collaboration and cooperation. I strongly support any plan that would allow public access to the haiku stairs. Please don't destroy this iconic piece of Hawaiian history.

Thank you,  
Darci Singlehurst  
772-7201

**From:** [Shonni Stevens](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep "Stairway to Heaven"  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:42:59 AM

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I am emailing you to ask you to keep the Haiku Stairs. I'm an avid hiker on Oahu and this is a hike I have always wanted to do but haven't since it's closed off. I would be willing to pay a good deal of money for this experience. This is a famous hike that people who live here and also people who visit want to do. Its reputation precedes it.

PLEASE keep the stairs!

Sincerely,  
Shonni Stevens

**From:** [Darci Shapley](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Keep The Haiku Stairs - Bucket List  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:08:56 AM

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Hawaii Board of Water Supply -

Please keep this hiking trail - it is a bucket list item and so uniquely Hawaii - I can't wait to see it.

Only you can decide the future of this piece of heaven on earth with the punchbowl and lantern ceremony Hawaii is where I feel closest to the people I've loved and lost.

Honorable Honolulu Board of Water Supply please KEEP the Haiku Stairs , aka (Stairway to Heaven).

Sincerely ,  
Darci Shapley  
Annual Visitor to Oahu.

**From:** [Belinda Barnes](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep the stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:36:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [original logo.pdf](#)

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Aloha,

I tried to reach you on the phone but the machine says you are not taking testimony at this time. Please keep the stairs. People need to exercise and the stairs are fabulous for those that are in shape. They are such a magical part of the island. I would pay to do the stairs and I am sure others would as well if it comes to that.

Mahalo,

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**From:** [a.j.](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Keep the Stairway to Heaven!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:11:05 AM

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TWIMC:  
Aloha,

Many of us who can't hike due to disabilities can walk (slowly) upstairs and down. Losing the opportunity to see the incredible sights that countless others have seen- legally or not- would make me incredibly sad, as I have been waiting for years to climb the Stairs, legally. I can't climb fences nor do I want to. But I want to climb the Stairway to Heaven once in my lifetime.

I understand property owner's concerns, but if a system was enacted with a daily limit that tour guides can't game (like they did at AZ memorial), and a scaled fee (according to income), with "breaks" for major holidays (like the Kapaa Quarry transfer station), perhaps it would cut down the traffic enough to be bearable and help pay for a manned guard shack.

Anyway, food for thought. I'm not getting any younger.

Mahalo for your time,

Angie Akia  
Kailua HI

Sent from a island in the Pacific.

**From:** [Justin Brackett](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please PRESERVE Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:12:16 AM

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Aloha Board of Water Supply,

I write to request that you NOT dismantle Haiku Stairs. Under responsible leadership I know the stairs will be an economic boost for the Kaneohe community, the entire windward side of Oahu, and Hawaii in general for many years to come. People come to Hawaii to bask in the beauty of our oceans, our beaches, and our mountains. Haiku Stairs, like Diamond Head or Banzai Pipeline, calls adventurers throughout the world to come experience our magical state. It is a prominent gem in Oahu's crown and it would be a great shame to lose it. I implore you to do all that you can to preserve Haiku Stairs for generations to come.

Sincerely,  
Justin A. Brackett, Esq.  
515 Ward Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96814  
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**From:** [Donald Todt](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Preserve the Haiku Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:20:49 PM

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TO: BWS  
From: D. Todt  
Subject: Haiku Stairs

PLEASE keep the Haiku Stairs "Stairway to Heaven" alive! Having been born and mostly raised in Hawaii, I've wanted to climb it for years, and think about it every time I return to da Aina.

It would break my heart if it were to be torn down.  
I understand that Mayor Caldwell is proposing transfer to the City Parks dept.  
Please add my voice to the voices of so many people in Hawaii and around the world who want to see it preserved for present and future generations.

Sincerely,  
Donald Todt

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**From:** [Linette Char](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please repair the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:25:07 AM

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Dear Board of Directors:

I'm a senior and an avid hiker. I've never been up to the stairs but would love to see it repaired and managed so that Kama'aina and responsible tourists can have legal access. Charging a fee to maintain the stairs would be wonderful. Have a volunteer system going to man / woman the entrance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Linette Char

**From:** [Trisa Danz](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please save Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:00:06 AM

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Aloha,

Please count this as a vote requesting HBWS hire a 3rd party to manage the Haiku Stairs, offering both Tourist AND Kamaaina rates to hike.

Rate(s) include a portion to be donated to support local Watershed Conservation. Tourists have to pay additionally for a guide (trained for the purpose), which increases local employment.

We need innovative ways for the tourism industry to feedback into both our environment and our economy.

Mahalo,

Trisa Danz, M.D.

**From:** [Gail Hostetter-Nelson](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please save stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:39:20 AM

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I strongly support saving the haiku stairs. It is part of Hawai'i's beauty and culture and has long been revered. When new homes were to be built in the area the existing residents opposed the plan because they were concerned that in the future the new owners would make a problem by complaining about the noise. Wise individuals at that time suggested that newcomers who could not appreciate the site choose another place on the island to live. Now there is this new threat. It is critical that Hawai'i preserve it's spots of beauty - that is the factor that makes us different from anywhere else in the nation. Please vote to keep the stairway for the people here.

Gayle Hostetter Nelson

**From:** [Geoffrey Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please save the Haiku Stairs.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:55:06 AM

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It's a unique beautiful amazing resource. I did it years ago, and I'd love to be able to it again.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [dte@mail@twc.com](mailto:dte@mail@twc.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please shut down the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:19:03 AM

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Please shut down the Haiku stairs for these reasons:

- The state or city cannot afford the liability costs of leaving the stairs open. Resources such as helicopters to rescue tourists off the stairs, medical personnel to treat the injured, and stair maintenance costs over time will overcome the budget resources. Making the stairs a city managed entity for example will put the city in a position of being sued when a tourist's family member dies or gets injured on the stairs. The city has enough parks to manage & cannot even keep up with the existing ones much less add another one.

- The neighborhoods near the Haiku stairs trail deserve better. The tourists have already shown their constant disrespect for these residents by trashing their neighborhoods as they head to the stairs so why reward them by keeping the stairs open. Hawaii residents should always be shown respect by tourists when they visit our state.

- If the city takes over management of the stairs it will only raise the taxes of the state residents. Taxes are already going up on water, electric, and other areas. We residents don't need another unnecessary entity to fund. Also with the recent budget crunch due to the virus, we need to use our city & state resources wisely.

Thank you for making a smart decision. Aloha.



**From:** [Russell Houlton](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please Transfer  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:20:02 AM

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As someone who has hiked the stairs 3 times back when it was legal, I'm asking to have the BWS transfer the Haiku Stairway in order to preserve it. It is a safe hike as long as you don't over do it trying to run from enforcement. (How many trails come with guard rails?) It offers unparalleled views and in my opinion is safer than other hikes like Olomana or hiking up the back of the Koolaus.

The stairway wasn't a hazard or a problem for neighbors back when the Coast Guard ran the site, Properly managed, it can be that way again. The key is to provide proper access to the trail head.

Thank you.

**From:** [Douglas Rowitch](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58:28 PM

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please please save the stairs!

aloha, Doug

**From:** [Winsome Gay Sim](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Precious Haiku Stairway to heaven.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:15:06 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been anxiously waiting for the Haiku stairs to re open after so many years. I first started hiking this magnificent treasure in the seventies when The Coast Guard operated it so efficiently. You signed in and out and there was adequate parking close to the beginning of the stairs.

Then it was closed for a long period but reopened after it was repaired and guard rails were installed. It was then and still is a treasure to be saved.

I have introduced my 5 children to the stairs but would love now to show my grandchildren in years to come.

With 14 submittals received there must be a good match for another entity to manage our precious stairs.

I know social media has increased the number of visitors who hike these stairs and this has caused many problems of over crowding. I see it every day on other hikes I take in these beautiful islands. The hikes are being overused and trashed. We all need to do our bit to maintain these treasures and remove trash from hikers who disrespect these amazing islands.

Thanking you for your consideration

Winsome Gay Sim

573 Iana Street

Kailua

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jane Bargiel](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [jacques bargiel](#)  
**Subject:** Preserve Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:52:17 AM

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Aloha to the officials of the Board of Water Supply,

As a lifelong Windward resident who has climbed the Haiku Stairs numerous times I am pleading with you to preserve this precious gem from destruction. The Haiku Stairs are truly a world class experience it would be a terrible shame to destroy. I put it on par with climbing the Eiffel Tower. The stairs also have important historic value to the State of Hawaii.

I have climbed the stairs both pre-H3 when hikers were required to sign in at the Coast Guard Station and post-H3. I have always felt that the the stairs are a safe hike, much less hazardous than the Olamana trail for example.

I feel that with proper management, the stairs can remain open while preserving the tranquility of the Haiku neighborhood, protecting the safety of hikers, and preserving the natural beauty of the mountain. This may mean strict limitations on the number of daily hikers, and that is OK.

Sincerely,  
Jane Bargiel  
808-721-8096

1054 Kainui Drive  
Kailua, HI 96734

**From:** [J.K. Harpstrite](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Preserve the Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:42:22 AM

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Dear Sirs,

I am a life time Windward Oahu resident and I grew up in Haiku Valley. My parents still live in Haiku village near the trail. **My family is completely for preserving the stairs.**

The stairs are a unique, safe, and amazing asset for our people to get to hike in a spectacular setting. I do believe that the stairs, like all of our natural assets, need to be carefully controlled. A good example would be Hanauma Bay. Parking and access should be controlled and a fee charged to allow maintenance and control.

J. Kimo Harpstrite M.D.  
Orthopedic Associates of Hawaii

Amy, Joeseeph, Kiana and Kehau Harpstrite  
821 Mokulua Dr, Kailua HI

James and Patricia Harpstrite  
46-045 Kuneki Pl, Kaneohe HI

**From:** [Lindsey Hagmaier](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Preserve the stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:20:36 AM

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Good morning,

I am emailing to implore the board to not remove the stairs. Please reinforce them instead, they are a loved and cherished piece of history and are beloved by many. I have always wanted to make the trek up them, but haven't gotten the chance and now fear I never will.

Please just hire more staff specific to the stairs. Jobs will be desperately needed going forward from Covid-19 and what better way than to employ Hawaiians than to maintain a beloved trail that leads to heaven?!

Please do not remove them! They bring tourism, joy, new visual perspectives, potential jobs, and lasting memories! I have seen many people say they travel there just to do the stair climb!

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Regards,

Lindsey Hagmaier

**From:** [Les \\*](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Public testimony against the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:36:25 AM

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Hello,

I would like to testify against the Haiku Stairs. The stairs are a huge liability for the Board of Water Supply. All you need is for someone to get hurt or killed while on the stairs and you will have a major lawsuit on your hands, which could cost you tens of thousands of dollars, if not more in claims. Ultimately it will be taxpayers who will be left holding the bag and will have to shell out their hard earned money to settle future liability claims. Tear down the stairs and eliminate the monetary threat once and for all for not only the Board of Water Supply, but also possibly the City and County of Honolulu who has expressed an interest in taking possession of the stairs so that they will be under city control. The thing about that is that the city can't even maintain the parks and trails that they currently own now. How can they possibly even think about trying to maintain yet another site, a site that you know and I know is a lot more treacherous and dangerous for the general public and in need of constant maintenance. Look at the sad state of our city parks around the island. They are falling apart and neglected. Is that what you want to happen to the stairs as well?

Thank you for your time. I hope you will consider the concerns of those who have reservations and an apprehension about keeping the stairs, which in our opinion, is an accident and class action lawsuit just waiting to happen. Consider this concern before you vote on this measure. I hope and pray you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Leslie Yanagi

**From:** [Ryan Thrun](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on the Future of the Ha'iku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:29:51 AM

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BWS,

As a new resident of Hawai'i, licensed professional engineer for the government (Civil Engineering), and outdoor enthusiast, I urge you to NOT dismantle the Ha'iku Stairs, and to turn the ownership of the structure and land under it to the City of Honolulu or other state entity.

I agree 100% that the maintenance and management of this structure should not be a responsibility of the BWS, but should be preserved for historical purposes and future recreational use under a managed access program. This structural feature is one of the very few locations in HI, if not the U.S., where hikers can enjoy the most breathtaking views of tropical mountain ranges, valleys, and ocean views, and experience the majestic topography of a ridgeline climb up dormant remnants of a shield volcano. The Ko'olau Range is a National Landmark, and what better way to showcase its significance and awe-inspiring scenery than to have an access path available to residents and visitors traveling from across the world.

The safety and maintenance responsibilities of these stairs should not be expected of the BWS, but by an entity within the city/county that is equipped and resourced to manage it. Other alternatives are transferring it to the State of HI Department of Land & Natural Resources Division of Forestry & Wildlife to be incorporated into the Na Ala Hele Hawai'i Trail & Access System, and/or allowing a non-profit organization to responsibly manage it. These entities could implement online risk information and waivers, controlled numbers of hikers per day, and access fees that can help improve the safety/liability and resources available to maintain it. When the stairs are properly maintained and in good structural repair (which they predominantly still are thanks to the 2003 renovations), they pose less risk than other hiking paths in HI (steep ridge trails with no steps or handrails) and other parts of the US (Grand Canyon, AZ; Half Dome, CA; Mt. Rainer, WA; etc.). Additionally, other entities would be able to manage and provide improved access to the stairs and reduce occurrences of trespassing on nearby private residences. By demolishing the Ha'iku stairs, this one-of-a-kind structure built with tax-payer dollars, will not be around for future generations to enjoy and experience the natural beauty of HI only accessible by it.

Please do what is right for the community of citizens and visitors in HI, and not what is only in the best interest of the BWS. By not listening to the public, and simply tearing it down without regard to how to preserve it or at least allow for the development of a responsible management plan, would be very irresponsible of the BWS. Don't make an irreversible decision, even if it is the easiest one to make. Save the Ha'iku Stairs for others to enjoy and look for alternative ways to keep this unique structure a part of Hawai'ian history, and an access path into some of the most beautiful views of the natural resources Hawai'i has to offer.

With respect and understanding,  
Ryan



**From:** [Leslie Griffin](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: Haiku Stairs to heaven  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:41:28 PM

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Oops! Stairway not Stairwell

On Mon, Apr 27, 2020, 9:18 AM Haikustairtestimony <[Haikustairtestimony@hbws.org](mailto:Haikustairtestimony@hbws.org)> wrote:

Your testimony regarding Haiku Stairs has been received and will be distributed to the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Mahalo

**From:** [Thomas Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:29:13 AM

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I would like to add my email address and phone number, which was missing on my previously submitted testimony:  
tghenderson@gmail.com  
(808) 722-8451

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 27, 2020, at 10:22, Haikustairstestimony <Haikustairstestimony@hbws.org> wrote:  
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> Your testimony regarding Haiku Stairs has been received and will be distributed to the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.  
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> Mahalo  
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**From:** [Mike Andrade](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: Our beloved Haiku Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:18:47 PM

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Thank you.

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On Monday, April 27, 2020, 12:22 PM, Haikustairstestimony <[Haikustairstestimony@hbws.org](mailto:Haikustairstestimony@hbws.org)> wrote:

Your testimony regarding Haiku Stairs has been received and will be distributed to the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Mahalo

**From:** [Samuel Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: Support for putting Haiku Stairs in City & County of Honolulu Parks Department  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:01:09 AM

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Thank you for the reply  
Uncle Sam

On Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 9:55 AM Haikustairstestimony <[Haikustairstestimony@hbws.org](mailto:Haikustairstestimony@hbws.org)> wrote:

Your testimony regarding Haiku Stairs has been received and will be distributed to the Board of Directors for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Mahalo

**From:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**To:** [Natalie aka Bike Mom](#); [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Haiku Stairs testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:56:33 AM

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We are in receipt of your testimony.

Mahalo.

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**From:** Natalie aka Bike Mom <the-green-one@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:34 PM  
**To:** Haikustairstestimony <Haikustairstestimony@hbws.org>  
**Subject:** Haiku Stairs testimony

Aloha,

Attached is my testimony for the board meeting. Please confirm receipt of my email and distribute my testimony to the board members.

***Pedaling Toward a Bicycle-Safe Hawaii -- Same Roads, Same Rules, Same Rights***

A hui hou, Natalie

**Natalie Iwasa**  
Honolulu, HI 96825  
Phone 808-395-3233 (land line)

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**From:** [Ella Mae Camacho](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** re: Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:40:09 AM

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Aloha,

Close it down; it was good for the past, but today people or rather tourist attitudes are that we have the aloha spirit and they use it up against us for their benefit to get something for nothing!!...if they cant abide, then go home to where they are understood.

when warning signs are posted and they ignore it, get hurt then all of a sudden it becomes our responsibility and we 'always, always shy away and owe up!!!

are we (our political officers) that gutless to stand for our own rules/policies?

they do not abide by rules; they are rude, disrespectful and when signs of warnings go up; they pay no attention to it (example; trail on mountain side of Kahana Bay and many tourist trail up there; they invented the English language and want us to obey but they are an exception to the RULE?

and they have no respect for our aina!...we need the water, clean water!..  
and our life long kamaaina, dont they matter!...they are our devoted tax payers;

tourist come and go and really do they hold up our economy!!..and when we visit other places, we are the tourist who respect and honor the code of their country/state.

about time we take the bull by the horn and ground ourselves and take the stairs down and preserve our integrity of Aloha...we are entitled to define it not the TOURISTS!!!

mahalo...

**From:** [Joshua Hagan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Testimony; Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:24:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [Haiku Stairs Testimony.4ward View Investments.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached testimony . . .

Thanks,  
*Make it a great day!*

**Joshua Hagan**  
*Chair & C.E.O.*

**4ward View Investments Inc.**  
**Main:** [+1 \(780\) 747-2468](tel:+17807472468)  
**Direct E-mail:** [jhagan828@gmail.com](mailto:jhagan828@gmail.com)

On Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 3:58 PM Joshua Hagan <[jhagan828@gmail.com](mailto:jhagan828@gmail.com)> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached testimony . . .

**From:** [Lillian Fujii](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Remove Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:20:57 AM

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I support the Board of Water Supply's position to remove the Haiku Stairs. Board of Water Supply ratepayers should not have to pay the enforcement costs associated with the Haiku Stairs. The removal costs will be cost effective. Also, fewer people entering watershed land benefits the watershed.

Thank you,  
Lillian Fujii

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**From:** [Sharon Yanagi](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** remove the haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:59:25 AM

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I firmly believe that the haiku stairs should be completely removed and that the area be closed to trespassers who attempt to hike pass the warning signs. The stairs pose a liability and risk of life not only to the hikers, but more importantly, to the first responders who are obligated to jeopardize their own safety to rescue them.

I agree that the mission of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply is to provide a dependable water supply to the public. It should not be the Board of Water Supply's responsibility to use financial and staff resources to guard the area from trespassers or to maintain the stairs. These resources are definitely needed to upgrade and maintain our water supply system which serve the greater population and not the few who seek a dangerous form of recreation.

I feel that even if the stairs are turned over to another entity, the issue of liability remains. I am very much concerned that if the stairs stay intact and if the city legitimizes the use of the stairs for recreational purposes, the city and the taxpayers will therefore be responsible for any law suits that arise from accidents.

The city is already struggling to pay for the building of the rail and I am very concerned that I, my children, and grandchildren will be weighed down with the increasingly heavy burden of having to pay for daily maintenance of the rail. Now with the focus on this issue, I am also very much concerned that if the stairs are allowed to remain open, we will also face the financial debt of future law suits.

**From:** [Creighton Goldsmith](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Remove the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:04:04 AM

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It is beautiful but deadly. One death could cost millions of dollars for negligent failure to close or repair the stairs.

Creighton Goldsmith  
+1.808.864.5250  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kiele Gonzalez](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** remove the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:43:29 AM

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Aloha mai kāua,

I feel the Stairway to Heaven should be removed. It is dangerous, it is a liability, and it causes people to trespass over private property.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Keiko Gonzalez  
46-305 Nahewai St.  
Kāneʻohe, HI 96744  
(808) 554-0393

**From:** [Linda Howe](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Remove the Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:06:23 AM

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No more BWS rate payer hundreds of thousands of dollars should be spent on the still-ineffective efforts to keep trespassers out of private property. More city property tax dollars down the drain responding to medical emergencies! Dismantle the stairs! Do not give them to the C&C to 'manage.'

Thank you,  
Linda Howe  
44-126 Kalenakai Place  
Kaneohe

**From:** [Charlien Kumashiro](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** REMOVE THOSE RUSTED STAIRS!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:17:00 AM

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We live windward side and strongly believe the Haiku stairs should be removed. 1) Hawaii residents pay for rescues, not the fool who got him/herself in trouble. 2) high winds in the Koolau Mts make it DANGEROUS for rescue staff. These people do not only risk their own life, they risk the lives of Hawaii rescue teams. 3) stairs are deceptively appealing especially to tourists but actually are very dangerous, steep, rusty, exposed to rain/wind. 4) people overestimate their level of fitness. This is a very difficult course which is narrow, requires single file. 5) People have demonstrated their poor judgement: no respect for private property, trespassing to get to the stairs, leaving trash, making noise, etc. RESIDENTS HAVE DESLT WITH THIS FOR YEARS! Please support your constituents!  
6) history has shown: YOU CAN'T FIX STUPID.. so please, don't YOU be stupid! REMOVE THESE STAIRS NOW.

Sincerely, Mr&Mrs Bruce Kumashiro

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cyrus Siu](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** retain stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:33:40 AM

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in the late 70's i took my young family up the stairs. the stairs was still under the jurisdiction of the us coast guard. it was one of the memorable events that we can still recall.

even earlier while living in haiku valley we could often see the cable cars transiting the space.

when my father was a truck farmer we harvested hale koa to be used as supports for string beans,

please retain the stairs & transfer to a third party who will be charged with all matters

**From:** [Michael Garsva](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Retaining the Haiku stairway  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:57:11 AM

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I strongly am in favor of retaining the Haiku stairway! It should be a Hawaiian heritage site.

I strongly encourage the board to do whatever it takes to find a way to retain the Haiku stairway.

Mahalo,

Michael Garsva  
Discovery Bay  
1778 Ala Moana Blvd  
#4004  
Honolulu,  
Hawaii, 96815

**From:** [Jack Lutey](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:24:42 AM

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**Dear BWS,**

**Please find a way to keep the stairs, they are a unique opportunity for a view few will ever experience.**

**Let the city assume responsibility and lease this asset to a third party.  
Charge hikers \$50 ahead which will pay for maintenance, security, safety guides (posted along the trail) and still turn a profit.**

**Aloha,  
Jack Lutey – Sunset Beach  
Phone: 808 222-4344**

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**From:** [Marian Jewell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Haiku Stairs Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:14:35 AM

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Hello BWS Board Members,

I would like to show enthusiastic support for transfer BWS responsibility to the City and County of Honolulu, Dept. of Parks and Recreation. My reasons are as follows:

- 1) The Haiku Stairs has a world renown reputation without a dollar spent on promotion by any entity.
- 2) This reputation will further boost our economy as a state. And definitely on Windward Oahu.
- 3) The natural beauty and appeal of Stairway to Heaven will further showcase Hawaii; right along with our other treasures - Hanauma Bay, Makapuu Lighthouse Trail, and of course Diamond Head.
- 4) These treasures demonstrate how successful a project like this can be.
- 5) Announcement of the opening of Haiku Stairs will bring more promotion to Hawaii. It will maintain our reputation as a premier destination.
- 6) In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, people would rather stay with domestic locations, and are further interested in their health and getting fresh air. There is no better solution to that than Haiku Stairs.

On a personal note, I want to hike Haiku Stairs before I die. It's a big goal for me and I'm sure I'm not alone. I was even thinking of just trespassing - like many have already. Or going the back way from Moanalua Valley - like many have already. But my sense of trying to live righteously prevented those considerations from coming to fruition. I want to hike legitimately and proudly.

Proud of Hawaii and proud that all parties involved have made the right decision by preserving this jewel of a treasure in Hawaii. Save Haiku Stairs!!! Thank you.

Marian Fong  
808-372-5116

**From:** [Marva Chun](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Haiku Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:33:21 AM

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Haiku Stairs is a world class ecotourism opportunity. It is one of the safest ridge hikes in Hawaii. Friends of Haiku Stairs has presented options and plans to preserve the beautiful outdoor vistas and keep use rationale.

Please open rationale access to Haiku Stairs and transfer from Board of Water Supply to City and County of Honolulu management.

Marva Chun  
808 228-1481

**From:** [Donna Ambrose](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Ha'iku Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:43:34 AM

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Dear Board of Water Supply "Deciders,"

I urge you to go with the conveyance alternative rather than removing the historic Ha'iku Stairs.

The managed access plan will alleviate many of the problems neighbors now face by opening the superb hiking opportunity during daylight hours. Hikers will no longer arrive at 2:00AM, sneaking across lawns to find a hole in the fence.

The coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc on all but health-and-safety efforts by the City & County of Honolulu. Please grant an extension of time to allow for a selection of a qualified organization to maintain and manage access to Ha'iku Stairs.

ʻAloha,  
Donna Ambrose  
Kailua, HI

**From:** [Mary Eileen Helmstetter](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Haiku Stairs, leave in place, open for hiking  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:40:55 AM

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> Please save Haiku Stairs, develop a management plan that # 1 priority is saving native environment it is built on. Next priorities would be for public access.

> The uniqueness of having the accessibility up the Pali side of the Koolau's and the opportunity to view endemic species makes the Stairs very outstanding for controlled hiking.

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> Eileen Helmstetter  
> 47-732 Ahuimanu Loop  
> Kaneohe, HI 96744  
> 808-600-8499

**From:** [Karen Nihei](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:10:47 PM

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**From:** [Terri Puaatua](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:10:49 AM

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Please SAVE HAIKU STAIRS! It's a historical, site it should be preserved.

Thank you!

**From:** [Scott Werny](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:44:42 AM

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Aloha HBWS!

I think the Haiku Stairs are a very unique experience, that allows local residents and tourists awe-inspiring views of the surrounding area and the natural beauty that Hawaii is known for, while providing for a healthy exercise activity. These stairs should be maintained and kept open. Disagreements on management and access should be worked out with meetings and deadlines, and perhaps mediators if need be, so the important decisions to be made are not pushed forward continually, for years as we've been doing. Perhaps purchasing a strip of land adjacent the access way and/or one of the affected houses might be considered, and a small parking spot added, with appropriately timed parking meters.

Mahalo,  
Scott Werny  
1515 Ward Avenue #305  
Honolulu, HI 96822

**From:** [Christoper Abe](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:02:21 AM

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I support saving the haiku stairs and making it a publicly accessible hiking trail. Do not take away something many residents and visitors enjoy.

Chris Abe



**From:** [Kimberly Krusell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:34:25 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my desire to keep the Haiku Stairs as a resource for the community, the stairs have a unique history, as well as provide many opportunities for safe and breathtaking recreation. It is my sincere hope that a solution will be found to allow Haiku stairs to be managed so that they may be enjoyed responsibly for many generations to come. Please preserve this special link to our island.

Aloha,  
Kimberly Krusell  
Avid hiker and Hawaii resident since 1992

**From:** [Ross Barnes](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:30:24 PM

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Please save haiku stairs. Build a parking lot and charge like they do at Manoa falls. You could charge \$20 a person to hike the stairs. This is a very special place and with everyone's efforts I am sure it can be worked out.

Respectfully,  
Ross Barnes

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Charles Coleman](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save Haiku Stars  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:24:20 AM

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Aloha

As someone who has hiked legally to Haiku Stairs from the Leeward side, I implore the powers that be to retain this unique and spectacular feature by whatever means makes the most sense.

Mahalo,  
Chuck Coleman

**From:** [E Kim](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SAVE STAIRWAY  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:04:31 AM

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If we can spend billions on infrastructure projects, we can afford to restore the Stairway in a respectful way that gives people a greater appreciation for the life of our land.

Earl Kim  
437 Kailua Rd #6207  
Kailua, HI 96734

**From:** [Patrick Rorie](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save the Haiku Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:23:53 AM

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April 27, 2020

Dear Board of Water Supply Members,

First of all, thank you for taking up this very important issue at your board meeting.

This email is to strongly urge you to transfer the Haiku Stairs to the City and County of Honolulu so that it can repair and reopen this amazing structure which some have called 'The Eiffel Tower of the Pacific'. The City has already spent over \$800,000 to repair the Haiku Stairs and this money would be wasted if the Stairs are torn down. Furthermore, the Haiku Stairs is a historic structure, built by the Navy in the 1940's for the war effort, not to mention that it provides an amazing recreational opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts.

Please save the Haiku Stairs! Please vote to transfer the Haiku Stairs to the City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With Aloha,

Patrick Rorie (Aiea, Hawaii resident and avid hiker)

**From:** [kelsey hansen](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:53:42 AM

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Aloha,

As a resident of this beautiful island, an avid hiker, and a lover of nature and all its glory, I respectfully request the BWS turn the Ha'iku Stairs into a legal tourist attraction. Similar to Hanauma Bay and Diamond Head, the Stairs attract many thousands of people per year who see the amazing views online and must have this experience. A nominal fee would provide maintenance and income into the local economy. It would preserve this beautiful space for the enjoyment of people for years to come.

Turning this into an attraction would not be difficult. There is already a road going back there. Parking could be set up to avoid the neighborhood trespass. A waiver should be required at the base because, yes, the Stairs are potentially hazardous. Having kama'aina and tourist rates would help preserve the area and the Stairs themselves. Also, a limit could be placed on the number of people who can come in per day or per time block to limit awkward passing. As people are already figuring out how to safely navigate the Stairs in their current and shabby condition, this shouldn't be an issue.

Please consider saving this local treasure as a benefit to the community and the local economy.

Thank you,  
Kelsey Hansen

**From:** [Erik Anderson](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SAVE THE HAIKU STAIRS  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:38:25 AM

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I am writing in strong support to save the Haiku stairs. Taxpayers already paid nearly \$1 million not very long ago to have the stairs restored, and the public has been patiently waiting to use them. We need managed access to keep this awesome hike open to the public. We all share in a responsibility to maintain healthy, active lifestyles. The BWS is a creative group who I believe can work with the city to create managed, paid access.

Different road access and a separate parking area/bathroom facility located farther inland near the base of the hike could be created to avoid issues with nearby neighbors. The hike is safe given that it has a built-in structure, much more so than hikes such as Olomana that have very narrow and totally exposed trails. This hike could easily be something that generates revenue for the community.

Please, let's preserve these historic stairs. Let's keep something that the community can use for exercise, cherish for its views, and even benefit from with controlled, paid access.

Thank you for your consideration, Erik Anderson

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**From:** [Robert Hay](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:17:45 AM

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Please save the Haiku Stairs. It is a valuable historic resource for Hawaii and for the heritage of the US Military from WWII to the present day.

Thank You,  
Robert Hay



**From:** [Gareth Wynn-Williams](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save the Stairs!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:25:12 AM

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I moved to Hawaii from the UK in 1978 to take up a professorship at UH-Manoa

Soon after I arrived I joined a group of friends to climb Haiku Stairs

It was a thrilling experience that I have never forgotten. (Though I am probably now too old to do it again!)

Since the stairs mainly run along a ridge they offer magnificent views all along the route - something that very few other trails offer, since most Koolau trails spend most of their distance within forests.

Please, please find a way to preserve one of Oahu's great treasures and great pieces of history.

Gareth Wynn-Williams

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**From:** [Jonathan Aki](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:34:34 AM

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Would you close Hanauma bay?

Would you permanently close Diamond Head hike?

Would you close the Arizona Memorial?

No, never. Preserving Stairway to Heaven falls under similar logic. The experiences is unique and one of a kind. It is a historic and beautiful experience. It provides wholesome recreation for individuals and visitors. It can be managed in a way that would encourage education and respect for the land. Demolishing the stairs attitude is deeply rooted in indecisiveness and not having a plan. Management and leadership is needed.

Please strongly consider permitting a private entity to lead and manage the Stairs. Permit said entity to charge fees and manage an advanced reservations system to limit the number of visitors. This would mitigate the impact to the residential area and the environment. Fees would be used to maintain the stairs and provide security and staffing. Furthermore, requiring hikers to sign safety waivers will help limit liability. It can be done. It takes time. Don't give up on the Stairs yet.

Sincerely

Jonathan Aki  
Homeowner  
Kaneohe Resident

**From:** [Jeremy m](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** save the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:21:43 AM

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## Greetings Honolulu Board of Water Supply

I am writing from Jackson, Wyoming which much like your island is a paradise full of natural beauty. Last year my family and I visited Oahu for the first time and it immediately became one of those places on this planet that I desire to return to as often as possible. In addition to travel my passions include speaking out for things I love, making sauerkraut and hiking in beautiful places. Here in Jackson we are able to hike to the tops of amazing mountains and admire fantastic views in all directions.

Today you are set to once again debate the removal of the iconic Haiku Stairs and I wish to register my opposition to this project. It is my dream to stand atop of these iconic stairs and take in the sweeping views of your island and the surrounding azure waters. Here in NW Wyoming we are lucky to have amazing access to so many hiking gems, some of which has been done in partnership with private landowners. It is my belief that the stairs can remain for all to view and admire by educating hikers of the appropriate routes to use and of the responsibility that each user has to their own safety and that of others. Please leave the Haiku Stairs as they are so myself and many others can honor their history, admire the ingenuity of those who erected them and stand at the top and watch the first light of day bathe your amazing island in its beauty.

Thank you for your time in reading my comment. I hope you and your families are happy and healthy during this crazy time in history. My wife and I will be over there as soon as conditions permit.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Minor

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**From:** [Michael Brown](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:34:49 AM

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I would like to share my opinion on saving the Haiku stairs. They are a historical and unique attraction that locals and visitors would happily pay to experience. By allowing a third party to refurbish the stairs and guide people up them we would be able to enjoy this one of a kind adventure safely while providing jobs and revenue for the local economy. There are several models already available for this kind of ecotourism. I hope we can save the stairs and make them available to legally and safely use.

Thank you,  
Michael Brown

**From:** [Aaron Rivas](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** save the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:27:17 PM

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Aloha, my name is Aaron Rivas and I am 20 years old. I was born on Oahu and graduated from Kaiser High school in 2018. I have been keeping up with the Haiku stairs and the ongoing process of whether they should close it down or not. Hawaii is one of the most special places on earth that bring people from all over the planet to visit. Haiku stairs is a unique hike that offers one of the best views of our beautiful island. I understand the dangers of the hike and the concern of people going through the residents yards to access the hike. However, I don't think destroying this one of a kind experience is the right thing to do. This hike is another reason that makes our island so special and a piece of Oahu would be destroyed with it. Please consider keeping the stairs so generations to come can experience the wonderful things that stairway to heaven has to offer.

Mahalo,  
Aaron Rivas

**From:** [Ryan Easton](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:35:27 AM

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Obviously the trail is a staple of the island but if the trail is closed it's just going to be a safety issue because some people will be oblivious if the stairs are closed, some people will be ignorant of the trail being closed, and some people will respect the trail being shut down. But for the safety of everyone it's best to have the trail maintained otherwise someone some day is going to go for a hike and get hurt because they either didnt know the trail was closed or they didnt care. The trails and other outdoor activities are the best things about Hawaii, so let's not deprive our citizens and guest of have a safe experience.

**From:** [Nate Jeanes](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save the Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:55:52 PM

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Water Supply,

The stairs are a piece of history generations from know should know and enjoy. A perfect example of how they can be shared by all is how the Manitou Incline in Colorado came up with a solution where all parties we satisfied and the stairway was renovated.

Asking residents who hike the stairs to pre-pay or charge an admission or sustainment fee before asendig the stairs would not only help maintain and preserve the stairs, but would in turn keep them from receiving legal citations.

There is a way to compromise in the middle and avoid the Hardline sand drawing the rest of the political sphere is stuck in.

Nathan Jeanes  
Kailua

**From:** [amy\\_surratt](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Save them  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:48:35 PM

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Love this place. Please save it! And make it accessible to the public! One of Hawaii's true gems!  
Amy Surratt



**From:** [Karl Malivuk](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Kmalivuk@unm.edu](mailto:Kmalivuk@unm.edu)  
**Subject:** Saving Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:10:31 AM

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Greetings;

As a Hawai'i resident and property owner, my vote is to keep the stairs and shift ownership to the state for continued public use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karl Malivuk  
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**From:** [events808](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Saving the stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:15:10 AM

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Aloha, please make every effort to save this unique stair installation. There is ample space for a visitor / climbing center and parking lot, this would help eliminate pressure on the neighborhood. With a third party operating it, it can be an asset for the state. This is a world class hike that must be saved. Do the right thing

Mahalo  
Brian Vollert

**From:** [Dennis Callan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** stairs yes  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:44:02 AM

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haikustairstestimony@hbws.org

Yes of course, keep the stairs. Give them to the city who can then hand them off to third party, ready and waiting.

As kamaainas we would be happy to pay \$10 to climb these stairs.

It could easily be a money-maker.

Neighbors can be taken care of with shuttle vans for hikers from remote parking.

In return give neighbors free access to the stairs.

This would be a travesty if you rip them down.

Imagine all the wonders and enjoyment of future hikers, and their beneficial health results.

Dennis and June Callan

Dennis Callan

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[www.tourvideos.com](http://www.tourvideos.com)

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**From:** [Caroline Austin](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:56:45 AM

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Keep the haiku stairs  
Mahalo

**From:** [Rachael Short](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:44:52 AM

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Please keep the haiku stairs. It would be a shame to take them away.

Rachael Krueger  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marlene Osuna](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Stairway to heaven  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:53:31 AM

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Aloha I am writing here just to ask you to please consider saving stairway to heaven. This is now part of a history it's part of our land please make it accessible even if you charge a park fee to help with the VP of keeping it open or making it safe for everyone do it but please do not remove the stairway. As someone that lives here and has family here I want The children of my children to experience it this is a monument it's part of our history it needs to stay in our land it's our history please thank you

Thank you

Marlene Osuna Maza

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

**From:** [David B](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Stairway to Heaven  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:49:46 AM

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Keep it open. Make it legal! Allow legitimate and lawful access to this feature of the island!

As a police officer stationed in Waikiki; I have the unique opportunity to make contact with literally hundreds of visitors every year. While working, I constantly get asked the gambit of questions ranging from “Where do I park?” or “Is this a tow zone tomorrow?”, to directions to various establishments or local legal advice. Among this smattering of questions; is “How do I do the stairway to heaven?”; or how to do the hike legally or some variant of the question. It has become very apparent to me that this hike is a VERY POPULAR tourist attraction. After the aforementioned parking, directions, and legal questions; Haiku stairs is by far and away the most commonly asked question when I just make small talk to our visitor population. Its almost a guaranteed check box for any visitor under the age of 35 and is reasonably in shape. I was astonished by its popularity and believe it to almost have a cult following at this point. As a younger adult, I also experienced the hike and can understand why.

I know this is just one email in a sea of many...of which will land on deft eyes. You have your line items to make, and budgets to meet. This is just a thorn in your foot. I get that. So stop making it YOUR burden BWS; pawn it off. Give it to the tourism industry. Have them make it a question on that flyer everyone has to fill out when coming to Honolulu. You'll see just how much of a draw it is and how beneficial it would be for SOMEONE to legitimize it. If its as popular as my antidotal survey suggests; it'd be in the tourism boards' interest to invest the funds to fix it up and make it right.

Just my two cents;  
David Baker  
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**From:** [Jade](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Stairway to heaven  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:48:34 AM

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Aloha Board of Water Supply,

My husband and I have traveled to

Your islands over and over to visit and relax and have enjoyed the beautiful surroundings that you offer. We love your community of people and your strong morale.

I lived in Hilo when I was a kid and miss it often. There's nothing better than the sound of the ocean and the beautiful hikes.

Here on the mainland in Utah we have seen horrible ramifications already from this Covid-19. Not just from people getting sick, which seems to be the least of the issue but our economy is crashing.

I know tourism is so important to your local economy. Managed correctly, The Haiku Stairs could be responsible for countless millions in tourism and tax revenue to your beautiful island. To dismantle the Haiku stairs without TRYING the third party avenue is taking away from a better tomorrow. Fourteen contractors, that I am aware of have expressed interest in taking on the stairs! I feel that that means this is something, even a tourist (me), it's worth pursuing.

Let's figure out how to make it work so the homeowners in the Haiku area don't have people parking all over the place ALL the time! It's a huge nuisance for that community because of the parking and trespassing. When my husband and I were looking to climb this next year, we were told that you had to be dropped off and that you could not park there.

To lose this iconic Oahu landmark would be devastating. We just hope and pray that you will reconsider this and instead make The Haiku Stairs safe, get foot and vehicle traffic out of the Haiku neighborhood, and keep this asset so it can be enjoyed by many in our future.

Thanks so much for your time,

Tyson and Jade Irvine



**From:** [Paul Kalaiwaa](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Stairways to heaven mtg vote to keep or sell to county  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:12:52 AM

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Hi:

Thanks for the opportunity to give my testimony. I would like to see the subject hiking trail be open with conditions. First off, please transfer or sell property to county to assume liabilities n maintenance n public access.

The county would need to provide for a dedicated access n parking area. Perhaps purchasing some residential properties for parking and access fee for hikers. The fee would help defray cost and even “limit” access (crowd control) and maybe reduce property taxes for nearby properties reduce in half.

The nearby residents mostly don’t want the nuisance of outsiders. I believe this can be a win win by addressing residents concerns like reasonable hiking hours, respectful noise, littering and trash maintenance, security, limit tour buses.

Respectfully,

Paul Kalaiwaa  
Resident of Kaneohe since 1960s  
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**From:** [kona wayne](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Stairways to Heaven  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:46:55 AM

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I followed the law and never climbed the stairs. I would like to climb it with my daughter who lives on the mainland. Your opening the stairs would be immensely appreciated.

**From:** [EdI](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Ernest Lau Reasoninng  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:58:13 AM

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The Haiku Stairs should be closed and demolished if necessary.  
If cost of demolition is expensive, then extreme financial penalties should be enforced and imposed.  
The Stairs are an attraction to HIGH RISK TAKERs for the gorgeous view and to say "I been there and here's the selfy"  
The stairs is a potentially high financial liability to the City State, etc. deep pockets. Attorneys would love the lawsuit.

**Vote NO!**

**Ed Ige**  
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Steve Dawson](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for managed access to Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:46:52 AM

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Gosh, this has dragged on for so long. I can understand the BWS feeling that operating a hiking trail is not their responsibility and task. But it is also not the responsibility of the BWS to block use of the trail. The City has a plan, the City is willing to see if the Haiko Stairs can be operated in a responsible way. I really hope your decision is to allow the City to give it a try.

Thank you,  
Steve Dawson

**From:** [Samuel Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for putting Haiku Stairs in City & County of Honolulu Parks Department  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:55:11 AM

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BWS officials:

As some one who has climbed Haiku Stairs back in the 1980's.

I am 100% in support of the city keeping the stairs and leasing it out to a certified sub-contractor.

I think Haiku Stairs should be controlled by the City & County of Honolulu Parks department.

But you may need the help of the state, to allow for a signed health & safety waivers for climbing the stairs.

Overweight & persons with medical problems and anyone over 55, may need to have Doctor's permission to hike.

Fee's for cost of Hikes should be approved by 48 hours or more in advance by web, phone or email.

Video of Haiku Stairs Hike from bottom to top and back should be posted on the contractor and parks department web site's so everyone understands what they are doing..

A skilled safety guide should go up with each group or be stationed at the top of the stair's. He or she should be CPR & First Aid certified and have a radio & cell phone plus water.

Only 200 person a day, 20 person per trip should be allowed 7 days a week.

Bathroom access and water should be provided at the top and bottom of the stairs.

You also need to set up a parking lot at Windward Community Collage and a Small Bus to pick up hikers.

And Windward City & County of Honolulu Fire Department and helicopter support should have a plan for extraction of disabled hikers.

Note: The idea in this e-mail were discussed with other members of Maikiki Neighborhood Board 10.

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P.S. Please call if you have any questions

**From:** [Paul Kuiken](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:32:31 AM

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Dear Board of Water Supply,

My name is Paul Kuiken. I am a resident of Ewa Beach on O'ahu and I support having the Haiku Stairs remain in place and be managed by a qualified organization with a controlled access point. I agree with Mayor Caldwell that the Haiku Stairs are an important and unique asset on O'ahu and that the stairs should be preserved as long as they can be managed safely.

I think removing the stairs is a wasted opportunity to provide a breathtaking display of the beauty of O'ahu that would not only generate revenue for the state and conservation goals, but would continue to inspire people to care for this a'ina.

I also think removing the stairs would be a slap in the face to those who have respectfully obeyed the law and not sought to illegally climb the stairs, while hoping that one day we might be able to legally make the hike. There are many beautiful ridge hikes that are much too technical and dangerous for the moderate level hiker. The Haiku Stairs would be a major opportunity to allow access to a ridge trail while maintaining a level of safety that would be impossible to achieve on any other ridge hike.

There are many examples around the world of managed tourism that could serve as a template for how to manage the haiku stairs. Please do not waste this opportunity to preserve a piece of history and access to the unparalleled beauty only found here in Hawai'i.

Respectfully,

Paul Kuiken

**From:** [pcasey@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:pcasey@hawaii.rr.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:31:54 PM

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Aloha,

I strongly support allowing a private contractor to manage the Stairs to allow hikers to experience a very unique vista, and to provide peace, quiet, and security for the neighbors adjacent to the foot of the Stairs. I understand and empathize with BWS that they do not want to expend resources to maintain this outdoors resource. However, they are of historical significance, and a very important part of Oahu's heritage. Further, they are an opportunity for a much needed business to provide transportation of hikers in to the foot of the Stairs, after signing a release form, and with a guide, the opportunity climb this unique engineering wonder, and do it safely, and legally.

Please do not destroy this unique and valuable asset to Oahu's outdoors.

Respectfully,

*Patrick N. Casey, P.G., ChG.*  
*Kailua, HI*

**From:** [Chad Taniguchi](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT KEEPING STAIRS  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:14:26 AM

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Aloha Board of Water Supply,

I've been up the stairs 3 times. Each was during volunteer maintenance and invasive species control organized by the friends of Haiku Stairs.

Each time I was amazed by how thin the ridges were and realized this illuminating experience would have been impossible as a group or solitary hiker. Mountain climbing skills would be required. I would say for those physically able, this is a must do experience in Hawaii, just to appreciate how Hawaii has evolved geologically and naturally. The experience helps me appreciate where I was born and choose to live.

Although not as spectacular, I would put this a notch below experiencing the Na Pali coast and hiking Kalalau, which I have done 20 times.

Yes, the lack of controls have been terrible for neighborhood friends who live there. Allowing the city to take responsibility and work with a nonprofit would be the best of all worlds, protecting the neighborhood, and allowing people to experience this wonder.

Mahalo,  
Chad Taniguchi  
Kailua resident



**From:** [Peter Caldwell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support managed access  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:22:03 PM

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Speaking as physician who has been up the stairs many times dating back to Coast Guard days, I strongly support the managed access plans for the stairs such as the plan advocated for some time by the Friends of the Haiku Stairs.

It would truly be a huge mistake and very short sighted to dismantle the stairs as the City and County and the State are sitting on a potential gold mine of a tourist attraction that could very easily be managed similar to Hanauma Bay and other popular sites.

Furthermore for kamaaina and visitors alike, this unique structure deserves preservation and management for recreational benefits as well as providing educational opportunities to appreciate endemic flora and learn about the historical significance and purpose of its construction.

Managed access would therefore benefit the community in many ways and alleviate the problems of illegal use plus certainly help the BWS to no longer be involved financially or otherwise.

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**From:** [Paul Dyson](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support of Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:47:09 AM

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I would like to express my support for keeping the Haiku Stairs viable and reopening them to the public. I'm a retired Coast Guard officer and remember when the stairs were part of the Coast Guard Loran station. I've climbed the stairs many times in my life and believe that there is no other hike on Oahu that better allows people to see the natural beauty of the island. I've climbed the stairs at least 100 times over the years and never got tired of it. I've met some wonderful people on the stairs and was always amazed at the variety of people who climbed the stairs. I remember meeting a group of approximately 20 people who were on the island for their 40 year high school reunion and they were all climbing the stairs. This was back when there were a few sections of the stairs missing and I helped them all climb up the one really steep section using ropes.

One year I set a goal to climb the stairs 100 times in one year and was well on my way to reaching my goal having done it 58 times in the first six months. Unfortunately, I was unable to finish my goal because the stairs were then closed to the public for refurbishment. By the end I was able to go from the bottom of the stairs to the top and back down in exactly one hour.

During my times climbing the stairs I talked to a number of residents in the area near where I parked. They never seemed to mind me as I would stop and talk to them. Their main complaint seemed to be that people were parking on their street so I was always careful not to park too close. I never heard anyone complain of property damage or vandalism. I did think that their complaints were a bit weak, as many of us have the same problems if we live near something of interest. Beachgoers often take up street parking in Kailua and students take up street parking in Manoa. Their complaints of lack of limited street parking are no more valid than those of Kailua and Manoa residents.

I agree that the BWS should not have to care for the stairs and agree that a third party should take over the control and upkeep of the stairs. Who that should be would have to be worked out. As a former president of the Honolulu Zoo Society I can understand the challenges that would be involved and it would not be easy. Even with the challenges though, I believe that the stairs are an amazing asset for the citizens of Hawaii and whatever effort is necessary to keep them open should be done.

If you need someone to be part of the discussion, feel free to reach out to me.

Aloha,  
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**From:** [Tamara Uhr](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support of keeping stairs open  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:04:54 AM

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To whom it may concern;

I am in support of keeping the Haiku Stair open for public use.

I would be in support of a fee in order to help maintain the stairs as well.

Sincerely,  
Tamara Uhr  
(808) 352-1460

**From:** [Mary Macmillan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support Stairs as Separate Entity  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:10:09 AM

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I support the transfer of Haiku Stairs Management to a separate entity that will manage them as a climbing enterprise.

I have climbed the stairs (once was enough) and appreciate that young people today want experiences, not entertainment, and will do whatever it takes to fulfill those desires, including climbing our mountains with equipment not suited to the Pali, resulting in injuries, death, or needing to be rescued. Removing the stairs will not solve the problem.

The Stairs need to be actively managed by a local company that will protect all climbers and collect enough fees to at least break even. Making a profit would be even better. If our economy recovers, there are enough 1%ers who will be happy to pay \$500 to climb the stairs and take selfies at the top.

The Board of Water Supply is not a travel experience company, and should not be forced to act as one.  
Mary Macmillan, Mililani

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**From:** [Amy Harpstrite](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support to keep stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:02:43 AM

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I am writing in support of keeping the stairs and eventually opening them legally to the public. I have lived here my whole life and feel they offer a safe and unique opportunity to explore nature. I live next to the Pillbox hike and am aware of problems hikers can pose but I feel that the hike is not the problem.

My husband grew up in the neighborhood where the stairs start & his parents still do. His family is also supportive of keeping the stairs open and feel it is primarily a small group of vocal residents who are adamant about closing them down, not the majority of homeowners. Thank you- Amy Harpstrite MD

**From:** [John Sabas](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Take Down haiku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:59:06 AM

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Aloha,

I support the BWS' recommendation that the haiku stairs should be taken down.

Transferring it to another city agency will not work. It will still be a costly liability to the taxpayers.

An alternative route would not work. It will not alleviate the problems that would continue to be experienced by the neighborhood.

I strongly support the only option that makes sense to the HONOLULU taxpayer and those who live in the haiku area: take down the stairs.

Mahalo and aloha,

John Sabas

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [aileen upchurch](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Take the stairs down  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:10:04 AM

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No matter what you do to keep the stairs open there will be Hordes of people trespassing in the neighborhood. They Will continue to create opala. Our first responders will be Busy rescuing hikers. And who will pay for the inevitable Suits that hit the city? The stairs are dangerous for hikers And first responders not to mention ridiculously costly to Maintain. I vote take down the Haiku Stairs.

**From:** [Richard](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** TEAR DOWN THE STAIRS  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:29:27 AM

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DO NOT KEEP THE STAIRS.  
So very dangerous - an invitation for law suits.  
Its not needed!!  
Richard & Wilma Boudreau  
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Kailua, Hawaii



**From:** [Regina Callaway](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Tear it down, close it off, or build save stairs.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:09:27 AM

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Hi, I'm a mom of college students in your state. These college kids are going there and hiking it. I'm so happy my has not. I have warned them. But their classmates are going and have gone. I just don't understand why the state can't build a safe path/hike? Keep it and build something safe and beautiful. Charge if you have to, but if this is not done, please block it off and tear it down. It's not safe the way it sits and these kids are doing night hikes up it.

Thank you, Regina Djuth

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [tacticaledgeserv@aol.com](mailto:tacticaledgeserv@aol.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony and Proposal for the Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:28:51 AM

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Dear Mr. Ernest Y.W, Lau, P.E., or To Whom It May Concern,

This email is being submitted to you in regard to the testimony and a proposal to the Haiku Stairs. I am prepared in my proposal to privately manage the access to the stairs through the collection of entrance fees and give access only through professionally trained guided tours, take the liability off your Office, provide needed security. Upon the collection of fees, it will be utilized towards the conveyance/any needed neighborhood improvements, maintenance and up keep of the stairs as needed and income to the State/County after an agreement can be settled on. The fees would further go to the business expenses of conducting, managing the tours and operational costs. After all of the above is covered, hopefully there will be a small profit at the end for all of my efforts. For further information, please continue to read the body of the letter. Thank you.

I am sorry for this very unprofessional letter and means that it is delivered, as I was/am in the process of submitting a formal written proposal to your Office expressing interest in the disposition of the Haiku Stairs. However, due the Covid 19 pandemic, all research, drafting of formal letters and proposals were sort of put on hold.

In my proposal, I was addressing your concerns; the general liability of the stairs, the security measures that I would be possibly implementing to address the trespassers, and managing the entrance to the stairs through the collection of private entrance fees by way of conducting tours, which would address all the safety concerns, as I don't see how access could be granted any other way without the conducting of highly trained tour guides to minimize the dangers of the hike thereby jeopardizing the safety of the hikers/public. My managed access plan addresses not only all of the above, but I am prepared to manage/collect the entrance fees, (which still needs to be determined?) Which would go towards the operation costs, the maintenance and up keep of the stairs. The collected fees would also, go towards the conveyance/any improvements to the surrounding area's neighborhood. Proceeds would also, be issued to the State and City as agreed after negotiating an income/revenue. Upon conducting my research on the history of the stairs and based on the illegal public hikers traffic flow and the totality of the stairs and the positiveness that it brings and stands for , I am hopeful with all of the above costs and expenses, that I will still make a little profit? The managing of the stairs in a correct way, has a lot too offer, from tourism, local jobs, educational benefits for our Schools or Universities to cultural interests?

In regard to Mr. John Morgan of Kualoa Ranch with intent to purchase the stairs materials, remove it and then place it on top of his mountain ridges surrounding his Ranch, it is a nice idea, as it removes the liability from your Office and you do sort of break even for the materials. However, the further revenue to the State and City are lost, as so the neighborhood area's improvements or conveyance. The placement of the stairs on his property is not the same as where it is at now. The majestic beauty of the Haiku mountains and area cannot be matched. Also, the history of the stairs would not be the same, not too mention that it is a feat of engineering in itself where it is at the present time and spot. By managing the access to the stairs correctly and safely, it has unsurpassed potential with regard to not only tourism, but educational value and to generate a profit for everyone willing to negotiate what needs to be done to get the job done. Thank you for your time and hopefully consideration to my proposal.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Vickie](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony and support Ha'iku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:39:54 AM

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I believed that Haiku Stairs is an a important and famous landmark on Oahu and should be preserved.

Aloha,  
Vickie Lee

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Stacy Davis](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony for Ha iku stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:07:35 AM

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Please turn over ownership and control to the city of Honolulu. I believe with a little bit of planning, the stairs can be a safe and popular tourist attraction. It could also be some sort of event stage for fund raising.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stacy Davis

**From:** [Cassie](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony for Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:10:56 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:

Aloha, I am writing to you to voice my testimony for the Haiku Stairs. I believe that the stairs are an invaluable part of the history of this island. Please consider leaving the stairs in place and building a park in that are for Oahu residents and visitors. Removal of these stairs would surely cause widespread heartache. Thank you so much for the opportunity to have input on this outcome.

Sincerely,  
Cassie Coleman

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Rosealiza Wan Zaid](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony for Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:31:24 AM

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Aloha,

I am a resident of O'ahu and I declare that the Haiku Stairs should not be taken down. As a historical staple of the island, it must be protected and preserved for all future generations, not dismantled and destroyed. Please save our Stairway to Heaven.

Mahalo,  
Rosealiza Wan Zaid

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kayatomomi](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony for Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:51:52 PM

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Hi!

I am hoping the stairs will be able to stay. I have a lot of memories hiking with my mom. She is the one who stoked our family's passion for exploring our island and other beautiful places in nature. Stairway to Heaven was one of her favorites and greatest hiking accomplishments. It is one that we did not get to do with her and I hope to one day be able to.

Thank you!  
Loren

**From:** [Olivia Perry](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:36:11 AM

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Aloha,

I know that this a difficult decision for the board to decide, however time has changed the the area since I was growing up in Kāne'ohe. We used to visit the few families that lived in the area, now the whole landscape has changed with a lot of homes That are there.

The area does not have the infrastructure to handle the homeowners and hikers. To continue on the adventure to keep and open the Haiku stairs would be costly to the City , Insurance will be needed, maintenance etc. would also add to the cost. Crowd control will also be needed, charging hikers a fee would not cover the cost that the City or whomever takes over the Haiku Stairs.

Remember the Haiku Stairs was built NOT for HIKING purposes.

We already have sites that have this spectacular view (Pali Lookout)

Mahalo for taking the time to hear my concerns.

Olivia M. Perry  
1052 Alahaki Street  
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Phone: 808 384-4902

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Ken Ito](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:30:53 AM

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Aloha members of the Board and thank you for the opportunity to testify on your recent Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) recommendation to remove the Haiku Stairs. My name is Ken Ito (former State Representative) and I have worked on this issue for over 20 years and finally we have a recommendation to remove the stairs, which I totally support. This issue has negatively impacted the residents and their quality of life. The residents were never given a straight answer on the many of their concerns from the State and City agencies that has jurisdiction around the stairs until now.

I want to thank Mr. Ernest Lau for his leadership on this matter and his staff who worked diligently to its conclusion.

"Pure water is man's greatest need". "There is no substitute for pure water".

That is the mission of the Board of Water Supply not " Haiku Stairs. "

Mahalo.

Ken Ito Ed.D.  
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Kaneohe, HI 96744

**From:** [bronson azama](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in Opposition to removal  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:43:51 PM  
**Attachments:** [Testimony for Ha'iku Stairs - Google Docs.pdf](#)

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Aloha,

Kala mai on my late response, below I have attached my testimony in opposition to the removal of Ha'iku stairs.

Me ke aloha,  
Bronson Azama

**From:** [Santos, Lorrie Ann](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of BWS Decision to Remove Ha"iku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:26:37 AM  
**Attachments:** [BWS Testimony.docx](#)

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**From:** [Jerry Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Retaining the Historic Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:58:32 AM

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I fully support the initiative to retain the so-called "Stairway to Heaven" (aka., Haiku Stairs) for transfer of responsibility by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) to the City and County of Honolulu. Mayor Caldwell has formally requested such transfer to enable formation of a Public/Private Partnership to manage access to the historic site for the purpose of appropriate recreation and preservation. Clearly, responsibility for and management of the Stairs should not be within the purview of the BWS since such a function is well outside of their charter. BWS interest in the matter is that of escape from any responsibility for the Stairs and they have made that patently evident over the years.

I am a long time resident (now 79) of Haiku Village (41 years) and have followed the matter for many years. I am not a hiker because I suffer from several chronic diseases that inhibit climbing, but I would cherish the opportunity view the Windward Landscape from the top of the Stairway to Heaven and believe that opportunity should be afforded to those who are able to make the climb. My observations over the years indicate that the objections to the climbers by residents in the near entrances to the stairs is overblown and somewhat exaggerated. Obviously, those residents knew of the problems before purchasing their homes but went ahead in the face of the "problem". On the other hand, I do believe those issues can easily be mitigated with little cooperation between the various stakeholders. I do not see "hordes" of hikers attempting to break in to climb the Stairs.

Additionally, I am very familiar with the original purpose of the Stairs. During the early portion of World War II, the Stairs were built to enable maintenance of the antenna cables strung across Haiku Valley. These antennas were employed by the U S Navy to operate a Low Frequency (LF) Submarine Communications Broadcast to Pacific Fleet Submarines during the War and subsequently. In the mid 1960s control of the transmission site was turned over to the U S Coast Guard to operate an Omega Very Low Frequency Navigation Site for ships and aircraft throughout the Pacific Region. The Coast Guard decommissioned the site and removed the antenna cables in 1997 to enable earlier completion of H3. The Federal Government subsequently transferred the land to the State of Hawaii.

I submit that the Stairs are a National Historic Site and should be registered as such so they may be preserved.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [kailua5@aol.com](mailto:kailua5@aol.com)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of saving Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:59:13 AM

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Aloha,

I support preservation of the Haiku Stairs, one of the most spectacular hikes in the world and urge you to work to find a solution to save this precious resource. The city and state have been negligent as far as finding a workable solution to preserving this important resource for hikers, but one needs to be found instead of proceeding to destroy it. This is comparable to closing Pipeline to surfers, or Kailua Beach to windsurfers, Kaneohe Bay to sailors and Yosemite to rock climbers. These are very important functions of city, state, and the federal government to preserve natural resources and preserve access to them.

Instead, of taxpayer money being funneled into paying a security guard thousands of dollars over the years to "guard" the trail, alternative solutions should have been planned and implemented. Money was wasted and a multitude of workable solutions were never funded. BWS needs to close the trail temporarily until solutions are found. Gate it, whatever you have to do, stop paying the security guard, but don't rip the trail out. Destroying that trail, one the state at one time spent large amounts of money to repair, is inexcusable and would be a tremendous loss.

Now, the state budget is in crisis so this will be the excuse for the final blow to the fate of the stairs. Government and the Board of Water Supply have found their silver bullet. I would urge the Board of Water Supply to delay this decision until the pandemic is over and the state economy is healthier and can support the efforts of the Friends of Haiku Stairs. They are a noble group who really have the best interests of everyone in mind and deserve a chance to save the stairs for everyone.

This issue has been dictated far too long by a few neighbors in the neighborhood where people accessing the stairs park their cars. Hikers are well aware of the man who sits in his garage and serves as the gatekeeper of Haiku Stairs. Everyone is sympathetic to the issues of these neighbors, but many neighborhoods have similar issues and there are solutions in this case that don't involve dismantling this trail. I live near a beach park and you don't want to try to get any early morning sleep here when paddling season starts. The list goes on.

Several plans were proposed that would have located restricted parking for the hike outside of neighborhoods, but why were these never implemented? The state, or city, I'm not sure which, put thousands of dollars at one point into repairing the stairs and now we are going to tear it down. All of this is very frustrating for hikers, some of them in my own family, who cherish this hike and the other trails around the island. The state needs to step up and BWS needs to pressure them to do so. This should not be a BWS problem to solve.

Once again, please do not make any final solutions on the fate of the Haiku Stairs today. Please close it, do not dismantle it, until funding and plans for restricted parking and trail access outside of neighborhoods can be found. The State has restricted access to the Na Pali Coast/Haena State Park on Kauai and more and more this approach to our natural resources will have to be the approach. They will have to be managed and restricted much more stringently to protect the resource, protect the solitude of Hawaii residents, and protect the rights of access.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.  
Sincerely,  
Beth Anderson

**From:** [Melodie Aduja](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony is Opposition to the Removal of Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:02:11 PM

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Our names are William and Amber Aduja, we are the adult children of Melodie Aduja. We are third generation residents of Ha`ikū and He`eia. Our grandparents raised their family in Ha`ikū Plantations. They watched the development of Ha`ikū Road and the Kane`ohe area for over 50 years when the Omega Station was in operation in the 1960s until it was decommissioned in 1997. We attended St. Ann`s Church and Schools, and we continue to reside in this ahupua`a. We write in opposition to the removal of the Ha`ikū Stairs and in support of the Managed Use Plan advocated by the Friends of Ha`ikū Stairs.

We are in favor a managed access arrangement to best accommodate hikers, visitors and sightseers, environmentalists, cultural practitioners, and area residents. Through managed access, residential complaints of non-resident parking, trash, noise, and trespassing can be eliminated. Through this managed plan, the following safeguards will be in place: (1) limits on the total number climbers allowed per day; (2) safety program and education in coordination with the HFD; (3) scheduled reservations; (4) tiered rate structure for kama`āina, military, and educational, scientific, and cultural groups, (5) right of way through government agency lands; (6) liability insurance and release forms; and (7) security, including a shuttle van to and from the Base of the Stairs and at least two staff members assigned to oversee, monitor the hikers in number and speed, and offer education. Given these safeguards, the use and maintenance of the Hai`kū Stairs can and should be perpetuated for all to enjoy.

What struck us the most about maintaining the use and enjoyment of the Hai`kū Stairs is the cultural aspect. According to the Ko`olau Foundation, climbing the Hai`kū Stairs can be a cultural and educational experience in additional to a recreational experience. Hawaiian cultural values will be incorporated, such as respecting the mountain and `āina being paramount, offering a pule or Hawaiian blessing before the climb, providing education on the history of native Hawaiians in Hai`kū Valley, which may include the late Kahuna Sam Lono, providing education on native Hawaiian plants and workings on native plan preservation and restoration; and providing research projects on the Hai`kū Stairs and Hai`kū Valley for and by students from Kamehameha Schools, Windward Community College and other educational and scientific institutions.

The Hai`kū Stairs is a valuable educational, cultural, and recreational resource which should not be destroyed depriving students, cultural practitioners, hikers, and visitors of the pleasure of learning and experiencing this unique structure and the benefits it provides overall. It is our testimony to object to the removal of the Hai`kū Stairs and instead advocate for the development of the Managed Use Plan provided by the Friends of Hai`kū Stairs.

Thank you very much,

/s/ William Aduja and

/s/ Amber Aduja

**From:** [Frank Uhr](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony of support  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:29:13 AM

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I support the preservation of the Haiku stairs as a historic Hawaiian site and an amazing and beautiful place for the people of Hawaii to enjoy.

I would be willing to pay a fee to support its ongoing preservation.

Thanks

Frank Uhr

**From:** [Colin Lee](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony re Ha'ikū Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:38:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [Colin Lee's Testimony for the Board of Water Supply.pdf](#)

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Aloha, Chair Andaya and Members of the Board,

Please find attached my testimony for today's hearing regarding the future of the Ha'ikū Stairs.

Respectfully,

Colin Lee

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**Colin Lee**

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William S. Richardson School of Law  
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**From:** [steve haumschild](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** testimony to the stairway  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:39:17 PM

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I am 100% supportive of keeping the stairway open by a managed access plan that does not impede the neighborhood right to quiet life or put undue stress on the first responders. A private managed plan is the best path to achieve all of this.

Steve Haumschild  
Kailua resident

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Best and Aloha,

Steve Haumschild

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**From:** [Bruce Nicholl](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:32:06 AM

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I believe the stairs should be removed.

Maintenance/operation of the the Stairs should not be even a peripheral function of the BWS. BWS exists to provide water to the citizenry -- not to furnish another entertainment venue for tourist/trespassers. Its current operation costs taxpayers \$250,000 a year for which we receive nothing but the invasion of a residential neighborhood and the its residual debris.

Bruce J. Nicholl  
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**From:** [Joslynn Ojiri](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:36:33 AM

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Good Morning,

I am opposed to opening of the Haiku stairs to the public out of concern for our first responders, traffic but most of all the Neighborhood, especially those who are located at the foot of the stairs.

As a life-long Kaneohe resident, I continually see the impact of our tourism industry into our community with NO regard to the residents and disrespect of the rules that are currently in place. How can we expect that if we open the stairs to be managed by a private company that this will solve the problem? Fines imposed to trespassers now are difficult if not impossible to enforce once they leave the islands.

Those who want the stairs open do not live near or even in the Windward community, The traffic is already impacted on Kamehameha and Kahekili highways along with Kahuhipa which would have the greatest impact iif the stairway is kept open.

If we open the stairs, this will be an open invitation for more tourist damaging our land, utilizing our first responders (many more rescues), which would stretch our resources for true emergencies.

Finally, I'm a believer that just because you can. do something, doesn't mean you should.

Consider the long term impact of hikers in our community. Trash, hygiene issues, over-use of our first responders. for unskilled, unprepared and irresponsible hikers.

**I urge the board to remove the stairs permanently for the sake of our island, the Kaneohe community and for our neighbors.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Joslynn Ojiri  
Keapuka, Kaneohe Resident

**From:** [Bryant Owan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:48:33 AM

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Aloha,

To whom it may concern, as a life long resident of O'ahu, I am requesting the Haiku stairs NOT be removed and kept as one of Hawaii's best hikes (and possibly in the world). It would be sad to see such a beautiful hike be torn down and not preserved. Please find any alternative that will keep the haiku stairs open and preserved for generations to come. Mahalo for your time and have a blessed day.

Mahalo,  
Mr. Bryant Owan  
Laie resident

**From:** [C. Manu Kaiama](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:26:09 AM

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Firefighters use the stairs to rescue many inexperienced and foolish hikers, local and non-local, hiking elsewhere in the mountains. It's actually necessary for their work and makes some rescues easier. I believe they should be retrofitted and only firefighters should be allowed to use them. If the fine was \$5,000 per person using them illegally, this would help our economy, as long as the tourism board doesn't go and bail out tourists of the fine. Proper signage with fines at the bottom would put all illegal trespassers on notice. Maybe also have a "finders" fee, when you see someone on the stairs, easy to do from H3, call the police. There is a way to enforce this. Though it is supposedly a beautiful view, it's not a RIGHT for all adventurers to experience this. Use of it should be limited to First Responders only. This is serious, please make the right decision.

Mahalo nui,

C. M Kaiama

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**From:** [Joshua Hagan](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony; Haiku Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:59:06 AM  
**Attachments:** [Haiku Stairs Testimony.4ward View Investments.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached testimony . . .

**From:** [Mark Bell](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** The Stairway of heaven  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:51:34 AM

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Please please do not take down the Stairway to heaven. There is so much beautiful history behind it. They are a part of history it deserves to be preserved and enjoyed.

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**From:** [Harvey Nakamoto Jr.](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Unseen Hawaii Testimony Re: Board of Water Supply Takes Up Haiku Stairs At April 27 Board Meeting"  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:51:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [BWS Testimony 4-27-2020.docx](#)

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Aloha Board of Water Supply,

Please see the attached testimony submitted to the Board of Water Supply on behalf of Unseen Hawaii Adventure Tours, LLC and to be used in the BWS's April 27, Board Meeting. For ease of reference, I cut and copied the entire content of the attached below here. Please feel free to use whichever format is most convenient for you.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,  
Unseen Hawaii Adventure Tours, LLC  
Harvey M Nakamoto Jr  
808-383-9538

The people of Hawaii have long regarded the Haiku Stairs as an iconic part of Hawaii's history and culture. The people of Hawaii including the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, the Mayor, and at least two city agencies do not want the Haiku Stairs removed. Removing the Haiku Stairs as things are now would also likely cause severe environmental and ecological damage to a place that is significant to the people of Hawaii - Rick Barboza, one of the owners of Hui Ku Maoli Ola, LLC, is offering testimony in this regard. The problem, however, is that the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (hereinafter "BWS") understandably does not want to continue paying the exorbitant annual costs that it has been paying annually to secure and maintain the Haiku Stairs - this is far beyond the scope of the Honolulu Board of Water Supplies's duties. However, preferable alternatives have recently emerged that would allow the people of Hawaii to keep this important part of Hawaii's history and culture while also removing the BWS's liability and responsibility for the property (yet maintaining access rights to the watershed) and doing so at no additional costs to the BWS. Creating a public/private partnership to establish a controlled and managed access plan to reopen the stairs while simultaneously protecting the historical, cultural, and ecological significance of both the Haiku Stairs and the surrounding area would be a far preferable alternative to removing this iconic part of Hawaii's history and culture.

The Haiku Stairs is of tremendous historical and cultural significance to the people of Hawaii. It was built in the 1940s and is classified as a historic property. The Haiku Stairs provides some of the best views of areas that are sacred to the people of Hawaii. On May 17, 2017, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board voted to reopen the stairs under a controlled and managed access plan that would respect the privacy and rights of residents of the Haiku Village neighborhood. On July 2, 2019 the Friends of Haiku Stairs also submitted a petition to the BWS and the Mayor's Office that contained 11,650 signatures supporting saving the Haiku Stairs. People from around the world also view the Haiku Stairs as an important part of Hawaii's history. The Haiku Stairs are listed in the world's top 10 hikes in the National Geographic endangered trails list. New opportunities have developed recently that could allow the BWS to do all of the following: 1) absolve the BWS of it's responsibility to secure and maintain property that falls well outside the scope of its duties, 2) negate the need for the BWS to remove a significant cultural and historical landmark of Hawaii and 3) negate the need for the BWS to spend up to an additional \$1,000,000 to remove the Haiku Stairs. City agencies including the Department of Enterprise Services through the Department of Planning and Purchasing recently appeared to be reconsidering the possibility of accepting control of the Haiku Stairs from the BWS and creating a public private partnership to reopen the Haiku Stairs. No less than 14 private parties also expressed some form of interest in this idea by submitting responses to this RFI solicitation. Among the 14 interested parties were Unseen Hawaii Adventure Tours, LLC and Hui Ku Maoli Ola, LLC. Unseen Hawaii is composed of some of the best and most experienced visitor industry and adventure tour operators in Hawaii. Hui Ku Maoli Ola, LLC specializes in habitat restorations and ecologically impactful landscapes utilizing native plants and owns a large tract of property very near one of the main illegal access points to the Haiku Stairs. Allowing either or both of these parties to work with a City agency to reopen the Haiku Stairs under a controlled and managed access plan that would respect the privacy and rights of residents of the Haiku Village neighborhood is the much preferable alternative to removal.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,  
Unseen Hawaii Adventure Tours, LLC  
Harvey M Nakamoto Jr  
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**From:** [Hank Powers](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Value of the Stairs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:43:22 AM

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The stairs should be kept and maintained both as a way for our residents to enjoy the experience and also as an attraction for those who visit the state. Please do what is necessary to make this happen.

Thanks, Hank Powers

**From:** [Alberta Lee](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairtestimony](#)  
**Subject:** why  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:51:23 AM

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why does it have to be all or nothing? The cost to maintain the stairs is exorbitant & we can't afford it. With the virus causing economic concerns for years, this will be an added expense to the future generation added to rail's unknown costs.

Why not dismantle a lower portion of the stairs so that trespassers cannot have access & the remainder a "historical site". that visitors can view.

thank u

**From:** [Lex Smith](#)  
**To:** [Haikustairstestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Written Testimony of Lex Smith  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:06:04 PM

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Dear Board Members:

I apologize for the tardiness of my submission. I hope that it will be considered anyway. The Haiku Stairs are a unique treasure that need to be preserved and maintained for the people of our county and our state. It would be a failing of government to destroy this precious and irreplaceable, asset. For the same reasons we would not destroy Hanauma Bay or Waikiki Beach, we should be preserving the Haiki stairs.

It does appear that the stairs need to be better managed, and moving them out of the Board of Water Supply and into a city department that can do that would seem like a good decision.

Sincerely,

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