



**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO DR21-73, HONO'IPU HIDEAWAY, LLC  
State Land Use Commission Remand Hearing  
June 19, 2026**

Aloha Chair and Members of the State Land Use Commission,

My name is Godfrey Kainoa Sr. and I am a Kailapa Hawaiian homestead lessee. I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to the request by Hono'ipu Hideaway, LLC to change the boundary interpretation for its coastal parcel in North Kohala.

I oppose this request because the Hono'ipu and 'Upolu coastline is important to my ohana.. My ohana has been connected to this aina for fishing, gathering, cultural practices and we have family history connected to Upolu.

Once coastal Conservation land is opened to more development pressure, it is very hard to undo the damage.

This request should not even be considered. If the change happens it could reduce protections for land that should remain carefully managed because of its shoreline location, cultural significance, and relationship to public access. Conservation land should not be moved into Agriculture without a full and transparent process that looks at environmental impacts, cultural impacts, historic resources, traditional and customary Native Hawaiian practices, and the voices of the people who live here.

If this is allowed to happen many other landowners will want to do the same thing. If one coastal landowner can use a boundary interpretation to move land out of Conservation, other sensitive coastal lands may be next. North Kohala has worked hard to protect its shoreline, historic trails, fishing areas, and cultural landscapes. The Commission should not allow this decision to weaken those protections.

I respectfully ask the Land Use Commission to deny this request and keep the Conservation boundary in place. Please require the highest level of review before any coastal Conservation land is reclassified.

Mahalo for listening to the concerns of our community.

Respectfully,

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