

**HO'OLA 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,

Ho'ola respectfully submits this testimony in strong opposition to the request by Hono'ipu Hideaway, LLC to reinterpret the boundary of its 17.547-acre coastal parcel in Kapa'a-'Upolu, North Kohala, from Conservation to Agricultural classification.

Ho'ola is a Native Hawaiian nonprofit and DHHL land use steward of the neighboring 'Upolu Point former Coast Guard LORAN Station. Our kuleana is to mālama 'āina, protect cultural and natural resources, support Hawaiian beneficiaries, and ensure that land use decisions in this area honor the history, people, and future of North Kohala.

We oppose this request because it would remove important coastal land from Conservation protections without the full level of review that such a serious change deserves. This is not only a technical boundary issue to us. This is about the future of a culturally and historically significant coastline, public access, Native Hawaiian practices, shoreline protection, and the character of North Kohala.

The Hono'ipu/'Upolu coastline is connected to generations of fishing, gathering, trail use, cultural practice, and community relationship to place. Old Coast Guard Road and the surrounding coastal lands are part of a larger cultural landscape that includes access to the Hono'ipu/Puakea shoreline and the Ala Kahakai trail system. This area should not be opened to increased private development pressure through a narrow boundary interpretation process.

As the neighboring DHHL land steward, Ho'ola is also concerned about cumulative impacts. Our stewardship work at 'Upolu Point is centered on due diligence, environmental assessment, archaeological assessment, community consultation, and responsible planning. We believe neighboring private landowners should be held to the same high standard when land use changes may affect coastal resources, cultural sites, shoreline access, and Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

We respectfully ask the Commission to deny the requested boundary interpretation and keep the existing Conservation boundary in place. If the petitioner seeks to change Conservation land to Agricultural land, that request should go through the proper district boundary amendment process with full environmental, cultural, archaeological, public access, and Native Hawaiian rights review.

This coastline is not just real estate. It is 'āina, history, kuleana, and inheritance for future generations. Please protect the Conservation District boundary and uphold the public trust

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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