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Board of Land and Natural Resources
Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Re: March 14, 2025, BLNR Meeting – Item K-2 CDUA OA-3950 – Realignment of Kamehameha Highway at Laniākea Beach, Oahu - Testimony

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on CDUA OA-3950 for the realignment of Kamehameha Highway at Laniākea Beach, as this long-awaited project is a vital step toward improving traffic flow, pedestrian safety, and coastal resilience on the North Shore. While I strongly support the overall effort, the current proposal falls short in addressing a critical issue: the need for a properly managed makai parking area. Without a clear and enforceable plan for structured parking, the project risks failing to resolve the congestion and safety hazards it aims to fix.

For over a decade, the community has pushed for a realignment solution that addresses the highway's vulnerability to erosion and tackles the persistent and dangerous congestion caused by unmanaged parking at Laniākea. Unregulated roadside parking has long created hazardous conditions for pedestrians and motorists, yet the current plan fails to implement an adequately managed parking area. Instead, it allows for unrestricted vehicle access, perpetuating the same chaotic traffic conditions that have plagued this stretch of highway for years and offering no meaningful solution to ongoing congestion, safety risks, and environmental degradation.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Quinlan".

The Honorable Sean Quinlan
Hawaii State Representative
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