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HB 832
RELATING TO REPLACEMENT OF SAND ON BEACHES

Statement for
House Committee on
Water, Land Use, Development and Hawaiian Affairs
Public Hearing - 23 February 1985

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HB 832 proposes two amendments to provisions of HRS Section 205-33 relating to the taking of sand in and near the shoreline. This statement does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The first of the amendments would provide a limitation to the taking of sand from a public beach additional to the limitation in the present law. Such taking may be now made for reasonable, personal, non-commercial use. The bill would further limit such a taking to a volume of no more than a gallon. It is argued in the justification sheet attached to the bill that pickup-truck loads have been held "reasonable". Takings of such volumes could indeed severely damage a beach, as claimed, and a limitation on the order of that proposed seems reasonable.

The second of the amendments relates to taking of sand in waters that are shallow, near-shore, or both. Such takings are now permitted for the restoration of certain public beaches, subject to the preparation of environmental impact statements and findings that the taking and use are in the public interest.

However, the only beaches where restoration is now permitted in this way are those at Hilo, Waikiki, Ala Moana, and Kailua. Other provisions of the present law constitute safeguards that appear quite adequate, and there appears no sound reason why the beaches that may be restored by sand taken from shallow, near-shore waters should be limited to those specified in the present law.



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SB 1310
RELATING TO REPLACEMENT OF
ERODED SAND ON PUBLIC BEACHES

Statement for
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The attached statement on HB 832 is equally applicable to the companion bill, SB 1310.

Attachment