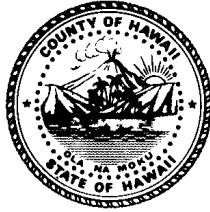


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Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair  
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Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

**Re: SB 1142 Making an Appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Uncle Billy's Demolition)**  
**Hearing Date: February 1, 2019 – 1:15 PM; Senate Conference Room 229**

It was with some regret that Uncle Billy's Hotel in Hilo was condemned, but health and safety demanded such a decision. For the same reasons, it is important that the remaining structures be removed as expeditiously as possible, using state funds if appropriate and necessary.

I hope you will approve SB 1142.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim  
Mayor, County of Hawai'i