

From: [Judy Locke](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [waikapuca@gmail.com](#); [trpolido@gmail.com](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikapu Reapportionment
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:57:12 PM

Dear Hawaii Reapportionment Commission,

I am a concerned citizen of Waikapu, Maui. It seems that there is a proposal to split the residents of Waikapu into separate voting districts. I am against this proposal. The families in Waikapu are residents of Central Maui. We live here, send our kids and grandkids to schools here, drive the roads here, and many of us have the luxury of working here. We are very active participants in all aspects of our community and have built our lives and neighborhoods here. We need to be able to vote for representatives that know our community and our concerns. We want to be represented by a resident of Central Maui. While we appreciate the desire to balance the numbers through reapportionment, splitting and bunching such divergent communities as Waikapu and Lahaina is wrong. It will discourage and disengage voters. We want good, solid, well informed representation, not just a token passing interest of our issues. Please do your best for our community and allow Waikapu to be a unified voting community.

Mahalo,
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From: [Paul Kaye](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Against reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 3:38:27 PM

Aloha,

I'm a resident of Hawaii Kai for 51 years (Go St. Louis High School!). I am against reapportionment. I believe that there might be some underhanded reasons for this move per some of the influential pro development folks. My Mom fought to "Save Sandy Beach" in the 1980's and I'm not sure what the outcome would have been if reapportioned to what is proposed. I'm against the Kalama Valley Senior Home project, and am for keeping the Farmers in business (and in their homes that they can pass on to their children) in the back of Kamilo Valley. I feel that reapportionment would add risk to doing what is right with these and other future development ideas. I am hopeful that KSBE can keep it's mission without ruining/scarring Oahu. Please feel to contact me if helpful.

Aloha,
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Gina M](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kalama Valley Resident Comment
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:23:27 PM

My name is Gina, and I am a resident & homeowner within Kalama Valley. I have read recently about the proposed redistricting, which is proposing to divide Kalama Valley from Hawaii Kai. Which I oppose.

Kalama Valley is a well defined area. This is a matter of simple locational geography, school district, zip code, emergency services, real estate market sales ect. The general public, including our emergency services, schools, delivery services ect. all recognize the market area for what it is, a community & neighborhood, which is within Hawaii Kai. The Kalama Valley neighborhood is well established and recognized by all locals as ONE NEIGHBORHOOD. Our valley is and has been recognized since inception in 1970's as a part of Hawaii Kai.

As a certified residential appraiser, with over 20 yrs. experience, it is well known that the Kalama Valley market area is identified by natural hillside behind Kahului Street, or behind Kaeleku St and extending out to Kalaniana'ole Hwy and back to 1492 Honokahua St. Nearly center of Kalama Valley is 555 Kealahou St our beautiful community park. There is ABSOLUTELY no logical support for the reapportionment & redistricting 'division' of this one contiguous valley. Emergency services, private sewer utility Hawaii American Sewer, roadways, deed restrictions /CC&R's & plat maps, all are clear we are one undivided District & Neighborhood.

Residential Homeowner on Kahului St
Kalama Valley
IF you have questions, please contact me.

Gina.

From: kshimata@hawaiiintel.net
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose the proposed division of Manoa Valley into two districts
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:52:50 PM

The mountains that surround Manoa Valley contain our community. Dividing the valley into two districts will not serve our community's interests. Instead, I support the Hicks' Plan, created by Bill Hicks, the Kailua Neighborhood Board Chair, because his plan keeps Mānoa intact as one, compact and cohesive community, within our natural geographic boundaries.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Kathy Shimata
3453 Pawaina St
Honolulu 96822

From: [Susan Rice](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 17/51 Reapportionment
Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021 8:02:33 AM

The reapportionment map for House 17 and 51 appears to remove Kaiser HS from Hawaii Kai district 17 AND

homes and businesses on Lunalilo Home Road makai of KHS.

The map is blurry but it appears to remove:

- 520 Lunalilo Home Road but not 580 Lunalilo Home Road (together they are the HOA of The Peninsula”) thus breaking up a HOA community.

It also appears to remove:

- The HK Fire Station,
- Homes on Kapaia
- Homes in Lunalilo Park
- The Esplanade HOA,
- Koko Head Terrace homes,
- Koko Head district park,
- Kaimala Marina HOA,
- Koko Isle HOA,
- Homes, including HK Marina-front homes, along Lunalilo Home Road makai of Kaiser HS,
- Koko Marina Shopping center,
- Koko Head Elementary school,
- All HK Marina-front homes on Kalaniana'ole Highway from the Koko Marina shopping center to the bridge.

None of this makes sense to me. Affected Residents will be removed from the HK community and issues like the current Kalama Valley development issue, and all future issues affecting the rest of the Hawaii Kai area.

I live in an affected part of this map and would prefer to remain in my community and be included in plans that affects us.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [mghsmart](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mary Smart - Mililani Town - Objection to the Current Mililani Town segmentation
Date: Thursday, November 11, 2021 5:28:19 PM

Commissioners,

Thank-you for considering our testimony.

I have been a homeowner in Mililani Town since 1982. Mililani Town residents are all members of Mililani Town Association. We have the same problems and concerns. We should be assigned to a united district.

We are in a Neighborhood Board #25 together. The number of residents meets the criteria in size to warrant a contiguous district. Ten years ago Mililani Town was separated into three different districts. It was a travesty. I reviewed the Commission's proposed reapportionment and the same distorted configuration of breaking Mililani Town into three districts continued. Now my neighborhood is consolidated with the North Shore community. The proposed plan makes no sense unless it is being torn apart for political reasons. Furthermore, the City and County of Honolulu just released their new reapportionment which places Mililani Town with Pearl City which is a "Southern" Shore community. Mililani Town could not possibly have similar concerns with both the Pearl City (south shore) and Wailua (north shore) communities. We are a central community and should be organized as such. During an October 2021 Commission meeting several testifiers complained about their communities being split in two. Three is totally unacceptable, especially when linked to other communities that are not related in any way with this central community. Bill Hicks from Kailua revised his initial submission which he presented at the October meeting and showed me that he had a new proposal to make Mililani Town configured as an intact district. That makes sense and should be adopted by the Commission.

Sincerely,

Mary Smart
Currently District 37

From: [P.Macs](#)
To: [OE.Elections](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment 2021
Date: Friday, November 12, 2021 3:23:01 PM

It has come to our attention that state Congress and senate reapportionment is occurring now .
Without any WiFi or cell tower access.

We

Looked up census data

Hawaiian acres in puna district has not had census counted 2000, 2010 . Or 2020.

Being the largest subdivision we have been divided into Hilo district and hpp lower puna district by 1/3 our population .

WiFi and denied cell tower is without any ability to participate .

There are no 2021 reapportionment maps online .

The dividing of Hawaiian acres when we are not represented is gerrymandering . We
Realize that's not illegal .

However hawaiian acres on 2 roads population is 3446.

80 miles and 20 square miles is population of 8000 . We will not be divided as this has removed all financials , toad
Monies and grants to Hilo and hpp . As hpp has both senator and house they need to be divided for equal
representation .

Mahalo

All landowners of Hawaiian acres

From: [brennan simcock](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District 17 and 51 reapportionment is a disgrace.
Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021 5:28:04 PM

The proposed District 17 and 51 reapportionment that lumps Waimanalo with Portlock and parts of Kalama Valley without regard to the Hawaii Kai community is a disgrace and the worst case of gerrymandering Oahu has ever seen.

Despite being opposed by the vast majority of Hawaii Kai and Waimanalo residents the proposed District 17 and 51 reapportionment hasn't yet been reconsidered. It appears the reapportionment is designed to clear the way for the proposed Luana Kai development.

The District 17 community has worked hard for over 40 years to save the Ka Iwi coast, Hanauma Bay and Sandy Beach from commercial development.

Your own standards and criteria states "No canoe districts districts" No Submergence" As a Hawaii Kai resident I ask that you leave existing District 17 and 51 boundaries alone.

Mahalo
Brennan Simcock

From: [Bob](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Esta](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kalama Valley Shopping Center redistricting
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:10:59 AM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Bob Peruzzo and my wife Esther C. Collo-Peruzzo, cc'd in this email, live at 1154 Olowalu Way, Honolulu, HI 96825 and we are opposed to the Kalama Valley redistricting and we want our voices heard on The Hawaii Kai Dec 4, 2021 @ 2PM Zoom meeting ID is 922 1555 04585. Because this is truly not in the best interest of the Kalama Valley residents and Hawaii Kai Community.

Please send us an invitation or whatever the next steps are for our voices to be heard loud and clear.

mahalo

From: [Steven Canales](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Testimonial
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 1:45:35 PM

I am submitting testimony as resident of Pearl City in opposition to the current proposed plan. Past commissions divided Pearl City using Waimano Home Road as the divider with one district being on the Ewa side and the other being the Diamond Head side.

The current proposal divides the community horizontally instead of vertically resulting in an open district in upper Pearl City and putting the two incumbents into lower Pearl City. By dividing the district vertically, it creates two districts that are contiguous, compact and leave the incumbents in separate districts.

I urge the commission to take my concerns into consideration.

Mahalo,

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Sent from my Surface

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From: [Michael Rochel](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Reapportionment of Waikapu
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 2:05:03 PM

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident of Waikapu, Maui, I am opposed to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House. I also oppose splitting upper Waikapu and lower Waikapu in the proposed State Senate map. In the proposed scenario, the upper half of Waikapu will be represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion will be represented by the West/South Maui Senator.

Waikapu is a vibrant community, with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many working families and a section of long-time residents. The issues faced by the community are very similar to other communities in Central Maui from the schools we attend, to the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the development that we see around us, and the people we see daily.

West and South Maui is very different than Central Maui. In many instances, residents choose to live in Central Maui as it has a unique sense of community, away from the busyness of the resort areas. The coastal areas of West and South Maui are very much resort and visitor driven with a larger transient population. Central Maui priority issues can also be very different, which would put Waikapu at a disadvantage, since it will become a very small part of a district with different issues and priorities. The community does not want to become an afterthought.

I am satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator, which is how it has been for years. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting our community as an ease of convenience rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact pursuant to the State Constitution.

I humbly request that you explore alternatives that will help to keep the Central Maui community together, especially Waikapu.

I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at minimum, we believe that the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. At the current time, there are portions of Waikapu that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator – losing our Central Maui connection.

Thank you for your consideration.

God Bless,
Rochel Richards
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From: [Chuck Dando](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Waikapu
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:01:27 PM

We live in Waikapu Gardens . We believe Waikapu should remain with the same representation as it has for years and NOT be included with West Maui.

Waikapu is continuing to grow and it deserves to have its own representation . Not be thrown into the mix of the Lahaina side endeavors.

Thank You ,

Charles and Judy Dando
Waikapu Gardens
Waikapu, Maui, Hi.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Karen McCarville](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preliminary Reapportionment Map: Hawaii Kai
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:36:08 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to convey my confusion and dismay at the 2021 preliminary reapportionment map which splits Hawaii Kai in two, adding the Ka Iwi Coastline, the area around Kaiser High School, and Portlock to the Waimanalo district on the other side of the island. I strongly disagree with this proposal.

Hawaii Kai was built as a planned community, with shared resources amid multiple styles and economic ranges of housing. The strong sense of community this has fostered is evidenced by many successful community projects, projects that have resulted in a beautifully preserved shoreline, enjoyed by tourists and ohana alike, that is found nowhere else on the island. Kaiser High School also enjoys strong community support. Your proposal would oddly and insultingly divide this healthy, unified community, separating a large section of the population from the high school and the coastline in which they have invested time, energy, and personal pride. For example, the Hawaii Kai library is on one side of the proposed line; the Hawaii Kai Post Office is on the other. How does that even make sense? Sociological studies often examine thriving communities that have been divided by physical barriers, such as the building of a highway, and how that division leads to decay. While the proposed redistricting line is not a physical barrier, it is still a barrier, psychological and societal, which will harm Hawaii Kai's sense of unity and purpose and our ability to respond to community needs..

I don't understand the weirdly convoluted gerrymandering your proposal contains, but I fear there is some negative political reason that is not supportive of either community involved. I strongly urge you to revert to the more logical, traditional boundaries.

Mahalo,
Karen McCarville
1052 Kuekue Street

From: [mike j richards](mailto:mike.j.richards)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing reappointment of Waikapu
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 6:26:55 PM

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident of Waikapu, Maui, I am opposed to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House. I also oppose splitting upper Waikapu and lower Waikapu in the proposed State Senate map. In the proposed scenario, the upper half of Waikapu will be represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion will be represented by the West/South Maui Senator.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Jenna Strubhar](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikapu
Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 7:19:24 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

As residents of Waikapu, Maui, we are **OPPOSED** to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place our community with West Maui for the State House. We also oppose splitting upper Waikapu and lower Waikapu in the proposed State Senate map.

Waikapu is a special community of new homes with working families and long-time residents and the issues and needs of our community are unique to this area and the area of central Maui as opposed to south and west Maui who face completely different issues with tourism, resorts, traffic, etc.

Our fear is that Waikapu would become an afterthought and our representatives would feel out of touch with the needs of our community since we are so different and physically so distant from west Maui.

We respectfully request that other options be considered as you figure out how to reapportion everything after the census. We would hate to see Maui's working families that are tucked away together in the valley be split apart.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nathan & Jenna Strubhar
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Waikapu, Maui, Hawaii

From: billhicksknb@gmail.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kailua Neighborhood Board Opposition to Proposed Reapportionment Plan and Support for Alternative Plan
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:00:40 AM
Attachments: [KNB Reapportionment ltr of 11-15-21.pdf](#)

Aloha Chair Mugiishi and Reapportionment Commissioners...

The Kailua Neighborhood Board (KNB) reviewed the 2021 House and Senate redistricting plans that were adopted by the Commission at the October 28, 2021, meeting and are now open to public comment.

The plans were evaluated against the HRS 25-2(b) criteria that, in so far as practicable, districts shall be compact and contiguous, and, where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features.

House Districts 51 and 17 are currently clearly demarcated with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a natural geographic boundary between the Windward and Leeward sides of the Ko'olau Mountains and political dividing line between Windward Oahu and East Oahu.

The proposed redistricting plan mixes East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities within House District 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lake community as well as the Hawaii Kai Portlock community, and conceivably, negatively impacting the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimanalo area between two dissimilar communities and replacing Enchanted Lake with Portlock which has a lower Hawaiian percentage.

The same rationale also applies to Senate District 25 (Windward Oahu) and Senate District 9 (East Oahu) where Senate District 25 unnecessarily mixes Windward Oahu and East Oahu communities.

An alternative redistricting plan (known as the "Hicks Plan") that uses both Makapu'u Point and Ka'ena Point as natural boundaries for House and Senate districts demonstrates that it is possible to keep more communities intact, reduce the population deviation between districts, and in particular, not mix East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities within a legislative district.

The Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to redraw the proposed boundary configuration for House District 51 to maintain Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between House Districts 51 and 17, and to reestablish Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between Senate Districts 25 and 9.

The KNB unanimously approved the attached resolution on November 4, 2021.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Aloha,
Bill Hicks

Chairman, Kailua Neighborhood Board



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November 15, 2021

2021 Reapportionment Commission
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Subject: Kailua Neighborhood Board Opposition to Proposed Reapportionment Plan and Support for Alternative Plan

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The KNB unanimously approved the enclosed resolution on November 4, 2021.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Sincerely,

William M. Hicks
Chairman, Kailua Neighborhood Board

Enclosure: (1) Kailua Neighborhood Board Resolution of November 4, 2021, Requesting the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission Not Mix Windward Oahu and East Oahu Neighborhoods Within the Boundaries of House District 51 or Senate District 25

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF
HOUSE AND SENATE DISTRICTS**

**REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
NOT MIX WINDWARD OAHU AND EAST OAHU NEIGHBORHOODS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF
HOUSE DISTRICT 51 OR SENATE DISTRICT 25 TO KEEP WINDWARD COMMUNITIES INTACT**

November 4, 2021

WHEREAS Hawai'i state law directs the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawaii State Legislature; and

WHEREAS HRS, section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact" and "(4) Where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change to combine portions of House District 51 with House District 17 creates a non-compact district that straddles Congressional Districts 1 and 2, thereby not wholly containing either of the areas in one Congressional District as per Commission instruction, and

WHEREAS, House Districts 51 and 17 are currently clearly demarcated with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a natural geographic boundary, and political dividing line between the Windward and Leeward sides of the Ko'olau Mountains, and

WHEREAS, the proposed redistricting plan mixes East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities within House District 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lake community as well as the Hawaii Kai Portlock community, and conceivably, negatively impacting the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimanalo area between two dissimilar communities and replacing Enchanted Lake with Portlock which has a lower Hawaiian percentage, and

WHEREAS, the population deviation in the current House District 17 can be addressed by moving the Ewa boundary westward towards Kawaihae Street, and

WHEREAS, the same rationale also applies to Senate District 25 (Windward Oahu) and Senate District 9 (East Oahu) where Senate District 25 unnecessarily mixes Windward Oahu and East Oahu communities, and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board has passed a similar resolution and the Chairperson of the Waimanalo Neighborhood Boards #32 supports the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board in their efforts to oppose the proposed reconfiguration of House Districts 51 and 17 and the proposed Senate District 25, and

WHEREAS, an alternative redistricting plan that uses both Makapu'u Point and Ka'ena Point as natural boundaries for House and Senate districts, keeps more communities intact, and reduces the population deviation between districts has been submitted to the Reapportionment Commission to consider, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to redraw the proposed boundary configuration for House District 51 to maintain Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between House Districts 51 and 17, and to reestablish Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between Senate Districts 25 and 9, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be delivered to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and Chairpersons and members of Neighborhood Boards #32 (Waimanalo) and #1 (Hawaii Kai).

Enclosure (1)

From: [Eugenio, Tara \(KEA\)](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:01:04 AM

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To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Removing waikapu from central Maui
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:37:25 AM
Attachments: [Sample Letter to State Reapportionment Commission.byron.pdf](#)

Please see the attached

Sent from my iPhone

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Byron Obregon
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From: mojo72.mo@gmail.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Removing waikapu from central Maui
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Sincerely,

Mercedes Obregon
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From: [Rebecca Kekuna](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern of reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 8:57:06 AM

I have great concern about the recent news on the reapportionment of Hawai'i Kai area. Why would the decision be made to split up an area that has been like this for many years? The geographical area should be districts together especially schools! Please reconsider this terrible mistake a committee made to have part of Hawai'i Kai be with Kailua which is separated by being on the other side of the mountain. Having a State representative that is split between representing such different areas both geologically and different cultural communities doesn't make sense. Mahalo, Rebecca Kekuna

From: [Charles Freedman](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for December 4 East Oahu Hearing
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:04:42 AM
Attachments: [Testimony to the 2021 Hawaii Reapportionment Commission.docx](#)

This is my testimony for the Reapportionment Committee's public hearing scheduled for December 4th hearing regarding East Oahu.

**Testimony to the 2021 Hawaii Reapportionment Commission
For Public Hearing December 4, 2021**

Charles Freedman

Aloha Commissioners:

My name is Charles Freedman and I have been a resident of Kaimuki in Honolulu for over 40 years. I am testifying on behalf of my family and I believe the overwhelming number of Kaimuki residents in objection to the reapportionment plan proposed by the technical committee of the Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission.

Specifically I object to the slicing and dicing of the historic community of Kaimuki into four separate parts. This travesty is beyond reason, taking what is now a single representative voting district (District 19) and quartering it as if were not a significant, unified community entity as is. I endorse instead the reapportionment proposal of Bill Hicks, which maintains Kaimuki as a single, geographically unified, district.

In territorial history, Kaimuki is believed to be the first modern community on Oahu, with subdivisions beginning before World War I. It is a geographically, culturally and commercially defined neighborhood. Even the architecture of Kaimuki is identifiable, embodying the look of a neighbor island within the urban core.

The Waialae Avenue business district is a remarkable band that runs through the district and is supported uniquely by the people who live around it. We have our own Christmas Tree lighting. We celebrate the holidays together through the folksy Kaimuki Christmas Parade. And we rise together on tough issues. Three decades ago when the University of Hawaii proposed moving the downtown Kapiolani Community College campus to Fort Ruger in the heart of Kaimuki, we came together in support. This was despite fears of road widening, over parking in our neighborhoods and threats of increased density. It is our campus now.

The national non-profit organization “Fair Vote” defines for preservation in reapportionment, a “community of interest” as a “group of people in a geographic area, such as a specific region or neighborhood, who have common political, social or economic interests.” This is a perfect description of Kaimuki. Kaimuki must be preserved.

The proposal by Bill Hicks also undoes the potential injury being proposed for the community of Waimanalo, which under the proposed plan would be baselessly soldered to Portlock and Hawaii Kai. Separated from Portlock by many miles in distance and by light years in life styles, Waimanolo is so much better served through the nourishment of its current windward political roots.

I appreciate this opportunity for public input. I implore the Reapportionment Commission to do the right thing. Do not turn Kaimuki into four leftovers, thus utterly diluting its taste, consistency and spirit. We are losing more and more of the Hawaii we love every day. Please help by correcting your plan.

Charles Freedman
731 Ocean View Drive
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Submitted 10, 16,2021

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From: [Maki Morinoue](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My testimony - Redistricting Map "House Community Plan" by Ralph Boyea
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:38:28 PM

Aloha kākou Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Maki Morinoue and I live in the House District 6, Rep Nicole Lowen.

As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I was happy to be one of the resident participants that collaborated with Ralph to ensure similar needs and communities remained together. I had no idea I could be helpful but as a fourth generation kama'aina I had a lot of insights and input to keep similar communities together.

I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts. We worked very hard to be as thoughtful as possible. We took pride not knowing where incumbents lived as this map should be about the residents not our politicians.

I would like to add that this plan was created with the 7 current House Districts and accompanying population numbers, I urge the Commission to reconsider that allotment moving forward. Based on the 123,000 updated military personnel number provided recently by PACOM our island deserves an additional representative in the State House. We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your extractions.

Please support this proposed plan moving forward as it seems to be the best option at the moment.

Mahalo in advance for your honest thought and consideration for this House Community Plan as this impacts my ohana and all our residents for the next 10 years.

Aloha
Maki Morinoue
House District 6
Holualoa, 96725

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Share your ALOHA

"Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha,"

From: [Shaula Tualaulelei](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony and support "House, Community Plan"
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1:07:54 PM

Aloha kākou Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Shaula Tualaulelei and I live in La'i'opua, Kailua-Kona, HI. As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed "House, Community Plan " submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

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Mahalo,
Shaula Tualaulelei

From: [Kevin Dix](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikapu Reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 2:48:58 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kevin Dix

kevinrdix@gmail.com
425-306-0381

From: [J Dix](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikapu Reapportionment Proposal
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:09:48 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jenny Dix
jennyrdix@yahoo.com
425.306.0380

From: [Kathy Marushige](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Waikapu from Central Maui
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:06:56 PM

Hi! We are in opposition to remove Waikapu from Central Maui. We hope you will read our letter and urge you to reverse your decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kathy & Ralph Marushige

Reapportionment of Waikapu from...

11/16/2021

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I am satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapū being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui Senator, which is how it has been for years. It is easier to discuss the issues about my daughter's school with a Central Maui Senator or Wailuku State Representative because they live in our area then to speak with a West/South Maui or Senator who lives on the other side of Maui. Things are different. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting our community as an ease of convenience rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact to the State Constitution.

I humbly request that you explore alternatives that will help to keep the Central Maui community together, especially Waikapū. We are right outside of Wailuku and are part of the Central Maui community.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,

Kathy & Ralph Marushige
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Phone number - 808-280-0086

From: [Janice DeMichele](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Janice DeMichele](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] opposed to current proposal
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 10:22:37 PM
Attachments: [2021_11_16_08_01_05.pdf](#)

Aloha Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission,

I respectfully request that you reconsider the current proposal. I am a resident of Waikapu Gardens and feel splitting our community is in the best interest of my community. Please read my attached testimony.
Please reconsider.

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Aloha,
Janice DeMichele
mrsjd242@gmail.com
1021 Ulu Kanu Street
Wailuku, HI. 96793
808-298-6140

11/16/21

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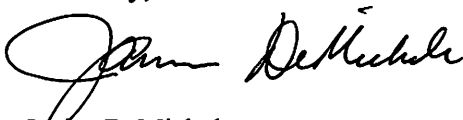
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Sincerely,



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From: [Travis Polido](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Waikapu Community Association](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal of Reapportionment of Waikapu
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:20:45 AM

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

Travis Polido
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Waikapu Community Association President

From: [Victoria Barela](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Against removing Portlock from Hawaii Kai District 17
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 5:47:10 PM

Dear Reapportionment Commission,

As a Portlock homeowner, I cannot believe that you are ripping me from my Hawaii Kai community and forcing me to be a part of a community that is a 15 minute drive away and on the other side of a mountain range. You are breaking your own rules published under "Proposed Legislative Plans - Standards and Criteria" where it clearly states, there will be no breaking up of socio-economic communities.

I strongly urge the commission to redraw the boundary configurations for House Districts 17 and 51 and Senate District 9 and 25, to maintain the geographic boundary of Makapu'u Point as the natural division between these House and Senate Districts and to allow the Hawaii Kai community to remain intact.

Regards,
Victoria Barela
37 Moloaa St.
Honolulu, HI 96825

From: [Jo Ann Yanazaki](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Manoa together!
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:38:54 PM

I oppose the proposal to divide Manoa between two House Districts. Manoa Valley should be maintained as a contiguous whole, especially considering its geographic characteristics and community interests.

Respectfully,
Jo Ann Yanazaki
Manoa resident
3624 Loulu Street
Honolulu, HI 96822

817 10th Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96816
November 18, 2021

Reapportionment Commission

Reapportionment@hawaii.gov

For the December 4, 2021 East Honolulu Public Hearing

TO: Hawaii State House Reapportionment Commission

This testimony is to object to the Technical Committee's (TC) redistricting of the Kapahulu, Kaimuki, and Kahala split communities. Please keep our communities together. The proposed redistricting maps for Kapahulu, Kaimuki, and Kahala split these communities.

We are neighbors sharing roads, the library, parks, recreational facilities, and schools. We should be in the same district.

Revise the proposed redistricting maps to maintain the existing long-standing workable representation.

Sincerely,

Darrell Zane

Darrell Zane

From: [Tlaloc Tokuda](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of the "House Community Plan" map
Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021 3:42:05 AM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Tlaloc Tokuda and I live in Kaloko Mauka. As a resident of Hawai'i Island, I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed "Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. This plan was created with the 7 current House Districts and accompanying population numbers, I urge the Commission to reconsider that allotment moving forward. Based on the 123,000 updated military personnel number provided recently by PACOM our island deserves an additional representative in the State House. Please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your extractions.

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Tlaloc Tokuda
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

From: [Ralph Ukishima](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Tech/Hicks New Map
Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021 11:03:07 AM
Attachments: [Modified Tech_Hicks Proposal v1.35.plan](#)

To: State Reapportionment Commission

Nov. 20, 2021

From: Ralph Ukishima

RE: Testimony [written only] for Oahu House districts

Dear Commissioners:

I am Ralph Ukishima, retired land use planner with decades of experience in district boundaries of various sorts.

Please consider the 'modified Tech/Hicks 1.35' proposal posted on the Reapportionment Commission website under "Shared Plans." This proposal combines good features of both the Technical Committee and Hicks. It aims to keep Manoa, Hawaii Kai, Kaimuki/Kapahulu, Royal Kunia, and Salt Lake more cohesive.

The deviation ranges from +1.85% to -2.07% for a total deviation of 3.92%.

This proposal also has improvements around edges of many districts following natural features, open spaces, and major highways/streets, making for 'cleaner' boundaries.

MAHALO NUI for your consideration and voluntary service.

[written only testimony]

From: [R Jim](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to Reapportionment Plan For State House Districts 17 & 51
Date: Sunday, November 21, 2021 3:26:49 PM

Aloha Commissioners:

I have lived in Hawaii Kai for the majority of my life and first became involved in our government system when I wrote to then Governor Ben Cayetano to Save Sandy beach. I will repeat what I wrote then now, we need to preserve the coastline for the beauty, enjoyment and natural recreational activities for the generations. We need these open spaces and it provides a breath of fresh air coming out of Waikiki or downtown Honolulu. I was a UH student at the time I wrote to the governor. I have supported the preservation of the Ka Iwi Coastline ever since to include beach clean-ups and trail hikes. The latest activity and victory was the acquisition and preservation effort of Ka Iwi Mauka to Makai. For this very reason I am opposed to this reapportionment. So many have worked tirelessly to preserve this land parcel that I do not want anything to jeopardize it's status.

Again, I am opposed to this reapportionment.

Mahalo for reading this and your consideration of this matter.

Aloha,
Roxanne Jim
836 Aipo St.
Honolulu, HI 96825

From: [Beverly Smith](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Hoonanea Street
Date: Monday, November 22, 2021 8:17:18 AM

I would like to voice my objection to the division of Hoonanea Street. One side of the street is drawn as in the Makiki District and the other side of the street is in the Manoa District. We have an active Manoa Neighborhood watch group and the division omits my side of the street from that protection and involvement. I have been active and interested in the Manoa Neighborhood Board Meetings which I watch monthly and now I feel like I have been ignored and left out.

It feels awkward to have my street divided in this way. Why couldn't we all be together?
Beverly P. Smith 2317 Hoonanea Street

From: [Russell Ruderman](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on reapportionment
Date: Monday, November 22, 2021 10:01:17 AM

Aloha Reapportionment Commission

I am writing to urge the Reapportionment Commission to recognize that large Puna subdivisions are cohesive communities and must not be divided among more than one district, on any legislative level.

Communities such as Hawaiian Paradise Park (HPP) and Hawaiian Acres share serious concerns as a community. They need one representative, senator, and councilmember to represent them.

I support the Community Plan that was submitted to you by Ralph Boyea for this reason.

Thank you.

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Mahalo,
Russell

Russell Ruderman
Island Naturals Markets
russell@islandnaturals.com

From: [Kimberly Delmore](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Reapportionment that impacts Waikapu, Maui
Date: Monday, November 22, 2021 2:17:39 PM

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident and homeowner in Waikapu, Maui, specifically Waikapu Gardens, I am **opposed** to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House. I also oppose splitting upper Waikapu and lower Waikapu in the proposed State Senate map. In the proposed scenario, the upper half of Waikapu will be represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion will be represented by the West/South Maui Senator.

This proposal is ridiculous, shocking and it's upsetting that it's taking letters, emails and testifying to make our opposition to this proposal known. It seems to be an expenditure of time that should not have been necessary. Logic says that it's not the right decision to have our Central Maui neighborhood represented by West Maui representatives. Please do the right thing and come up with a way to keep Waikapu represented by Central Maui representatives. Please make it work. This cannot be considered a proper representation of our community to proceed with the current proposal.

As a Realtor for 19 years, as an H.P. Baldwin High School (Wailuku) graduate class of 1994, as a Waikapu Community Association board member for 7 years, Waikapu is clearly a Central Maui area. As a mother of two children who attend Puu Kukui Elementary School, I'm concerned about our representative changing to those from the other side of the island. We are not West Maui. Our needs, experiences, schools, ahupuaa differ from those in West Maui. Whether at the house I grew up in Waiehu where my parents live now, or my current home in Waikapu, we are all Wailuku and a part of Central Maui. Redraw the lines if you must and maybe even adjust things to be with a part of Kahului, even, but not a part of West Maui.

Waikapu is a vibrant community, with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many working families and a section of long-time residents. The issues faced by the community are very similar to other communities in Central Maui from the schools we attend, to the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the development that we see around us, and the people we see daily.

West and South Maui is very different than Central Maui. In many instances, residents choose to live in Central Maui as it has a unique sense of community, away from the busyness of the resort areas. The coastal areas of West and South Maui are very much resort and visitor driven with a larger transient population. Central Maui priority issues can also be very different, which would put Waikapu at a disadvantage, since it will become a very small part of a district with different issues and priorities. The community does not want to become an afterthought.

I am satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator, which is how it has been for years. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting our community as an ease of convenience rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact pursuant to the State Constitution.

I humbly request that you explore alternatives that will help to keep the Central Maui community together, especially Waikapu.

I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at minimum, we believe that the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. At the current time, there are portions of Waikapu that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator – losing our Central Maui connection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Delmore
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808-298-6655
29 Kamahao St,
Wailuku, HI 96793

From: [Zachary Stoddard](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment testimony
Date: Monday, November 22, 2021 4:22:30 PM

Aloha,
Our political districts should be based on existing watershed and/or ahupuaa boundaries.
Using these natural features will remove any suspicion that redistricting has been politically influenced. Thank you!
Zack Stoddard

From: [John McMahon](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hawai`i Kai
Date: Monday, November 22, 2021 10:21:11 PM

Aloha,

I live in Portlock. This puts me within the historical ahupua'a of Waimanalo. I have no problem with Portlock becoming part of a modern-day political district that includes Waimanalo.

Jim McMahon

From: [Enoch Brownell](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa Redistricting Plan - Personal Testimony
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 8:12:26 AM

Please include my email as personal testimony in the upcoming “Public Hearings.”

Aloha,

I am serving as Pastor of the Honolulu Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Manoa Valley.

I am opposed to the redistricting plan for the Manoa Valley. I believe that we should remain as one district and that it would best serve our community and the people in it. We are a thriving community with ongoing partnerships between our local organizations. Redistricting our valley would NOT be in the best interest of our community members.

Mahalo for including my testimony in the upcoming public hearings.

Sincerely,
Pastor Enoch Brownell
Senior Pastor

Honolulu Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church
2655 Manoa Road
Honolulu, HI 96822

From: [vanvanes](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony for the State Reapportionment Commission Public Hearing December 4, 2021
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 8:38:07 AM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

As you may have gleaned from the abundance of written testimony about the Technical Group's October 14th draft plan for redistricting the State House, the people of Mānoa are incensed to the point that our opposition is palpable. Dividing the historic ahupua'a of Mānoa Valley into two separate Districts #20 & 24 is absolutely unacceptable. We are ONE, cohesive community, bound together by public infrastructure, common interests, generations of family and organizational ties, and natural, geographic borders of the mountains. We need to remain intact, as a geometrically compact District #23.

Although we understand that this is a political process, and that you were appointed by bicameral and bipartisan elected officials who are currently in power in the State Legislature, we implore you to trust the intelligence and fortitude of the citizens of Mānoa. After all, our country prides itself as a Democratic Republic, in which political gerrymandering is abhorrent and totally unnecessary because the constituency will do our civic duty to vote to unseat any incumbents who garner our grievances by not accurately representing our best interests. Please maintain faith in us and respect the will of the people.

We have mobilized, and we are collaborating. In a meeting on Friday, October 22nd, with David Rosenbrock, the State Office of Elections Technical Manager, fifteen community leaders from Mānoa voiced our concerns and discussed solutions to keep our valley intact and reach the goal population number of 27,026 people in our district. Thankfully, Kailua Neighborhood Board Chair, Bill Hicks, was able to join our meeting. He had already created an alternative plan to alleviate the redistricting problems with the technical group's proposed plans for Kailua, Waimanalo, and Hawai'i Kai. Chair Hicks was able to address our concerns in his plan as well, keeping Mānoa as one District #23. We wholeheartedly support his community-minded plan, and ask that you vote to support the Hicks' Plan because it places the interests of the people in the forefront while lowering the deviation percentages. It's brilliant!

Please do right by the people. We deserve to have the integrity of our long-standing communities maintained. Keep Mānoa as one!

Sincerely,
Vanessa Distajo

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Piikea Miller](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 12/04/21 Meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 8:50:33 AM

Dear Commission Members,

As a long time Manoa resident I **strongly oppose** the current Technical Draft Plan that splits our valley into districts 20 and 24. This is makes absolutely no sense!

We are a natural valley and watershed and should be treated as one district. We don't share the same concerns as residents of Kaimuki and Kapahulu. This feels like gerrymandering, especially when you see the elegant and common sense plan developed by Bill Hicks of the Kailua Neighborhood Board! It includes parts of Moiliili with Manoa which makes sense since those areas are the lower part of Manoa valley.

I support the Hicks plan - it's common sense and is a community-derived solution!

Aloha,
Pi'ikea Miller

From: [Barbara Dalton](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of testimony
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 11:05:22 AM

November 23, 2021

Reapportionment Commission
c/o Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, HI 96782

Dear Commissioners Chipchase, Chun, Kennedy, Mugiishi, Nekota, Nishimura, Nonaka, Rathbun, and Ono,

I write today on behalf of the Hawai'i County Committee (HCC) of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (DPH) which represents upwards of 16,000 Hawai'i county voters who are declared Democrats. We request that the Hawai'i State Reapportionment Commission immediately disclose new PACOM/INDOPACOM data that reflect the correct number of Non-Permanent Resident (NPR) military and dependent family-members to be extracted from Hawai'i's 2020 Decennial Census population total.

The HCC asks the Commission to revisit the state constitution-mandated NPR extraction process and update Hawai'i's resident population total accordingly. The recent acquisition of new PACOM/INDOPACOM data requires the Reapportionment Commission to revise its previous numbers and "allocate the total number of members of each house of the state legislature being reapportioned among the four basic island units (BIUs). . .using the total number of permanent residents in each of the BIUs," as mandated under Article 4, Section 4 of the Hawai'i State Constitution. The HCC asks that this process be conducted in a transparent manner accessible to the public.

In keeping with the directives of the Hawai'i Supreme Court's 2012 Solomon v. Abercrombie decision, the Reapportionment Commission must extract NPRs based on the most current data. Evidence indicates new NPR numbers have been given to commission members by the Department of Defense but not released to the public. These latest calculations indicate about 123,000 NPR military residents (active duty service members and dependents) in Hawai'i. This NPR total is substantially larger than the

64,415 used by the Reapportionment Commission to create reapportioned maps for the BIUs.

To date, comments and actions by commission members and staff evince a “disregard of the express mandate of Article 4, Section 4 that only permanent residents be counted in the population base for the purpose of reapportionment of the state legislature.” It seems, as well, that “the commission undertook its reapportionment task by focusing solely on identification of non-permanent residents for step two, and using the results for step two to identify the NPR population for step one,” (Solomon v. Abercrombie, page 27.)

Recalculating Hawai'i's total resident population could significantly impact O'ahu's total population number, possibly resulting in the reapportioning of an eighth State House seat to Hawai'i Island. This shift would ensure Hawai'i island residents equitable representation at the State legislature, as required by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

Because time is short and public hearings are imminent on the maps adopted at the October 28 commission meeting, the HCC requests a briefing be held for Hawai'i Island residents as part of the Hawai'i County Advisory Council meeting scheduled for November 29. This will allow interested Big Island residents to offer meaningful feedback to the Commission on how the Hawai'i Island district boundaries should be drawn.

The HCC's intent is accuracy, transparency and accountability and we appreciate the Reapportionment Commission's immediate attention to this request for disclosure and ensuing revision of the extraction number.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Dalton, Chair
Hawai'i County Democratic Party

cc: Steve Pavao, Amy Miwa, Marlene Murray, Jame Schaedel

From: [Joyce Arizumi](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep One State House District for Manoa Valley
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 11:26:16 AM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners!

As a long-time Manoa resident, I am writing to let you know that I, and the rest of my household, are definitely OPPOSED to the splitting of the State House into two (2) districts. In talking to other friends and neighbors in Manoa Valley, we all agree that it makes no sense to split our cohesive valley into two districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern.

Joyce Arizumi
3331 Alani Drive
Honolulu, HI. 96822

From: [Wendy Lagareta](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Manoa Valley
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 2:52:34 PM

Aloha,

As a 30 year resident of Manoa Valley, I'd like to express my strong opposition to the proposed re-districting of our valley. Please **do not** break up this district. This valley has been a single district for 120 years. The character and charm of this residential valley has been retained do to our continued resistance to apartment zoning, short term rentals, monster homes, and other developments that would permanently change the nature of this valley. Please consider the proposed Hicks plan that keeps the natural geographic borders and keeps this valley one district. Please adopt the Hicks plan. Mahalo, Wendy Lagareta

From: [Roberta Mayor](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for December 4 Public Hearing for East Honolulu
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 3:11:36 PM
Attachments: [RESOLUTION COVER LETTER -2.pdf](#)
[RESOLUTION #21-3.pdf](#)

The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board took unanimous action to oppose the Reapportionment Commission's proposed redistricting maps. I have attached the Resolution #21-3 passed by the HK Neighborhood Board on October 26, 2021 and a cover letter. I request that both documents be included in the Public Hearing written testimony for the Reapportionment Commission's public hearing on December 4, 2021 for East Honolulu.

Please also add me to the list to present oral testimony. Thank you very much.



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1 - RESOLUTION #21-3

OPPOSING THE PROPOSED 2021 REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR HOUSE DISTRICTS 17 AND 51 AND SENATE DISTRICTS 9 AND 25 AND STRONGLY URGING THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO REDRAW THESE PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO KEEP THE HAWAII KAI COMMUNITY INTACT.

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Hawaii Kai Neighborhood
Board meets 7 p.m. the last
Tuesday of every month
except Dec. at Hahaione
Elementary School cafeteria.
The public is welcome to
attend.

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment plan for House District 17 fragments the intact Hawaii Kai community by incorporating the neighborhoods of Queen’s Gate, Koko Villas, Laulima, parts of Kalama Valley, Kaiser High School and its environs, Portlock, and the Kaiwi Coastline into House District 51, thereby separating them from the current Hawaii Kai community, and

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment plan exacerbates the error committed in the 2010 reapportionment when parts of Kalama Valley and Portlock were placed in the current Senate District 25, and

WHEREAS, the proposed change to combine portions of House District 17 with House District 51 creates a non-contiguous district that straddles Congressional Districts 1 and 2, thereby not wholly containing either of the areas in one Congressional District as per Commission precept, and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai geographic area in its current boundaries is an intact community and the reapportionment proposal for House Districts 17 and 51 splits both districts into an illogical, incongruent contortion wrapping around the Kaiwi Coastline, and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai community for many decades has been instrumental in helping to protect and preserve the Kaiwi Coastline for Hawaii residents and visitors alike, has assisted in preserving beaches along the coastline such as Sandy Beach and Wawamalu Beach, has supported the preservation of Hanauma Bay, and has promoted conservation of the natural coastal landscape, most recently with a community purchase of 187 acres across from Makapu’u, and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai community succeeded in obtaining designation of the Kaiwi Coastline as a Hawaii State Scenic Byway and has developed a Maunaloa to Makapu’u Corridor Management Plan approved by the State Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai community has committed time, energy and resources to be the primary stewards of the scenic and fragile Kaiwi Coastline, and

WHEREAS, the Queen's Gate, Koko Villas, Laulima, Kalama Valley, Portlock communities and Kaiser High School and its environs are geographically, historically and logically integral parts of the Hawaii Kai community, and

WHEREAS, the socio-economic-political infrastructure of the Queen's Gate, Koko Villas, Laulima, Kalama Valley, Portlock neighborhoods and Kaiser High School and its environs are coherent with the Hawaii Kai community as a whole, as well as the East Honolulu communities, and

WHEREAS, Districts 17 and 51 are currently clearly demarcated with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a natural geographic boundary, and political dividing line between the Windward and Leeward sides of the Koolau Mountains, and

WHEREAS, the proposed redistricting plan splits the Hawaii Kai area between Districts 17 and 51, thereby fragmenting the voice of the Hawaii Kai community, divides Enchanted Lakes between Districts 50 and 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lakes community, and conceivably, negatively impacts the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimanalo area between two disparate communities, and

WHEREAS, the population deviation in the current District 17 can be addressed by moving the Ewa boundary westward beyond Kawaihae Street towards downtown Honolulu, and

WHEREAS, in their personal capacity, the Chairpersons of Neighborhood Boards #32 (Waimanalo) and #31 (Kailua) support the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board in their efforts to oppose the proposed reconfiguration of House Districts 17 and 51, and Senate Districts 9 and 25, and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board supports the alternate redistricting plans submitted by Bill Hicks for House Districts 17 and 51, and Senate Districts 9 and 25 for the Reapportionment Commission to consider, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reapportionment Commission Technical Group is strongly urged to redraw the proposed boundary configuration for House Districts 17 and 51, and Senate Districts 9 and 25, to maintain Makapu'u Point as the natural geographic boundary between these House and Senate Districts, to extend the Ewa boundary of House District 17 westward beyond Kawaihae Street towards downtown Honolulu as needed to address any population deviation, and to allow the Hawaii Kai community to remain intact, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be delivered to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, members of the Hawai'i State Legislature, and Chairpersons and members of Neighborhood Boards #32 (Waimanalo) and #31 (Kailua).

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: OCTOBER 26, 2021 (13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS)



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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Reapportionment Commission
Hawaii Office of Elections

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to the Proposed 2021 Reapportionment
Commission Maps for House Districts 17 and 51, and Senate
Districts 9 and 25.

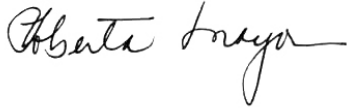
At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 26, 2021, the Hawaii Kai
Neighborhood Board voted unanimously (13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions) to
approve a resolution that opposes the 2021 Reapportionment Maps developed
by the Reapportionment Commission’s Technical Group. This letter serves as a
cover letter to the Board’s Resolution #21-3, attached.

The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board opposes the proposed reapportionment
plans for House Districts 17 and 51, and Senate Districts 9 and 25, for many
reasons, detailed in the attached Resolution #21-3. To briefly state a few,

- the proposed plan fragments the Hawaii Kai Community and diminishes the community’s voice,
- the proposed plan creates a non-contiguous district that straddles Congressional Districts 1 and 2, resulting in an incongruent contortion wrapping around the Kaiwi Coast,
- the proposed plan ignores the geographic boundary of Makapu’u Point that naturally divides the Windward and Leeward sides of the Koolau’s,
- the proposed plan ignores the Hawaii Kai community’s long-time commitment to preserve and protect the Kaiwi Coast for residents and visitors alike, successfully obtaining designation of the Kaiwi Coast as a State Scenic Byway and developing a Maunaloa to Makapu’u Corridor Management Plan approved by the State Department of Transportation,
- the proposed plan seeks to move neighborhoods out of the Hawaii Kai community who share a common socio-economic-political infrastructure with Hawaii Kai and East Honolulu neighborhoods. Nonsensically, it moves Kaiser High School and its surrounding environs to the Windward House District 17.
- the proposed plan motivated the Neighborhood Board chairs of Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo and Kailua to work together to oppose the Commission’s proposed plan and to unanimously support the alternate plans submitted by Bill Hicks for the Oahu House and Senate Districts for the Commission to consider.

The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board strongly urges the Reapportionment Commission to redraw the boundary configurations for House Districts 17 and 51 and for Senate Districts 9 and 25, to maintain the geographic boundary of Makapu'u Point as the natural division between these House and Senate Districts, and to allow the Hawaii Kai community to remain intact.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberta Mayor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Roberta Mayor, Chair
Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1

From: [Jennifer Cruz](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mānoa redistricting plan
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 3:52:48 PM

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Mānoa I oppose the proposed redistricting of Mānoa into two. Please keep as one district.
Thank you,

Jennifer Cruz

From: jcdubb11@yahoo.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of redistricting plan.
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 8:06:38 PM

Aloha,

I would like to submit testimony in opposition to the proposed redistricting plan. The plan not only splits Manoa and other cohesive communities, but goes against historic boundaries set by our Kupuna since ancient times.

Please do not implement the current plan, and instead consider the Hicks Plan, which meets all redistricting requirements, and keeps communities with shared identities, resources, and values intact.

Mahalo

JC Watson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [kimeona kane](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waimānalo Neighborhood Board
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 8:27:59 PM
Attachments: [^N32 Reso State Reapportionment FINAL.pdf](#)

Aloha Kākou,

I wanted to submit the following document to the Reapportionment Committee on behalf of the Waimānalo Community. I would like to request the item be included in the "Public Hearings" written testimony so interested citizens may see it and review it prior to December 10th if possible.

Mahalo for your service and consideration.

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‘O wau nō me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Kimeona Kane
Chair- Waimānalo Neighborhood Board
808 398 8989
kimeonakane@gmail.com

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November 16, 2021

We, the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board, opposed the 2021 proposed Reapportionment Plan of House District 51 and House District 17 and urge the Reapportionment Commission to redo the district boundaries to keep current communities intact.

WHEREAS due to possible negative impacts to a rural and federally recognized Native Hawaiian community and other unique aspects of our community, and

WHEREAS moving the boundary of our community will have negative social and economic impacts on the nature of one of the two Native Hawaiian majority communities on O'ahu, and

WHEREAS the proposed reapportionment plan for House Districts 51 and 17 fragments an intact Hawai'i Kai community by separating the neighborhoods of Kalama Valley, Portlock and the Ka'iwi Coastline from the current Hawai'i Kai community, and

WHEREAS the proposed reapportionment plan for House Districts 51 and 17 fragments an intact Kailua community by separating the Enchanted Lakes community from the current Kailua community, and

WHEREAS the proposed reapportionment plan for House Districts 51 and 17 exacerbates the error committed in the 2010 reapportionment which included parts of Kalama Valley and Portlock in the current Senate District 25, and

WHEREAS the proposed House District 51 and Senate District 25 are not compact and are contiguous only by means of a narrow beach corridor, and both districts would straddle Congressional Districts 1 and 2 and will not be wholly contained in a Congressional District as per Commission precept, and

WHEREAS Districts 51 and 17 are currently well-drawn with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a logical natural boundary, which has traditionally been the geographic and political dividing line between the windward and leeward sides of the Ko'olaus, and

WHEREAS the proposed reconfiguration splits Enchanted Lakes between Districts 50 and 51, diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lakes community, and

WHEREAS the proposed reconfiguration splits Hawai'i Kai between Districts 51 and 17, diluting the voice of the Hawai'i Kai community, and

WHEREAS the proposed reconfiguration could conceivably dilute the Native Hawaiian voice of Waimānalo by squeezing it between two disparate communities, and

WHEREAS the Neighborhood Board Chairs of Waimānalo, Kailua and Hawai'i Kai share in support of eachothers efforts to oppose the proposed reconfiguration of House Districts 51 and 17,



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Reapportionment Commission Technical Group is urged to redo the proposed boundary configuration for House Districts 51 and 17, maintaining Makapu'u point as the natural geographical boundary between the two districts, leaving House District 51 largely intact as the population deviation is minimal, and extending the Ewa boundary for Hawai'i Kai beyond Kawaihae Street towards downtown to address the population deviation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be delivered to the Reapportionment Commission, Office of State Representative Lisa Marten, Office of State Senator Chris Lee and the Office of City Council Member Esther Kia'aina.

A draft resolution was approved by the Hawaiian Affairs and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday October 26, 2021 by vote of 5-0-0 and submitted to the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board for consideration at its Monday November 08, 2021 Regular Meeting.

This resolution was approved by the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board for consideration at its Monday November 08, 2021 Regular meeting unanimously, by a vote of 10-0-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimeona Kane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimeona Kane, Chair Waimānalo Neighborhood Board
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November 21, 2021

Reapportionment Commission
c/o Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
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To the Commissioners:

It is with consternation that I express my objection to the proposed apportionment of District 19 by the Technical Committee of the Reapportionment Commission.

District 19 is a contiguous whole composed of Kapahulu, Kaimuki, and a portion of Kahala which share similar economic and social characteristics and concerns. To obliterate this district by dividing it piecemeal into other neighboring districts seems arbitrary.

Moreover, it is imperative that the Committee and/or Commission increase efforts to inform, publicize, and notify the residents of the district of this impending proposal.

Keep the communities of Kaimuki, Kapahulu, and portions of Kahala in their present configuration.

I submit this objection as my written-only testimony.

Sincerely,



Liane B. Sakai

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November 21,2021

To whom it may concern:

It is with grave concern that I write this letter objecting to the redistricting of District 19, in which I have lived for 50 years. The many-colored map showing the slicing and dicing of our district looks like a child's view of his crayon box capabilities. To what end, I ask?

We have been satisfied with our representation for all these years; now someone wants to deprive us of those hard workers. If there is good reason to change a workable map, it has yet to be revealed. The communities of Kaimuki, Kapahulu, and Kahala have much in common, drawing from each other for support of the finer aspects of living in this area.

Most of the other district maps show Oahu communities as regularly-shaped polygons (rectangular or squarish). The Technical Committee's proposed redistricting appears to add more bureaucracy and confusion to the political scene. What a disgusting and childish way of doing business!!

The proposed reapportionment map should be changed back to the social and economic-driven configuration that made it work for so many years.

This is my written-only testimony.



Respectfully submitted,

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2021 Reapportionment Committee
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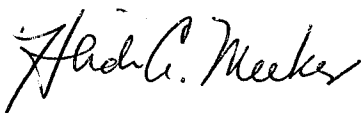
Chair Mugiishi and Commissioners

I think it is worthwhile to state the obvious, looking at reapportionment maps is extremely difficult.

I had to go to City Hall to look at the large maps to really get a sense of what is being proposed. I consider myself moderately map savvy and I have spent time studying school attendance boundaries across the state, where there are certain similarities in the considerations for school districting and legislative districting. With all that, I still found reviewing these reapportionment maps really difficult. I think newer mapping technology needs to be used. I also think it is very difficult to provide commentary to people if they don't have large maps right in front of them. To reduce mutual confusion I will keep my remarks as short and as general as I can.

I think it is odd that the proposed boundaries for Senate District 12 (SD12) include the Paki to Kanina neighborhoods. Those neighborhoods share characteristics and concerns similar to Kapahulu and Kaimuki, not the high-rise areas of Waikiki and Kakaako. Also the proposed mauka boundaries of SD12 and House District 23 should be the same, either makai of the freeway or makai of King Street. Those are well known and easily understood boundary lines.

Finally, I am motivated to comment on just a broad bird's eye view of the proposed East Honolulu maps. The Senate map looks logical but the House map is very strange. I don't think the Kaimuki Kapahulu area should be divided into four different districts. The proposed maps for House Districts 18 and 20 have literal fingers that appear to be pinching off new areas. Proposed House District 21 has now taken the classic dumbbell shape which every political science 101 student knows is a classic illustration of gerrymandering. East Honolulu House districts need to be relooked at. The proposed boundaries are a potential source of embarrassment.



Heidi A. Meeker

From: [Caroline Kim](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Jerry](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Plan for Manoa
Date: Thursday, November 25, 2021 8:27:45 AM

Dear Staff and Committee Members,

I am writing as a member of the Manoa Valley community of which our family has been since 1930's when my parents moved into the valley. At the time, the valley was pasture land for Gold Meadow dairy, and taro fields. We have seen the community become ohana, each supporting each when there were topics that especially affected the entire neighborhood.

Others have reiterated time and time again the many logical reasons for not dividing the valley in the way you are suggesting--particularly important is that your combining half the valley with other communities that do not have the same interests is arguably not reasonable.

The solution of an alternative plan that has been earlier submitted for consideration, shows how you can demographically achieve your goals without breaking apart our family in Manoa. Please give fair, serious and unbiased thought to what our Manoa community is asking and with wise resolution use this alternative plan which has been also called the Hicks Plan for Reapportionment.

Thank you for your time and consideration of how important this issue is for everyone affected.

Aloha,
Caroline Kim



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From: [Jan Hewlett](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to State Representative - Waikapu is NOT and should not ever be a part of West Maui.
Date: Thursday, November 25, 2021 4:07:31 PM
Attachments: [Letter to State Reapportionment Commission.pdf](#)

Aloha,

As a resident of Waikapu, Maui, I am opposed to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House. Please submit the attached signed letter to the Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission.

Mahalo,
Jan Hewlett
jan_hewlett@yahoo.com
Resident of Waikapu

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident of Waikapu, Maui, I am **opposed** to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House. I also oppose splitting upper Waikapu and lower Waikapu in the proposed State Senate map. In the proposed scenario, the upper half of Waikapu will be represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion will be represented by the West/South Maui Senator.

Waikapu is a vibrant community, with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many working families and a section of long-time residents. The issues faced by the community are very similar to other communities in Central Maui from the schools we attend, to the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the development that we see around us, and the people we see daily.

West and South Maui is very different than Central Maui. In many instances, residents choose to live in Central Maui as it has a unique sense of community, away from the busyness of the resort areas. The coastal areas of West and South Maui are very much resort and visitor driven with a larger transient population. Central Maui priority issues can also be very different, which would put Waikapu at a disadvantage, since it will become a very small part of a district with different issues and priorities. The community does not want to become an afterthought.

I am satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator, which is how it has been for years. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting our community as an ease of convenience rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact pursuant to the State Constitution.

I humbly request that you explore alternatives that will help to keep the Central Maui community together, especially Waikapu.

I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at minimum, we believe that the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. At the current time, there are portions of Waikapu that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator – losing our Central Maui connection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners Chipchase, Chun, Kennedy, Mugiishi, Nekota, Nishimura, Nonaka, Rathbun, and Ono,

I write today on behalf of the Hawai'i County Committee (HCC) of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i (DPH) which represents upwards of 16,000 Hawai'i county voters who are declared Democrats. We request that the Hawai'i State Reapportionment Commission immediately disclose new PACOM/INDOPACOM data that reflect the correct number of Non-Permanent Resident (NPR) military and dependent family-members to be extracted from Hawai'i's 2020 Decennial Census population total.

The HCC asks the Commission to revisit the state constitution-mandated NPR extraction process and update Hawai'i's resident population total accordingly. The recent acquisition of new PACOM/INDOPACOM data requires the Reapportionment Commission to revise its previous numbers and "allocate the total number of members of each house of the state legislature being reapportioned among the four basic island units (BIUs). . . using the total number of permanent residents in each of the BIUs," as mandated under Article 4, Section 4 of the Hawai'i State Constitution. The HCC asks that this process be conducted in a transparent manner accessible to the public.

In keeping with the directives of the Hawai'i Supreme Court's 2012 *Solomon v. Abercrombie* decision, the Reapportionment Commission must extract NPRs based on the most current data. Evidence indicates new NPR numbers have been given to commission members by the Department of Defense but not released to the public. These latest calculations indicate about 123,000 NPR military residents (active duty service members and dependents) in Hawai'i. This NPR total is substantially larger than the 64,415 used by the Reapportionment Commission to create reapportioned maps for the BIUs.

To date, comments and actions by commission members and staff evince a "disregard of the express mandate of Article 4, Section 4 that only permanent residents be counted in the population base for the purpose of reapportionment of the state legislature." It seems, as well, that "the commission undertook its reapportionment task by focusing solely on identification of non-permanent residents for step two, and using the results for step two to identify the NPR population for step one," (*Solomon v. Abercrombie*, page 27.)

Recalculating Hawai'i's total resident population could significantly impact O'ahu's total

population number, possibly resulting in the reapportioning of an eighth State House seat to Hawai'i Island. This shift would ensure Hawai'i island residents equitable representation at the State legislature, as required by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

Because time is short and public hearings are imminent on the maps adopted at the October 28 commission meeting, the HCC requests a briefing be held for Hawai'i Island residents as part of the Hawai'i County Advisory Council meeting scheduled for November 29. This will allow interested Big Island residents to offer meaningful feedback to the Commission on how the Hawai'i Island district boundaries should be drawn.

The HCC's intent is accuracy, transparency and accountability and we appreciate the Reapportionment Commission's immediate attention to this request for disclosure and ensuing revision of the extraction number.

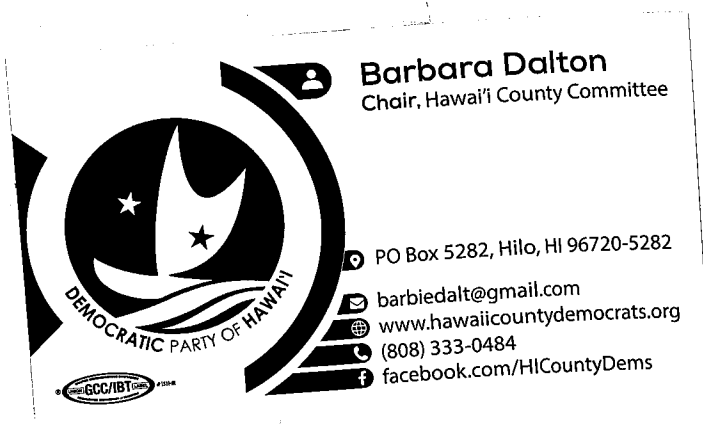
Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Barbara Dalton, Chair
Hawai'i County Democratic Party

cc: Steve Pavao, Amy Miwa, Marlene Murray, Jame Schaedel

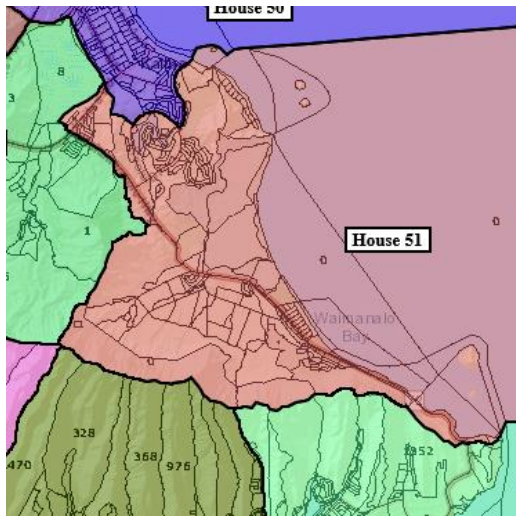


From: billhicksknb@gmail.com <billhicksknb@gmail.com>
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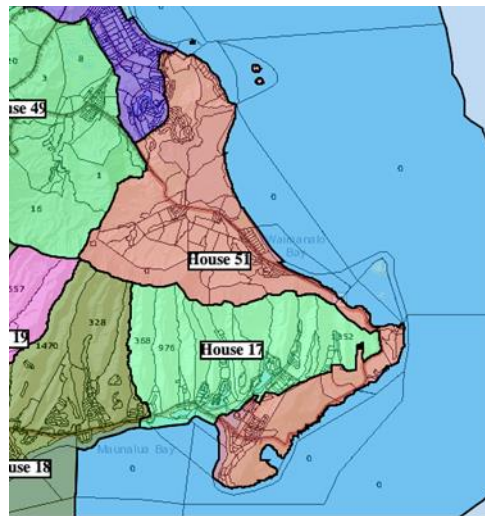
Aloha Chair Mugiishi and Reapportionment Commissioners...

I am submitting this testimony for the Oahu Public Hearings on December 4th, 8th, 9th, and 10th. Included is a description of the alternative “Hicks Plan” for Oahu House and Senate districts for consideration.

On October 13th I first learned about the Reapportionment Commission’s proposal for the House District I live in, HD51. The district is currently Lanikai-Enchanted Lake-Waimanalo. The proposal would split Enchanted Lake in half between HD50 and HD51 and would split off Portlock from Hawaii Kai/HD17 and attach Portlock to HD51, thereby mixing Windward Oahu with East Oahu in a single district.



Current HD51



Commission Proposed HD51

At the Reapportionment Commission’s meeting on October 14th I testified that I was disappointed to see HD51 very contorted and stretching from Lanikai to Portlock. I didn’t think it was a good idea to mix East Oahu and Windward Oahu residents into the same district and that Makapu’u Point should be a natural boundary, the same as Ka’ena Point. This is how the districts have historically been drawn and the way the City Council districts still are.

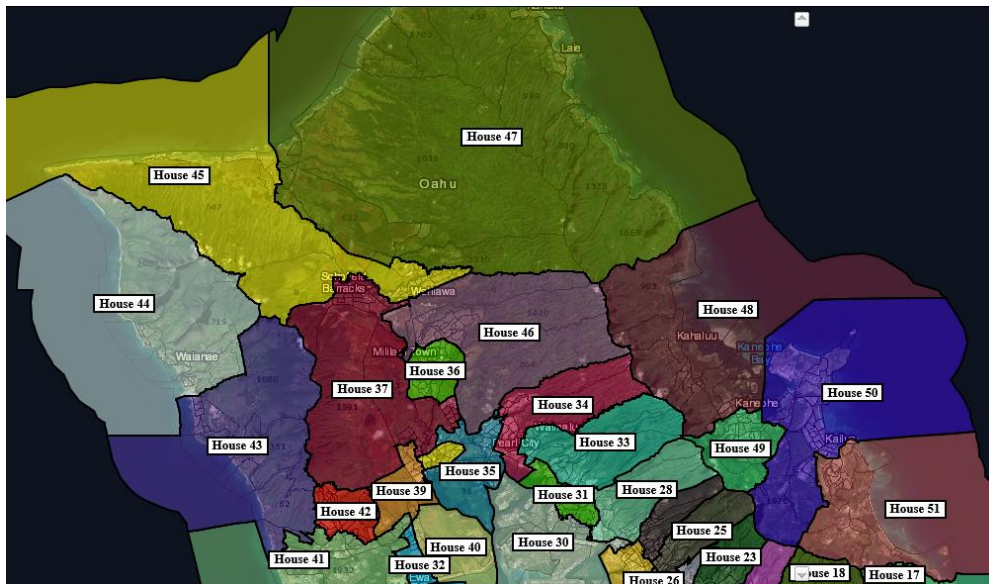
I was concerned that the proposal would dilute the voice of Kailua (especially Enchanted Lake) and Hawaii Kai (especially Portlock). Such a strange and convoluted

proposed district would be significantly harder for someone elected from Kailua or Waimanalo to understand and represent and especially so for someone elected from Hawaii Kai. Waimanalo people know Kailua and Kailua people, especially those in Enchanted Lake, know Waimanalo. We moved to Kailua in 1986 – I can only remember being in Portlock one time and that was about 20 years ago. On the other hand, the Waimanalo Jack-in-the-Box is about as close to me as the Kailua one.

At that meeting Commissioners encouraged residents to use the interactive maps to make and submit plans for your consideration. So, I did that - initially just to prove to myself that it is viable to not mix East Oahu with Windward Oahu. My alternative plans have been submitted to the Commission and are available for review under Open Plan > Shared Plans > Everyone.

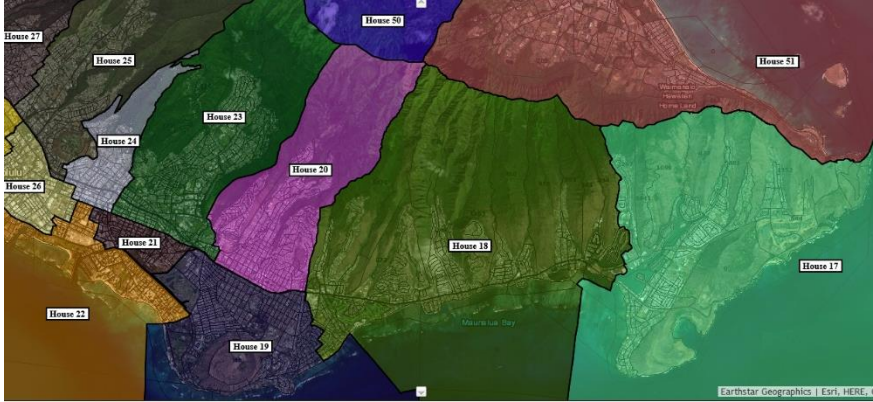
Here’s what I learned:

(1) It is entirely viable to use both Makapu’u Point and Ka’ena Point as boundaries.



Oahu House “Hicks Plan”

(2) Because Hawaii Kai/HD17 can start at Makapu’u Point and not surrender significant population to the Commission proposed HD51, there is less radical movement of East Oahu district boundaries westward. Therefore the “Hicks Plan” approach can keep all of the East Oahu valleys, such as Manoa Valley, intact in single districts.



“Hicks Plan”



Manoa Valley HD23

(3) It’s true that the much larger population increase in Leeward Oahu relative to East Oahu means that there must be a net shift of one House district to Leeward Oahu. Because of the Commission’s proposal to include some of East Oahu in HD51, causing more radical westward movement of East Oahu house districts, the Commission’s plan essentially “runs out of population” at HD19 and it is HD19 that shifts to Leeward Oahu, causing the existing HD19 territory (dashed yellow line) to be split among proposed HDs 18, 19, 20, and 21. The “Hicks Plan” has a much less radical impact on HD19.

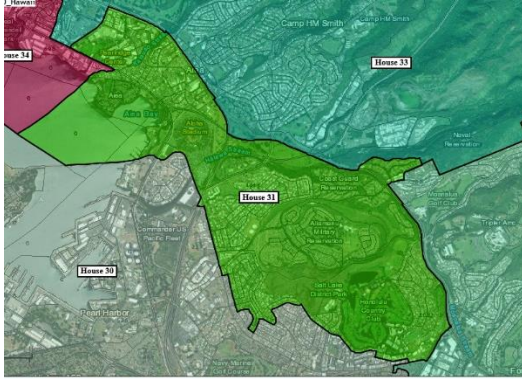


Commission Proposed Split-up of Current HD19

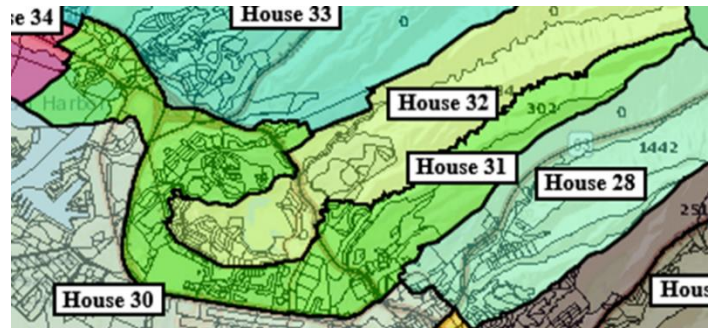


“Hicks Plan” HD19

(4) The “Hicks Plan” doesn’t “run out of population” until HD32 and it would be HD32 that shifts to Leeward Oahu. The remaining HD31 would actually be more compact and contiguous than the current HD31/HD32.

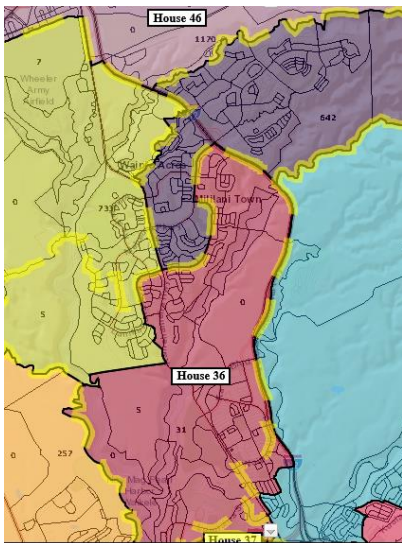


“Hicks Plan” HD31

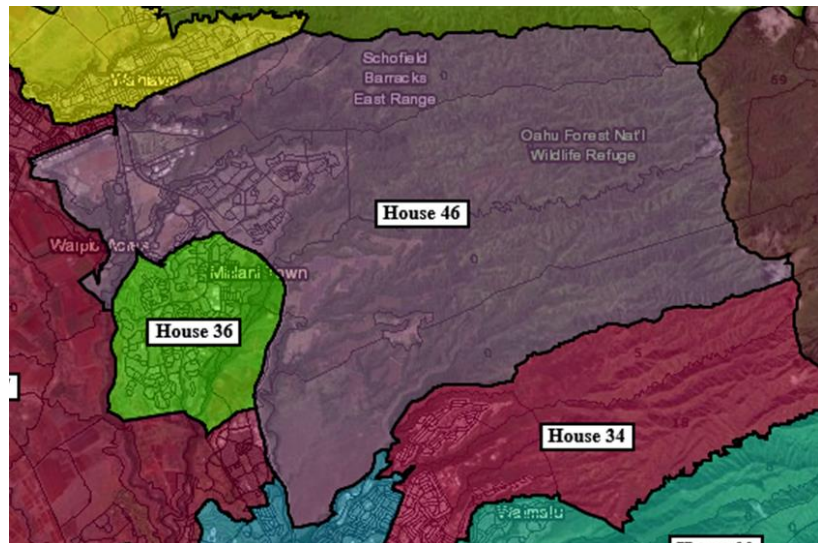


Current HD31/HD32

(5) After submitting the original alternative “Hicks Plan” I heard from Mililani residents that this plan was no better than the current plan or the Commission proposed plan when it came to splitting the Mililani area up into too many districts, so I took a harder look at Mililani and discovered that Mililani Town contains 27,175 people, which is very close to the “target district population” of 27,026. It is viable to make Mililani Town a single district and to include all of Mililani Mauka and Waipio Acres in another district. This is much simpler for Mililani, without affecting the Windward Oahu and East Oahu improvements in the original alternative “Hicks Plan”.



Commission Proposed Mililani

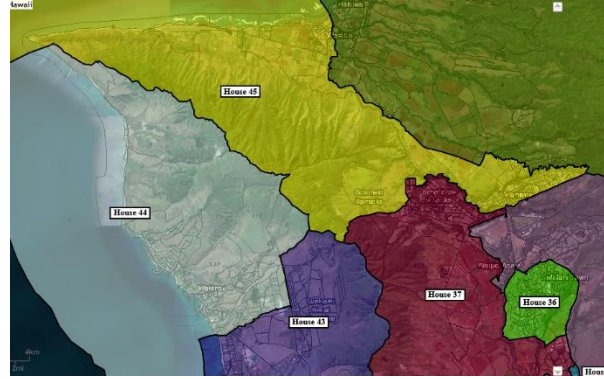


“Hicks Plan” Mililani Excursion

(6) Furthermore, by shifting population from HD45 to make Mililani Town and Waipio Acres whole, and then compensating HD45 with the whole of Wahiawa, HD45 becomes a more compact district going from the North Shore upslope only to Wahiawa, rather than extending further south towards Waipio.



Commission Proposed HD45



“Hicks Plan” Mililani Excursion HD45

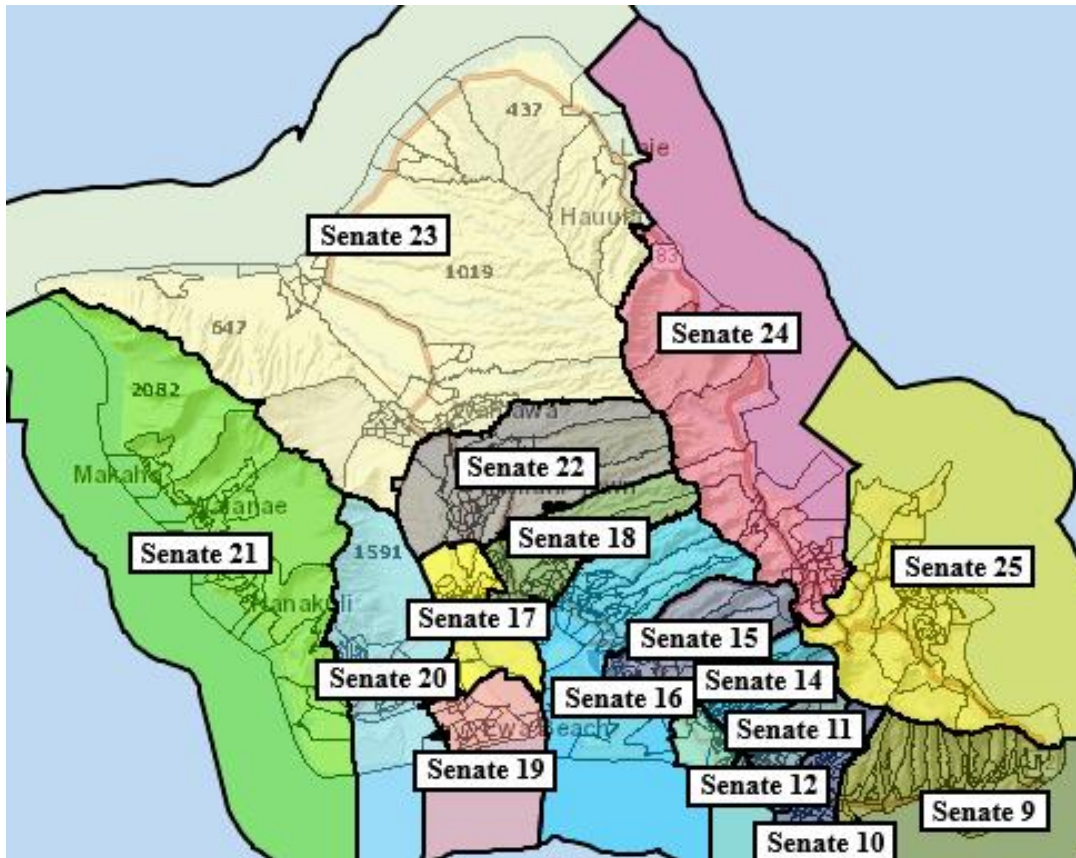
(7) As much as possible, effort was made to make districts contiguous and compact and use mountain ridges, streams, and highways to keep neighborhoods intact.

(8) The “Hicks Plan” achieved a population deviation of 3.02% (or less). That compares very well with the Commission’s proposed plan with an 8.54% population deviation.

(9) There was absolutely zero political calculus in what I constructed. I have no clue how any given office holder may be affected. Note that the Hawaii Constitution says, “No district shall be so drawn as to unduly favor a person or political faction” and that the interactive mapping tool appropriately does not include any legislator’s home address.

(10) There are an unlimited number of different ways to construct these and I’m sure what I constructed could be improved upon by moving a few census blocks around for better neighborhood integrity. With only 3.02% population deviation versus 8.54%, there is a lot of maneuver space to make adjustments for better neighborhood integrity.

(11) I applied the same process for the Oahu Senate Districts, with the same outcomes. Makapu’u Point is a viable boundary. East Oahu valleys are kept intact. In the “Hicks Plan” 16 of the 17 Oahu Senate Districts have deviations less than 1%, and the one outside of that is only 1.07%. The total population deviation is 2.02%. The Commission’s proposed plan has a much larger total population deviation of 7.93%.



Oahu Senate “Hicks Plan”

The attached PowerPoint briefs show each district in more detail, comparing the alternate “Hicks Plan” with the Commission’s proposed plan, and the current districts.

The opportunity to make the best boundaries possible only happens once every 10 years. I urge the Commission to consider this alternative plan as a starting point for developing the new Oahu House districts, and to also use this opportunity to make Makapu’u Point a boundary for Oahu Senate districts, too.

Mahalo.

Aloha,
 Bill Hicks
 Kailua

Alternative Oahu House Reapportionment with Mililani Excursion REV 1

Bill Hicks

November 20, 2021

During the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission meeting on October 14, 2021 public testimony was received and Proposed Legislative Redistricting Plans by the Technical Committee Permitted Interaction Group were presented.

Some of the public testimony included displeasure that the Enchanted Lake community in Kailua, the Portlock community in Hawaii Kai, and a significant part of Manoa Valley would all be split between two house districts, diluting the voices of Kailua, Hawaii Kai, and Manoa. Additionally, Waimanalo community concerns were raised about the complexity of becoming linked with Hawaii Kai (Portlock) in addition to Kailua.

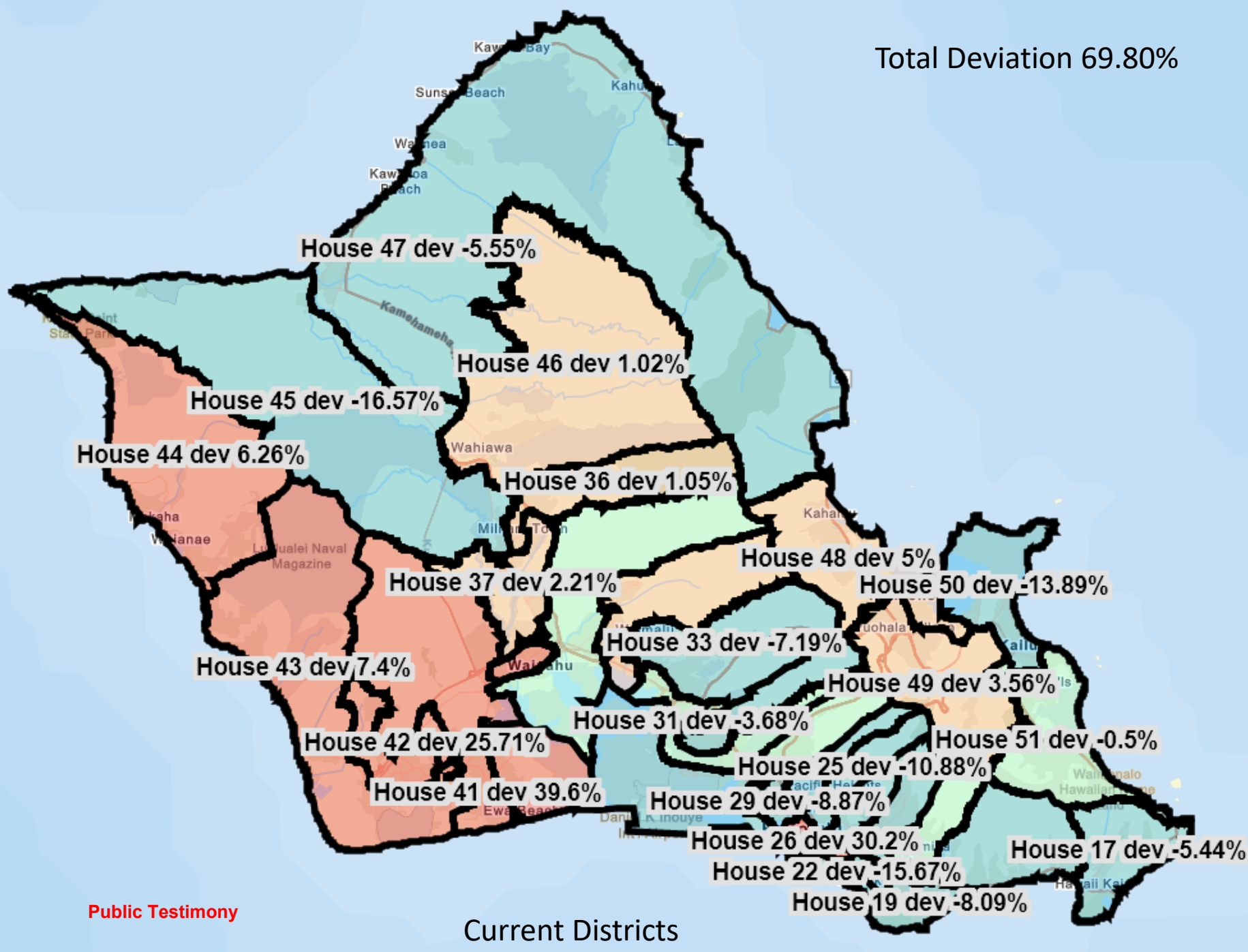
I constructed a redistricting proposal to see if each of these communities could be kept together, using both Ka'ena Point and Makapu'u Point as boundaries, and as anchors HD 17 (East Oahu), HD 51 (Windward Oahu), and HD 44 (Leeward Oahu). In the process I discovered the population deviations between the districts could also be significantly reduced.

Since then I have also heard displeasure that Mililani is split among three districts. This Mililani Excursion makes HD36 exclusively Mililani town and consolidates Mililani Mauka and Waipio Acres in HD46.

I hope this proposal can be used as a starting point for further development in keeping more communities together. It was submitted and can be found at <https://redistricting.hawaii.esriemcs.com> (Open Plan > Shared Plan > Everyone).

Plan Name	Owner	Description	Created	Last Modified
Bill Hicks Oahu House Redistricting Plan - Mililani Excursion	Bill75	Objectives: Use both Makapu'u Point and Ka'ena Point as boundaries; keep Kailua, Hawaii Kai, Manoa Valley, Mililani Town, and Mililani Mauka & Waipio Acres intact; use compact and contiguous districts; and minimize population deviation. Total Deviation 3.02% (-1.62% to 1.40%).	2021-11-01 01:27	2021-11-01 01:27
Bill Hicks Oahu House Redistricting Plan - Mililani Excursion without excessive HD35 mauka territory	Bill75		2021-11-20 05:36	2021-11-20 05:56

Total Deviation 69.80%



Current Districts

HD	Deviation	%
17	-1471	- 5.44%
18	-1984	- 7.34%
19	-2186	- 8.09%
20	- 263	- 0.97%
21	-3221	-11.92%
22	-4236	-15.67%
23	-3097	-11.46%
24	-2162	- 8.00%
25	-2940	-11.88%
26	-8163	-30.20%
27	-1543	- 5.71%
28	-1148	- 4.25%
29	-2396	- 8.87%
30	-4129	-15.28%
31	- 994	- 3.68%
32	-2062	- 7.63%
33	-1943	- 7.19%
34	367	1.36%
35	- 257	- 0.95%
36	285	1.05%
37	596	2.21%
38	4094	15.15%
39	6926	25.63%
40	1533	5.67%
41	10703	39.60%
42	6948	25.71%
43	1999	7.40%
44	1691	6.26%
45	-4477	-16.57%
46	276	1.02%
47	-1499	- 5.55%
48	1350	5.00%
49	963	3.56%
50	-3753	-13.89%
51	- 134	- 0.50%

Public Testimony

Current Districts

Total Deviation 8.54%



Commission Proposed Districts

HD Deviation %

17	1018	3.77%
18	1043	3.86%
19	613	2.27%
20	955	3.53%
21	723	2.68%
22	532	1.97%
23	-1047	-3.87%
24	-921	-3.41%
25	-380	-1.41%
26	-713	-2.64%
27	-1002	-3.71%
28	-968	-3.58%
29	-813	-3.01%
30	-897	-3.32%
31	-892	-3.30%
32	542	2.01%
33	243	0.90%
34	-1030	-3.81%
35	285	1.05%
36	-924	-3.42%
37	-480	-1.78%
38	-85	-0.31%
39	-146	-0.54%
40	-209	-0.77%
41	530	1.96%
42	85	0.31%
43	-8	-0.03%
44	-1162	-4.30%
45	702	2.60%
46	276	1.02%
47	1146	4.24%
48	786	2.91%
49	901	3.33%
50	504	1.86%
51	792	2.93%

Public Testimony

Commission Proposal

Total Deviation 3.08%



Bill Hicks' Proposal w/Milliani Excursion

HD	Deviation	%
17	280	1.04%
18	94	0.35%
19	229	0.85%
20	-263	-0.97%
21	-319	-1.18%
22	-130	-0.48%
23	359	1.33%
24	96	0.36%
25	331	1.22%
26	290	1.07%
27	379	1.40%
28	-228	-0.84%
29	314	1.16%
30	-146	-0.54%
31	71	0.26%
32	38	0.14%
33	-437	-1.62%
34	-244	-0.90%
35	-455	-1.68%
36	219	0.81%
37	18	0.07%
38	4	0.01%
39	34	0.13%
40	12	0.04%
41	22	0.08%
42	-134	-0.50%
43	135	0.50%
44	115	0.43%
45	78	0.29%
46	327	1.21%
47	-257	-0.95%
48	-62	-0.23%
49	-241	-0.89%
50	-337	-1.25%
51	-193	-0.71%

Four Anchor Districts, More Intact Neighborhoods, and Better Population Balance

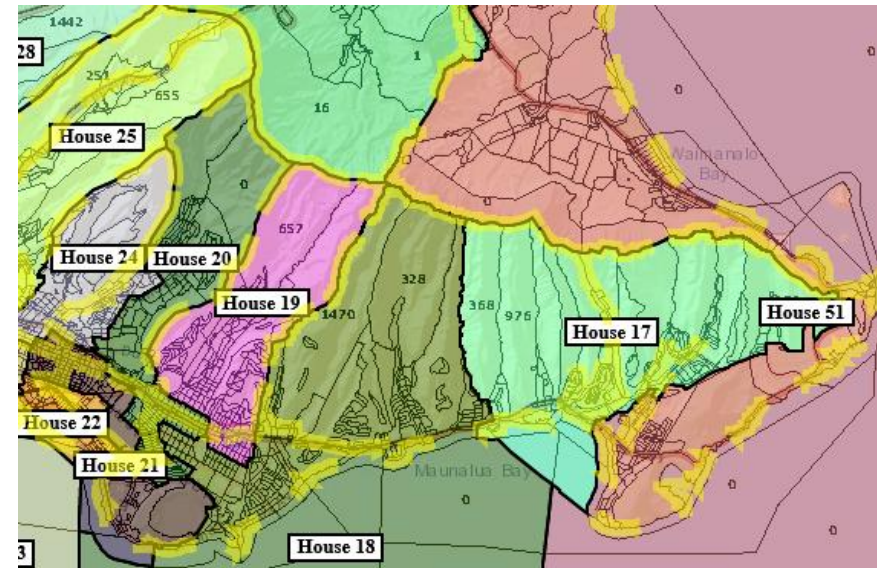
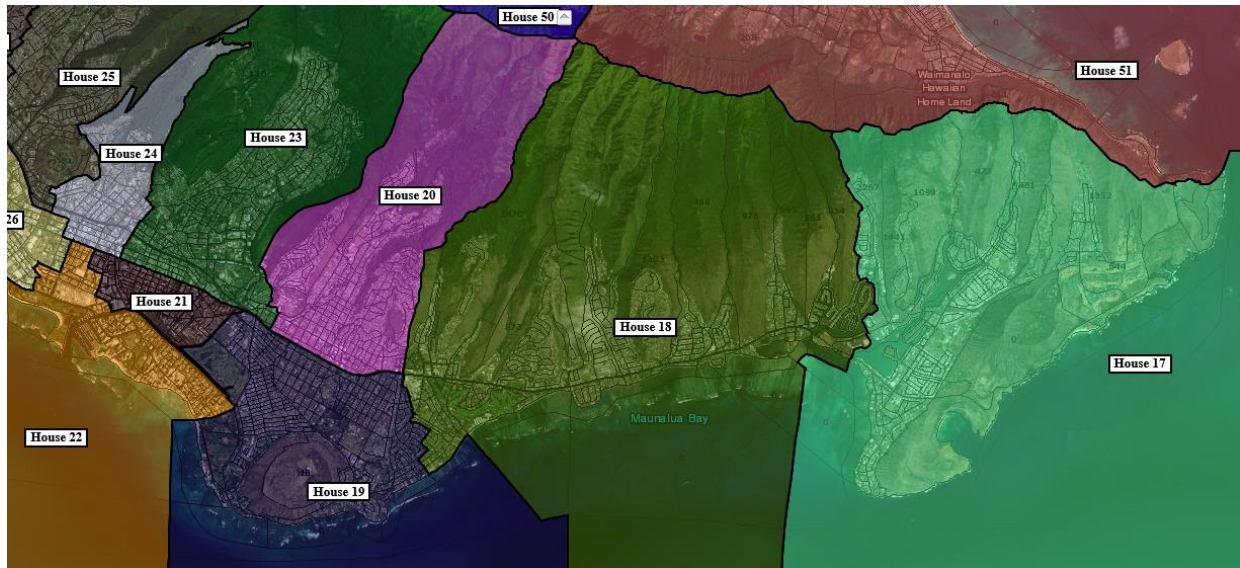
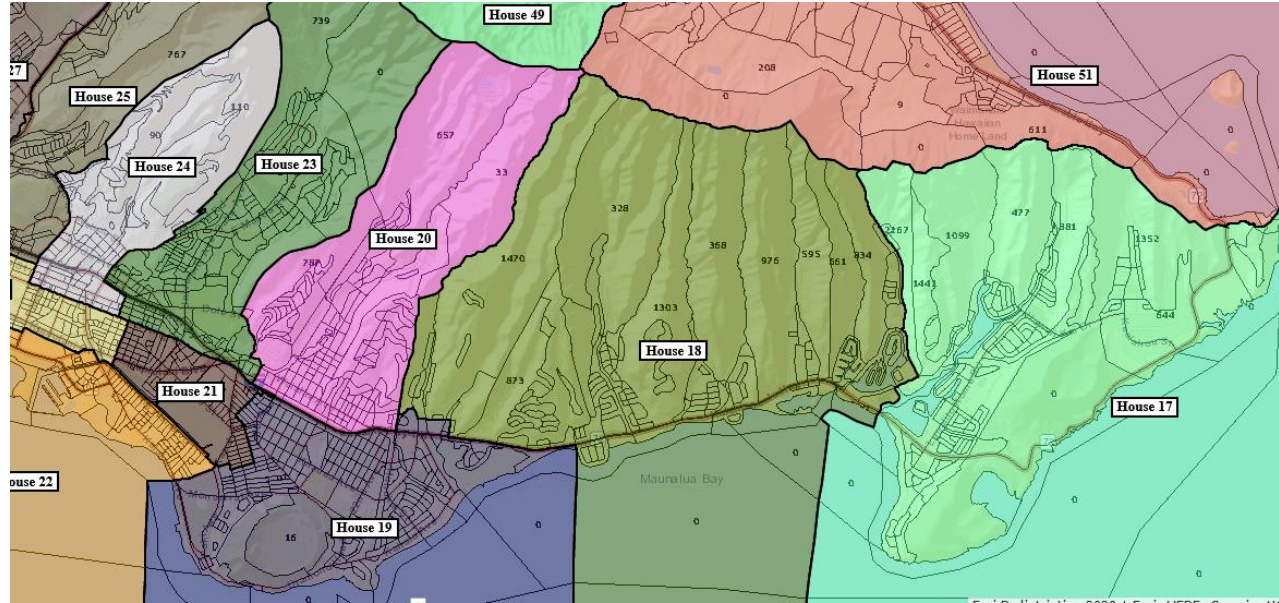
Mililani Excursion: Mililani Town is HD 36 & Mililani Mauka/Waipio Acres/Wheeler in HD 37

- This alternative plan uses 4 anchor districts:
 - District 17 East Oahu
 - District 44 Leeward Oahu
 - District 45 North Shore
 - District 51 Windward Oahu
- District 32 is relocated from East Oahu to Leeward Oahu
- This plan uses mountain ridges, highways, and streams as district boundaries as much as possible
- This plan keeps neighborhoods intact as much as possible; examples:
 - Lanikai/Enchanted Lake/Waimanalo kept intact as HD51
 - Hawaii Kai kept intact as HD17
 - Manoa kept intact as HD23
 - HD36 is Mililani Town in its entirety (and nothing else)
 - Mililani Mauka/Waipio Acres/Wheeler consolidated in HD46
- This plan has better population balance than the Commission's Plan
 - 26 Districts 0 +/- +/- .99% (vs. only 6 Districts)
 - 9 Districts > 0.99% but less than 1.68% (vs. only 3 Districts)
 - 0 Districts > 1.68% (vs. 26 Districts)

Public Testimony | Total deviation 3.08% (-1.68% to 1.40%) versus 8.54% (-4.30% to 4.24%)

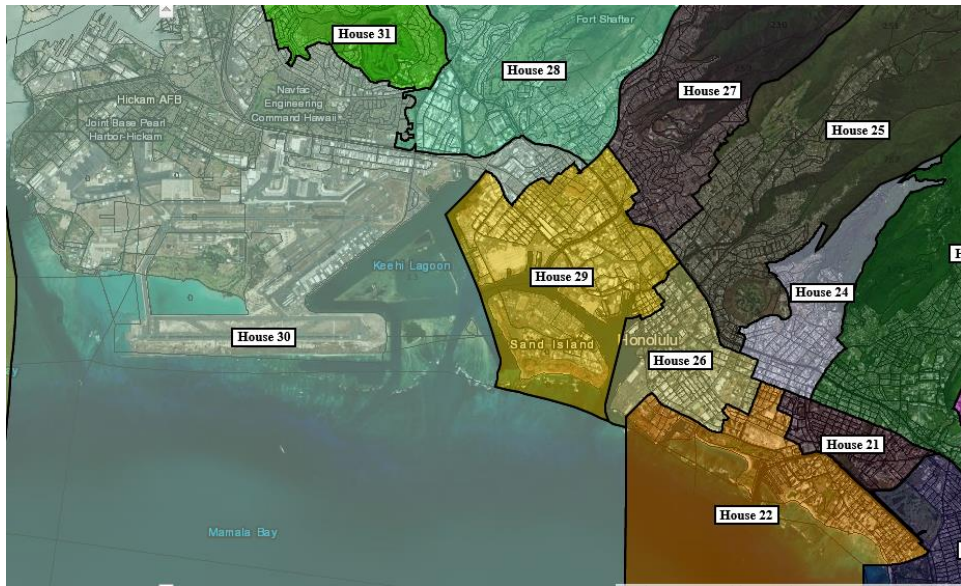
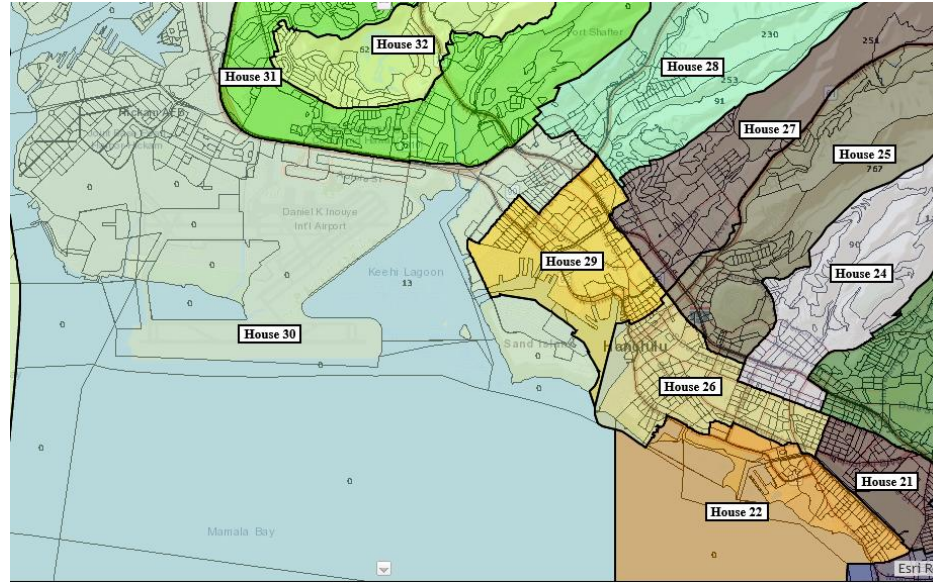
East Oahu Overview

Current Districts

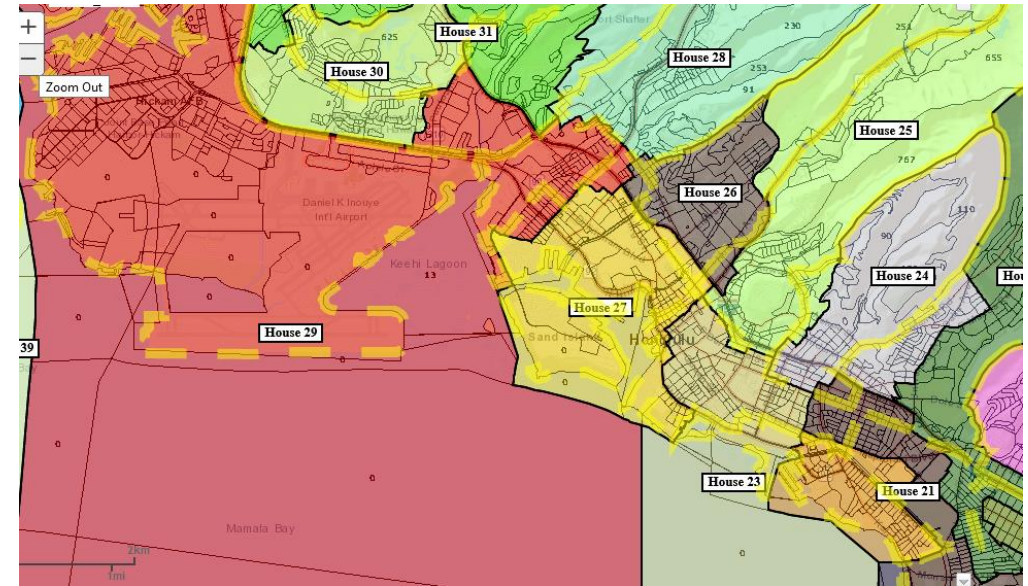


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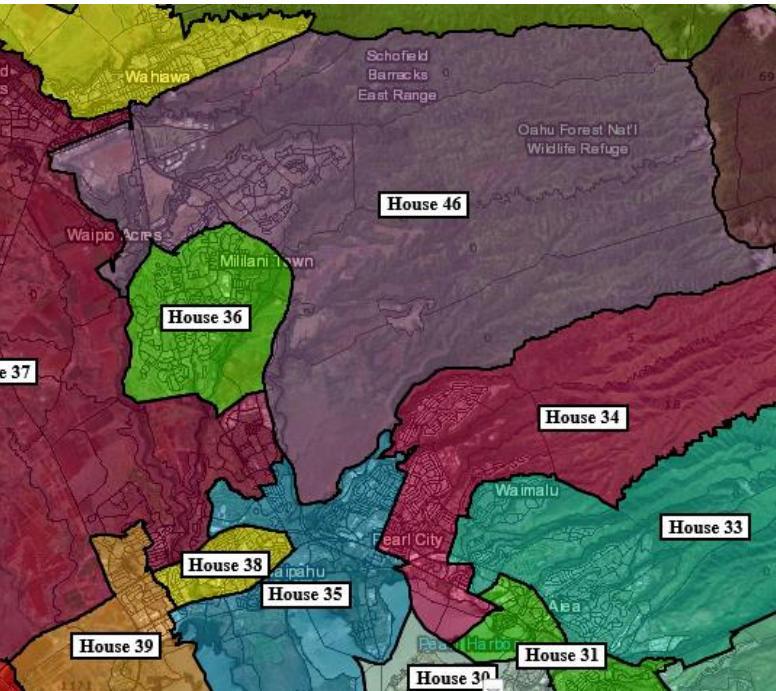


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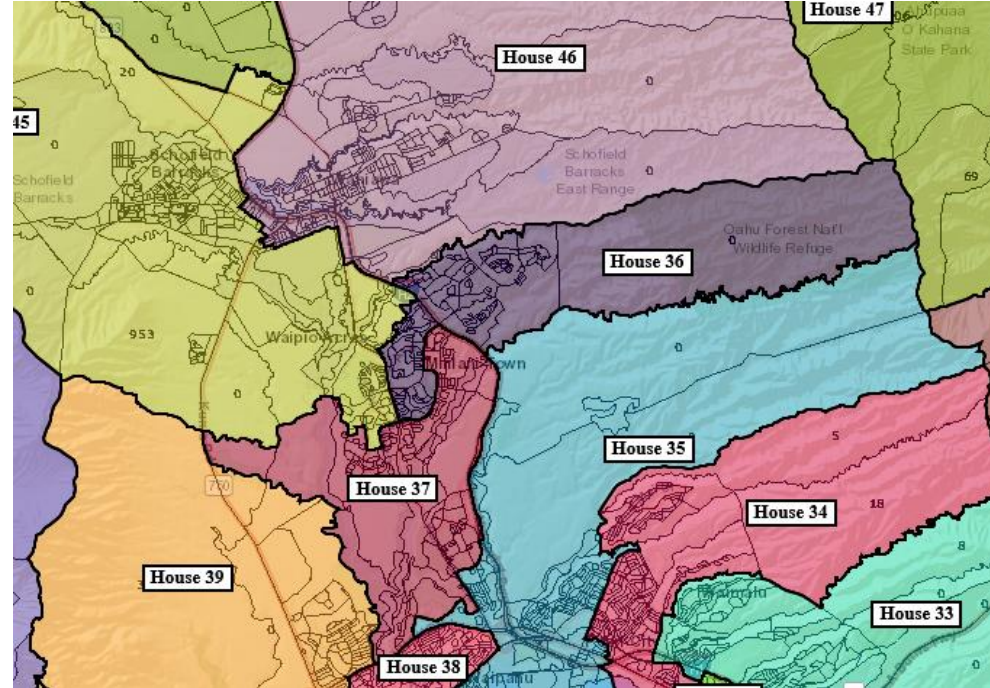


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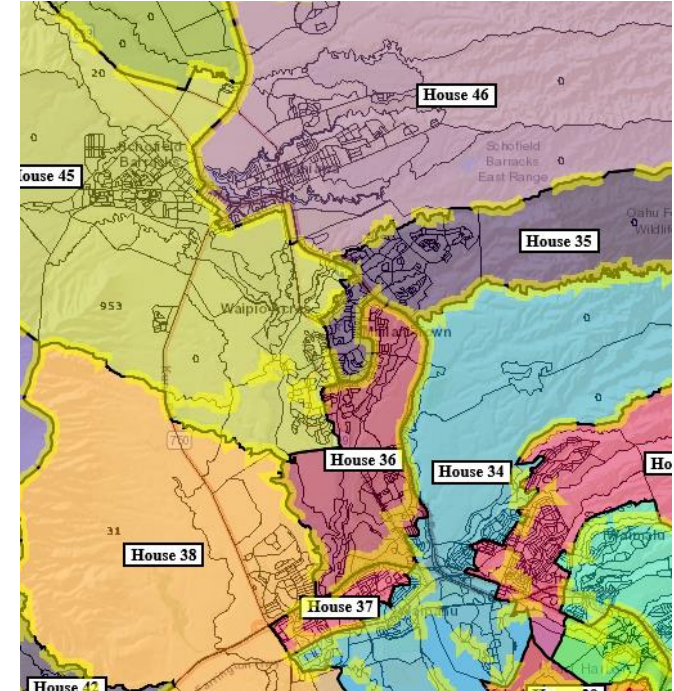
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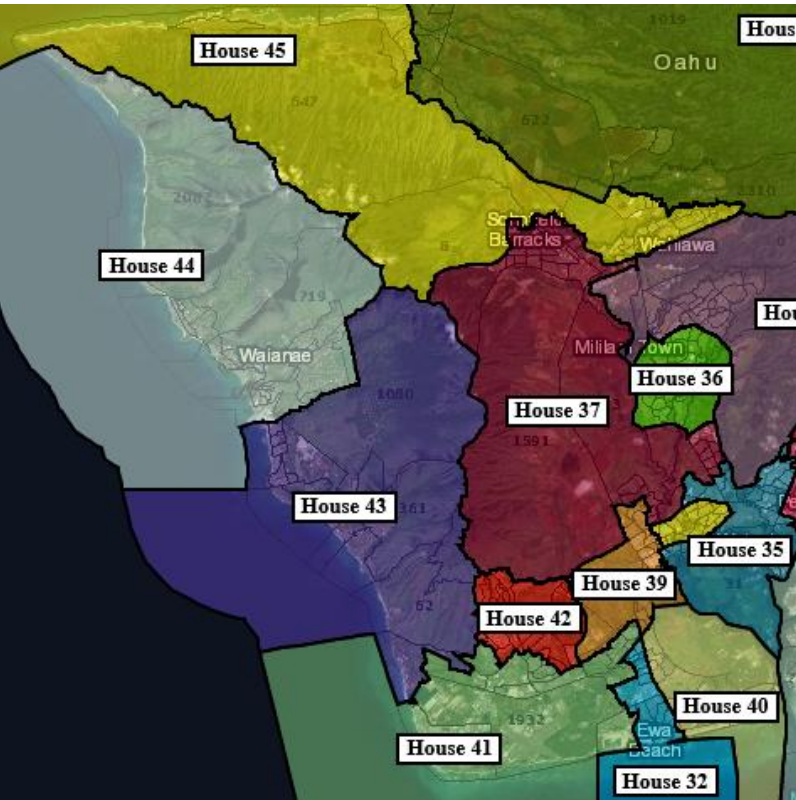


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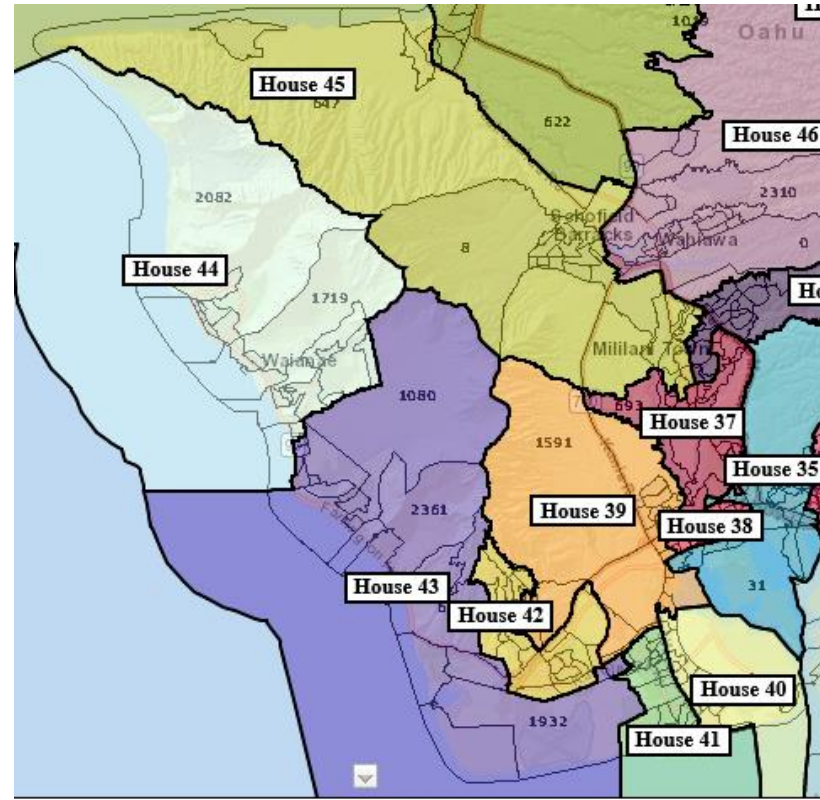


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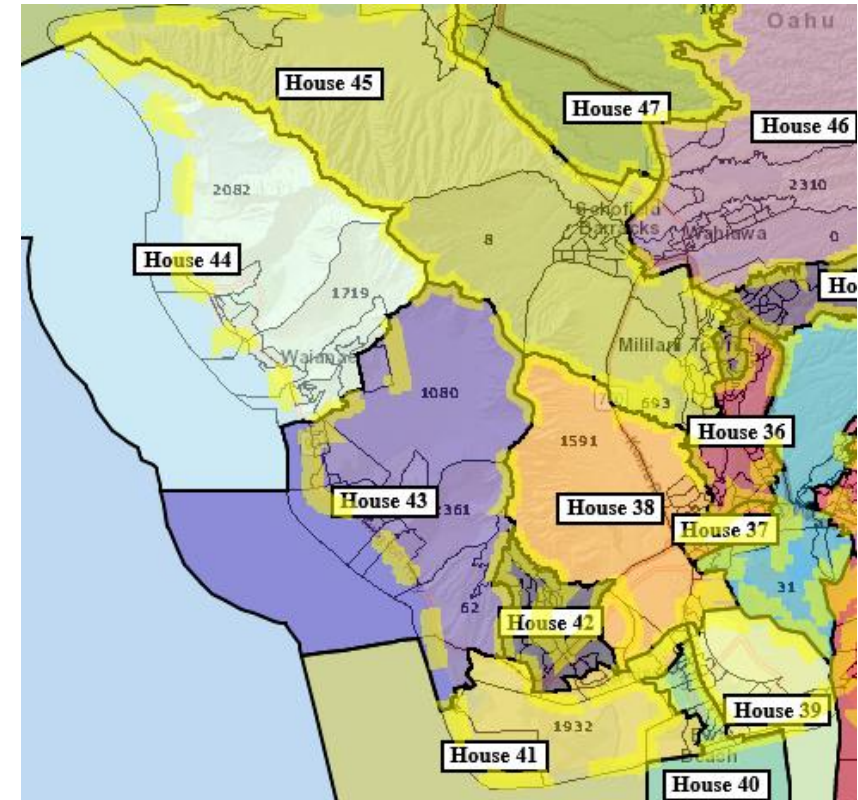
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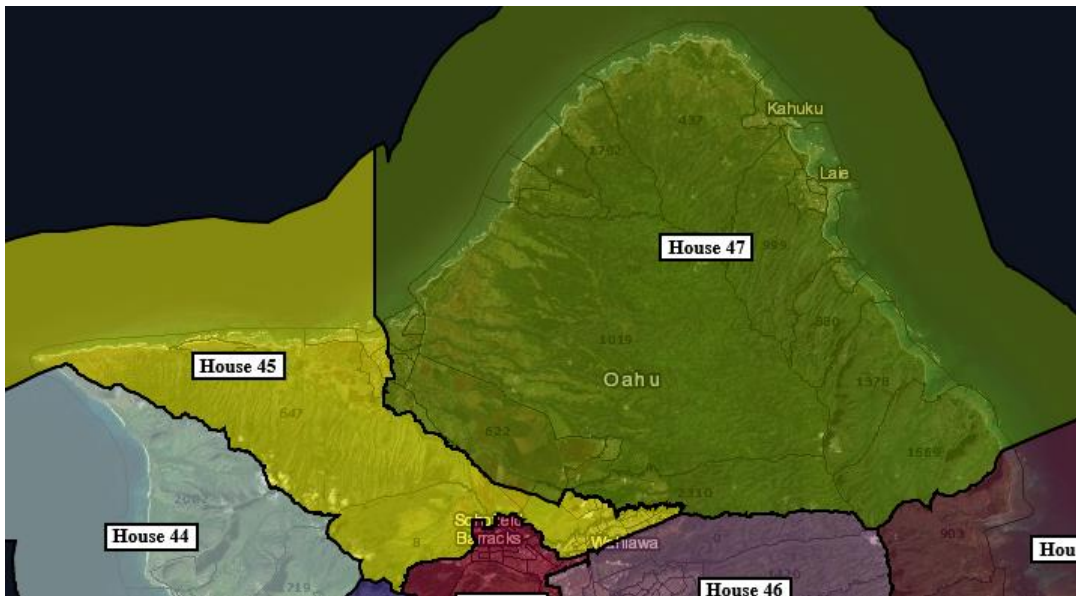
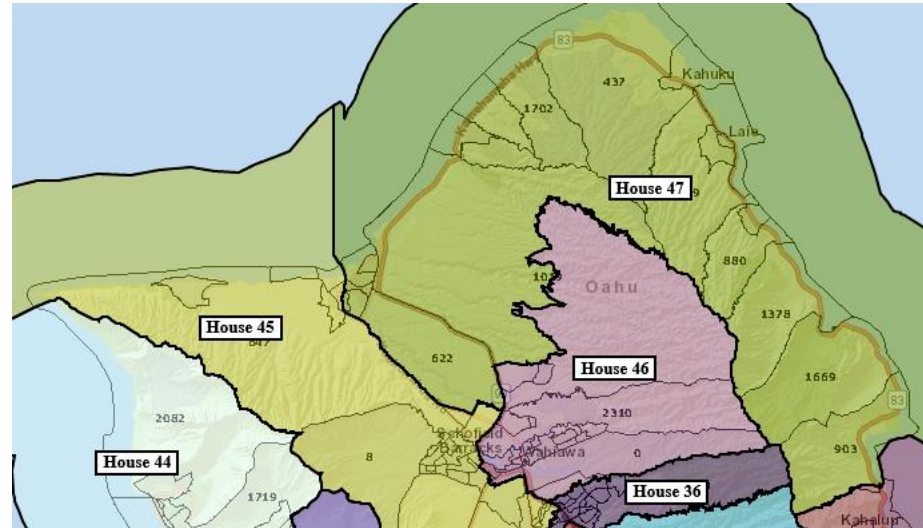
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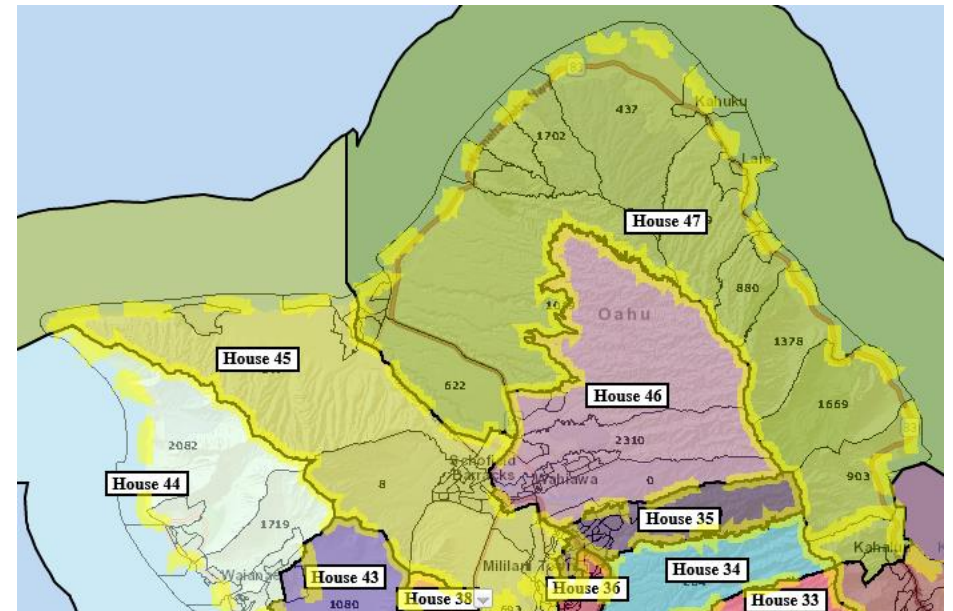
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North Shore Overview

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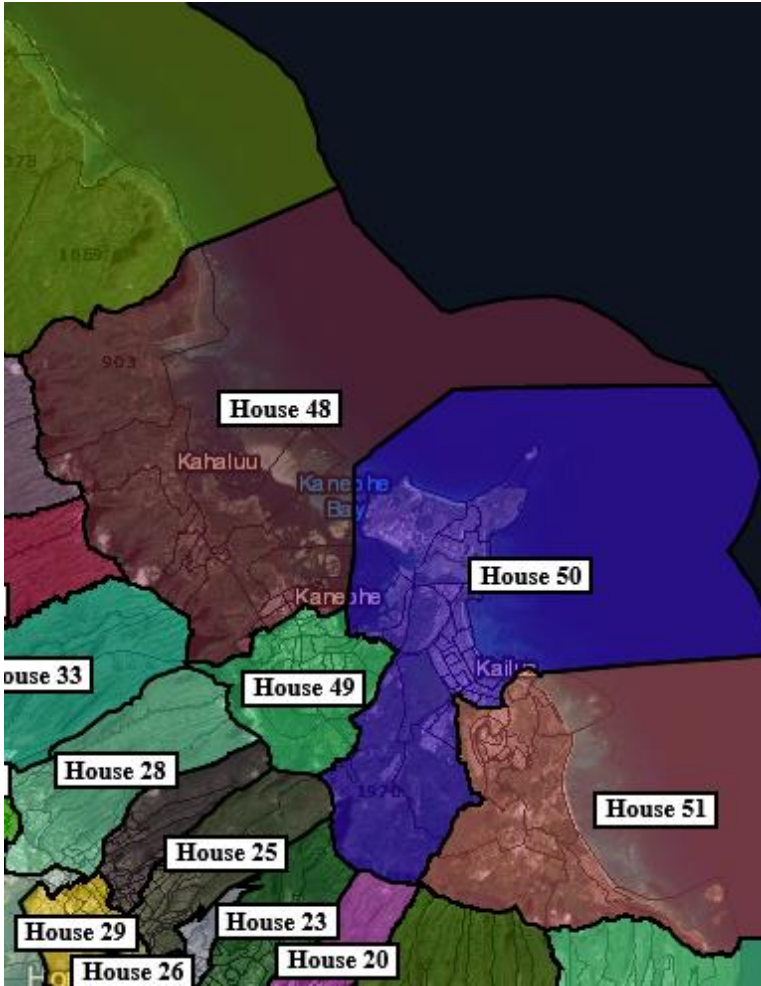


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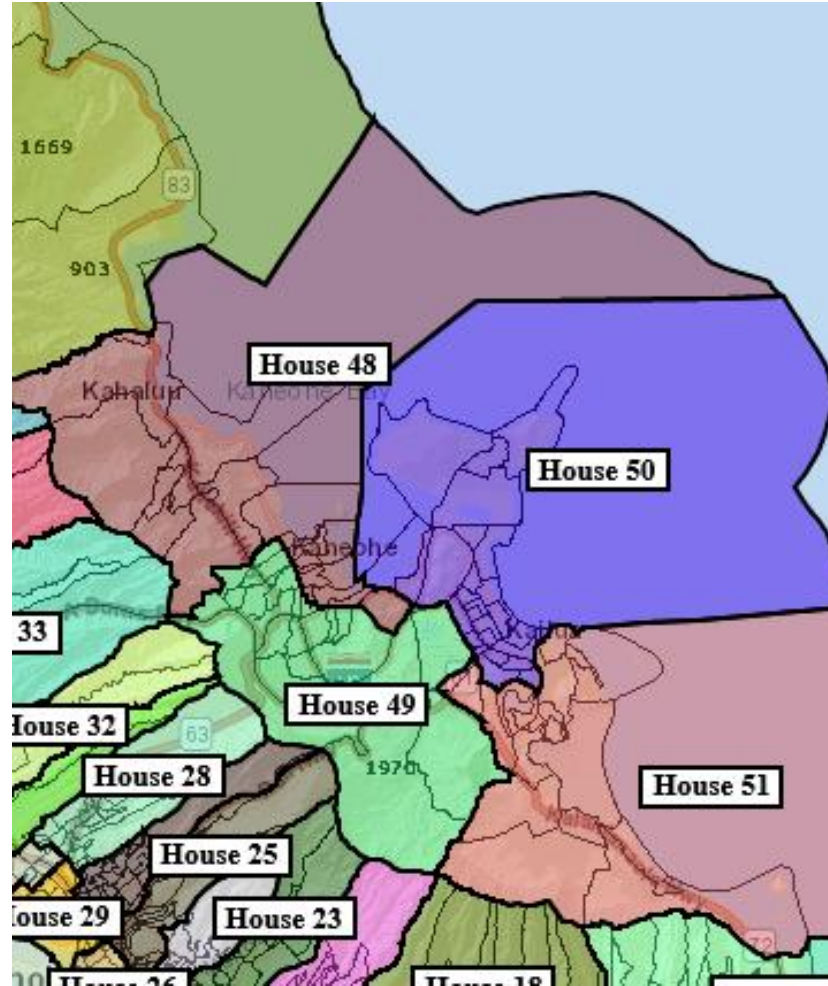


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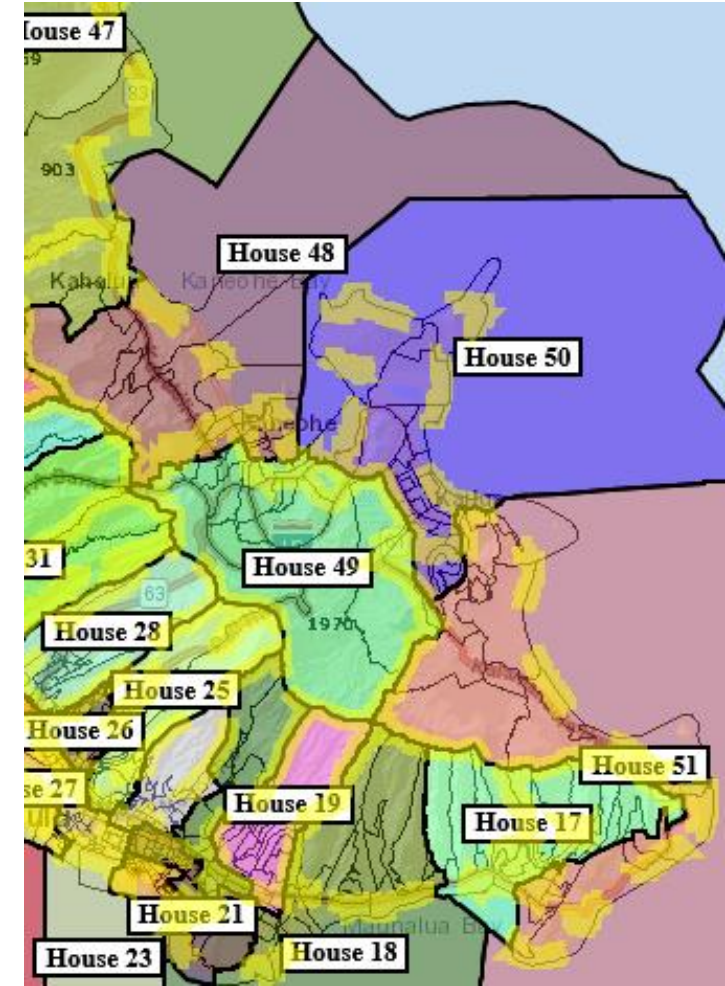
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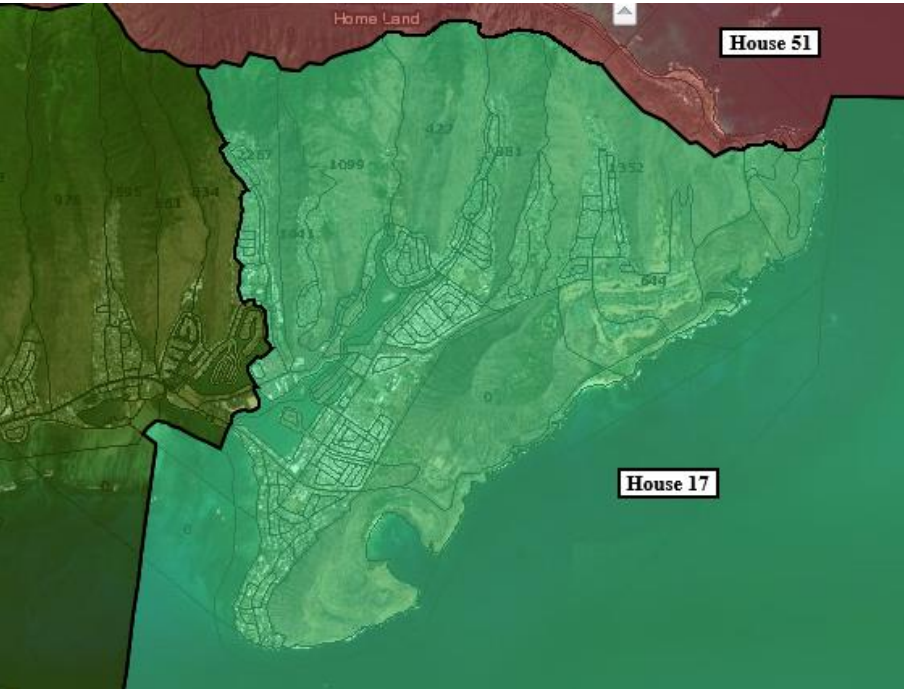
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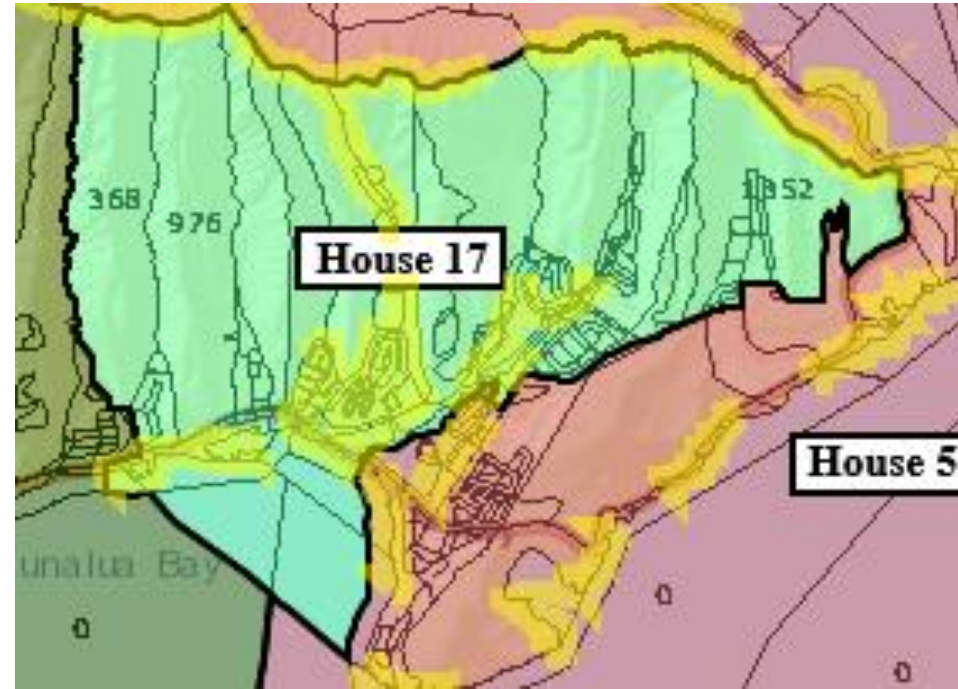
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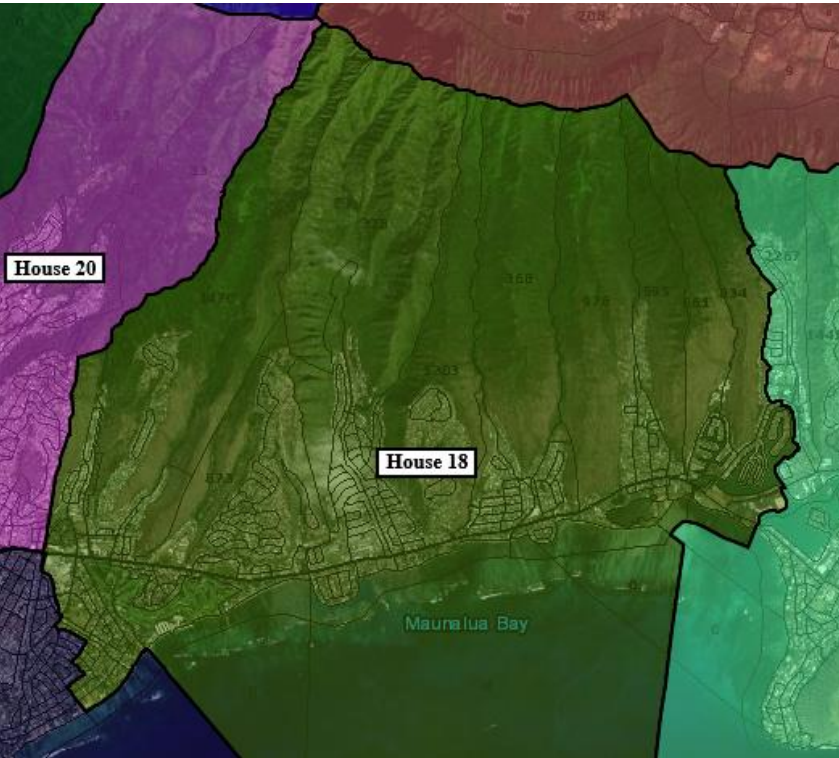


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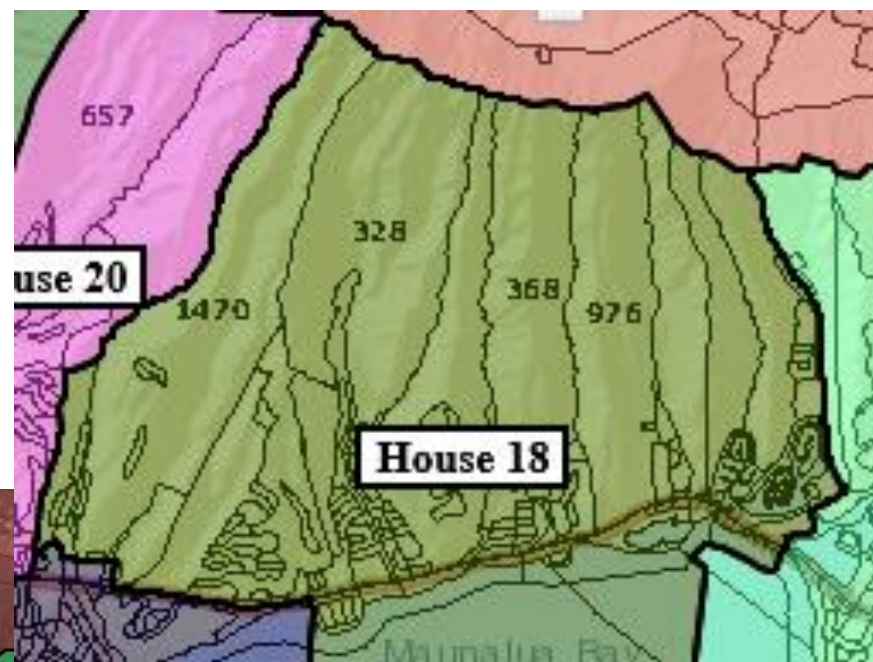


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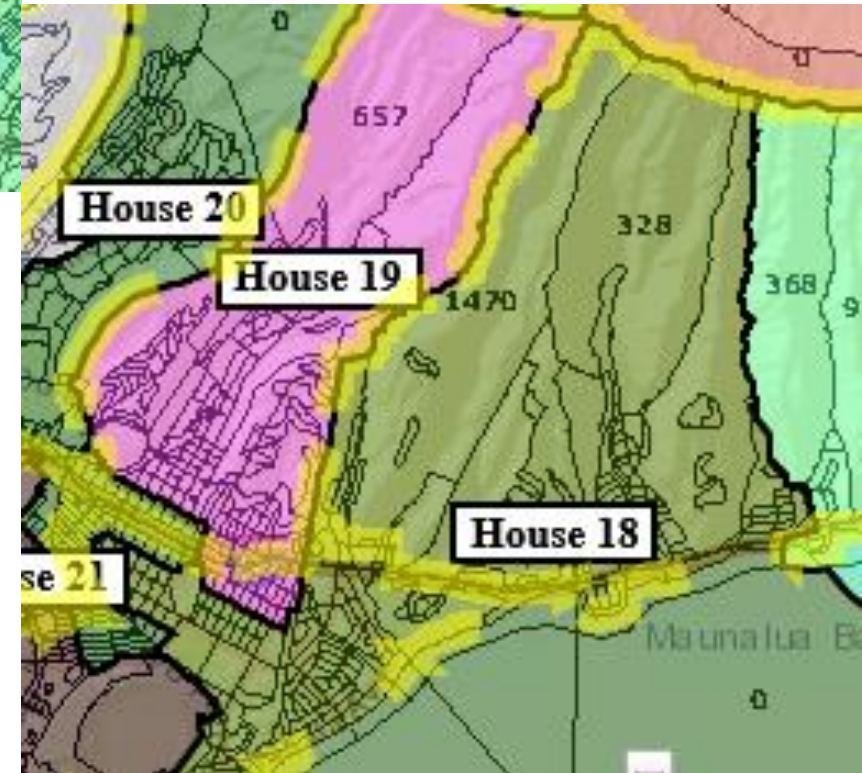
Note: Separates Portlock from Hawaii Kai and joins it with HD51 Kailua-Waimanalo.



Hicks Plan 94



Current District 1984



Commission Plan 1043

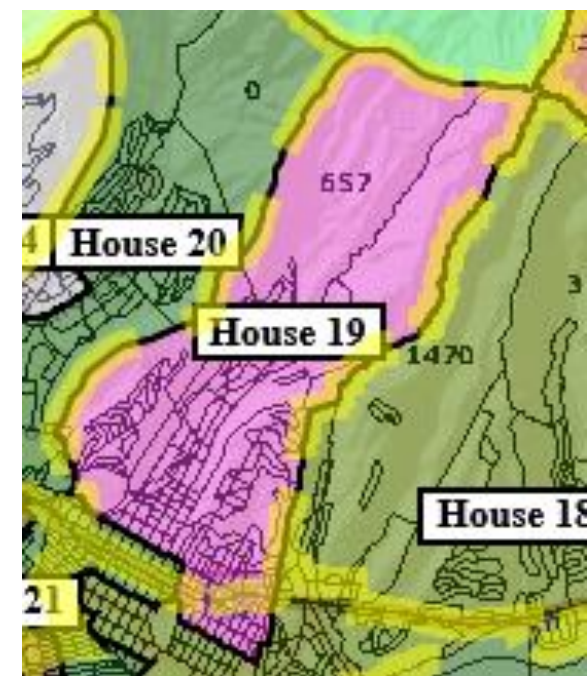
House District 18



Hicks Plan 229



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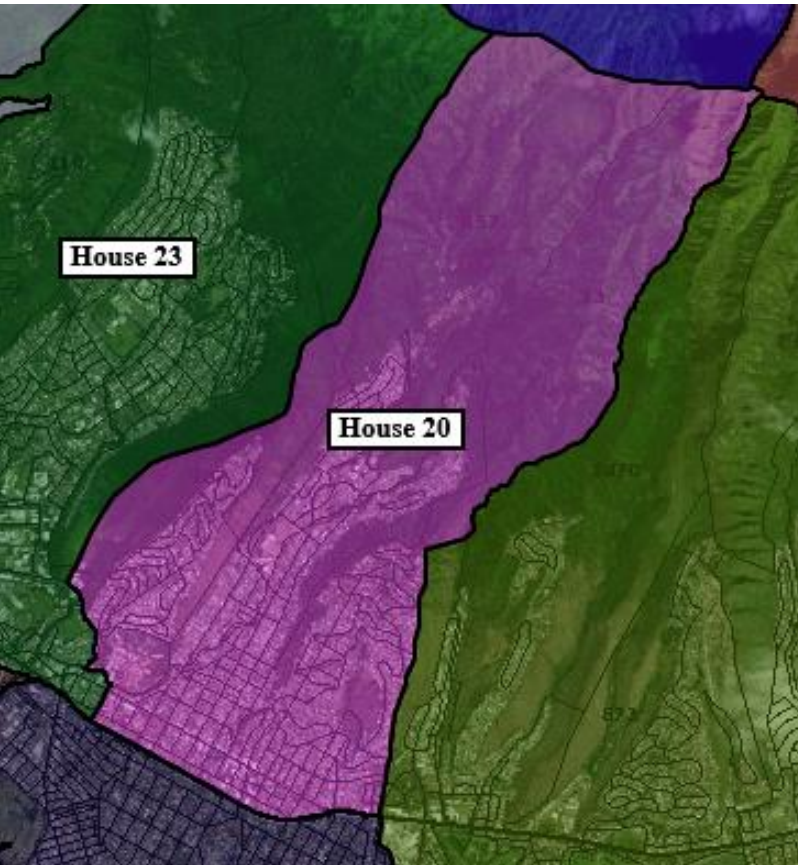
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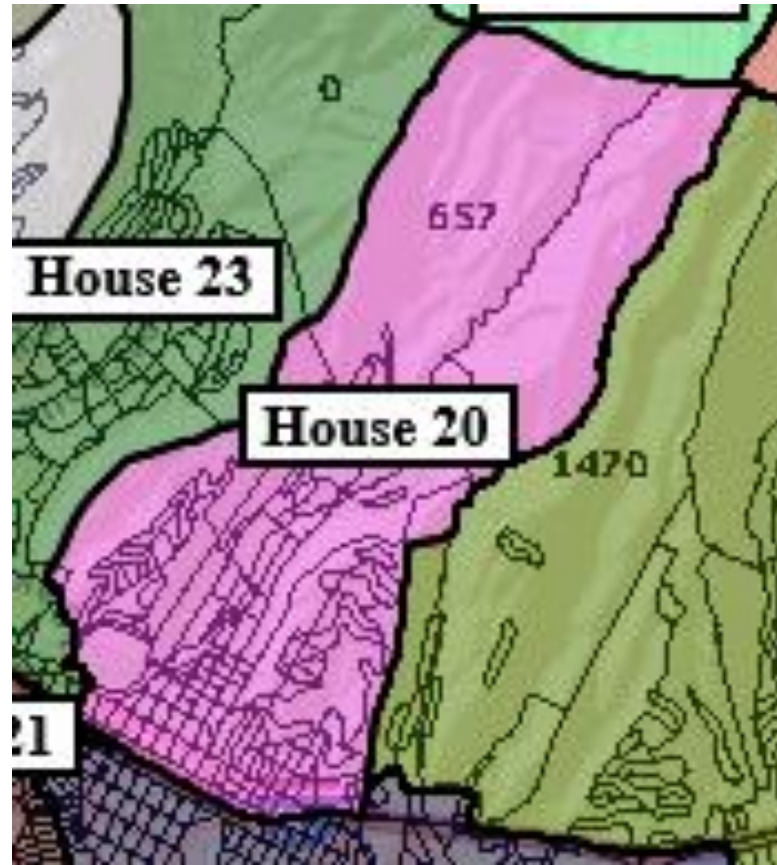
House District 19

Note, new HD19 resembles current HD20.

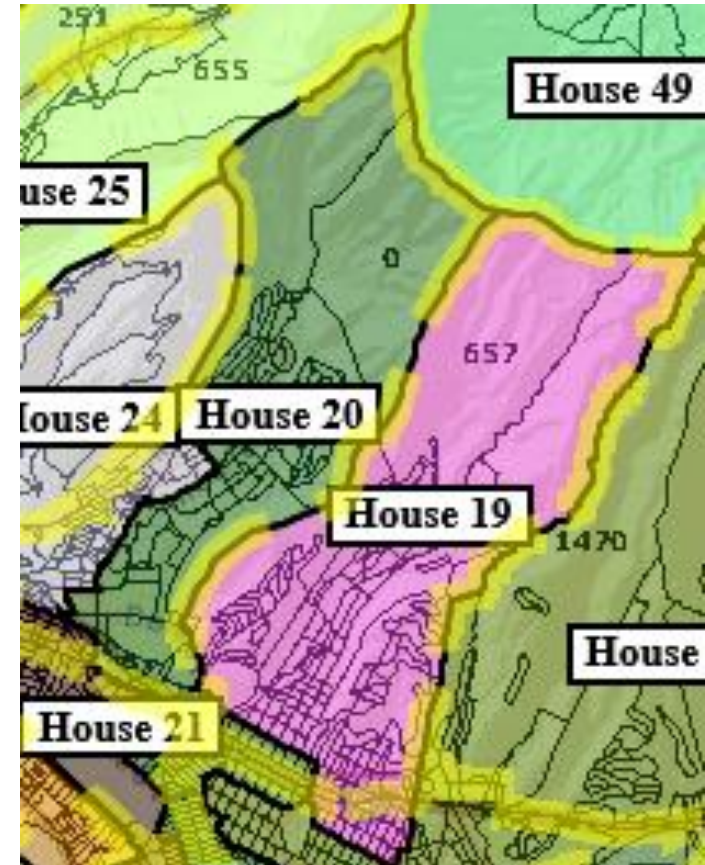
Note HD19 is relocated to Leeward Oahu; much of the current HD19 becomes HD21 and part of HD18 & HD20 (shown).



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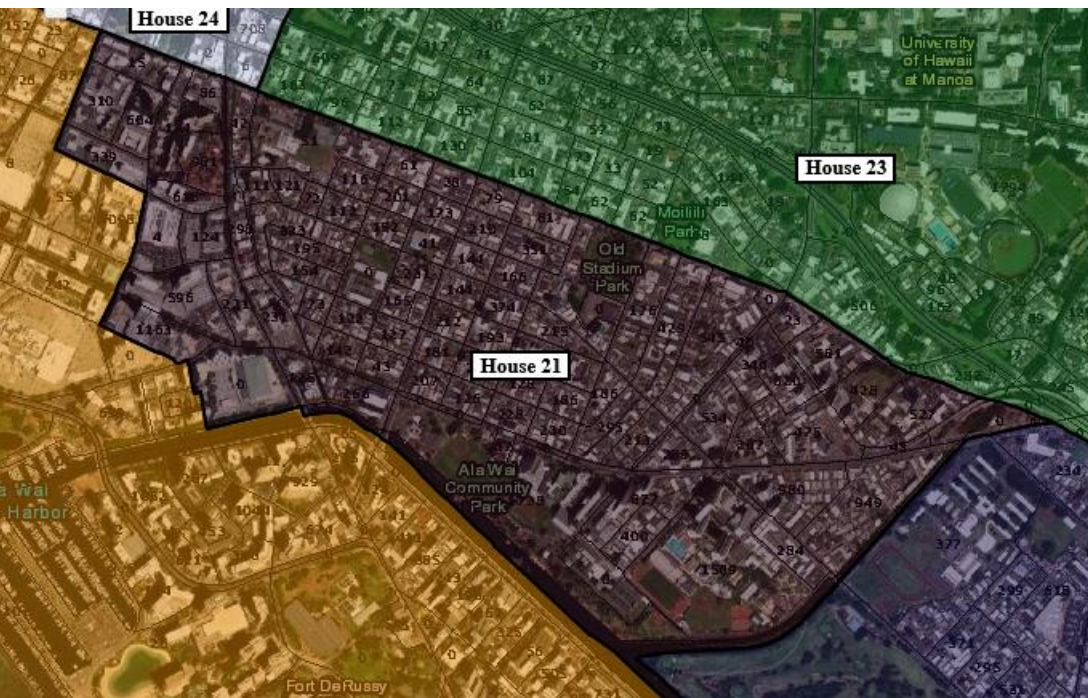


Current District -263

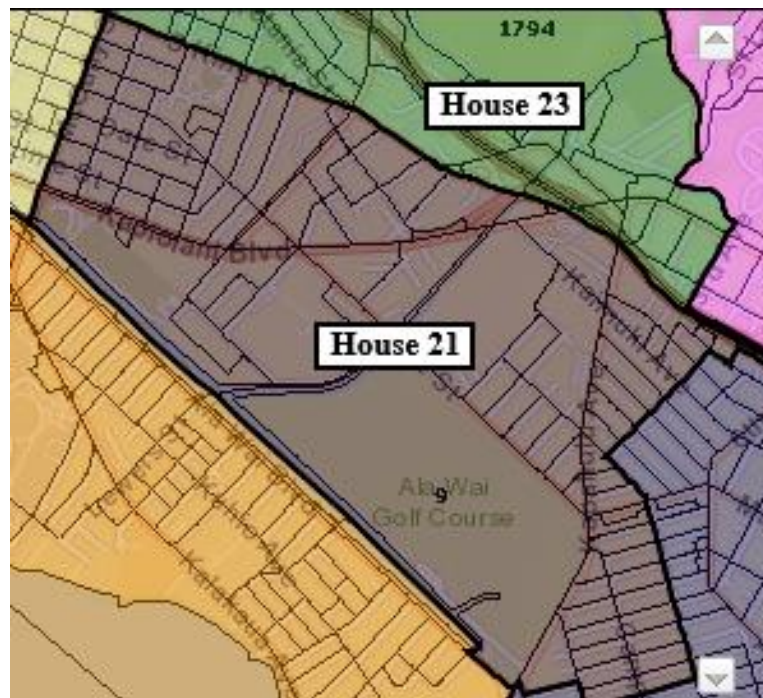


Commission Plan 955

Note, new HD19 resembles current HD20;
new HD20 picks up much of current HD23
but splits Manoa Valley.



Hicks Plan -319



Current District -3221

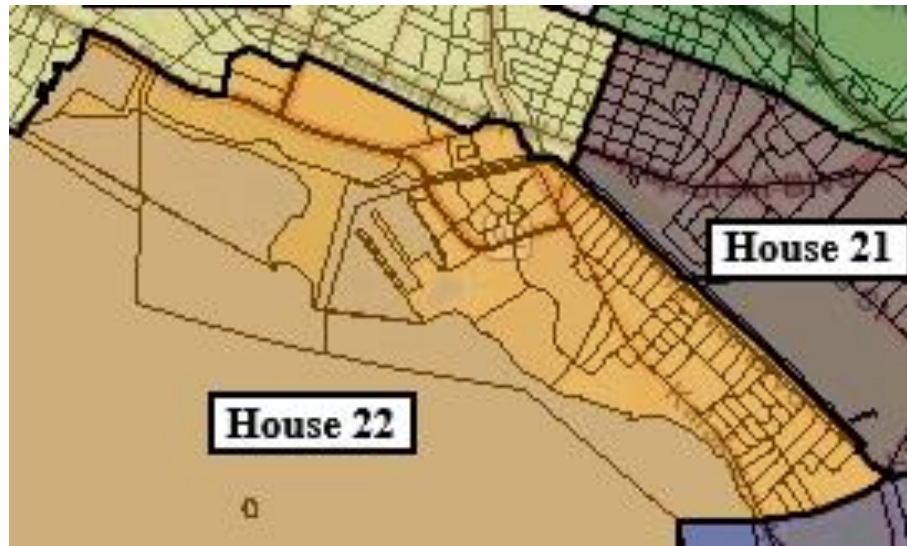


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Note, new HD21 is less compact and contiguous.



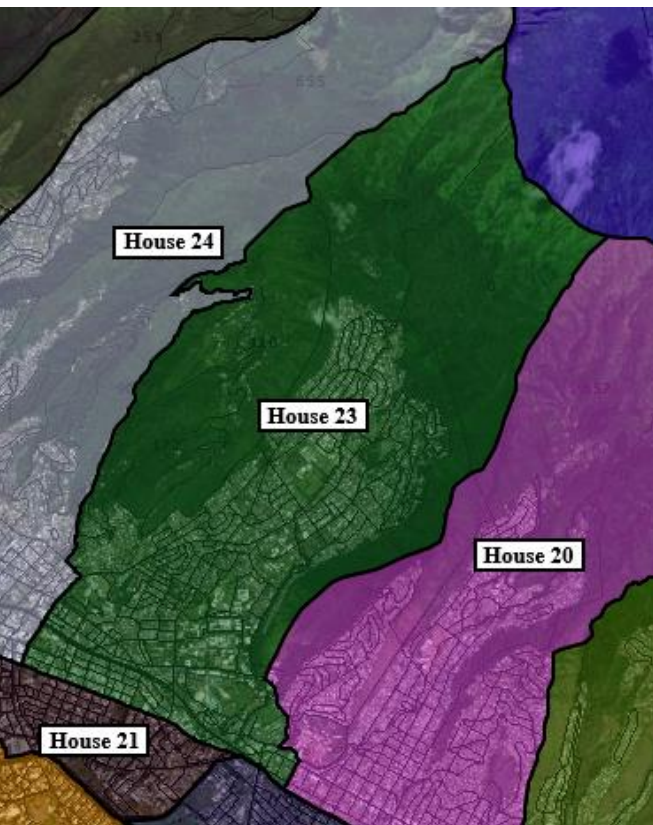
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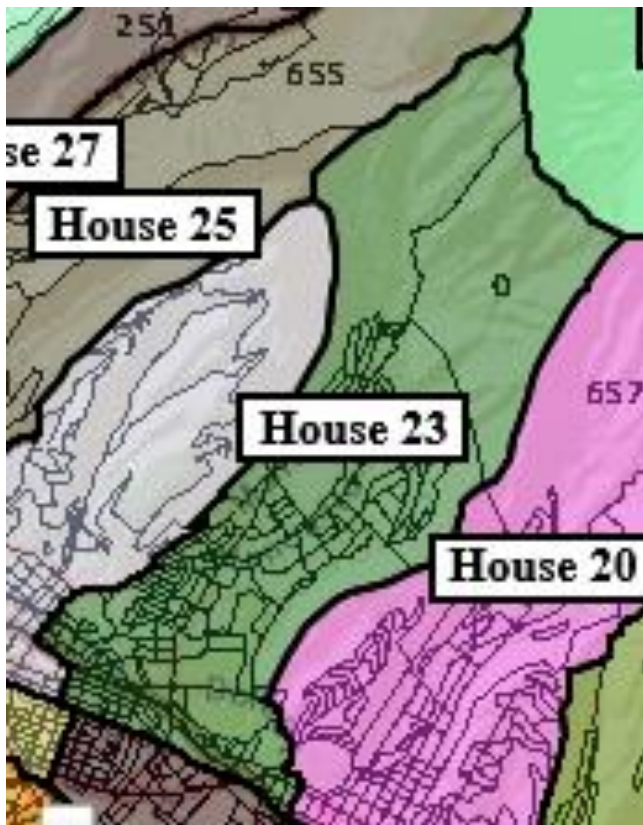
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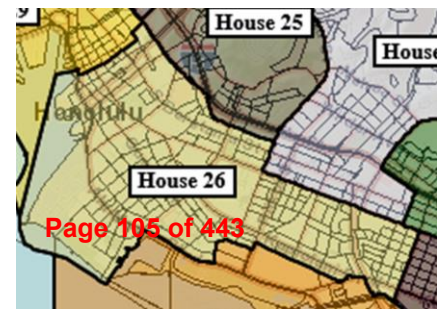


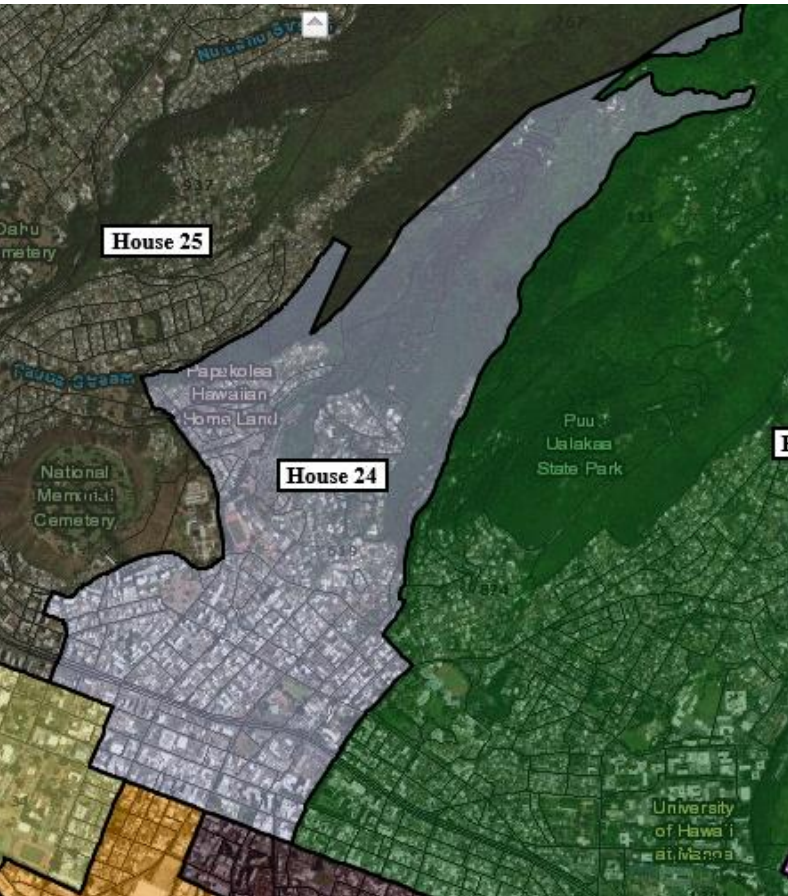
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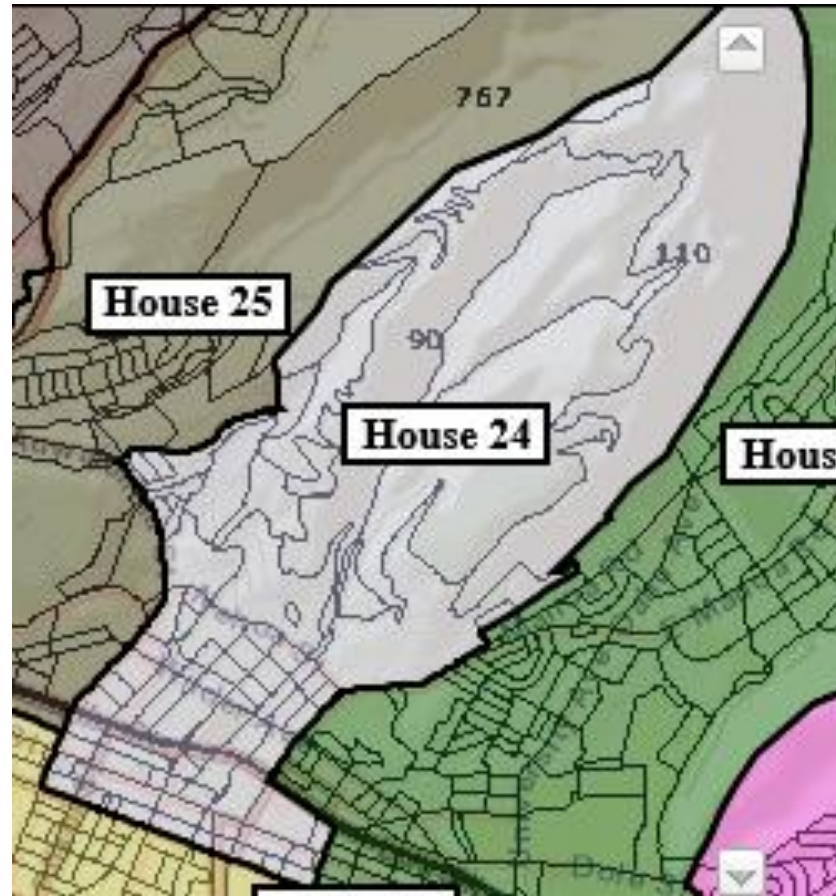
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Note, new HD23 more closely resembles current HD26. Existing HD23 (Manoa Valley) is split between HD20 & HD24.

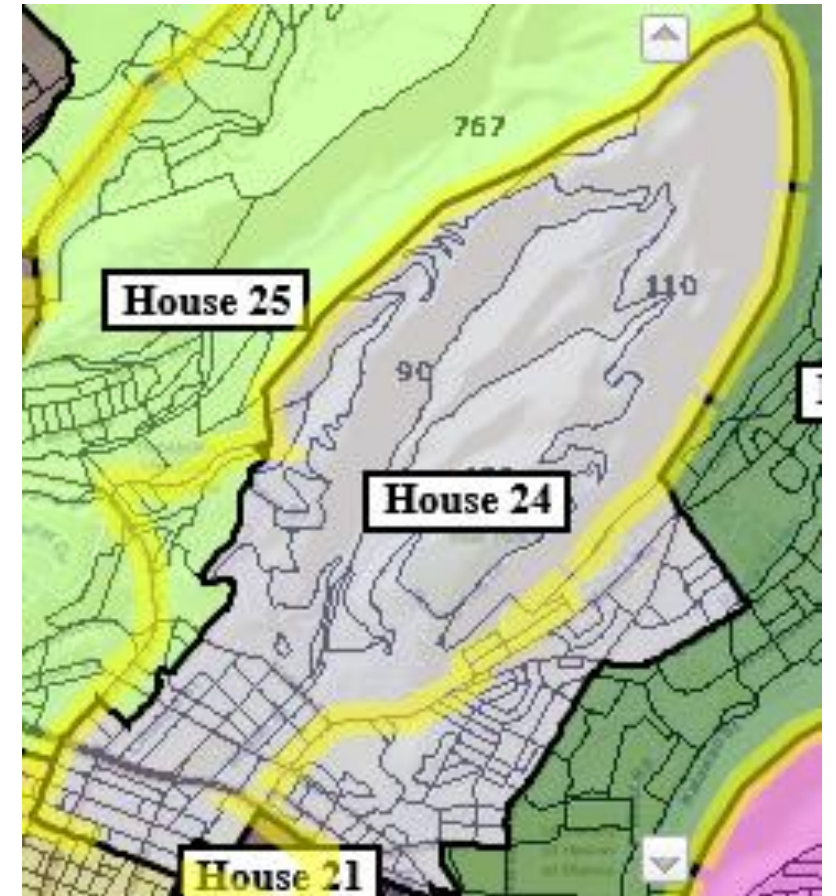




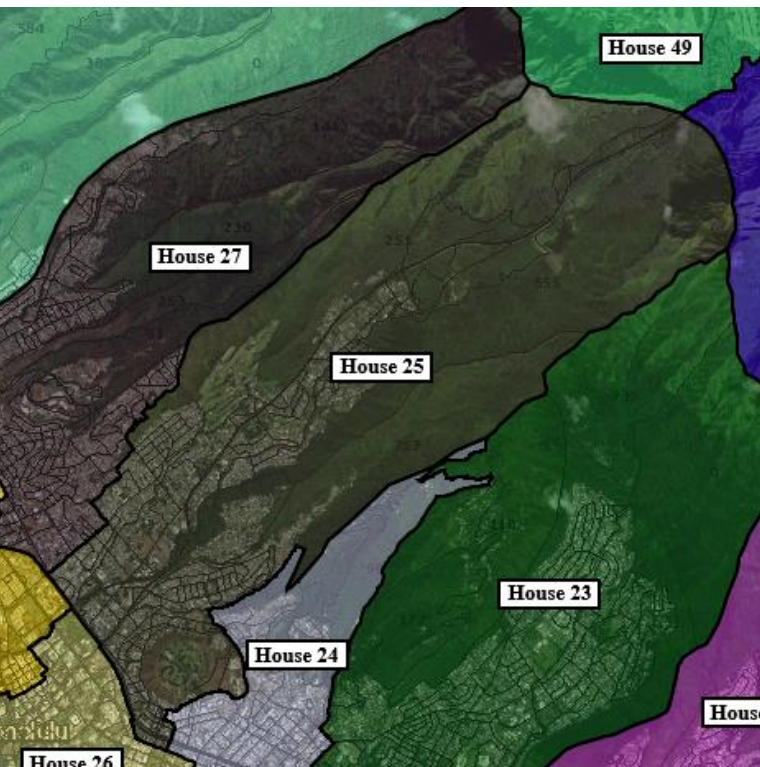
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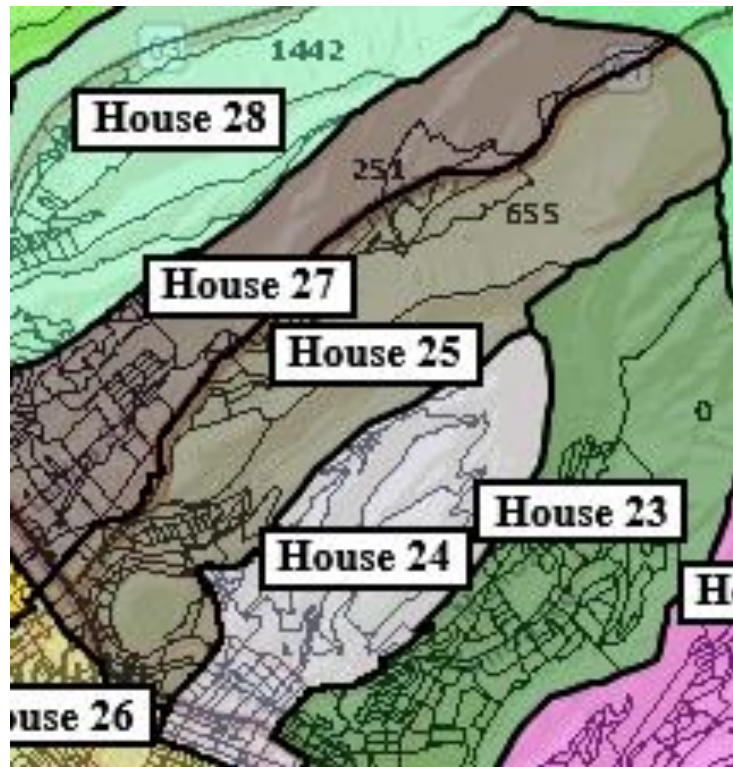
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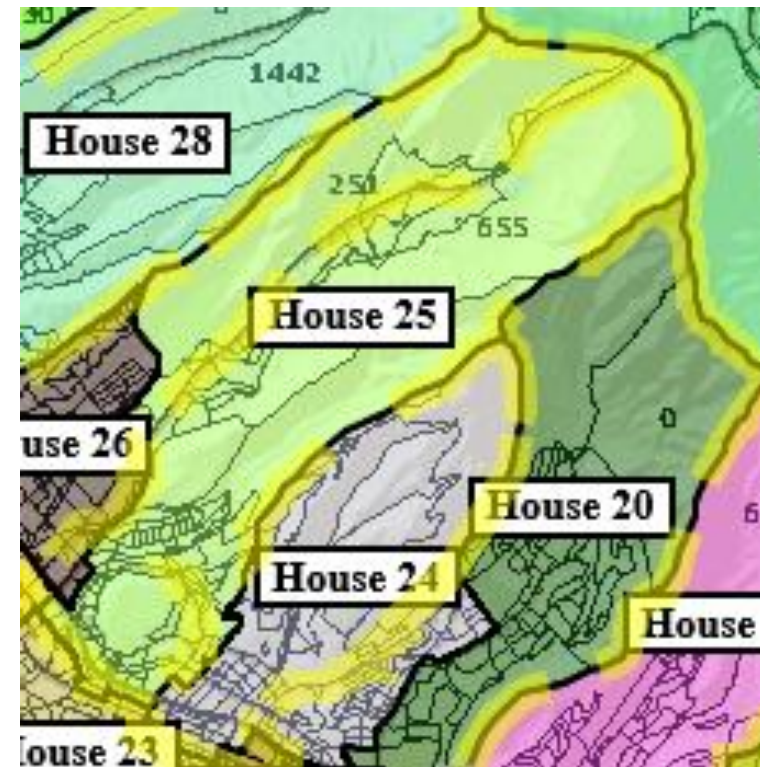
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Note, new HD24 would pick up a large section of Manoa Valley.



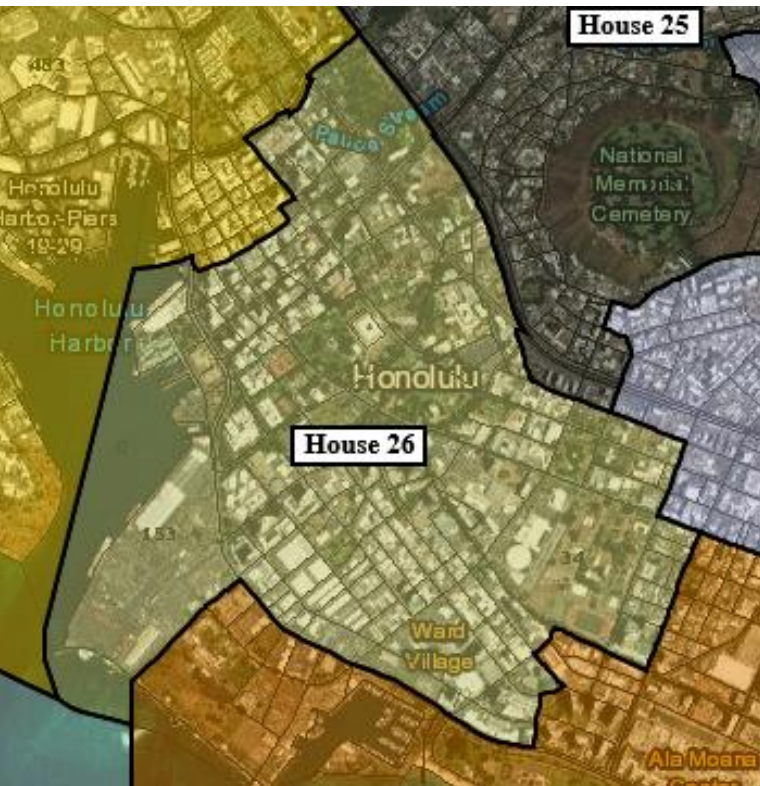
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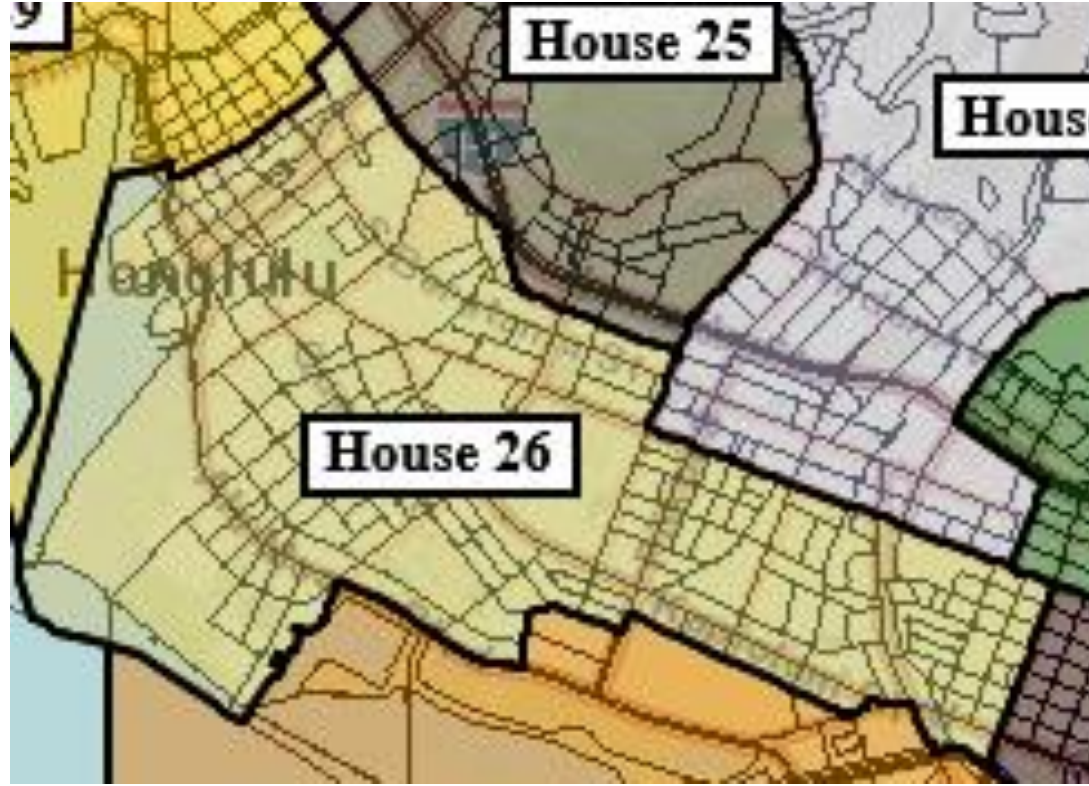
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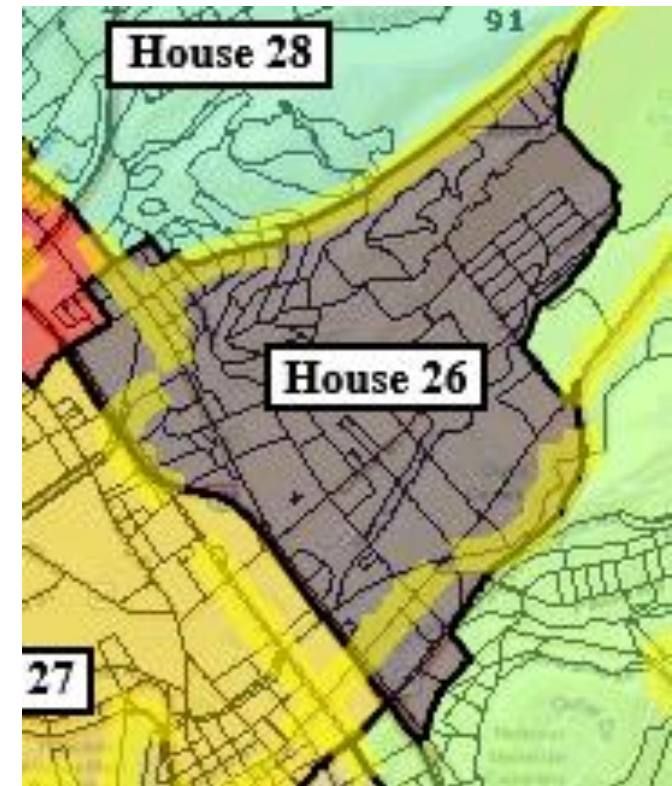
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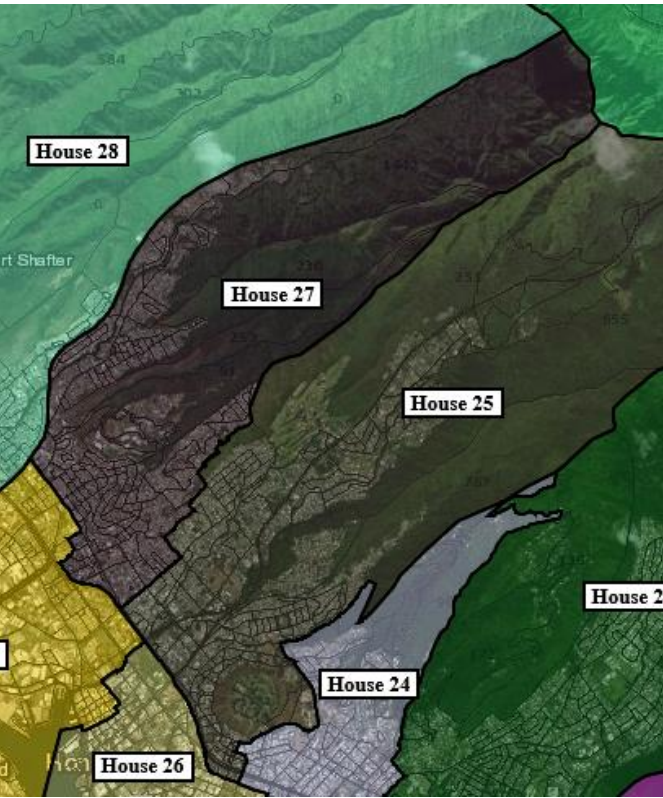
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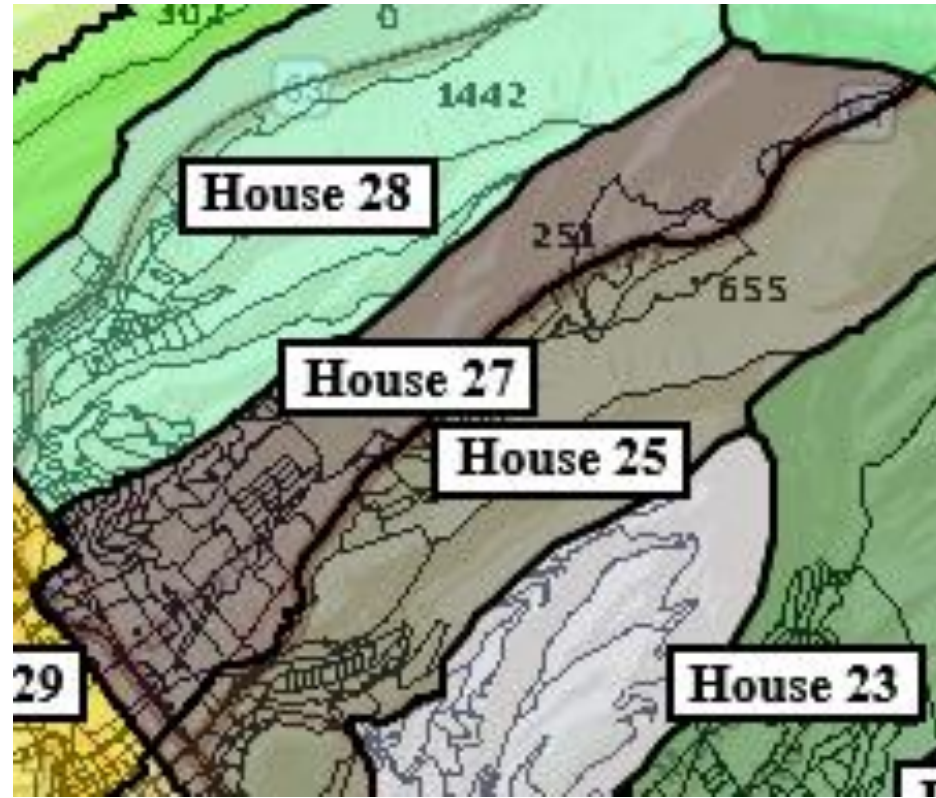
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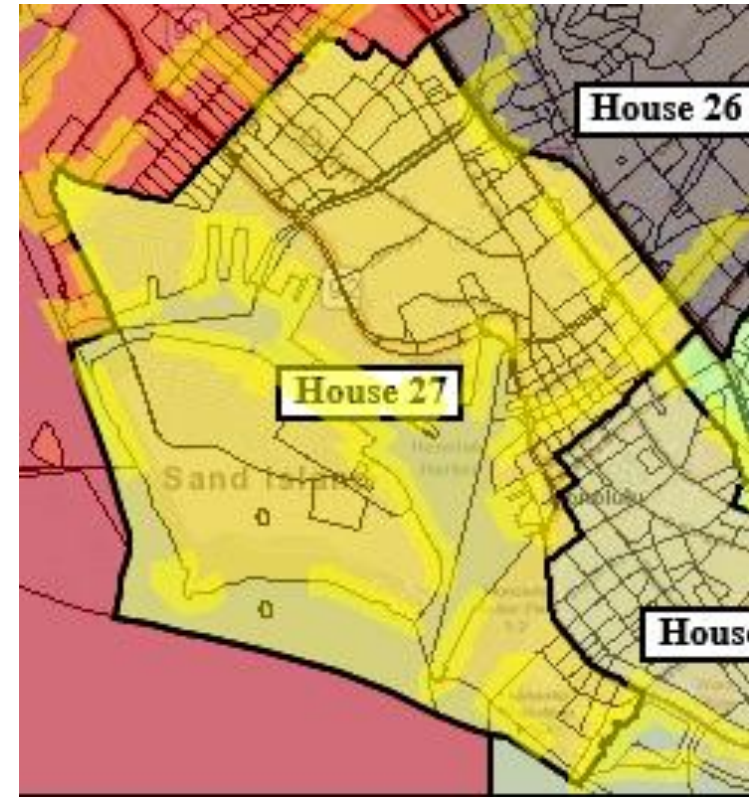
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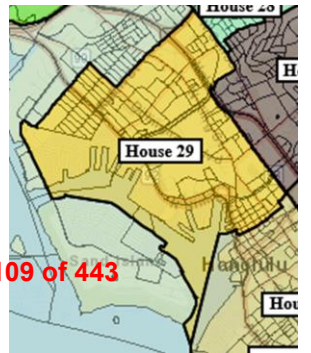


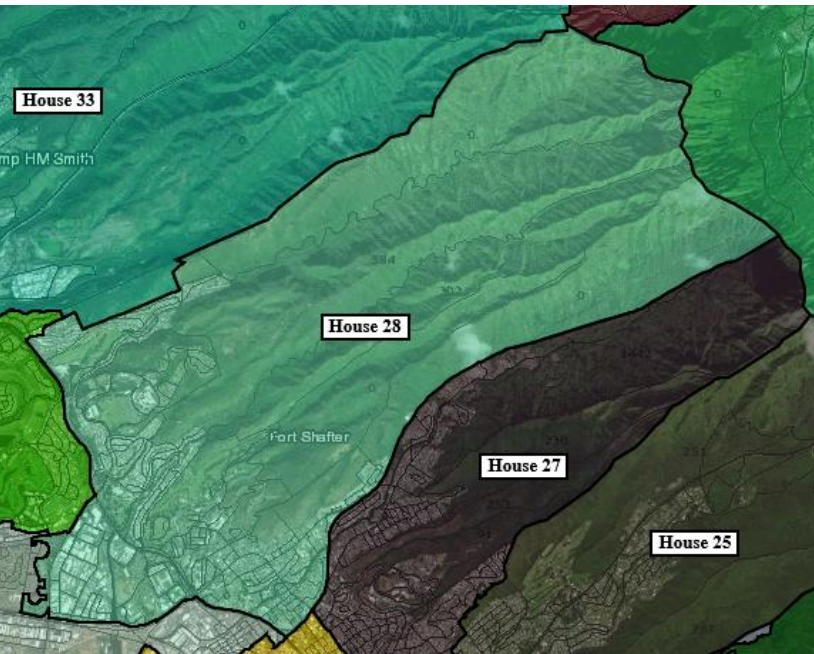
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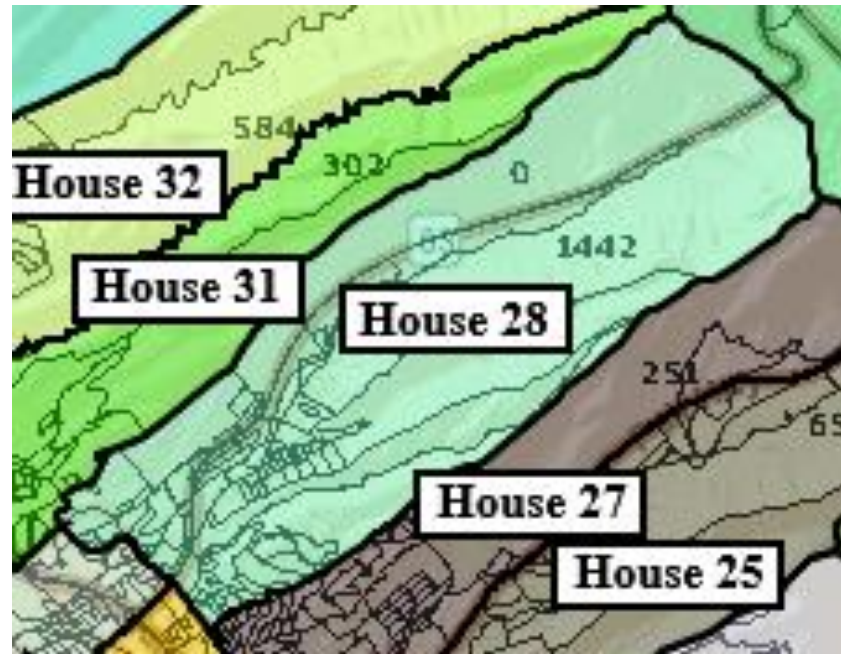
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Note, new HD27 more closely resembles current HD29.

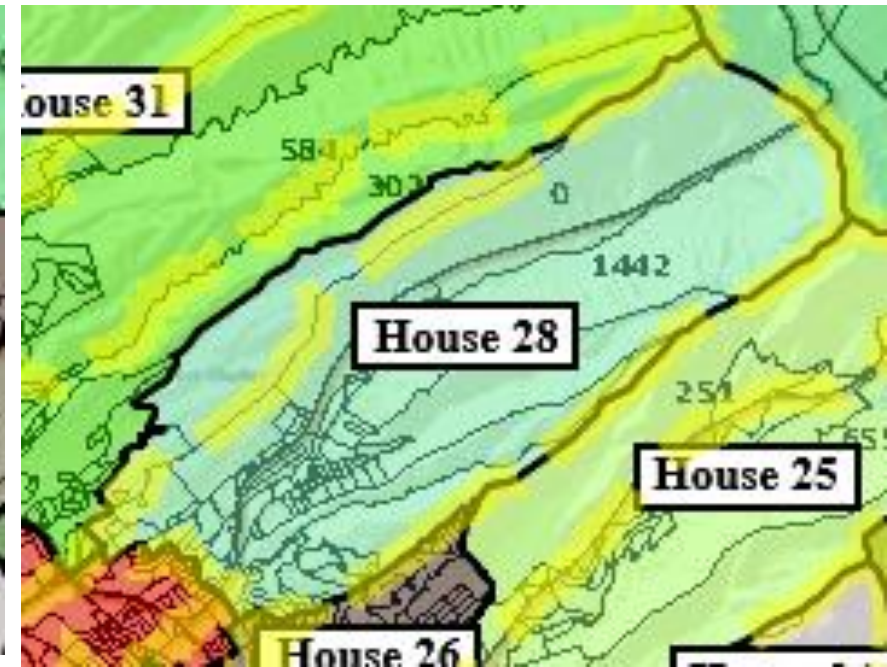




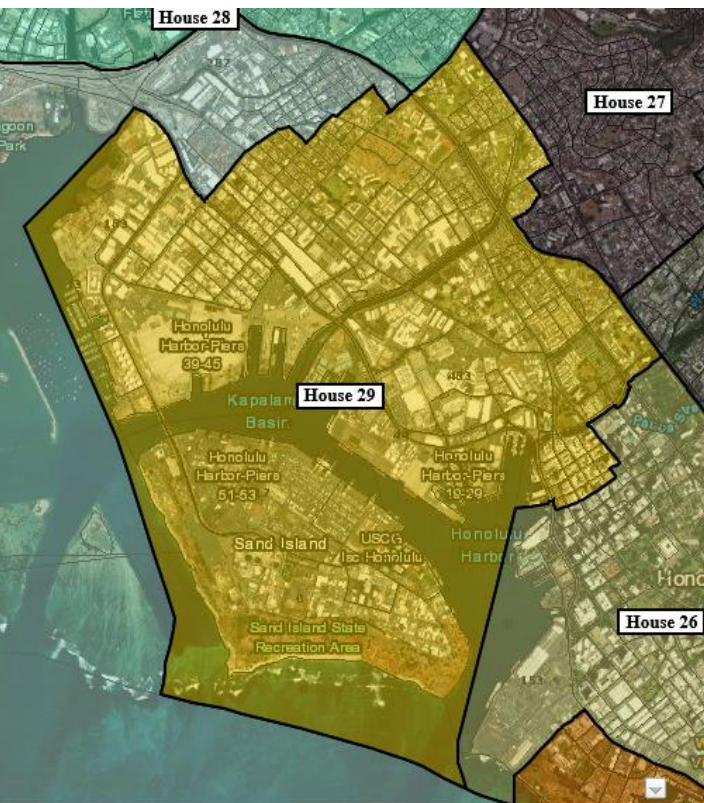
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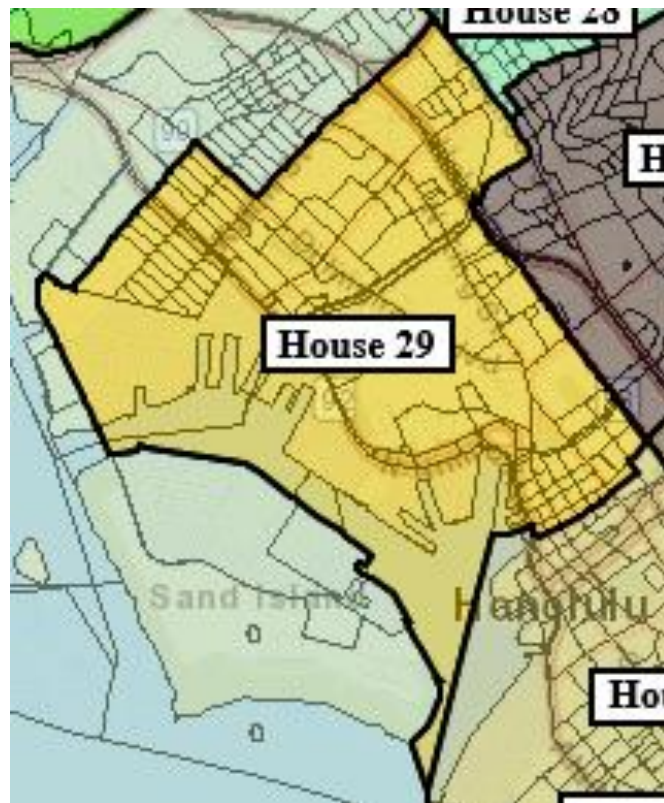
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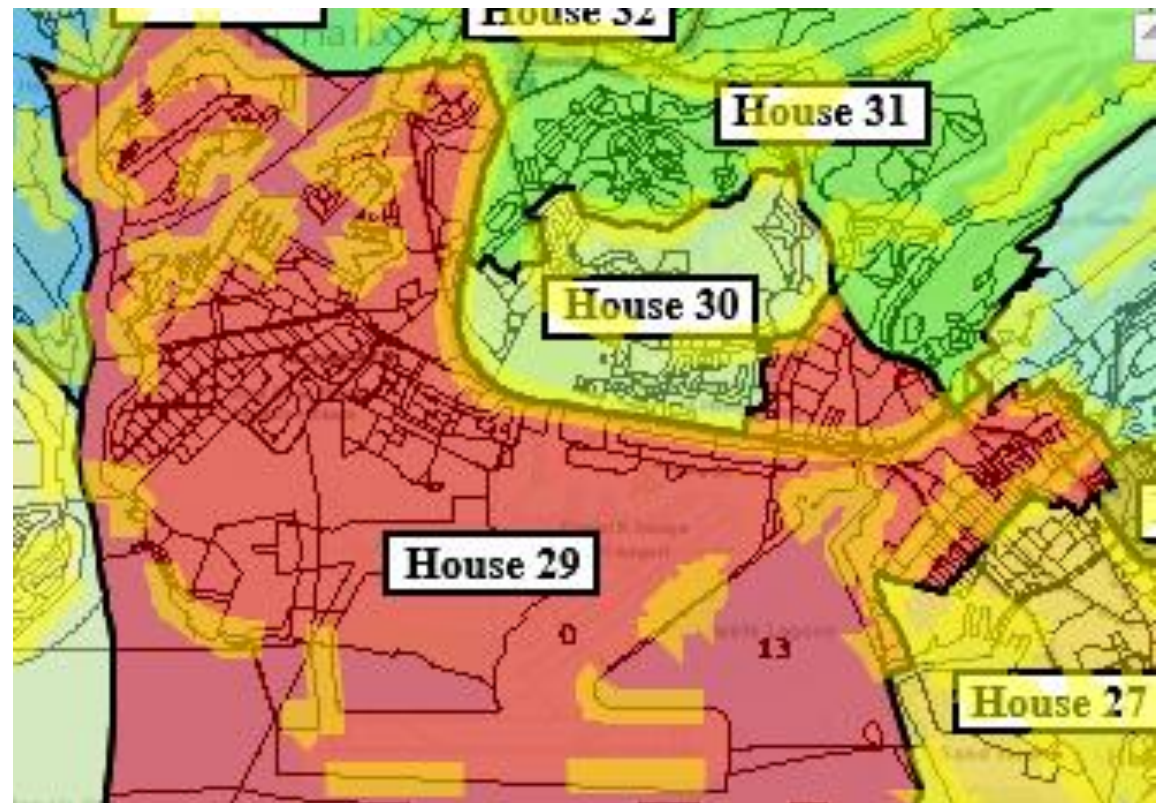
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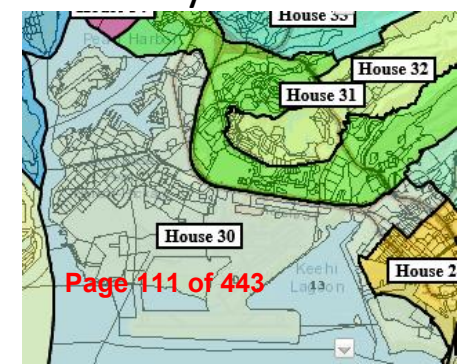
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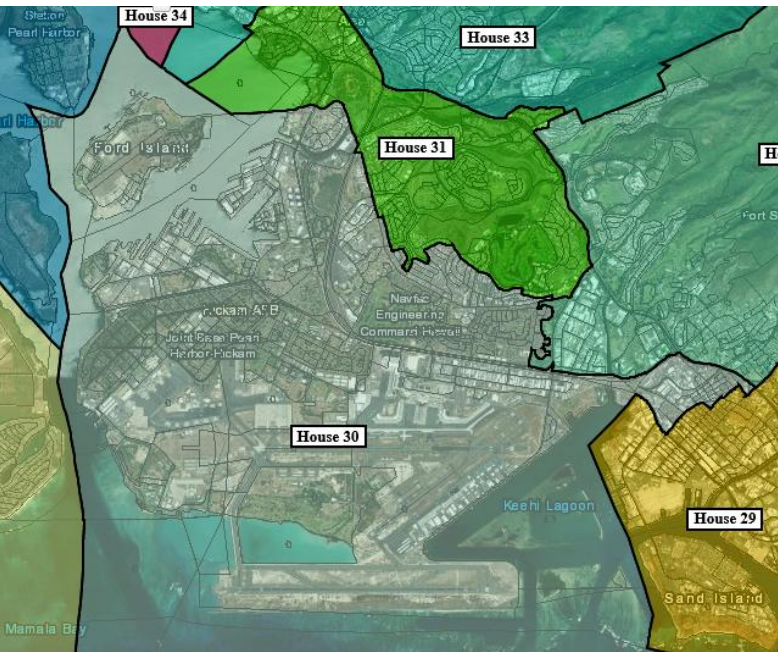


Commission Plan -813
 Note, new HD29 more closely resembles current HD30.

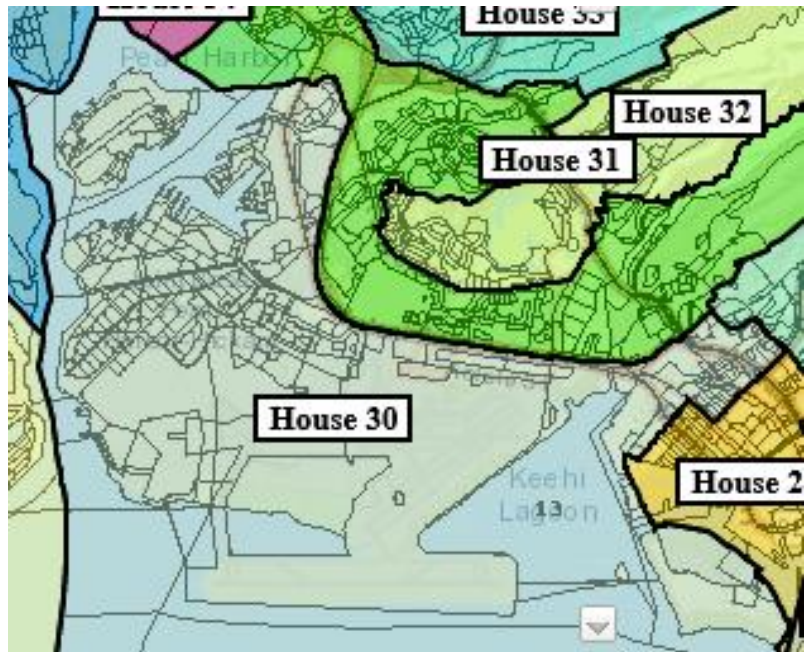
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House District 29





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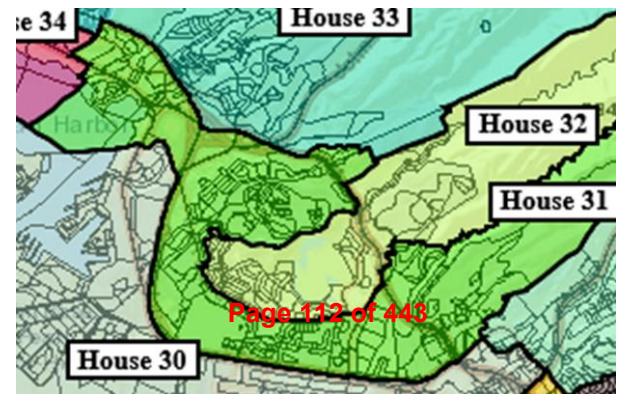


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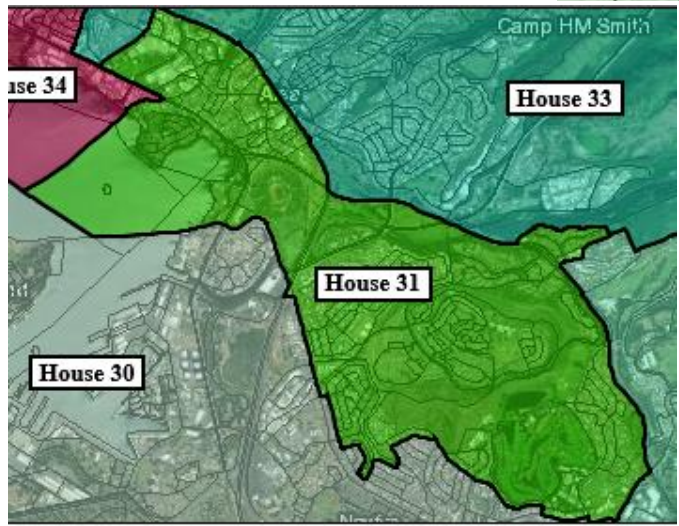
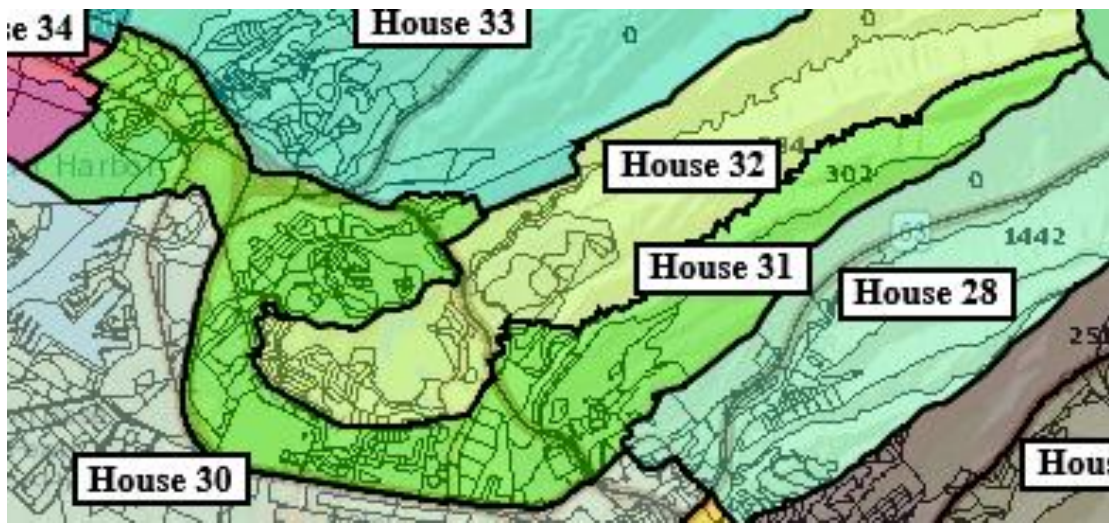


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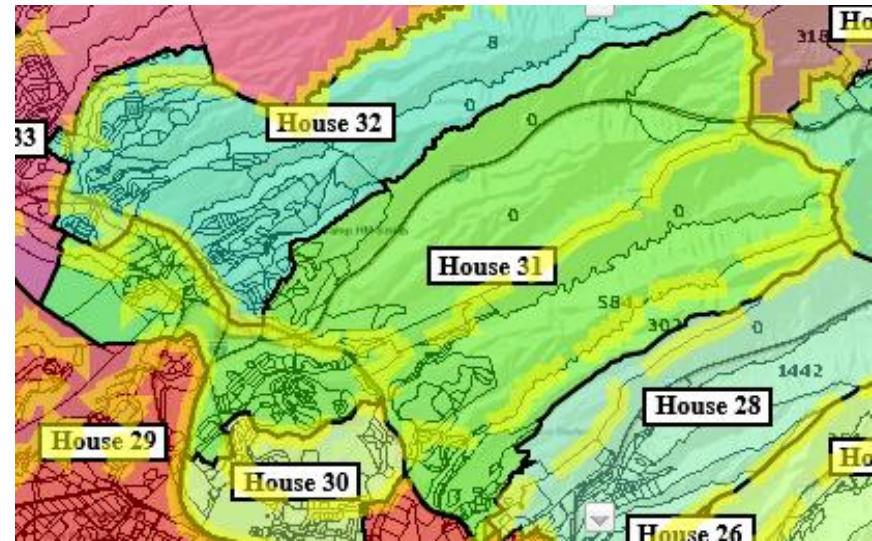
Note, new HD30 contains substantial parts of current HD31 & HD32.



House District 30



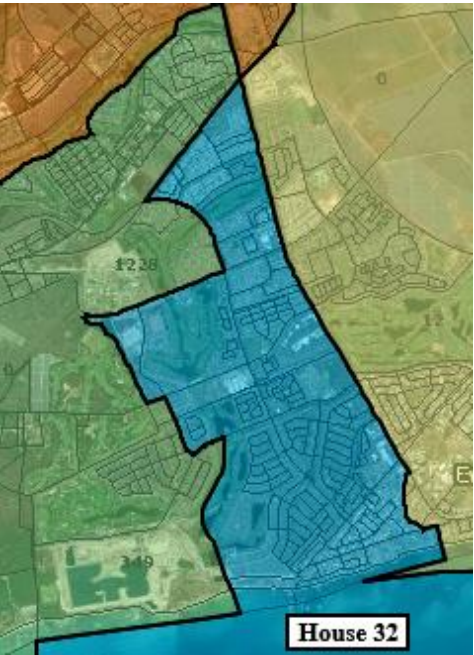
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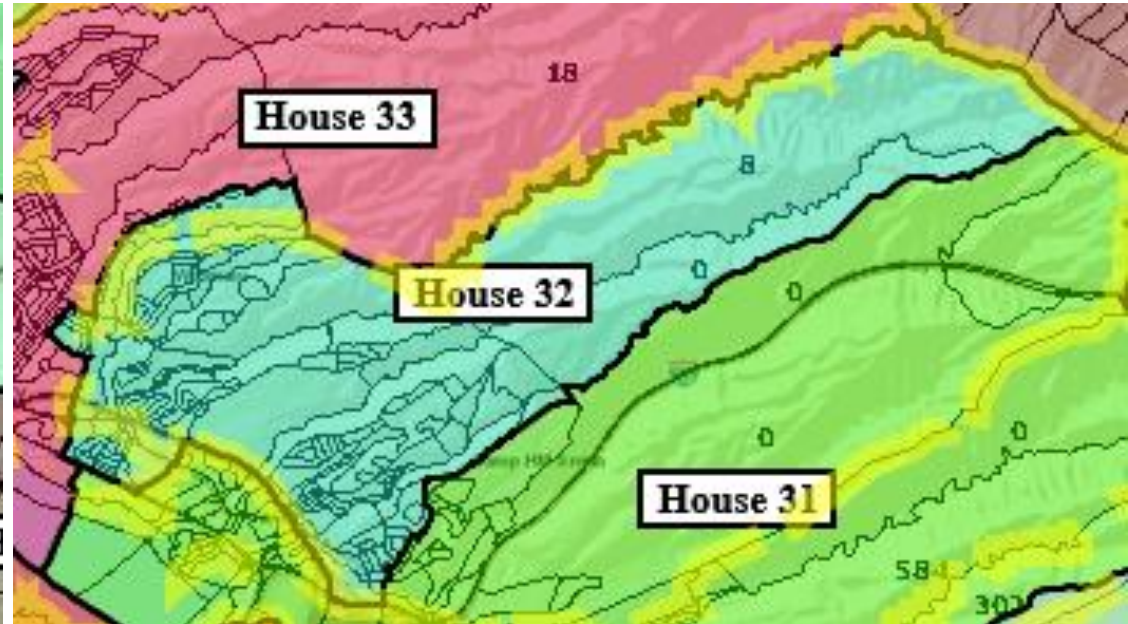
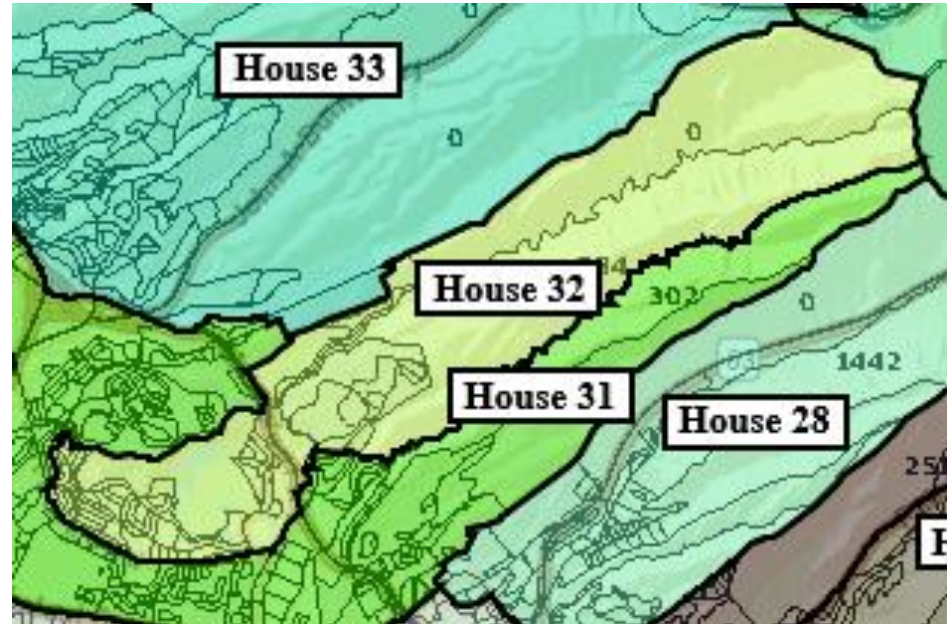
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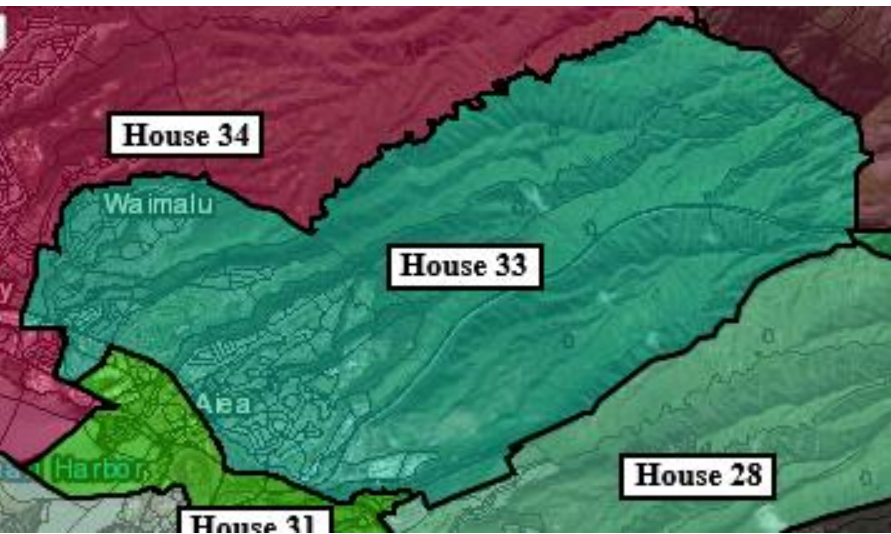
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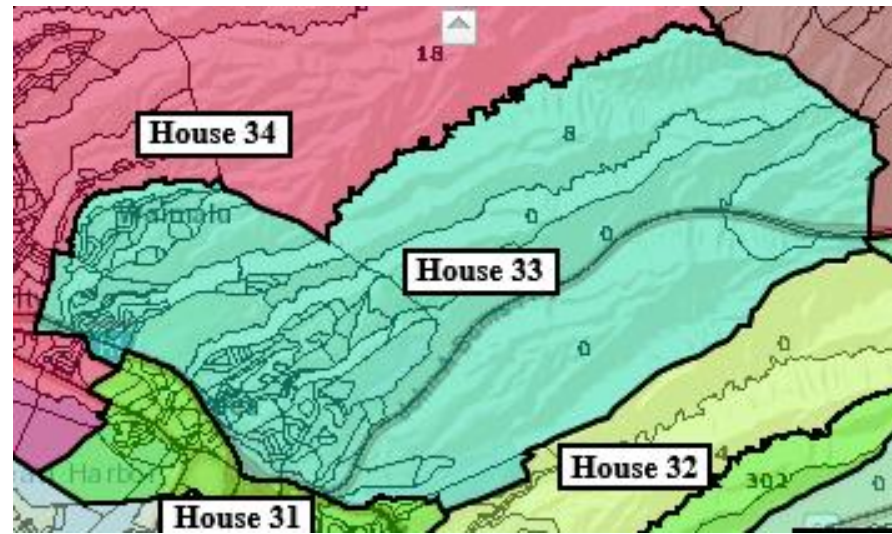
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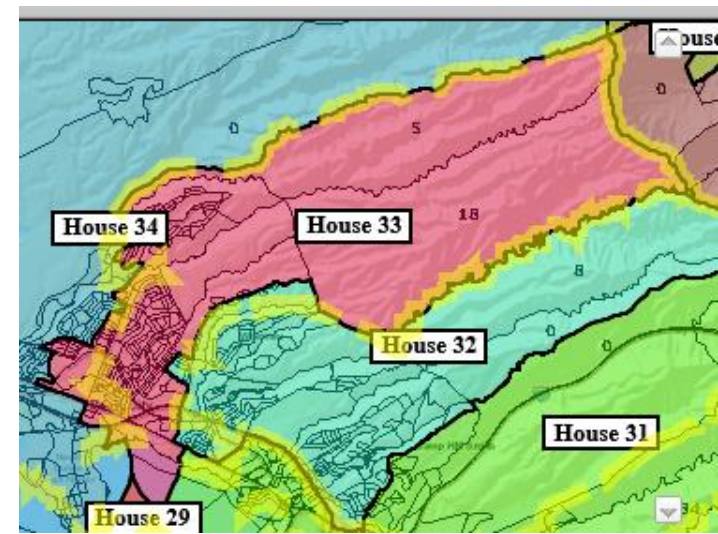
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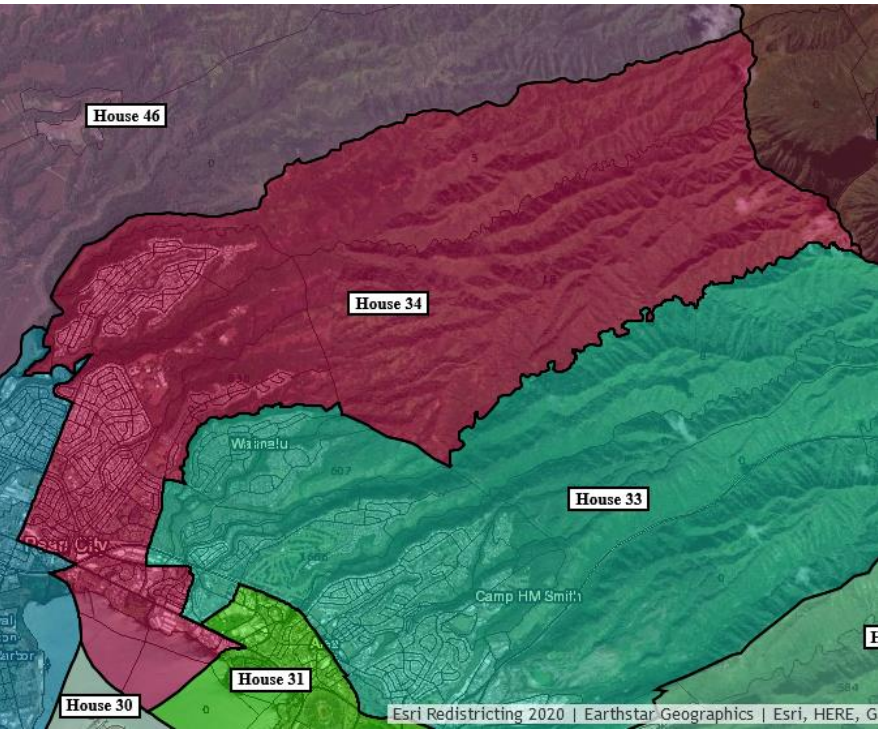
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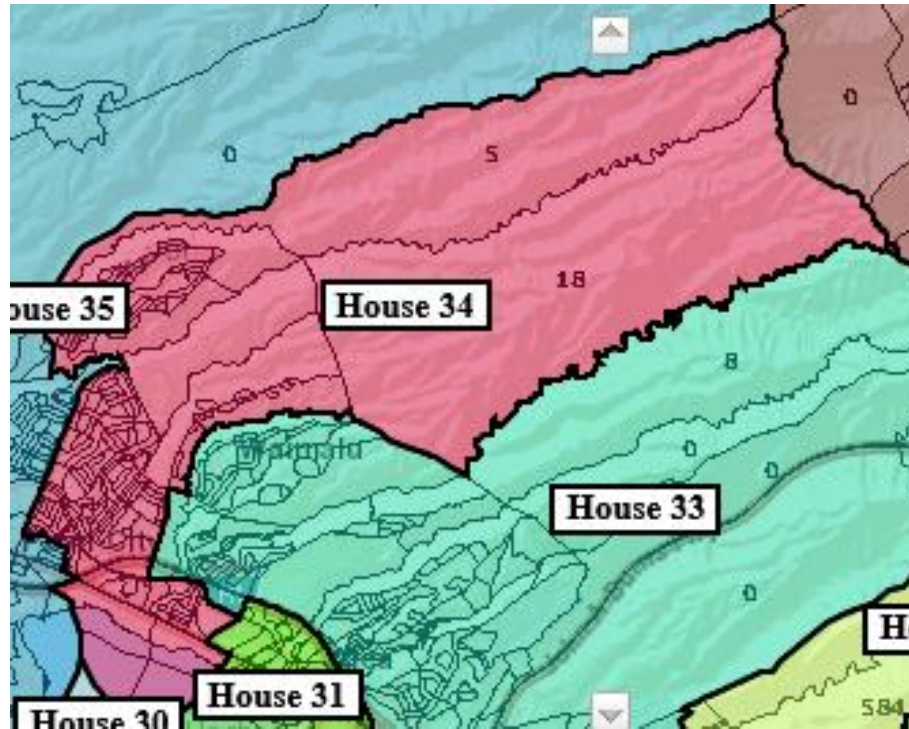
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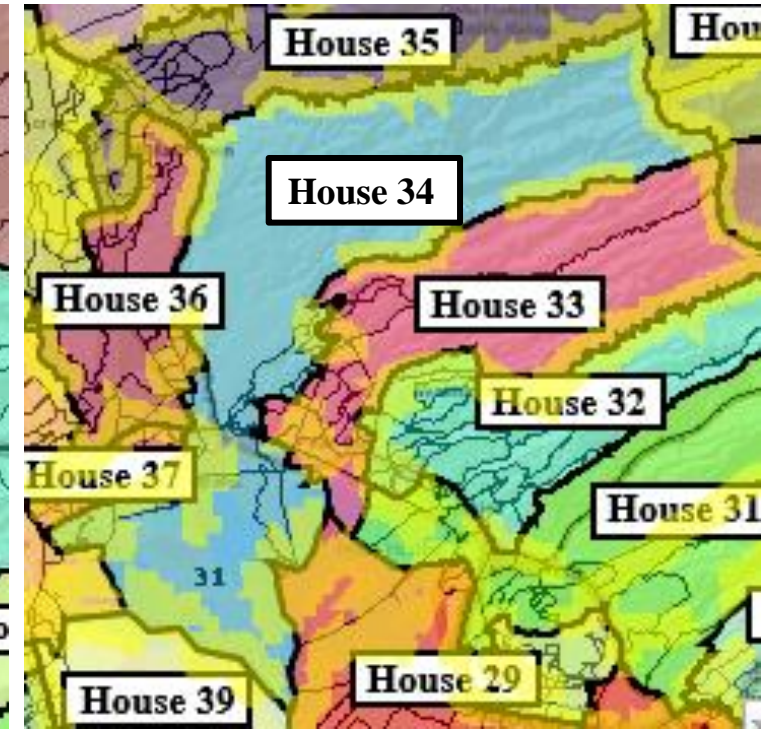
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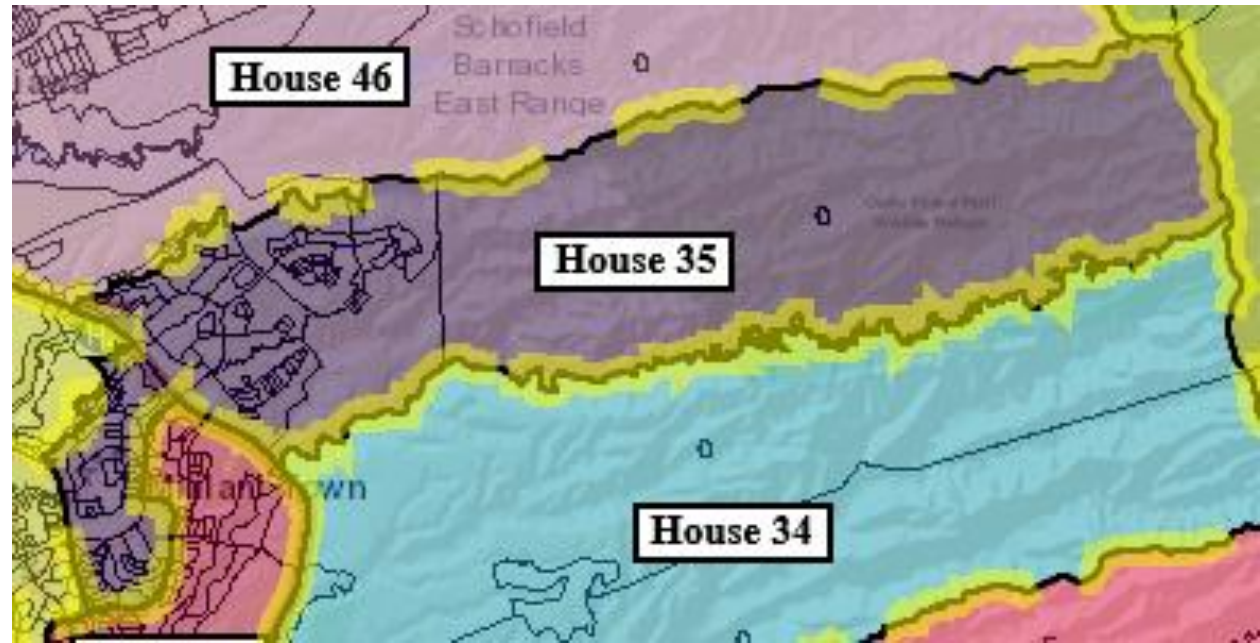
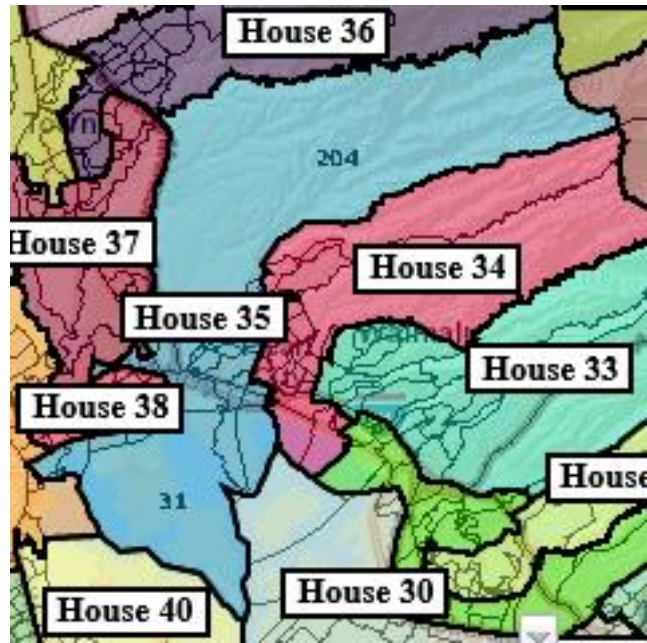
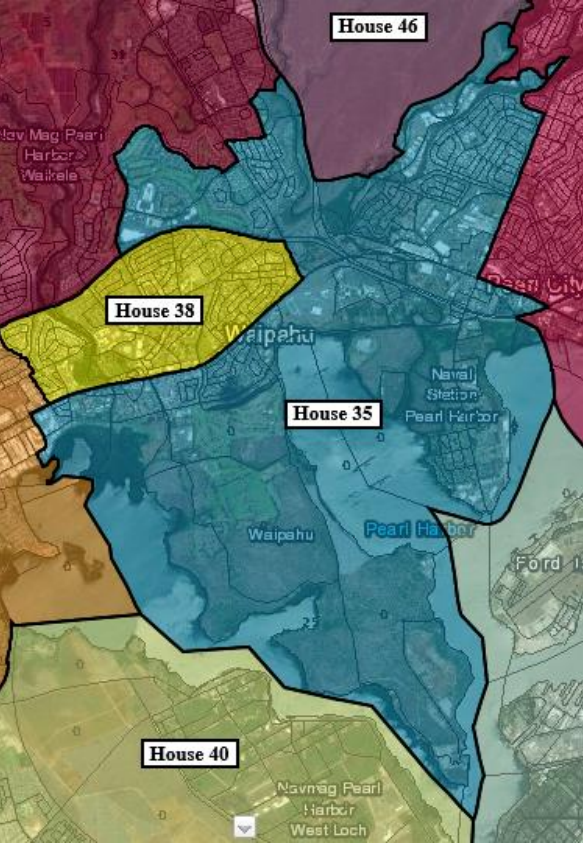
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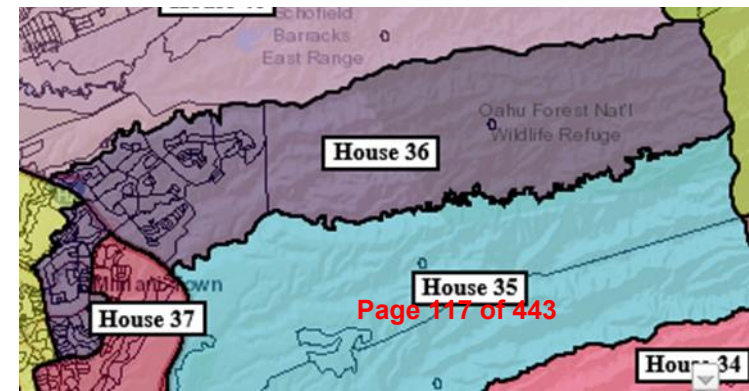
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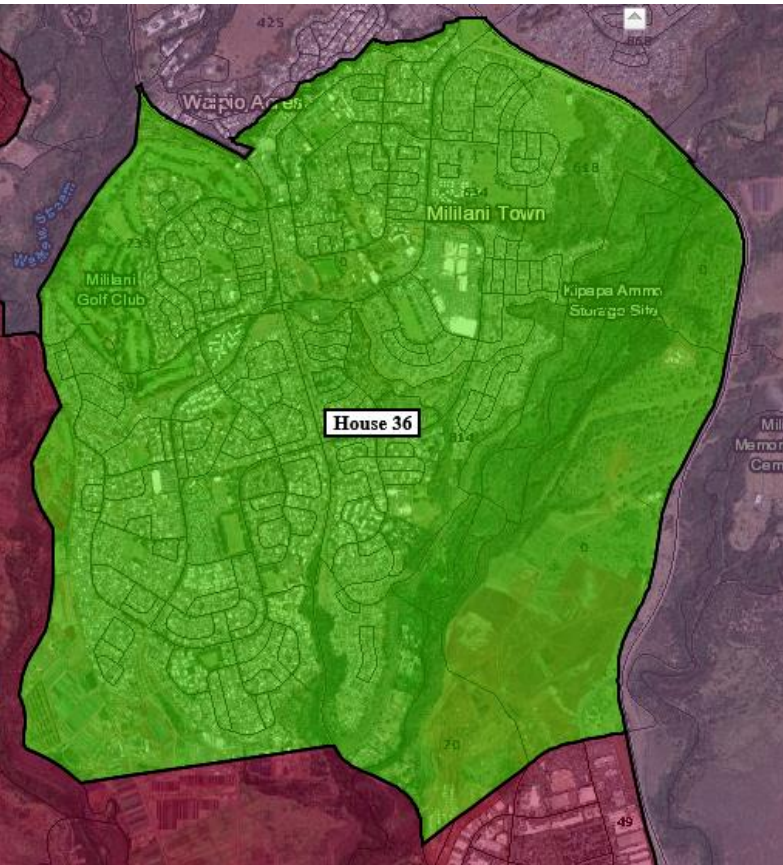


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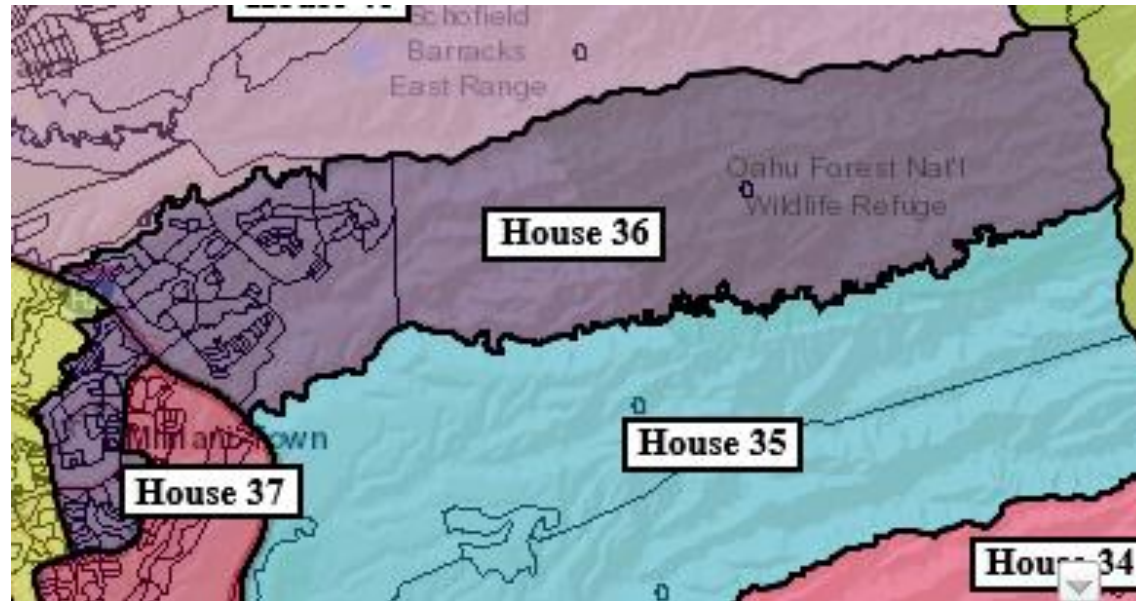
Note, new HD35 more closely resembles current HD36.





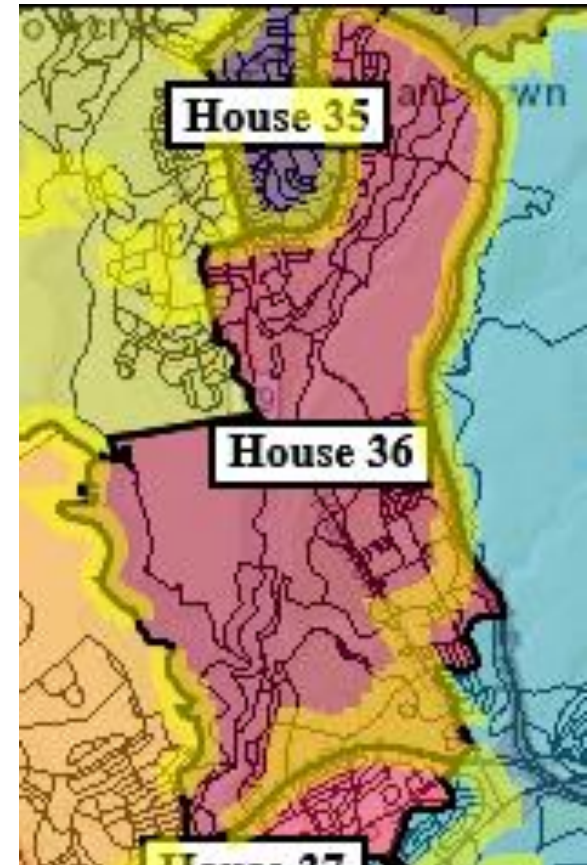
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 (HD36 would include all of Mililani Town, and nowhere else.)

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Current District **285**

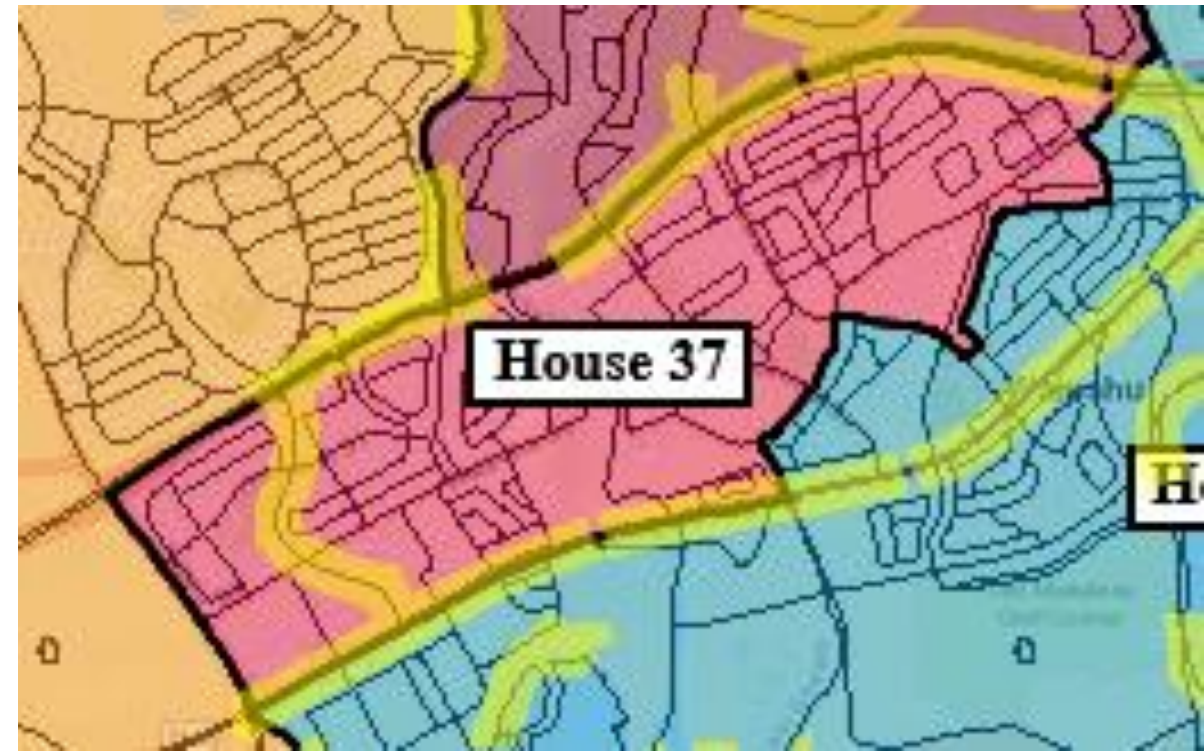
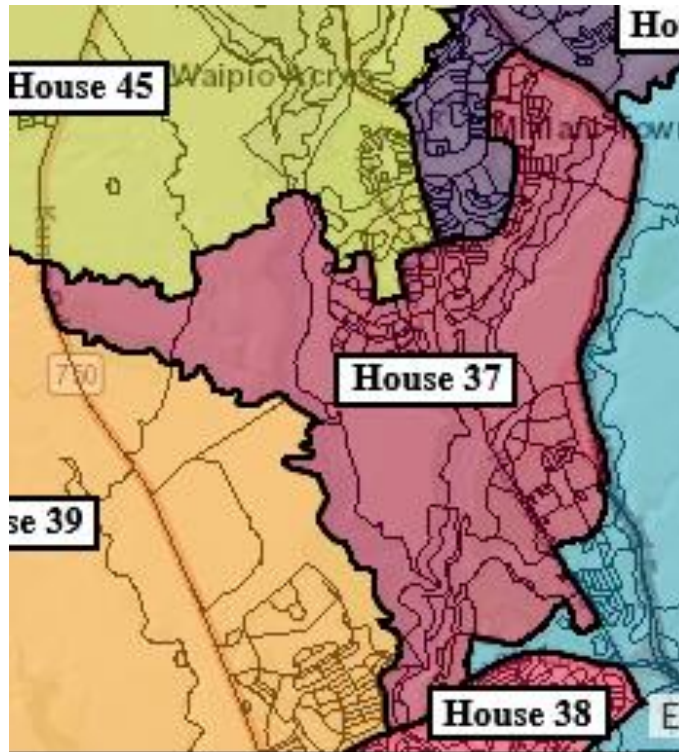
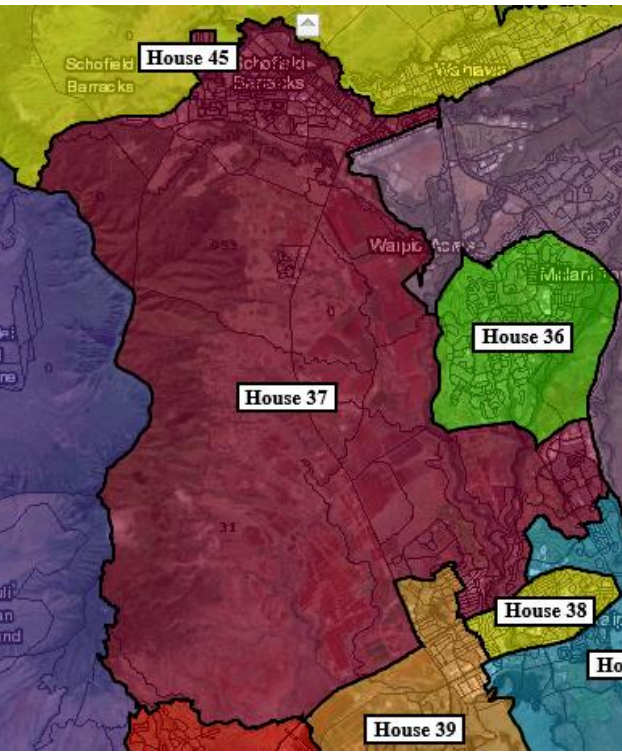
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Note Mililani Town is split between HD35, HD36, and HD45.

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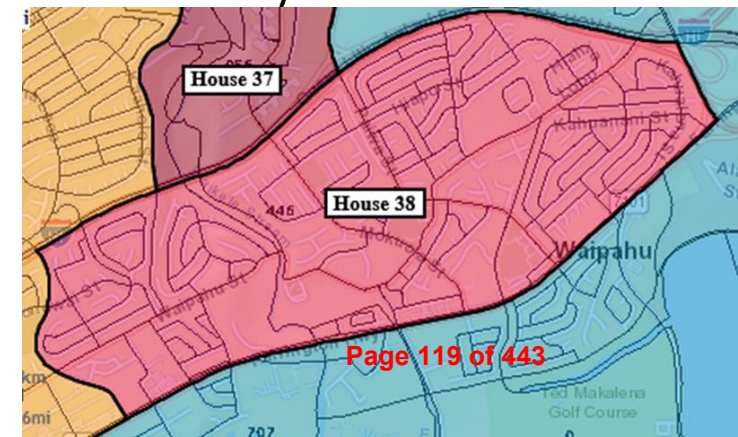


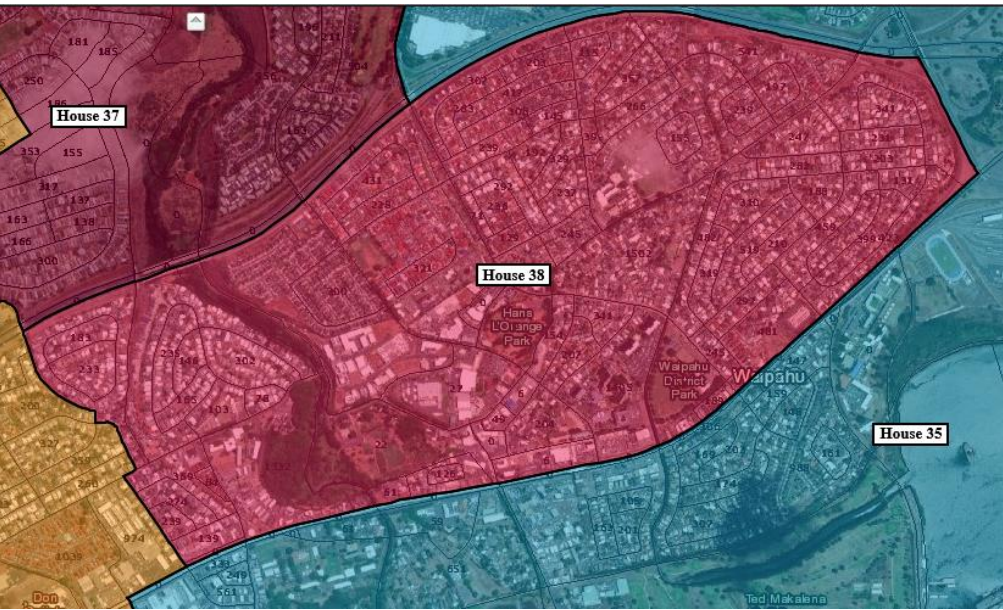
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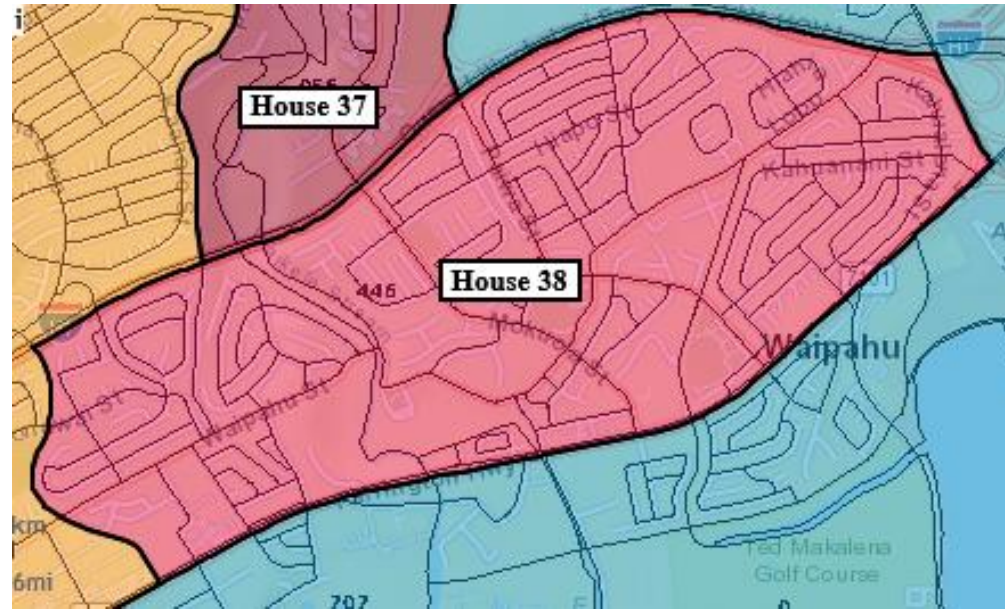
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Note, new HD37 more closely resembles current HD38.

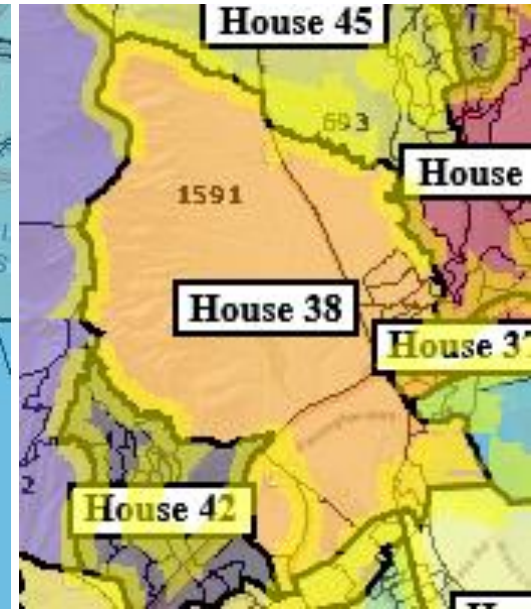




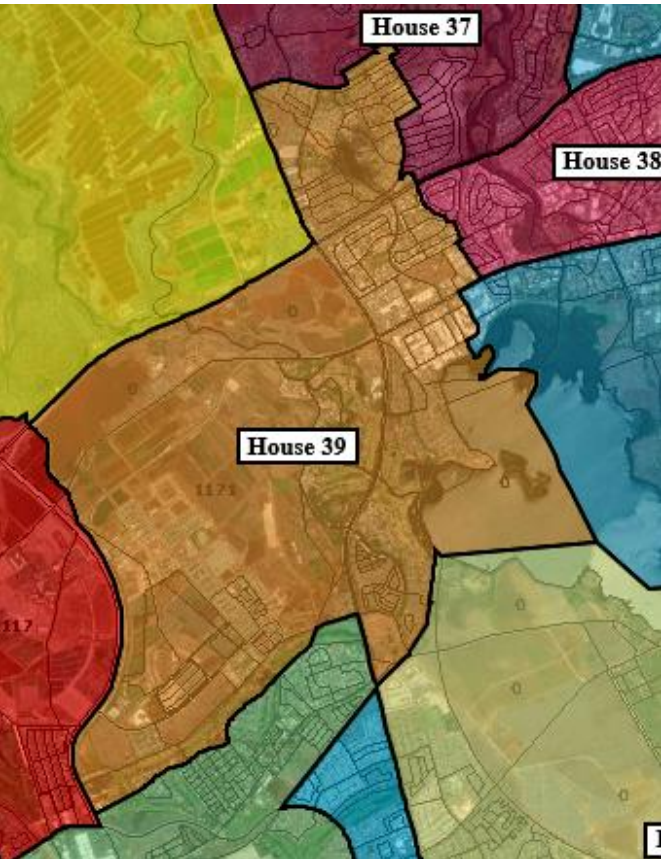
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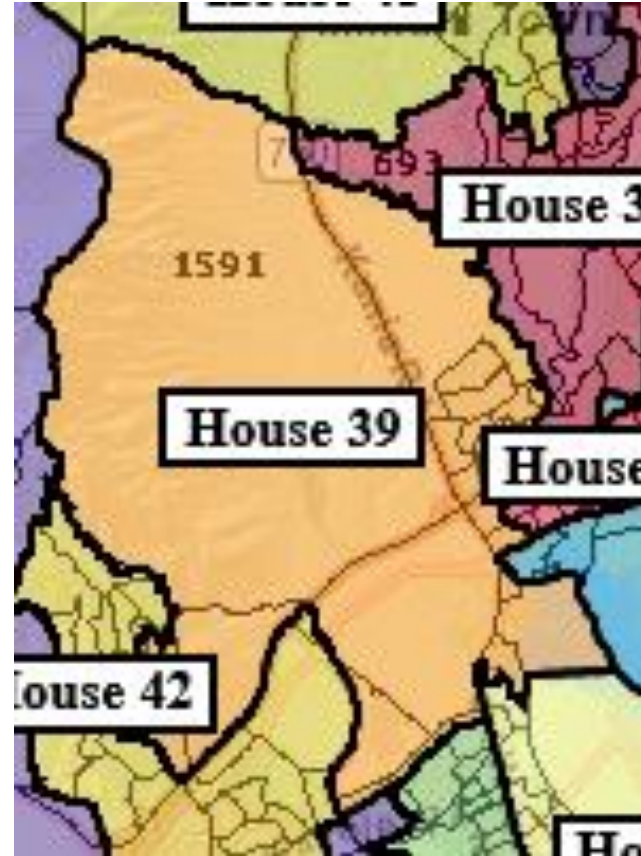
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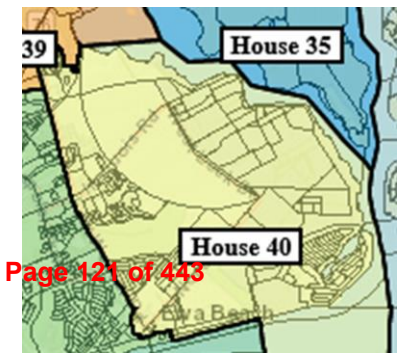
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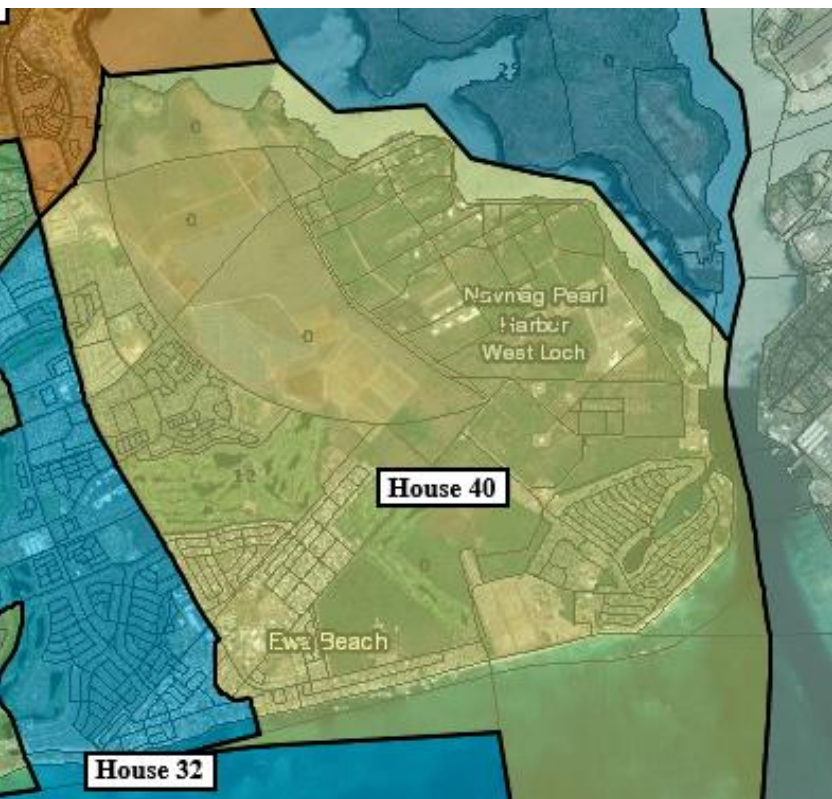


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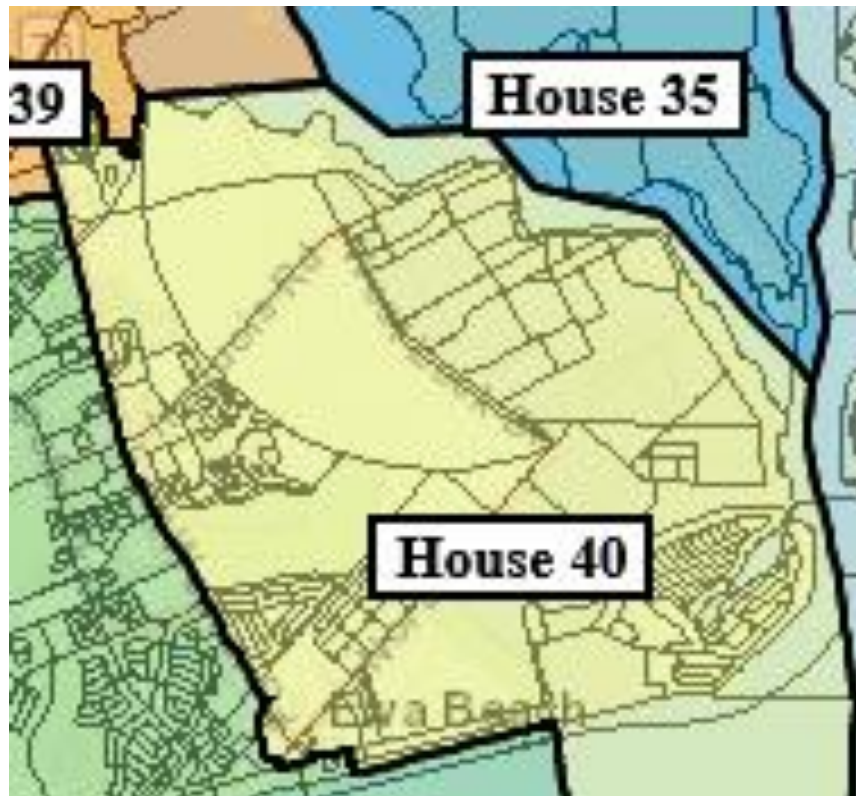


Commission Plan -146
 Note, new HD39 more closely resembles current HD40.





Hicks Plan 12



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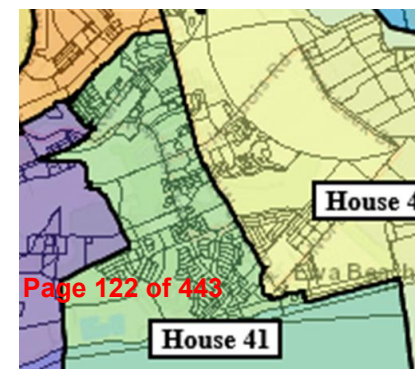


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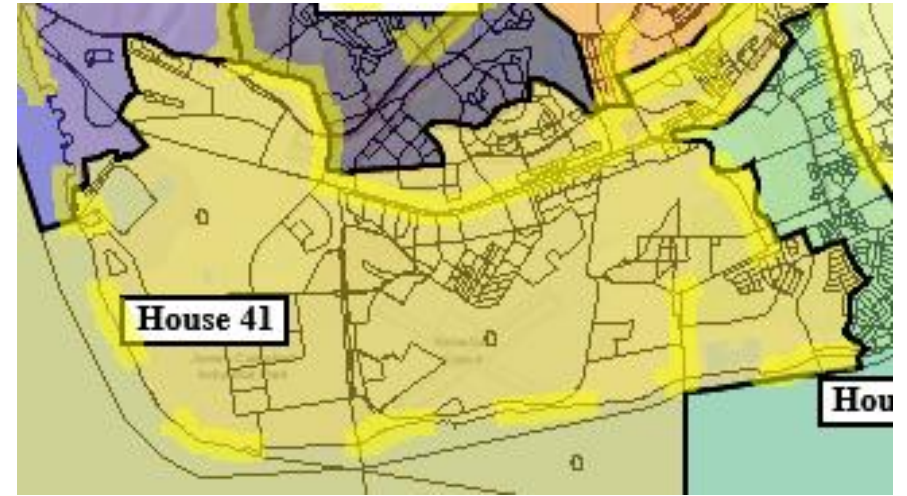
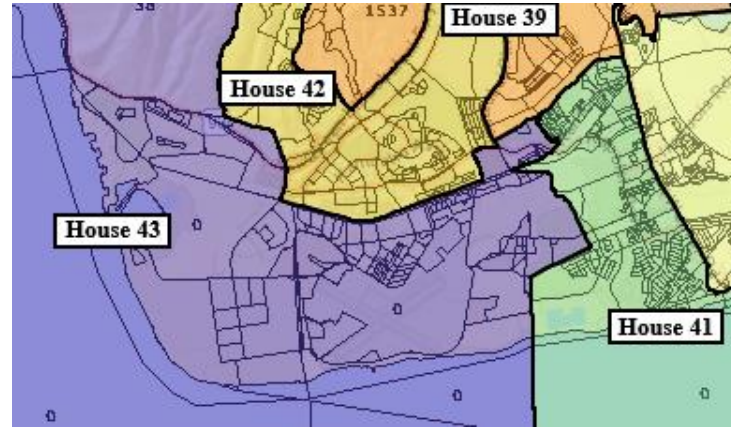
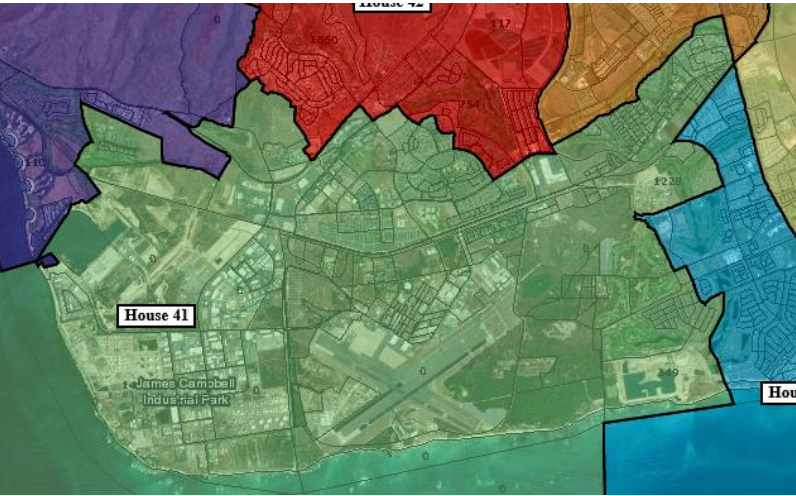
Note, new HD40 more closely resembles current HD41.

Public Testimony

House District 40



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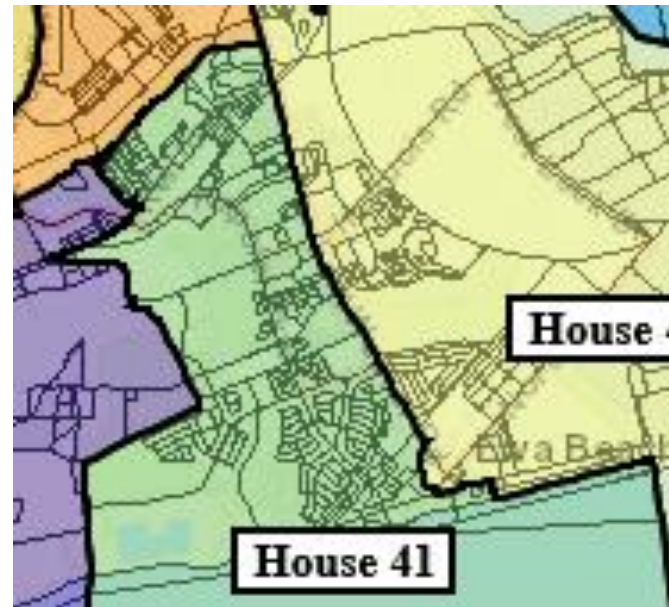


Since Hicks' relocated HD32 is equivalent to current HD41, HD 41 is more like the current HD43.

The Commission's HD 41 is also more like the current HD43.

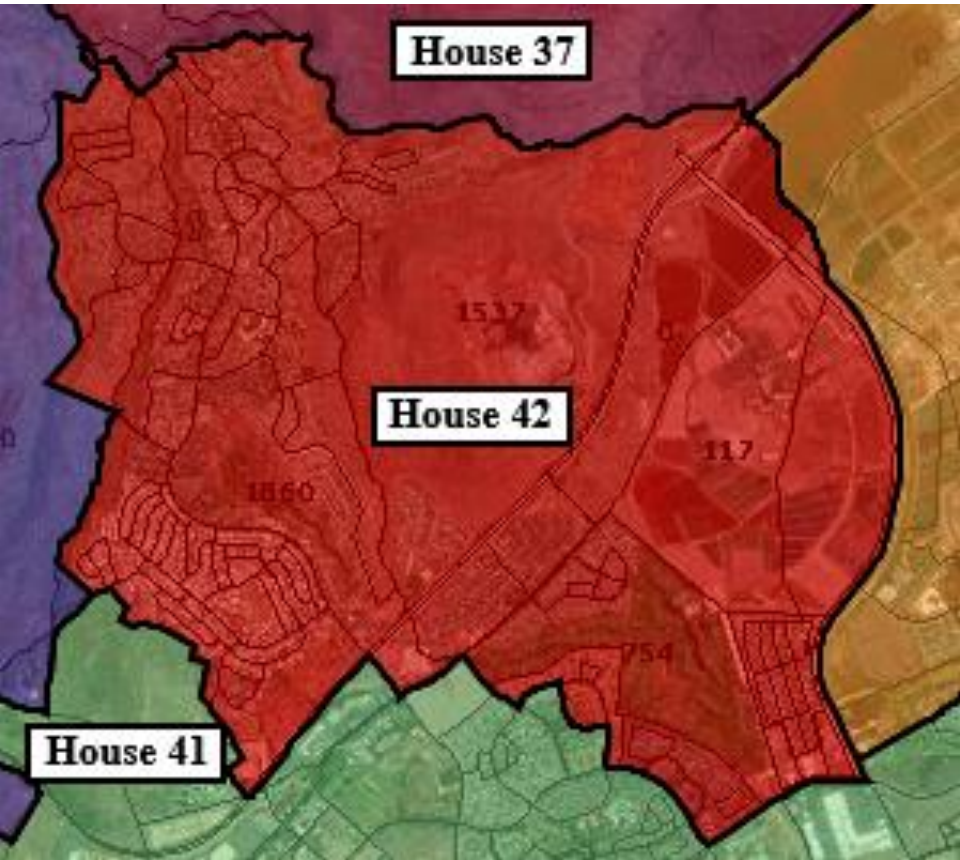
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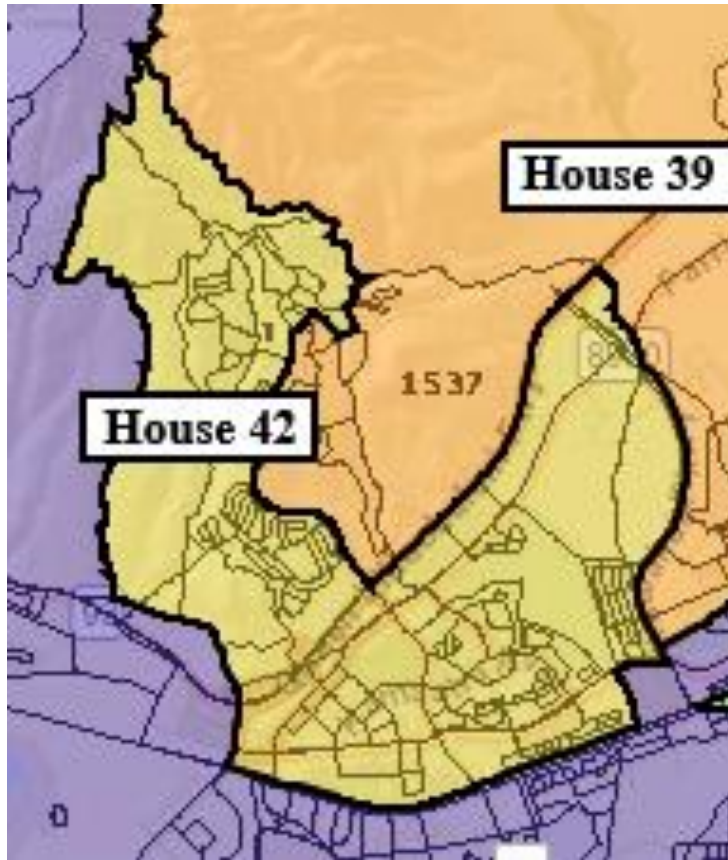


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House District 41



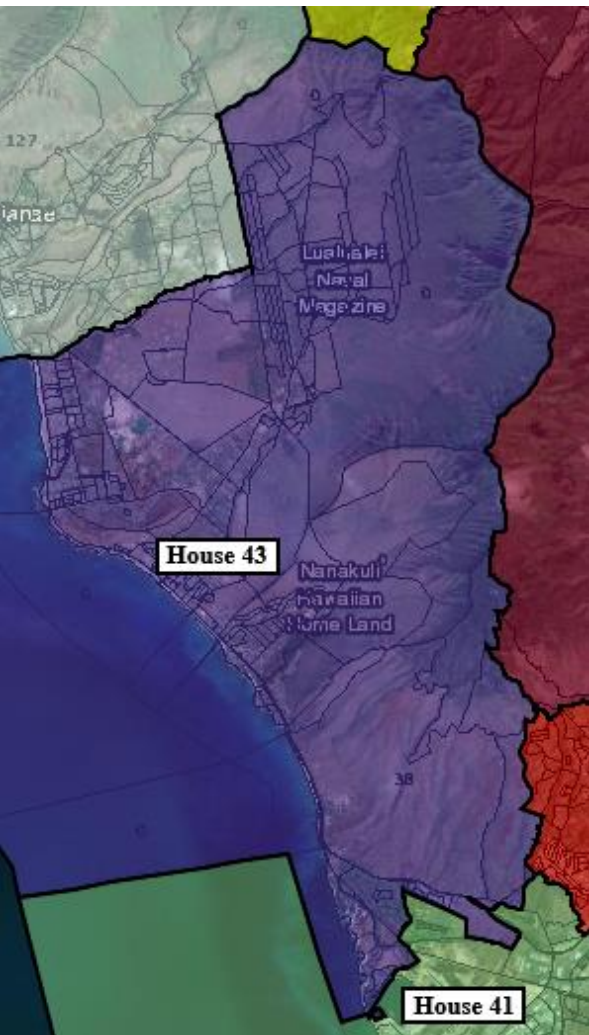
Hicks Plan w/Mililani excursion -134



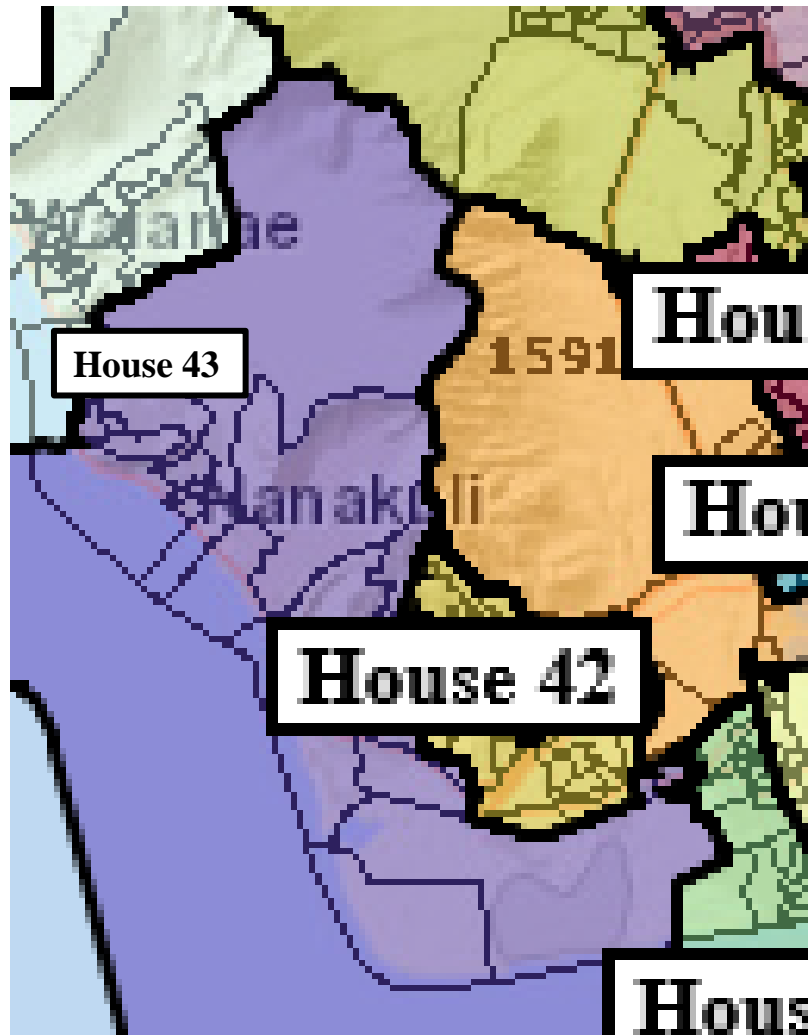
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Hicks Plan 135



Current District 1999



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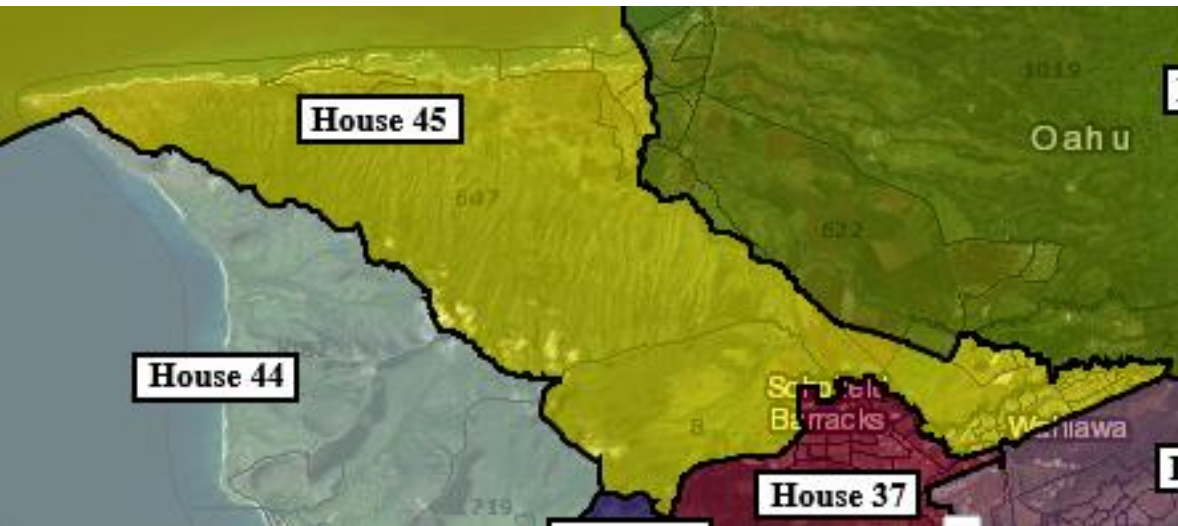
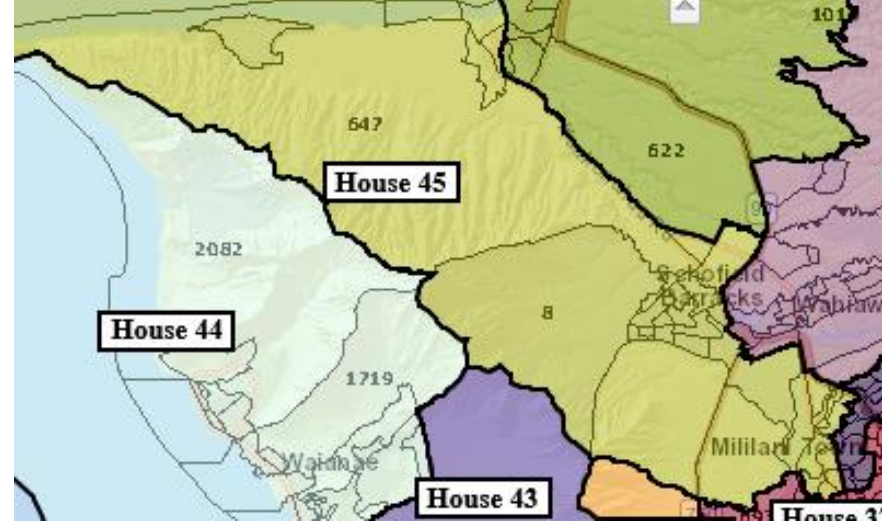


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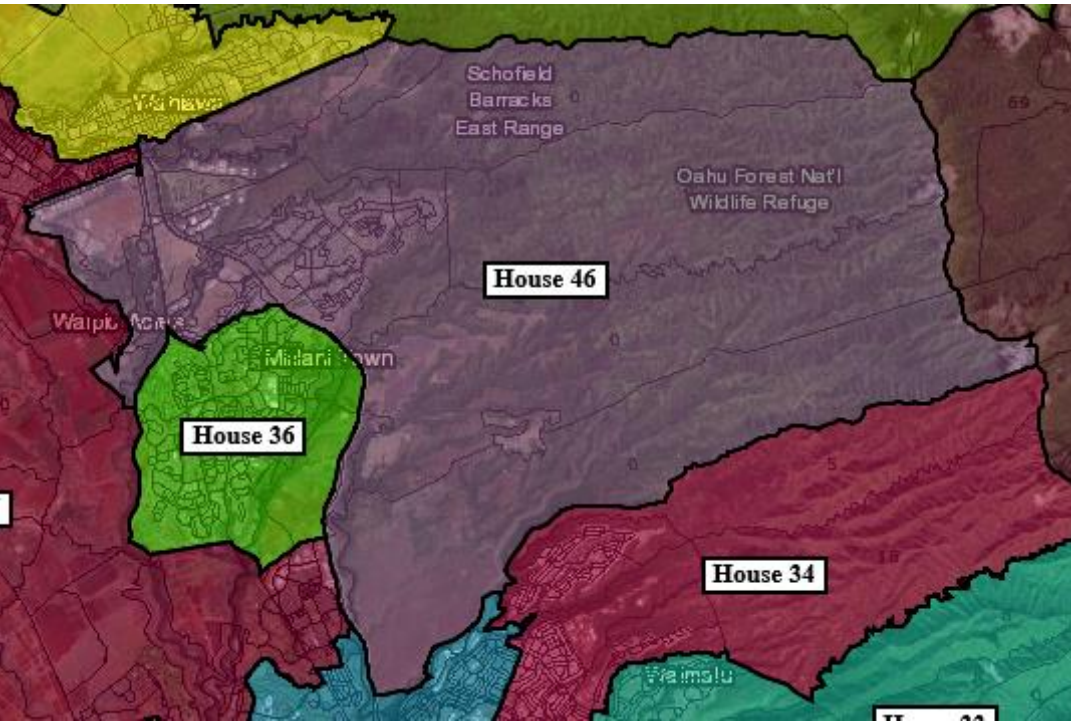
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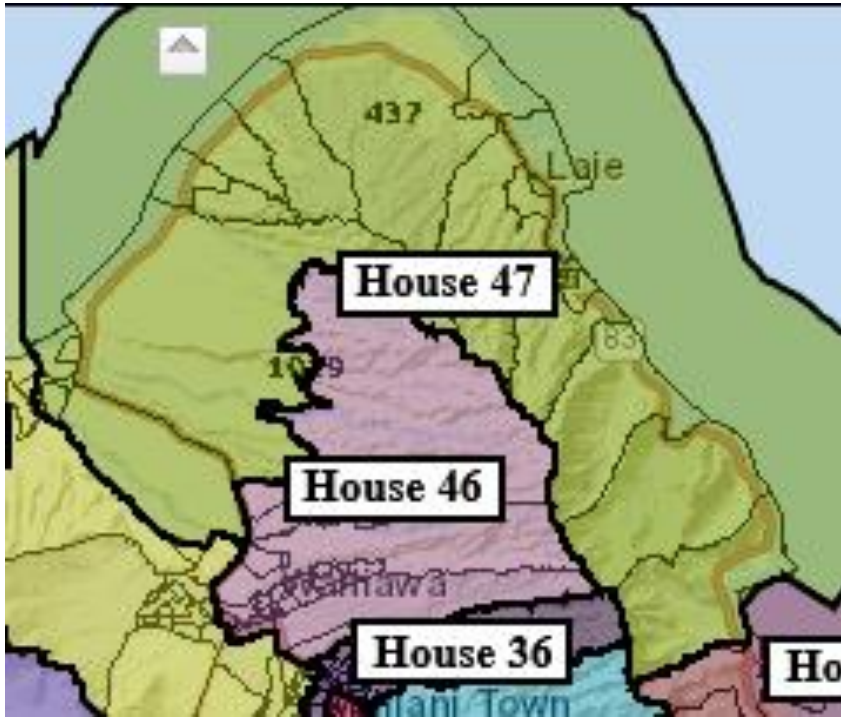
Hicks Plan w/Mililani excursion **327**
 (HD46 would include all of Mililani
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Current District **276**



Commission Plan **276**



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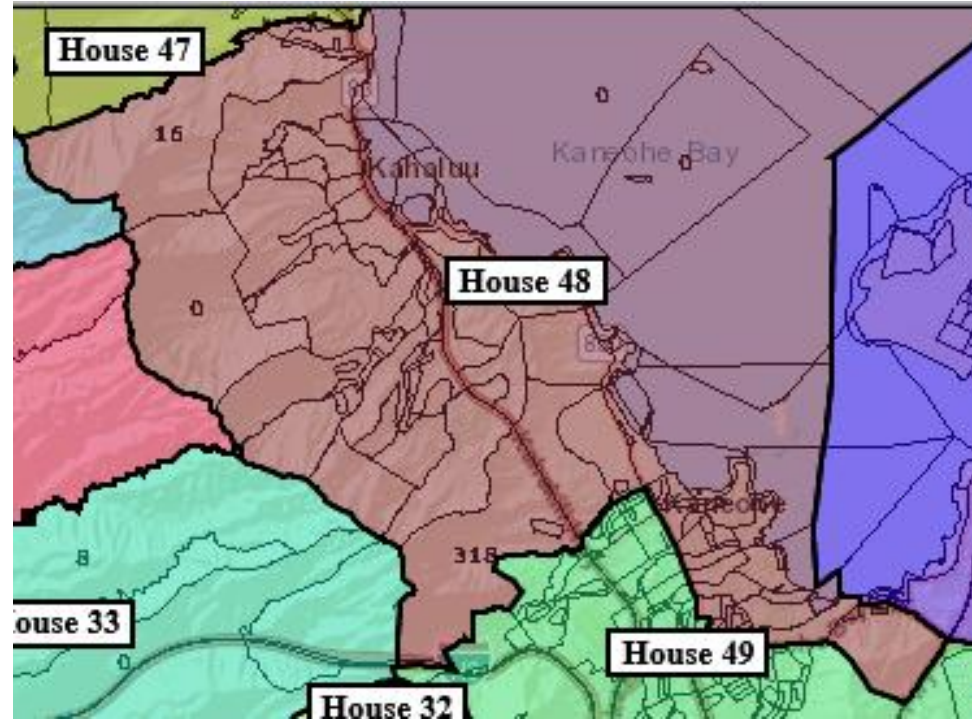
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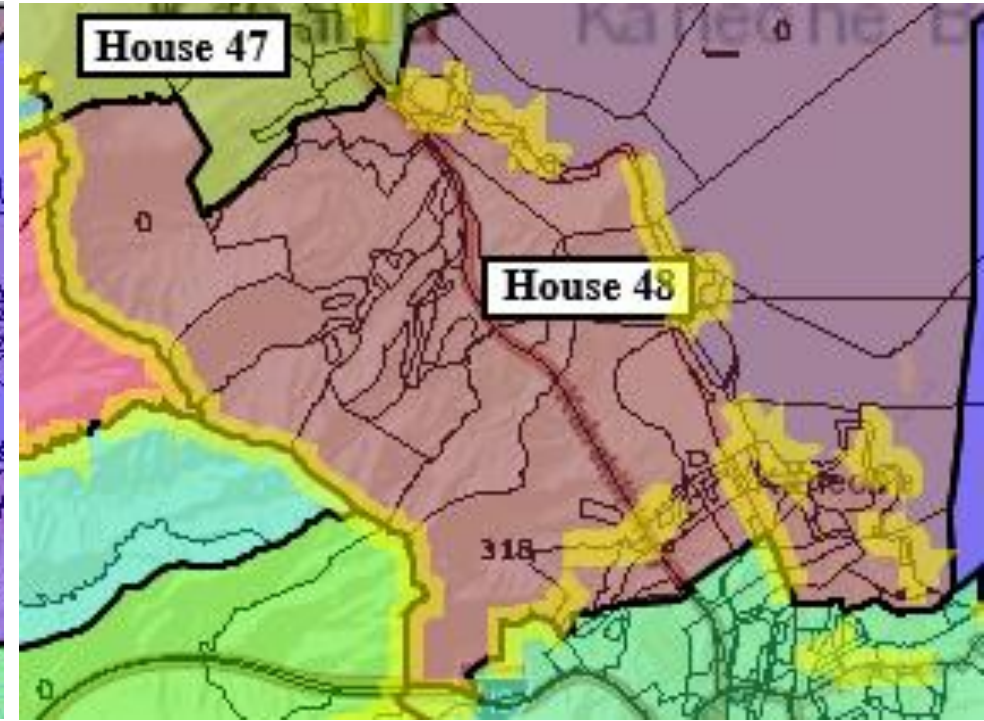
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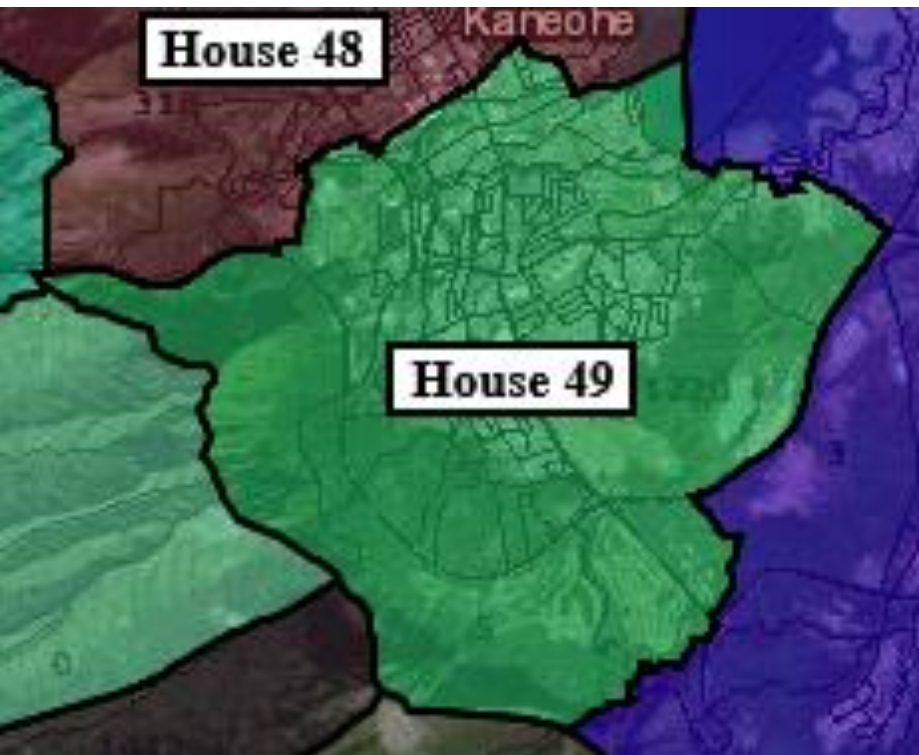
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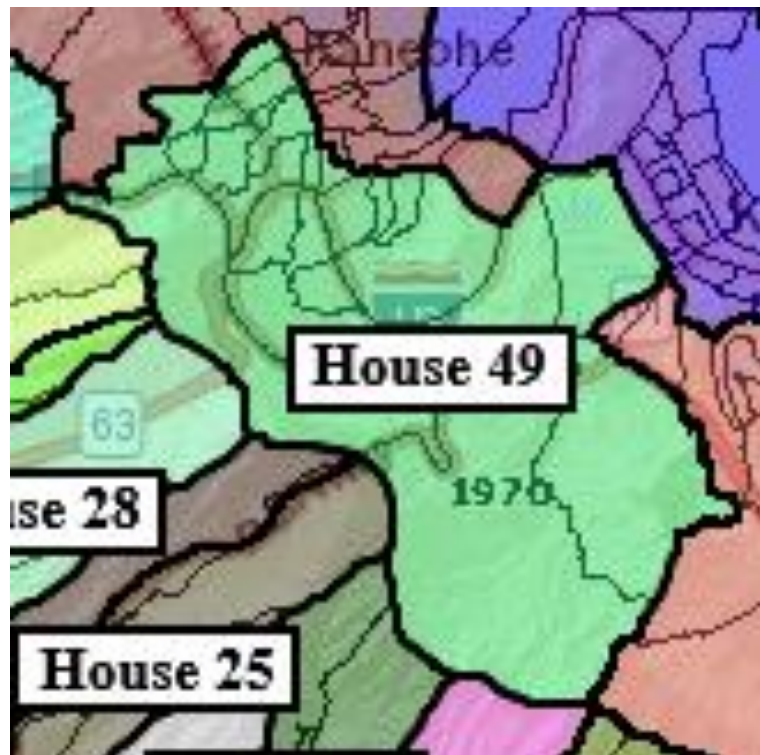


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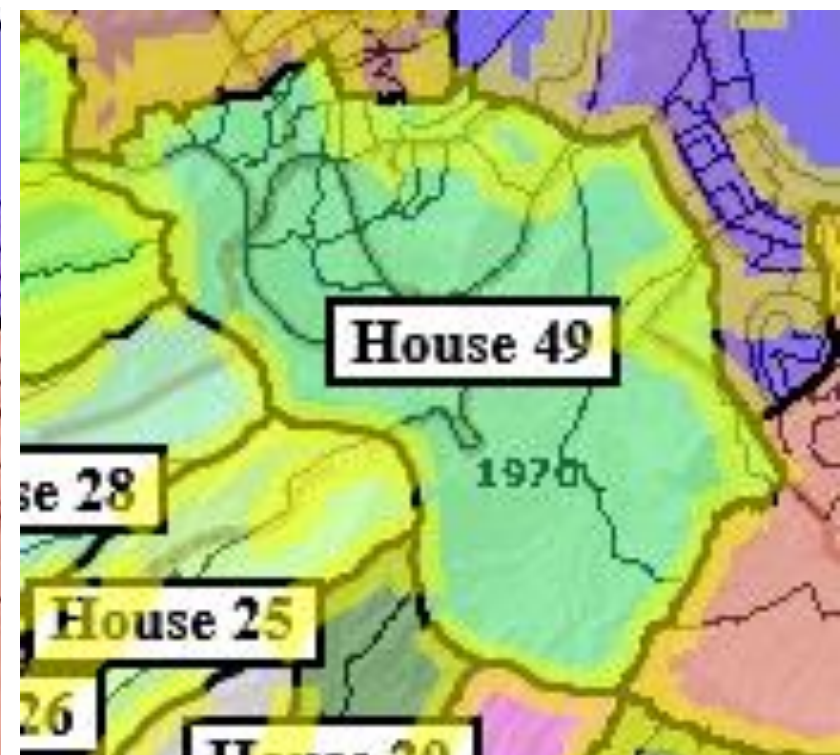


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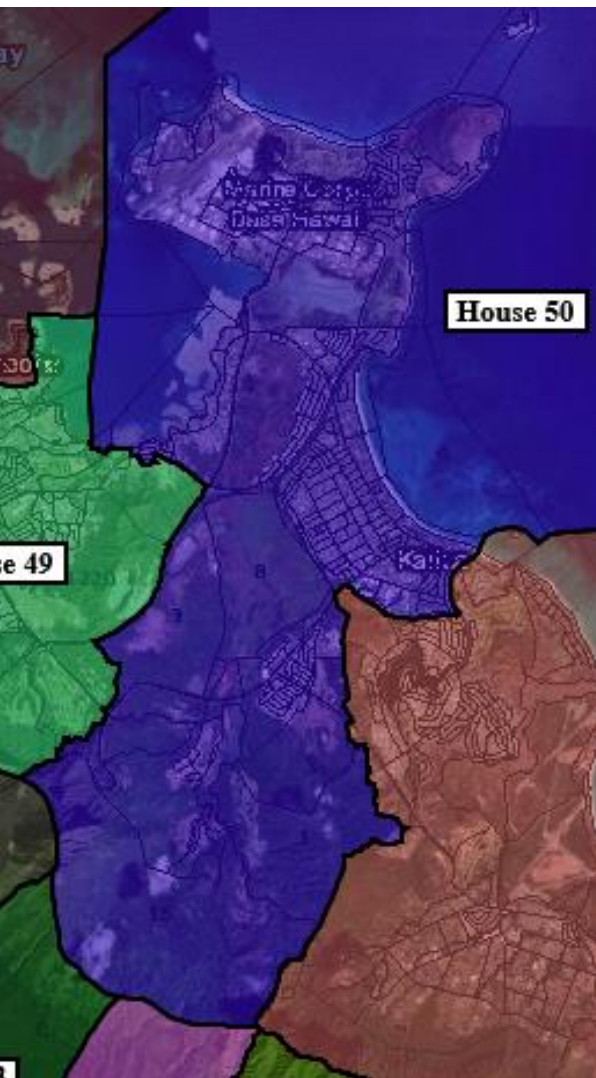
HD49 becomes Kaneohe only.



Current District 963

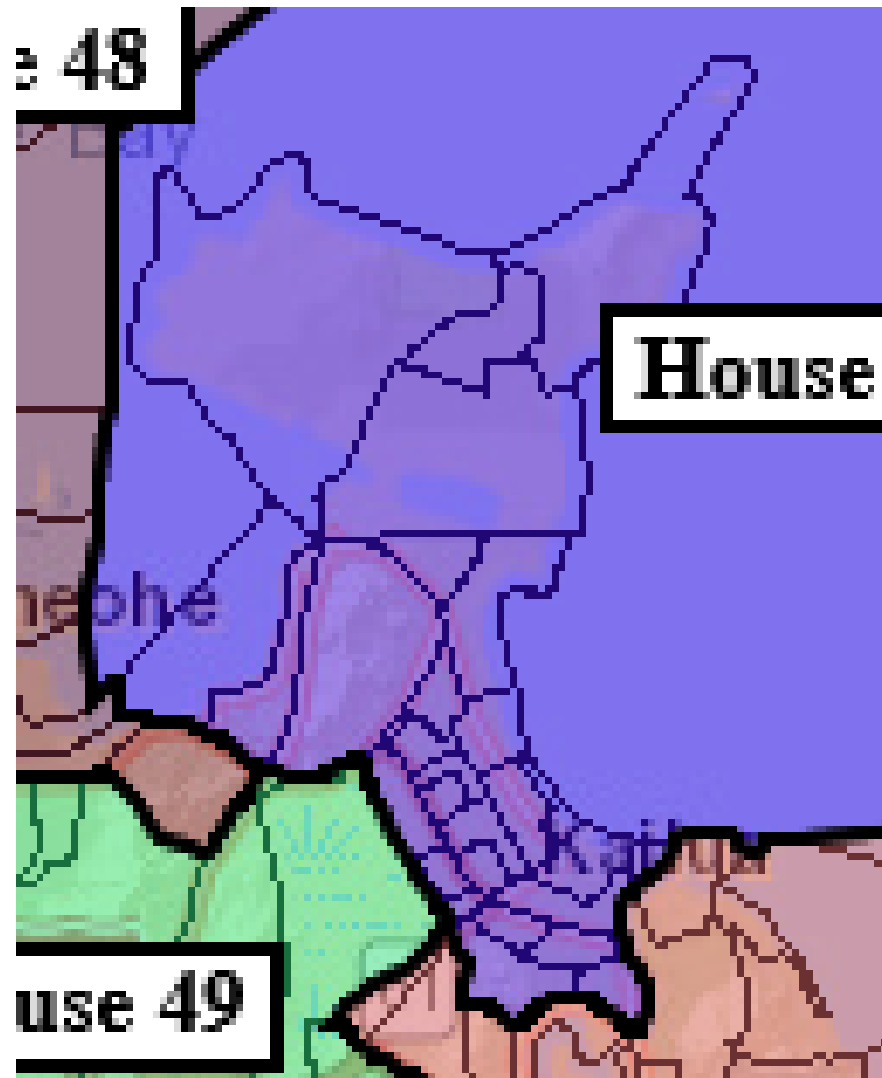


Commission Plan 901



Hicks Plan -337

Kailua covered by just HD50 & HD51;
 HD49 becomes Kaneohe only.



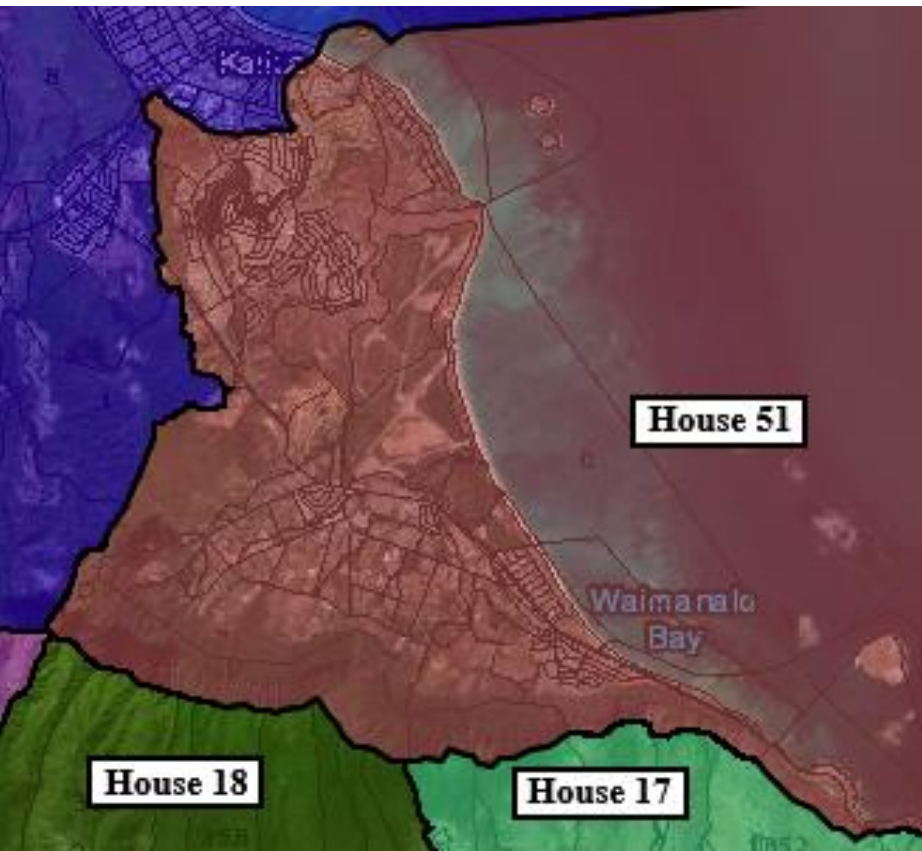
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House District 50



Commission Plan 504

Splits Enchanted Lake between HD51 & HD50.



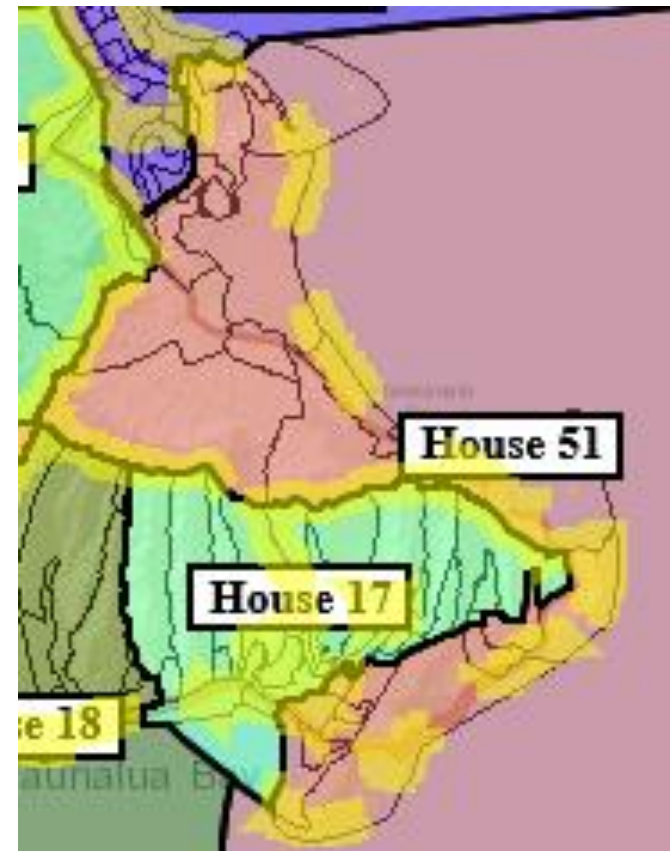
Hicks Plan -193

Keeps HD51 Windward Oahu only (Lanikai-Enchanted Lake-Waimanalo).



Current District -134

House District 51



Commission Plan 792

Mixes Windward Oahu with East Oahu by adding Portlock; splits Portlock from the rest of Hawaii Kai.

Alternative Oahu Senate Reapportionment Proposal

Bill Hicks

October 24, 2021

During the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission meeting on October 14, 2021 public testimony was received and Proposed Legislative Redistricting Plans by the Technical Committee Permitted Interaction Group were presented.

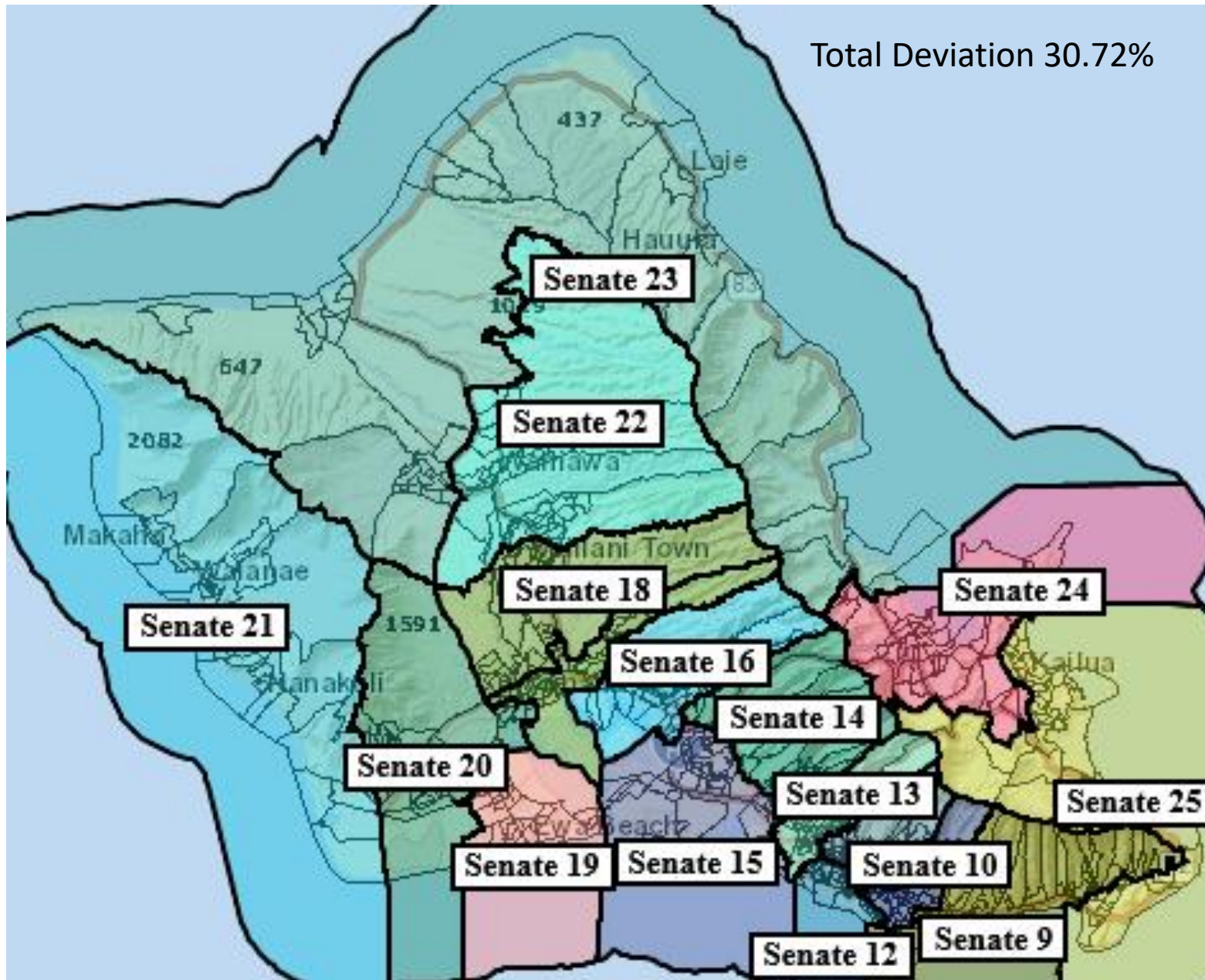
It was pointed out that, unlike the current House Districts 17 & 51 which keep the East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities separate by using Makapu'u Point as a boundary, the current Senate District 25 mixes East Oahu and Windward Oahu neighborhoods.

I constructed a redistricting proposal that keeps the East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities in separate districts once again. This plan also puts all of Mililani Town, Mililani Mauka, and Waipio Acres into a single district.

In the process I found the population deviation between the districts could also be significantly reduced (from 7.93% to 2.02%)

I hope this proposal can be used as a starting point for further development. It was submitted and can be found at <https://redistricting.hawaii.esriemcs.com> (Open Plan > Shared Plan > Everyone).

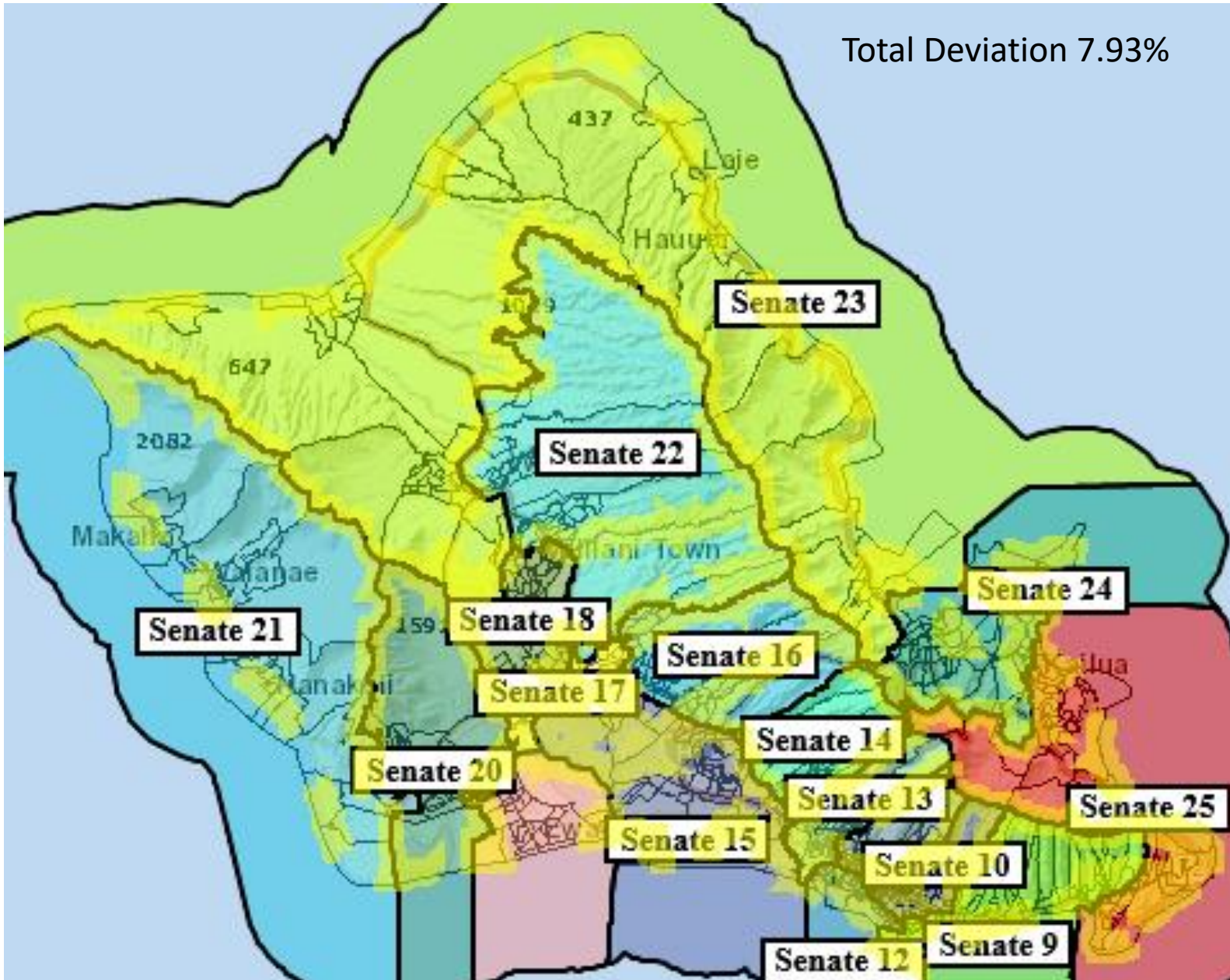
Plan Name	Owner	Description	Created	Last Modified
Bill Hicks' Oahu Senate Redistricting Proposal	Bill75	Unlike the current House Districts 17 & 51 which keep the East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities separate by using Makapu'u Point as a boundary, the current Senate District 25 mixes East Oahu and Windward Oahu neighborhoods. This proposal uses Makapu'u Point as a boundary to not mix East Oahu and Windward Oahu communities. It also balances the population better, with a 2.02% deviation (vs. 7.93% for the TG plan).	2021-10-24 11:53	2021-10-24 11:53



Current Districts

SD	Deviation	%
9	- 894	- 1.61%
10	37	0.61%
11	-2138	- 3.84%
12	8541	15.35%
13	- 958	- 1.72%
14	98	0.18%
15	-3124	- 5.61%
16	-3446	- 6.19%
17	586	1.05%
18	1220	2.19%
19	7539	13.54%
20	8415	15.12%
21	- 594	- 1.07%
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23	-8552	-15.37%
24	-2909	- 5.23%
25	- 533	- 0.96%

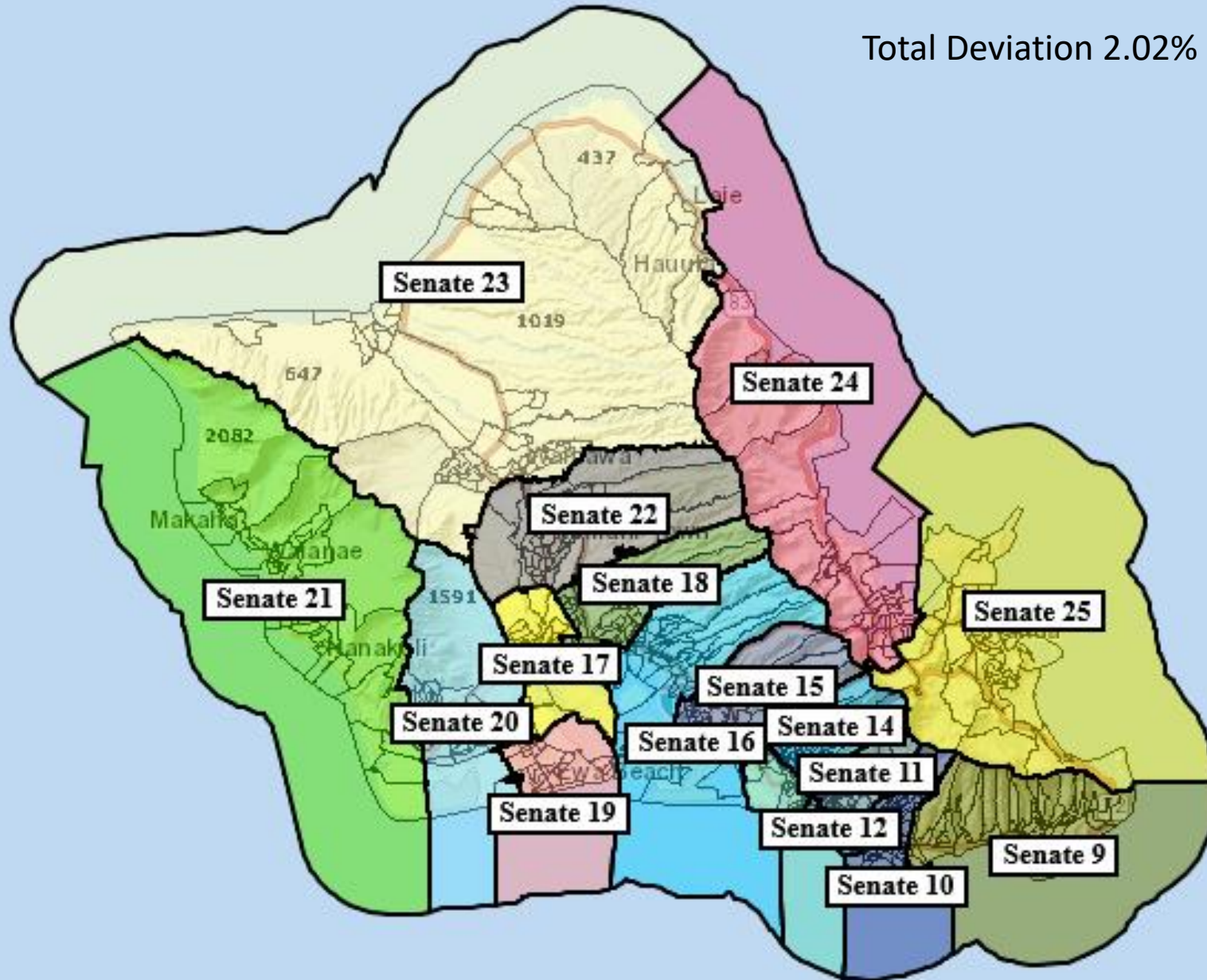
Total Deviation 7.93%



Commission Proposed Districts

SD	Deviation	%
9	-1205	-2.17%
10	- 827	-1.49%
11	- 246	-0.44%
12	- 905	-1.63%
13	255	0.46%
14	339	0.61%
15	621	1.12%
16	1273	2.29%
17	1971	3.54%
18	2104	3.78%
19	1593	2.86%
20	2129	3.83%
21	706	1.27%
22	-2070	-3.72%
23	-2284	-4.10%
24	-1815	-3.26%
25	-1644	-2.95%

Total Deviation 2.02%

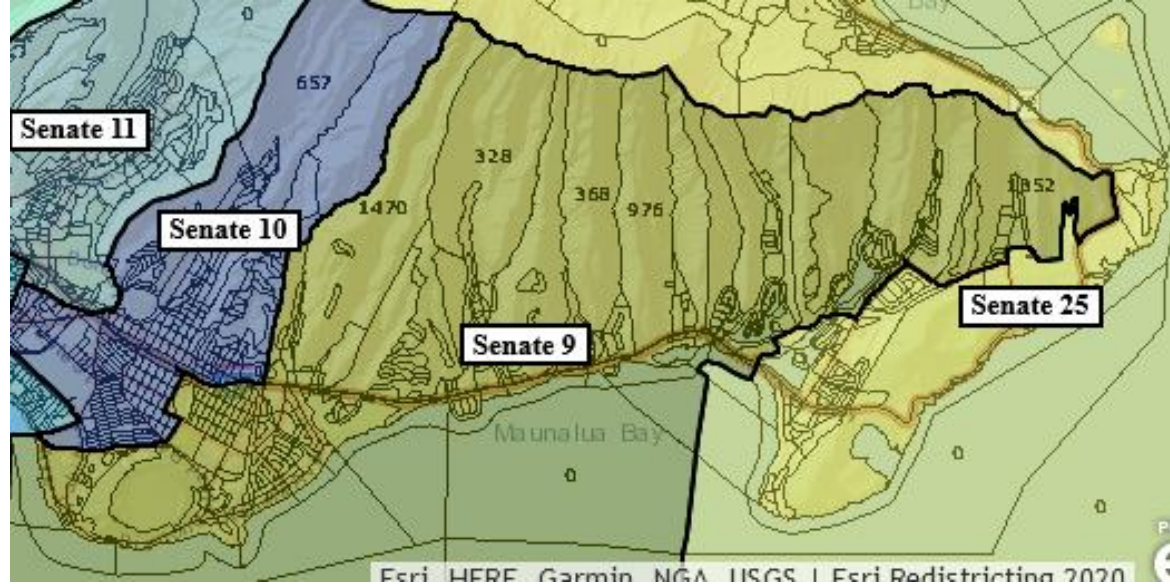


Bill Hicks' Proposed Districts

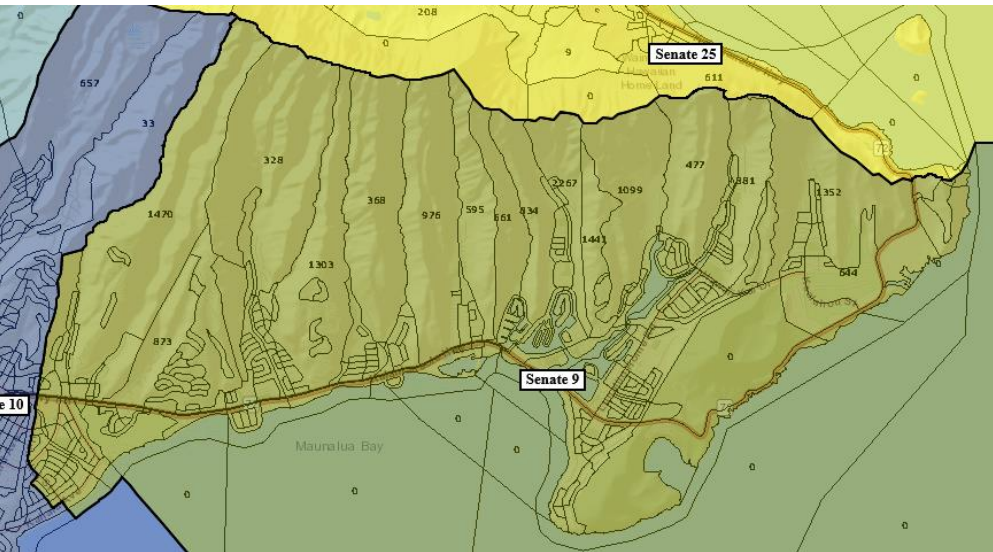
SD	Deviation	%
9	-231	-0.42%
10	337	0.61%
11	-30	-0.05%
12	529	0.95%
13	-545	-0.98%
14	225	0.40%
15	53	0.10%
16	281	0.51%
17	-198	-0.36%
18	-99	-0.18%
19	-348	-0.63%
20	95	0.17%
21	-594	-1.07%
22	-204	-0.37%
23	472	0.85%
24	-184	-0.33%
25	436	0.78%

Better Population Balance and Keeping East Oahu and Windward Oahu in Separate Districts

- This plan uses mountain ridges, highways, and streams as district boundaries as much as possible
- This plan uses Makapu'u Point as a boundary to keep East Oahu and Windward Oahu in separate districts
- This plan puts all of Mililani Town, Mililani Mauka, and Waipio Acres into a single district.
- This plan has better population balance than the TG plan
 - 16 Districts 0 +/- .99% (vs. only 3 Districts)
 - 1 District is -1.07%
 - 0 Districts > 1.07% (vs. 14 districts greater than that, up to 3.83 & -4.10)
 - Total deviation is 2.02% (-1.07% to 0.95%) versus 7.93% (-4.10% to 3.83%)

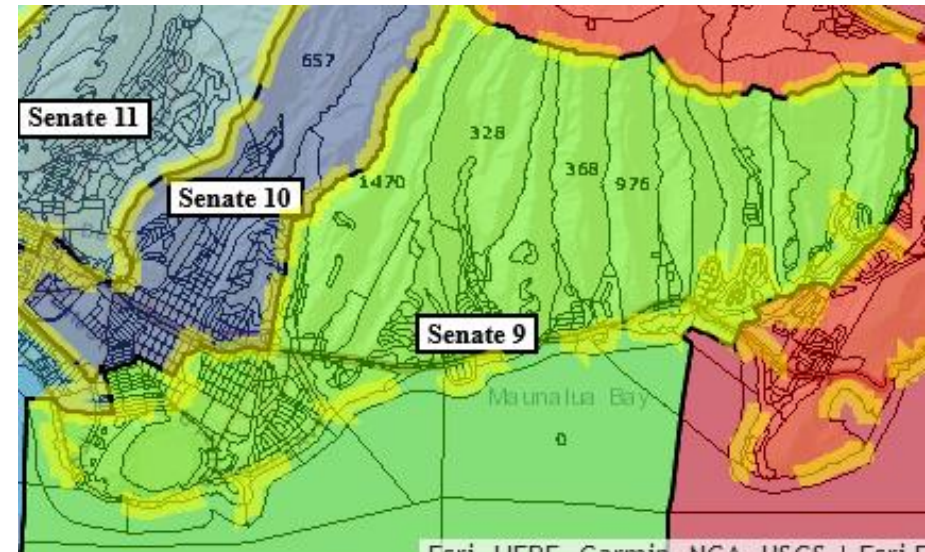


Current District -894



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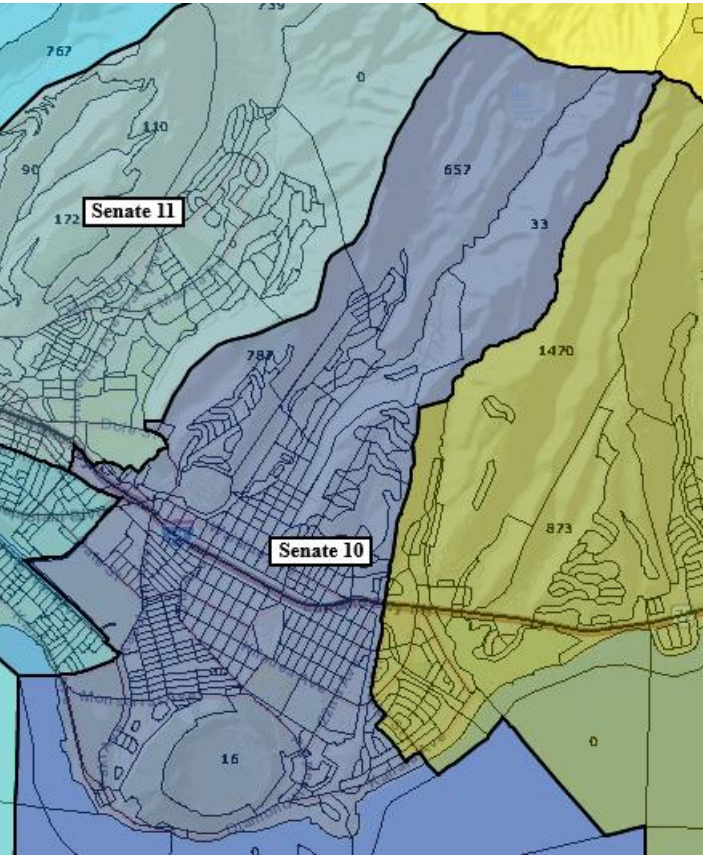
Doesn't mix East Oahu & Windward Oahu;
all of Hawaii Kai in one district, SD9.



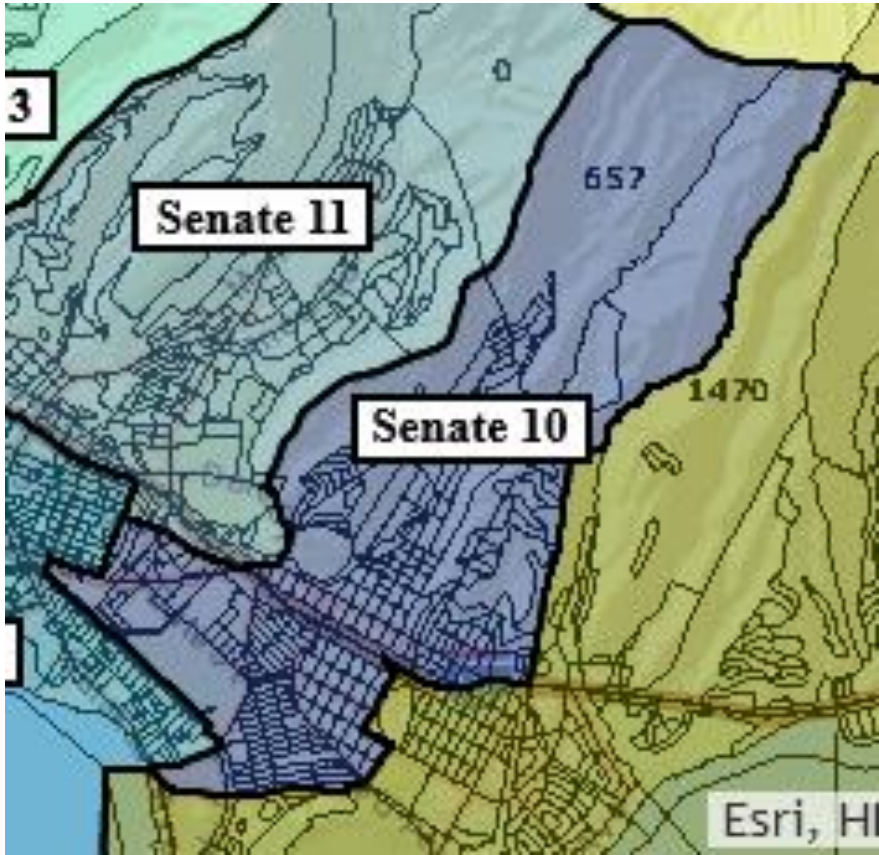
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Mixes East Oahu & Windward Oahu;
splits Hawaii Kai between SD9 & SD25.

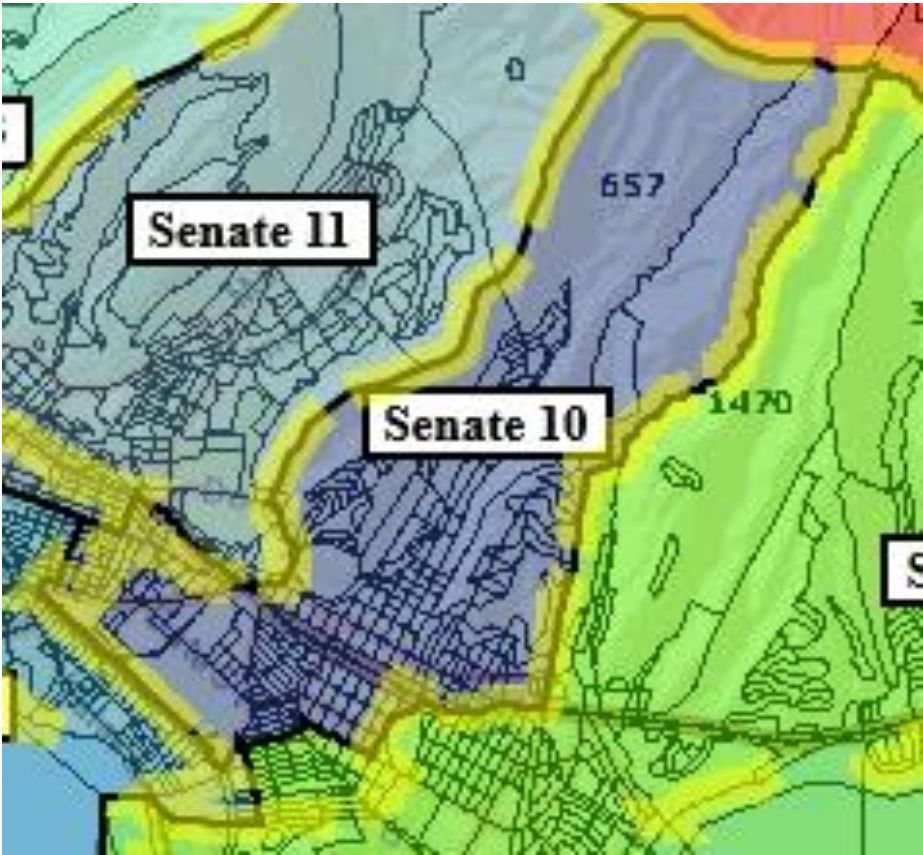
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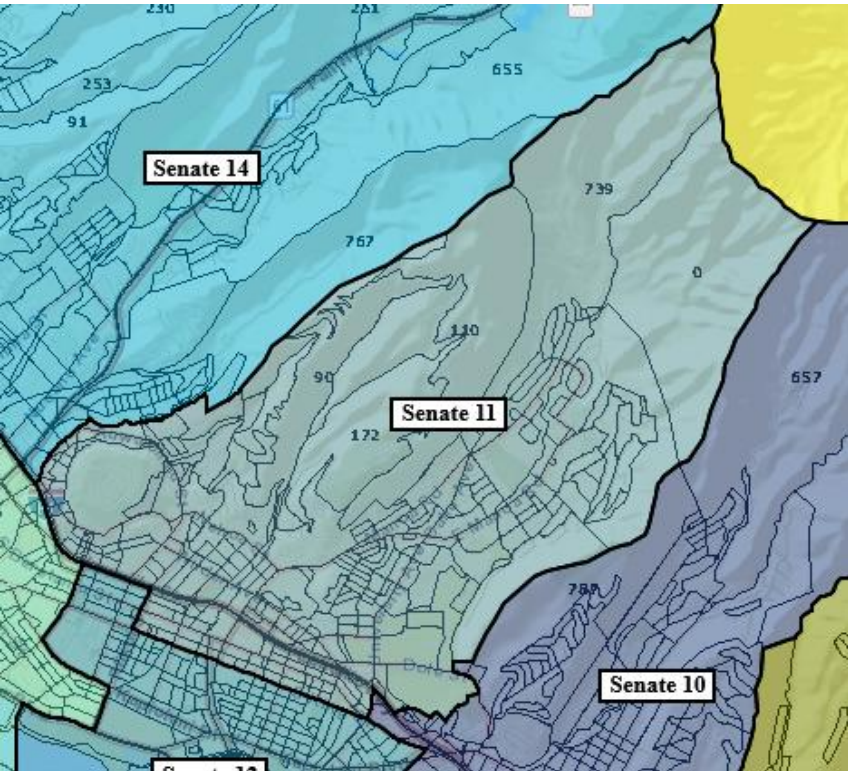
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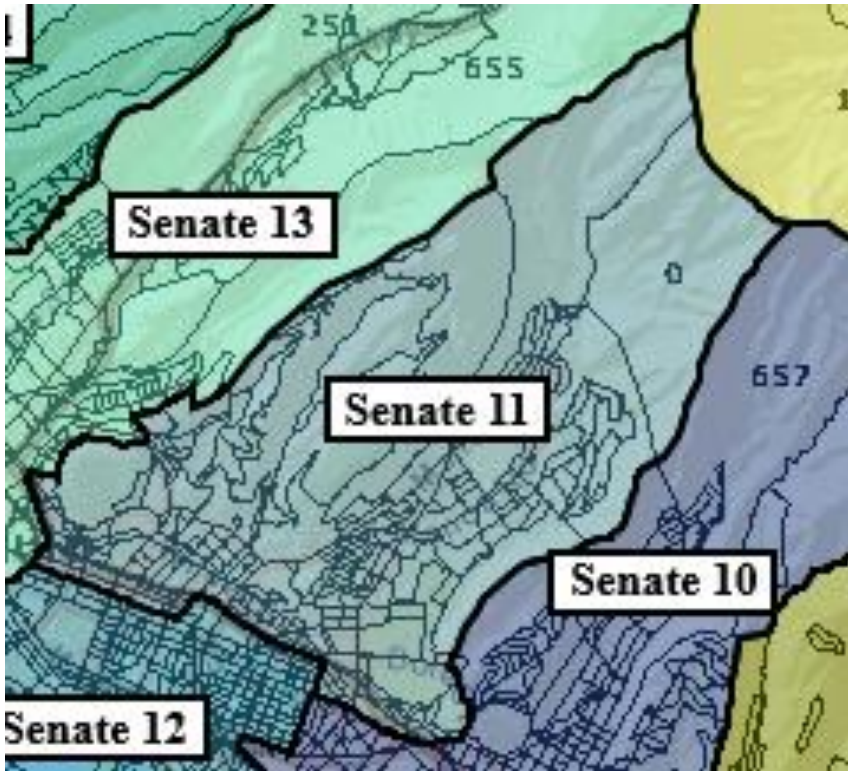
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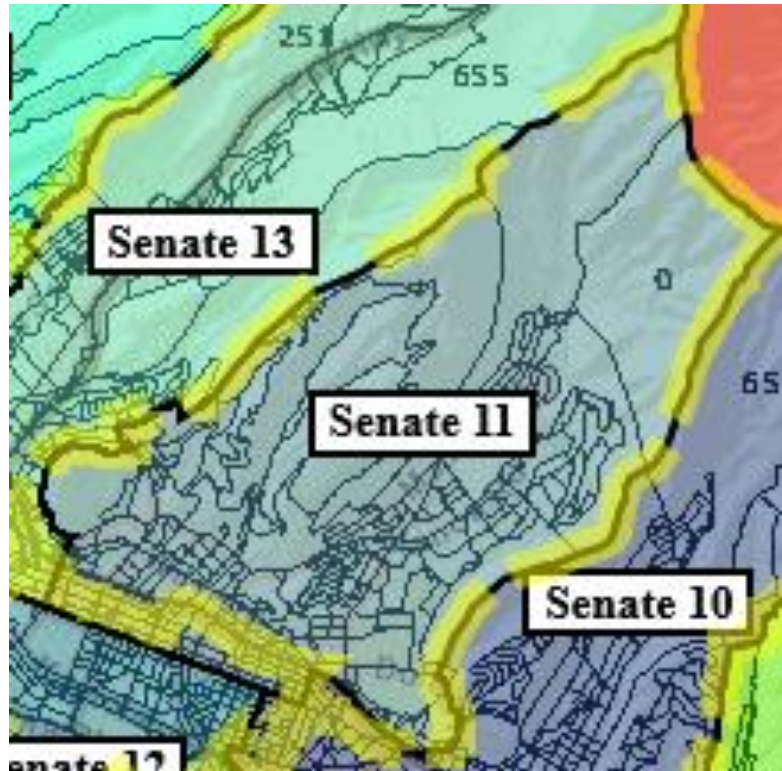
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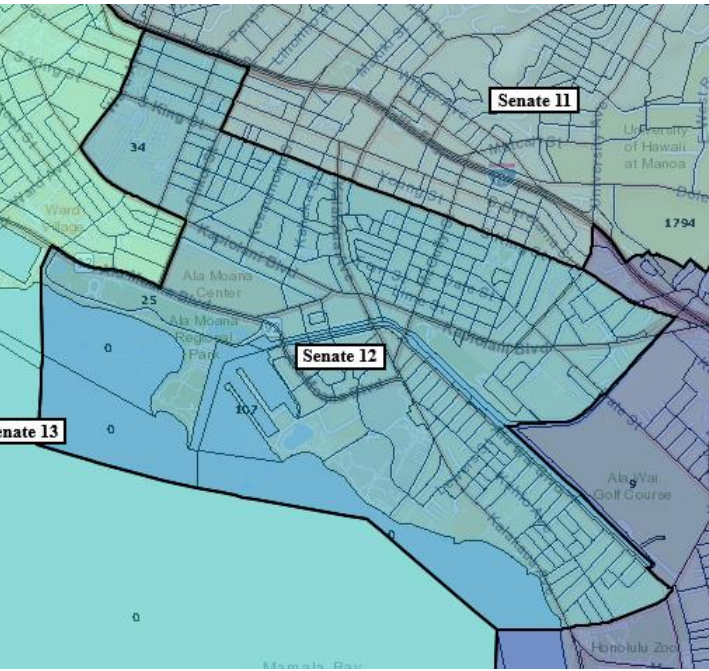
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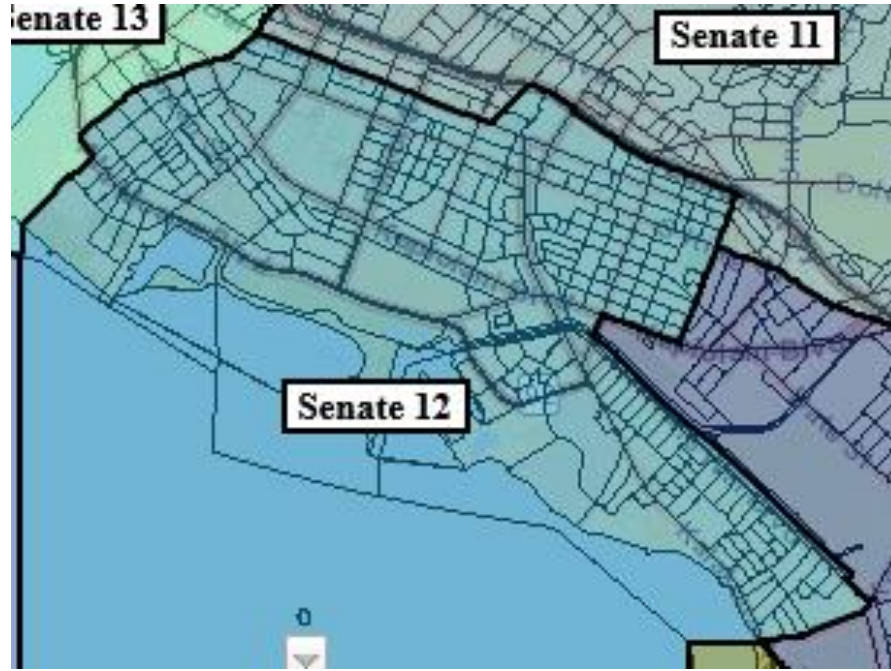
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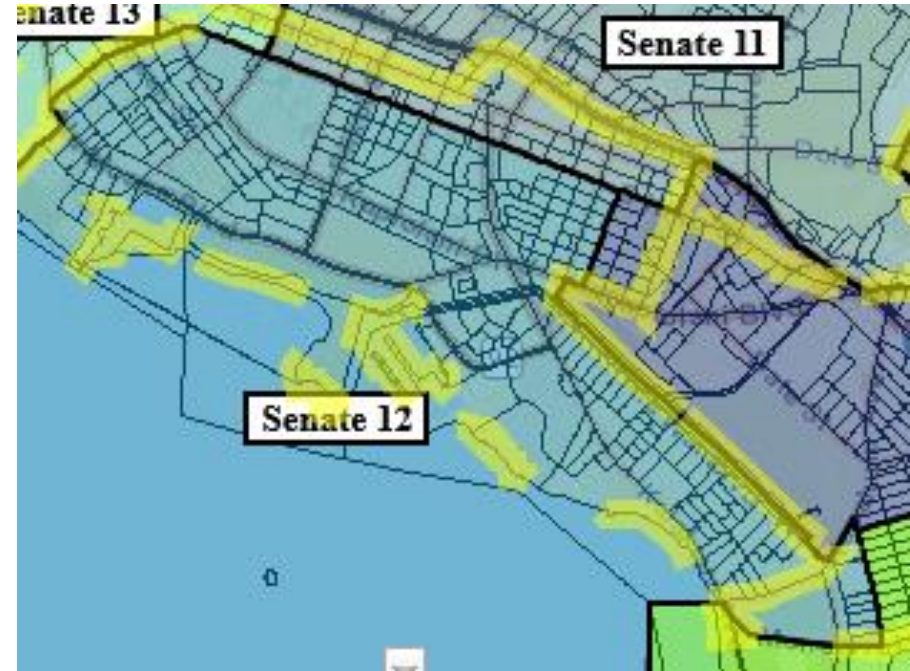
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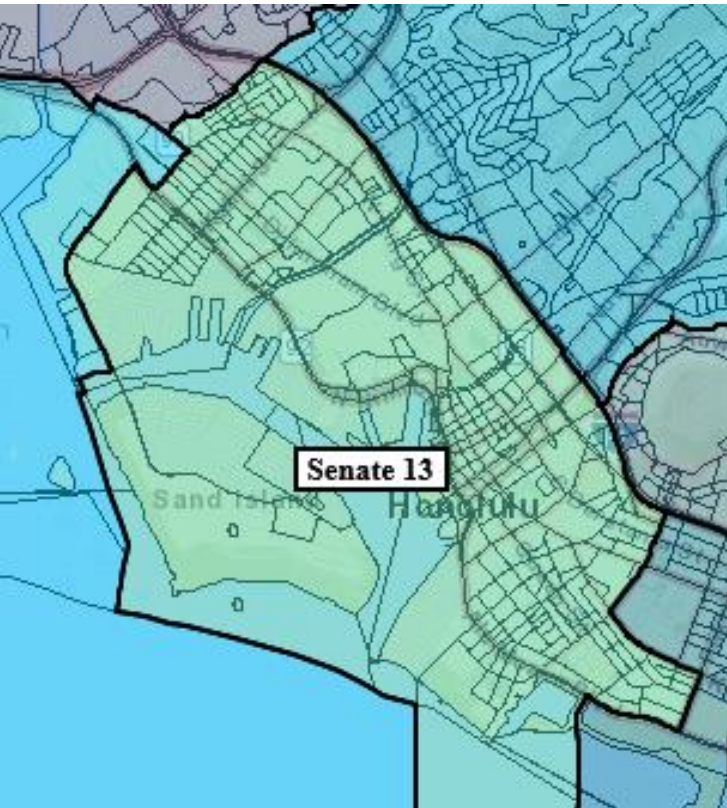
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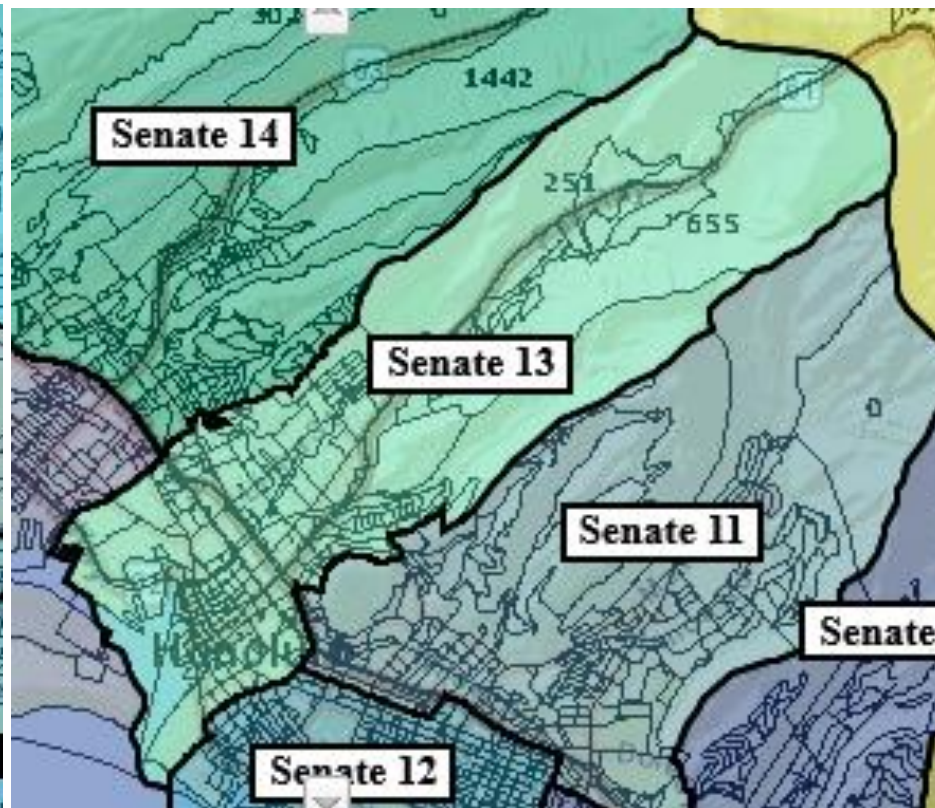
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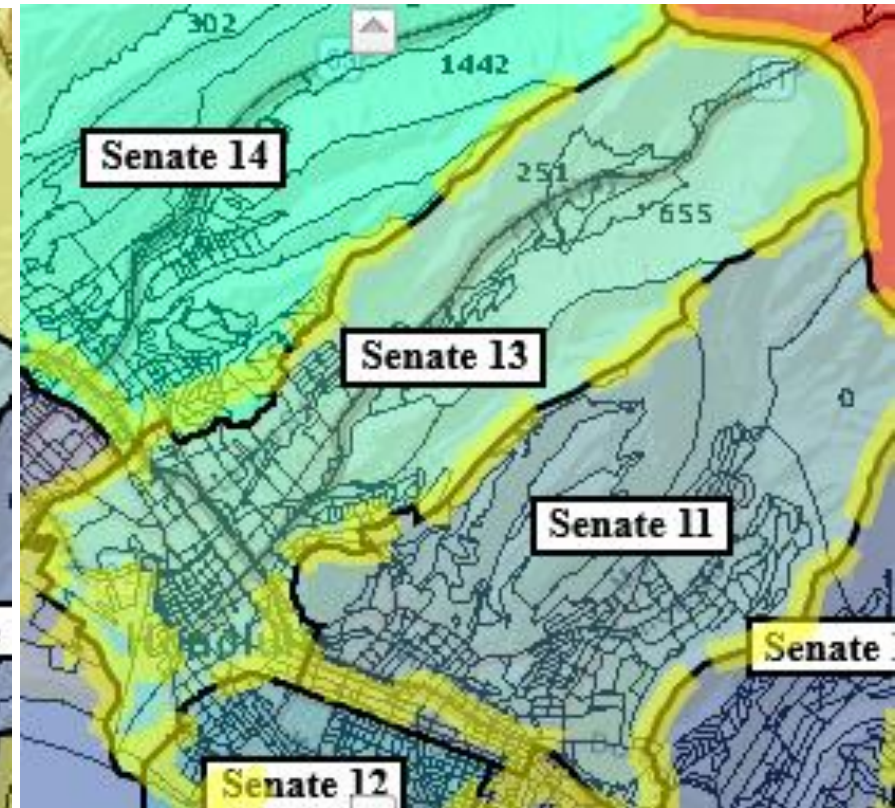
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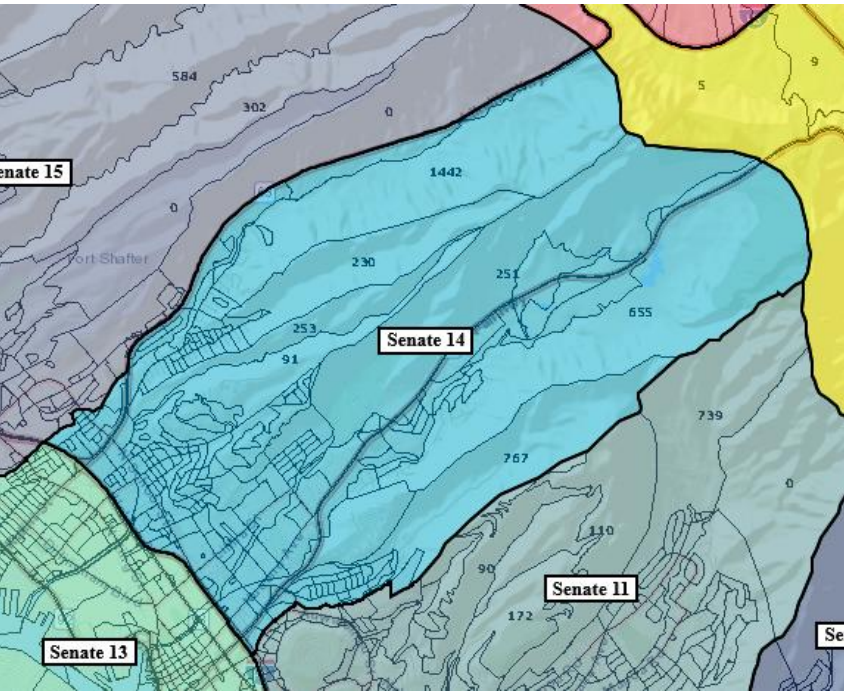
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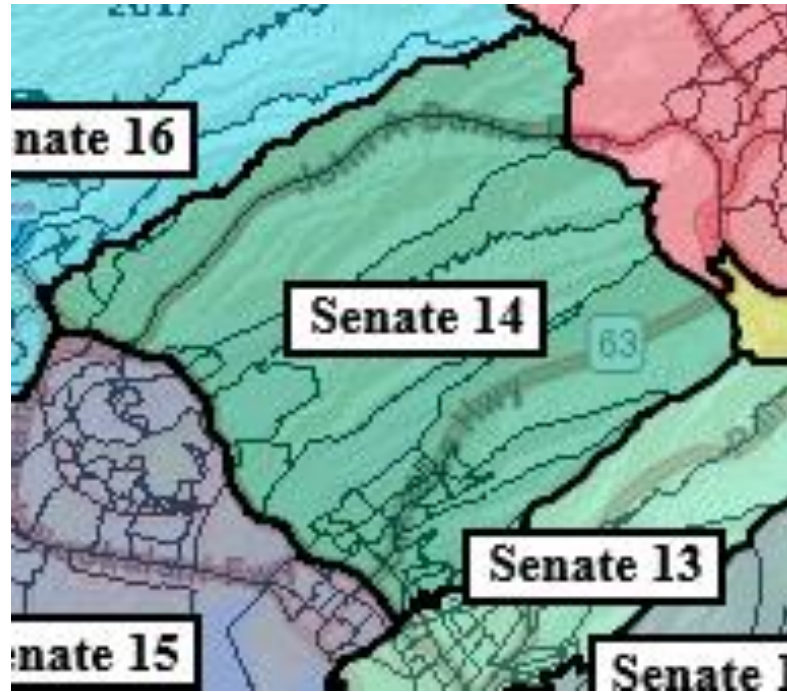
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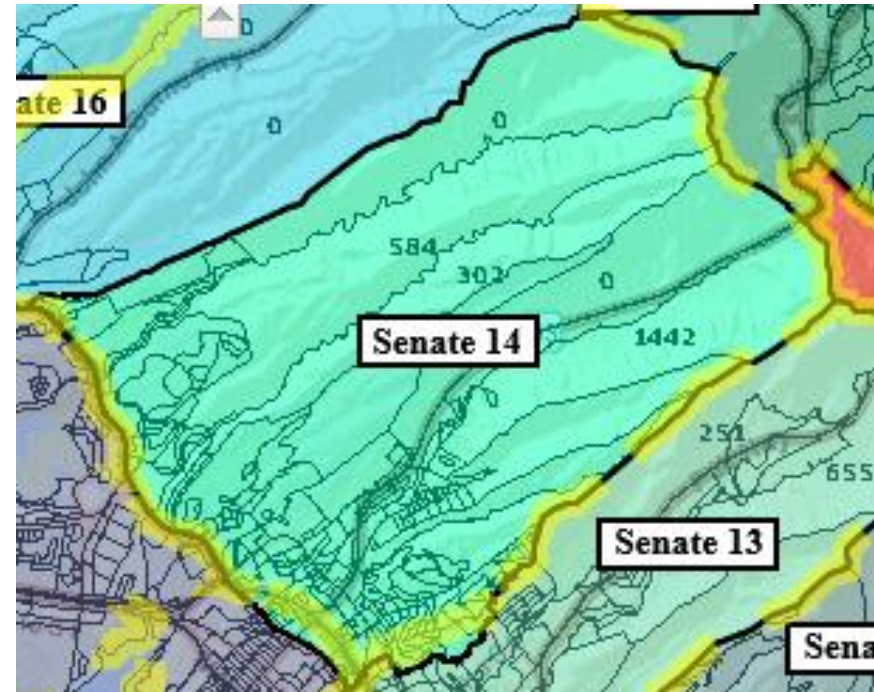
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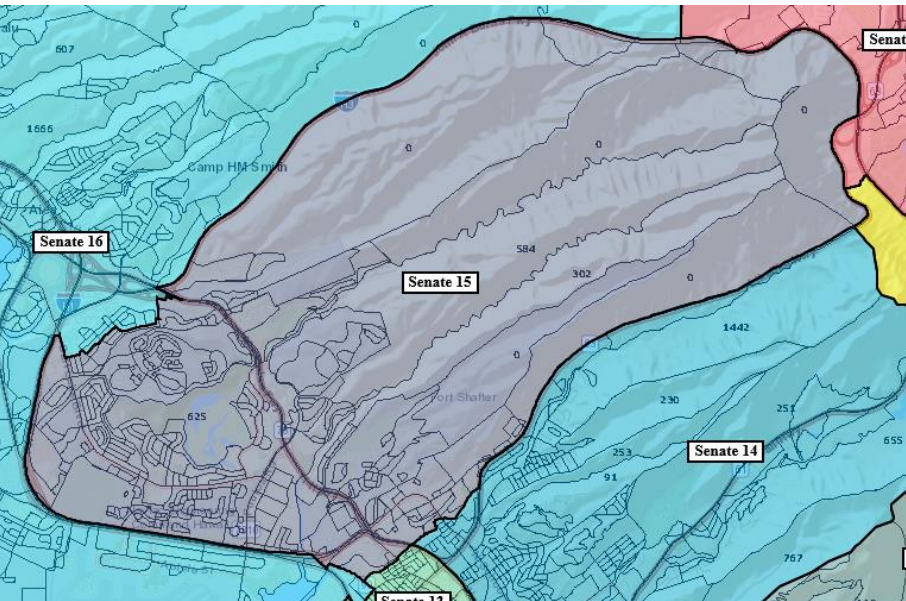
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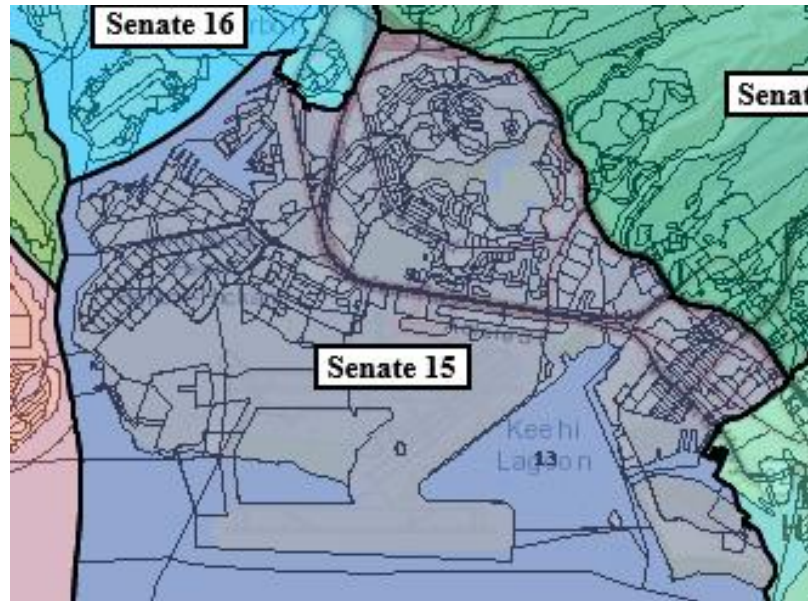
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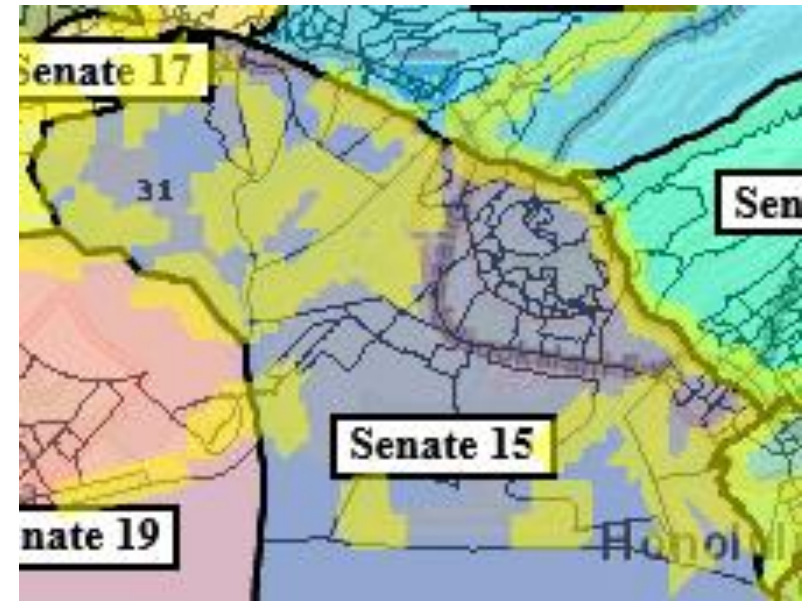
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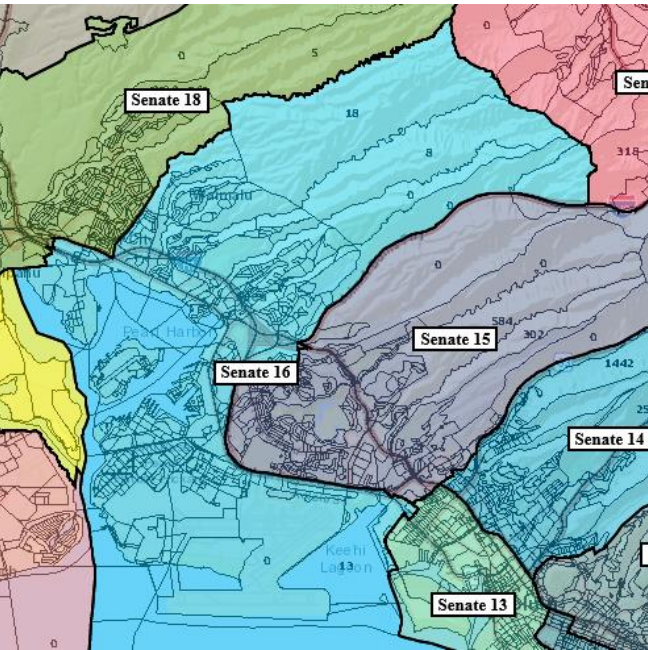
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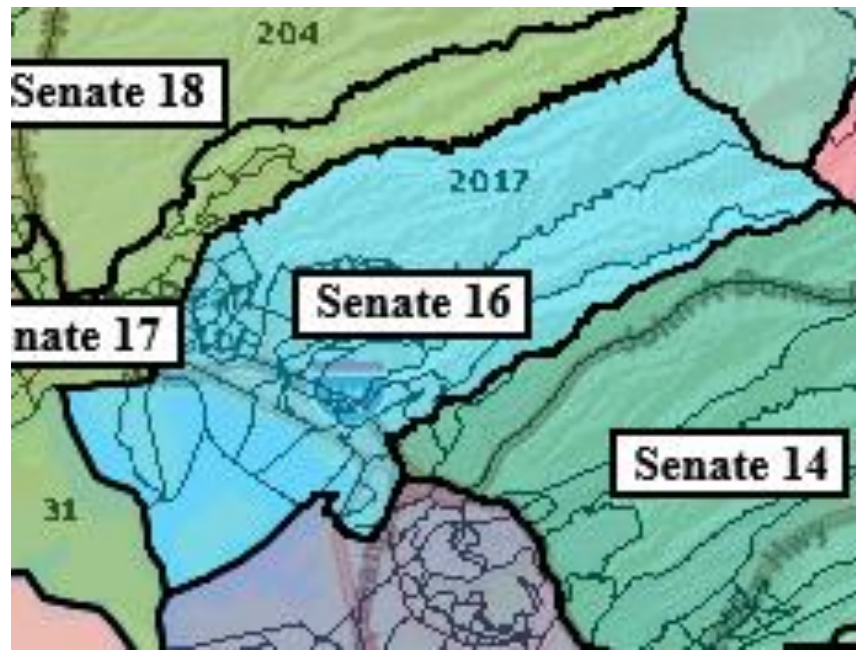
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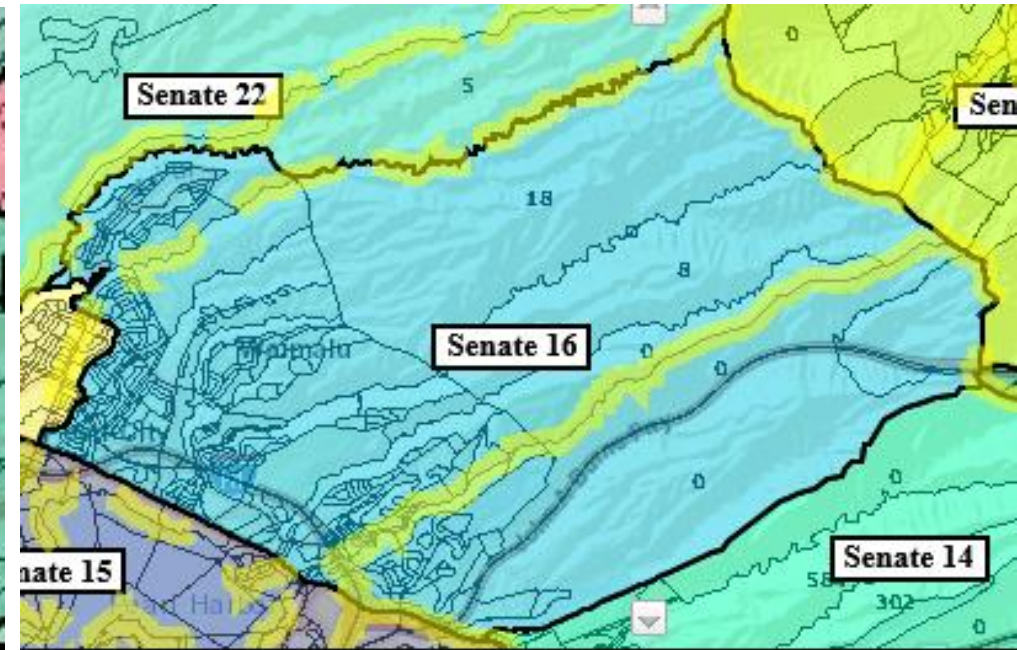
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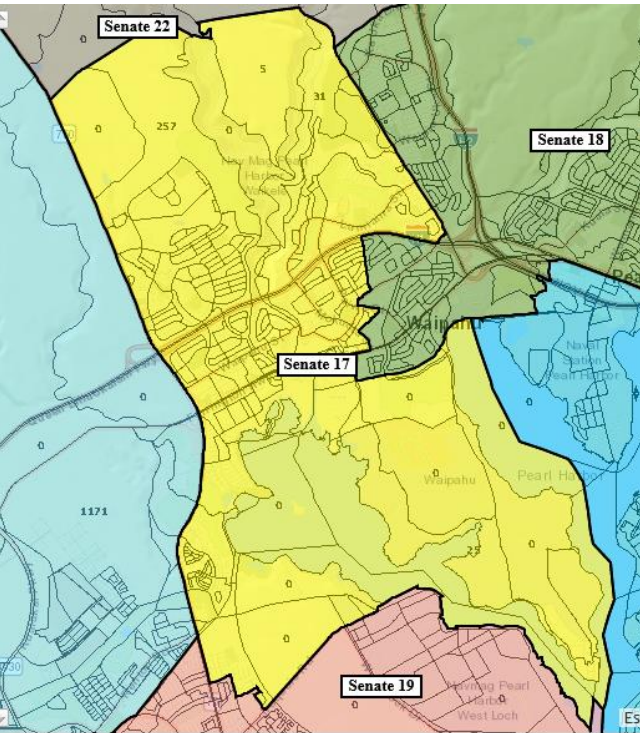
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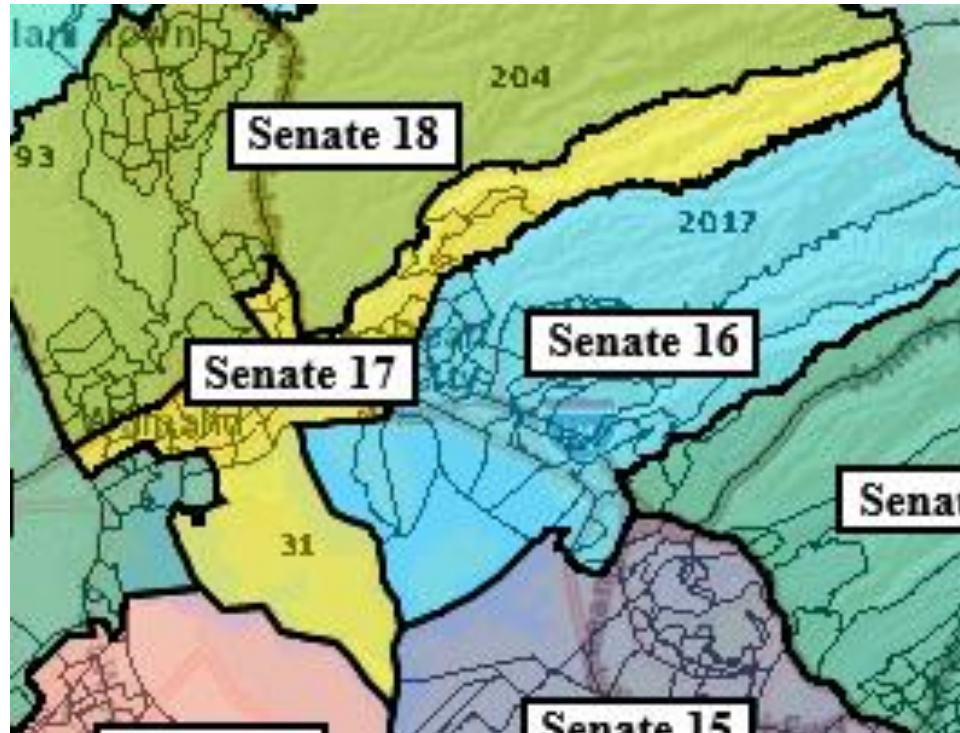
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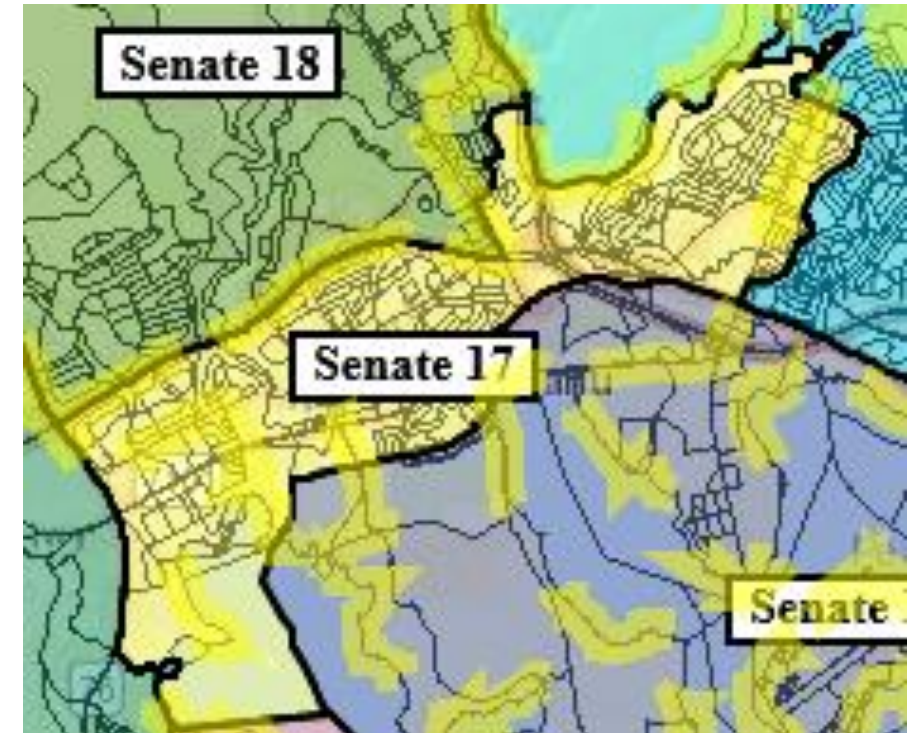
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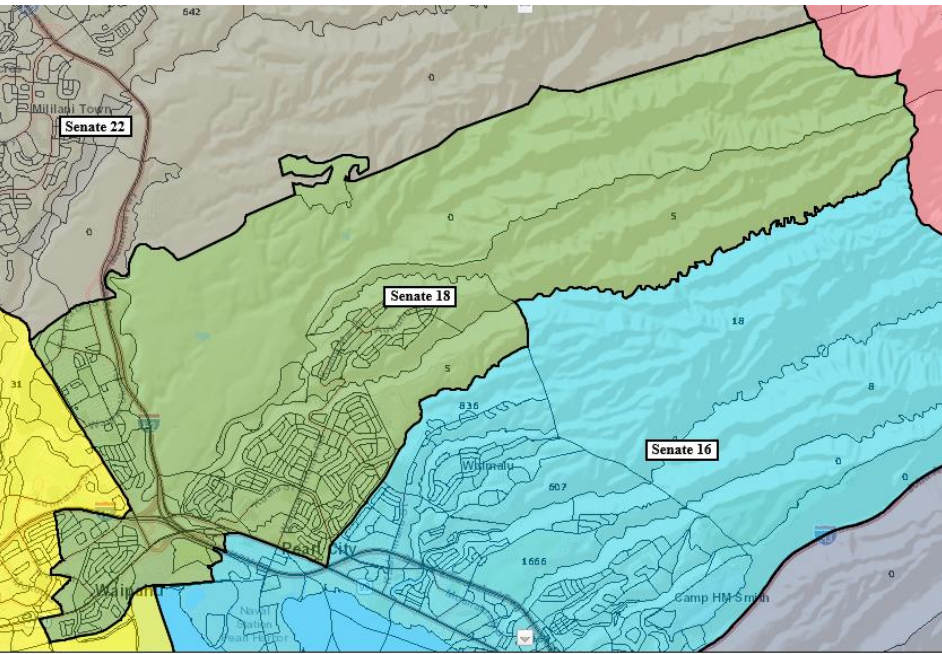
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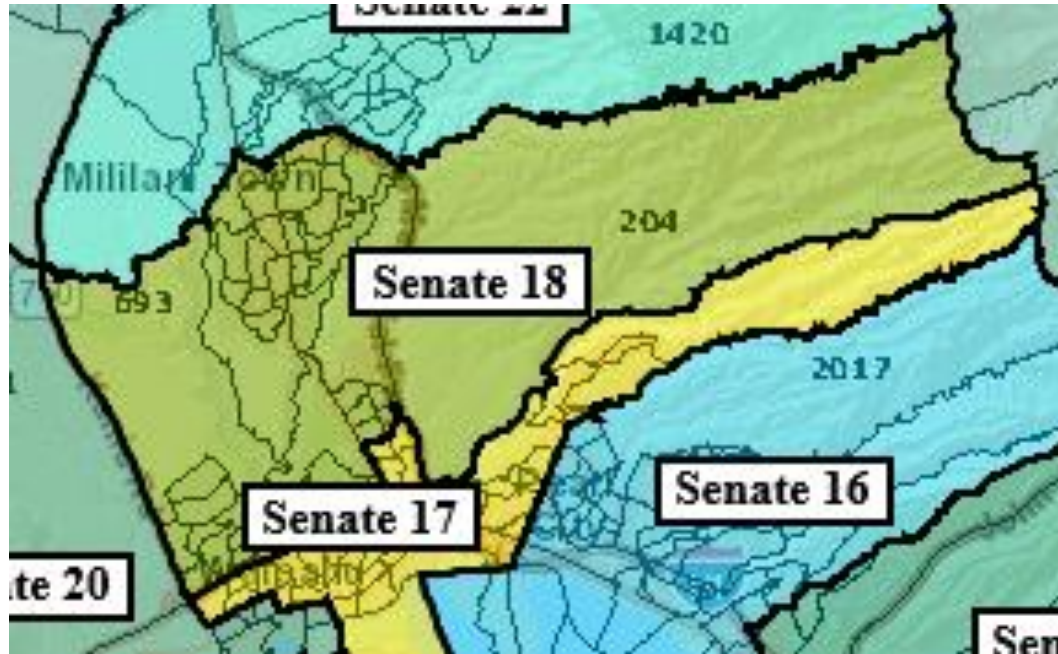
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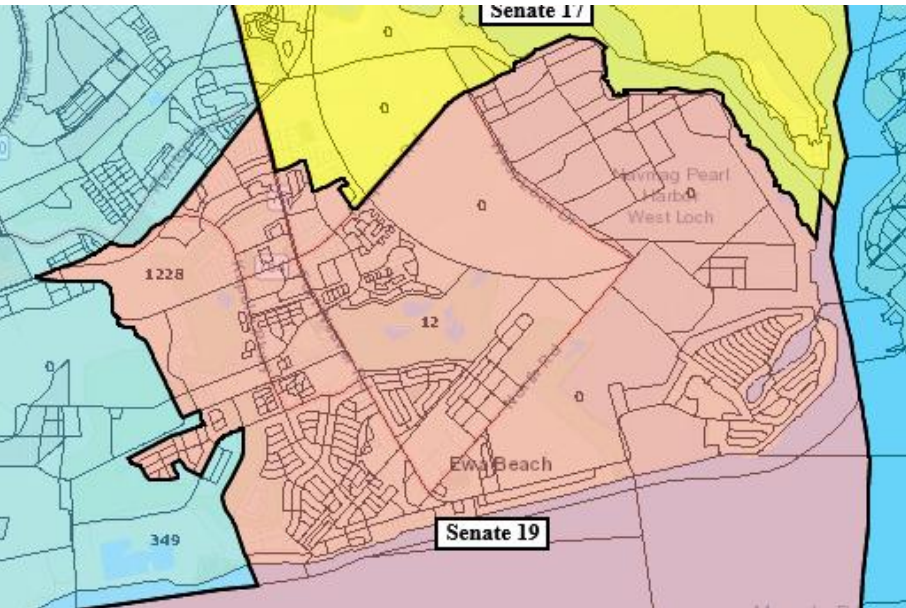
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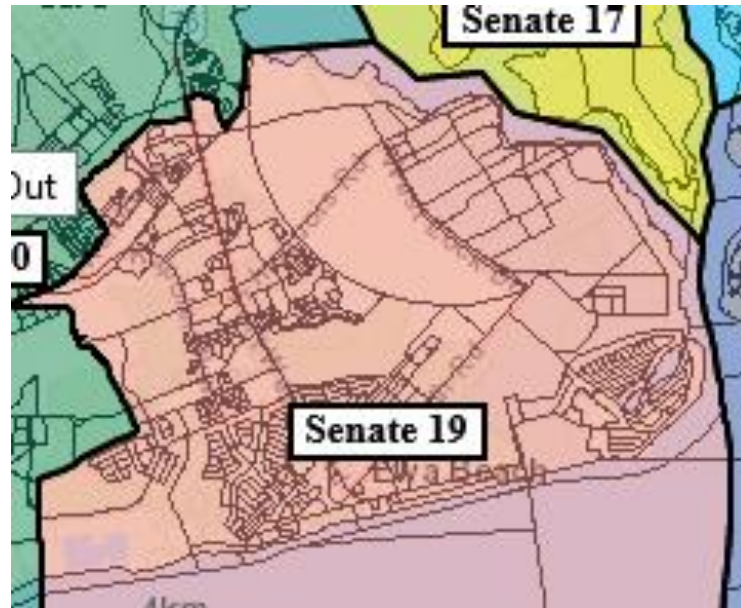
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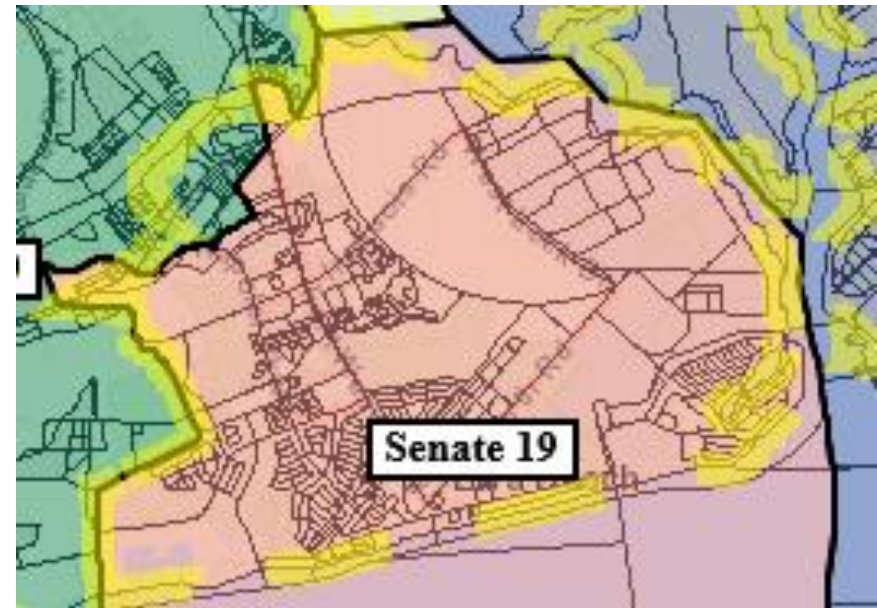
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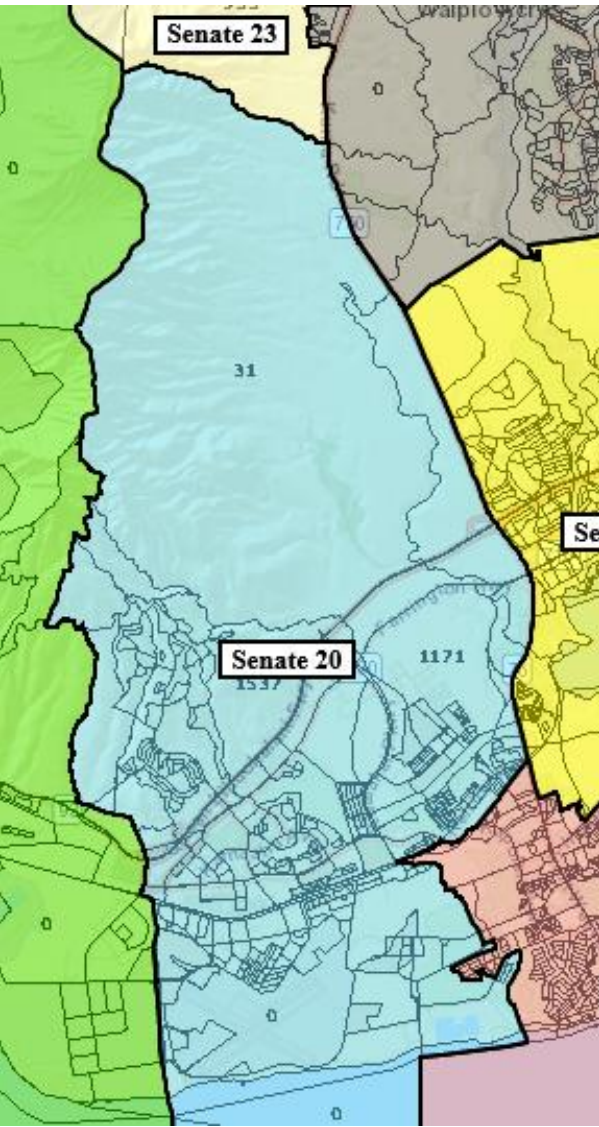
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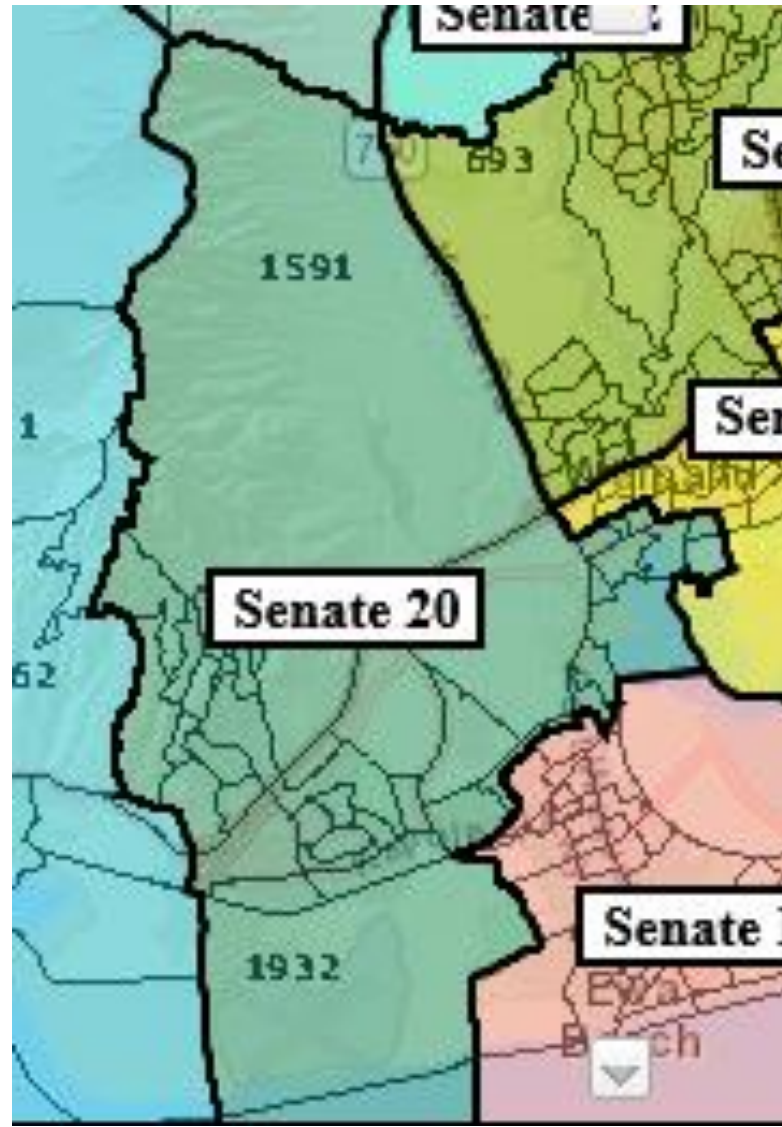
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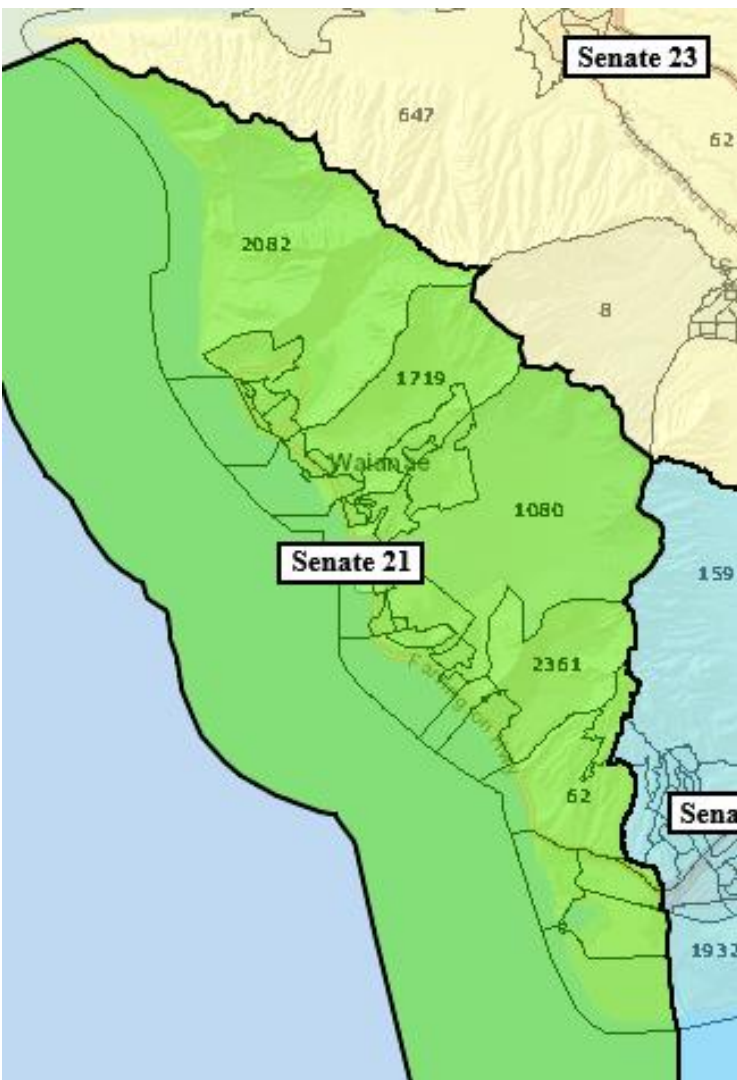
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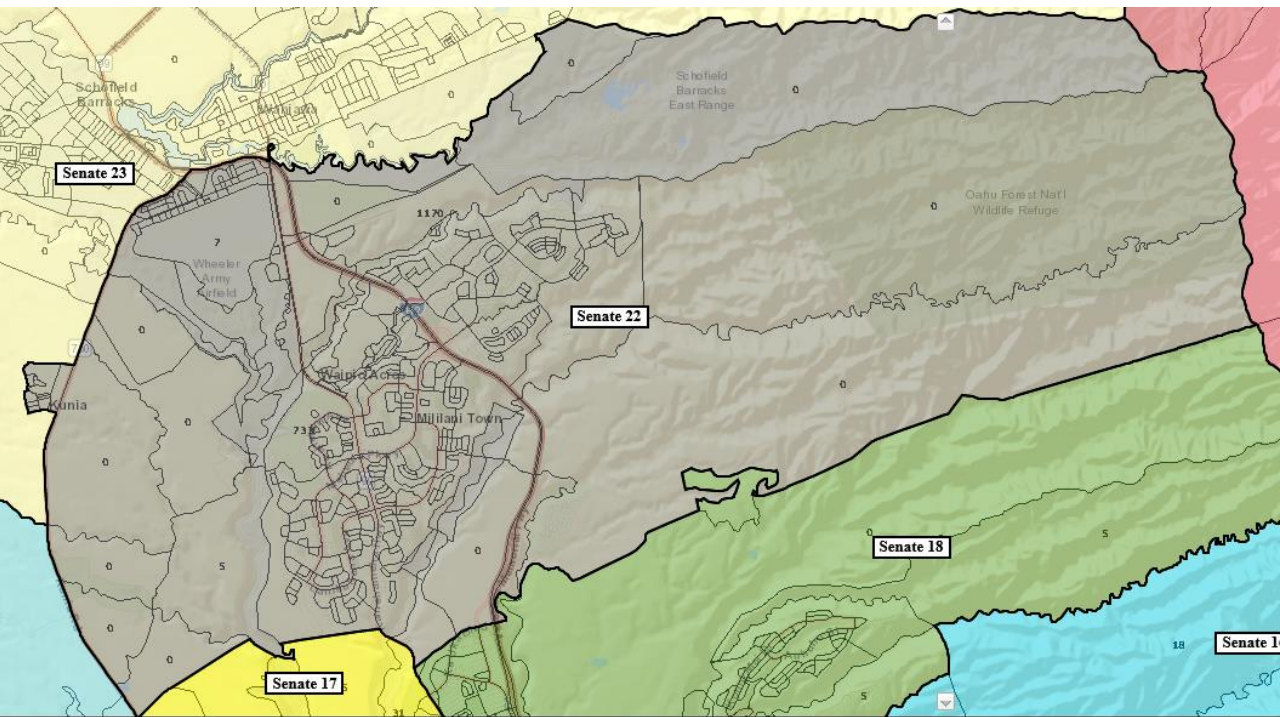


Current District -594

Senate District 21

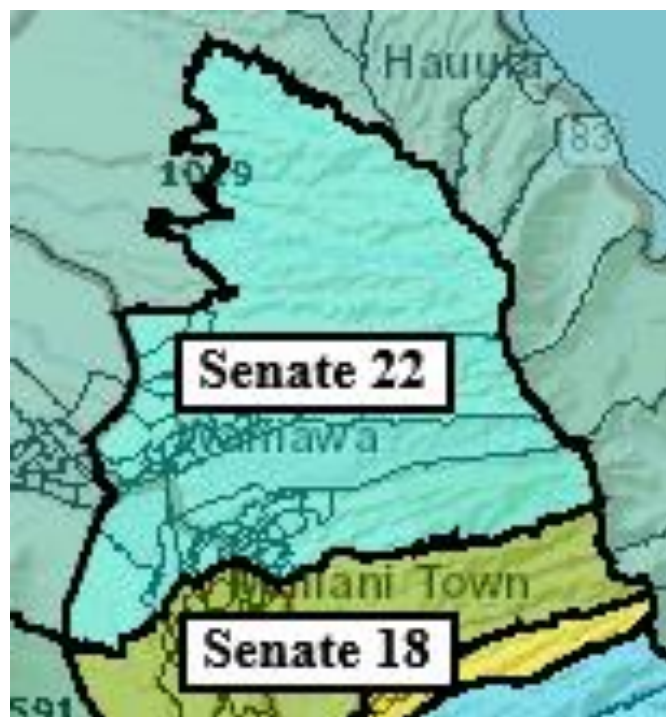


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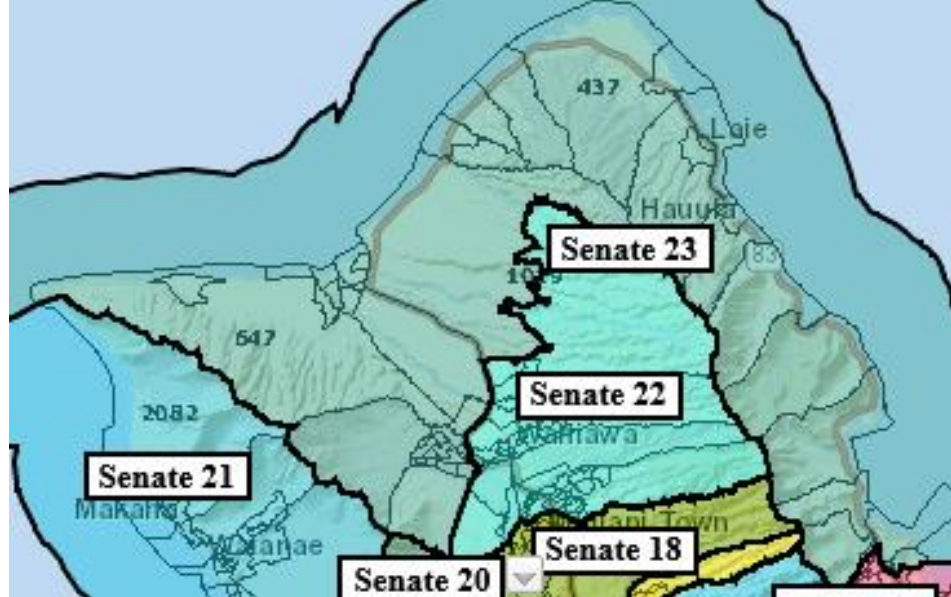
Incorporates all of Mililani Town, Mililani Mauka, and Waipio Acres into one district.



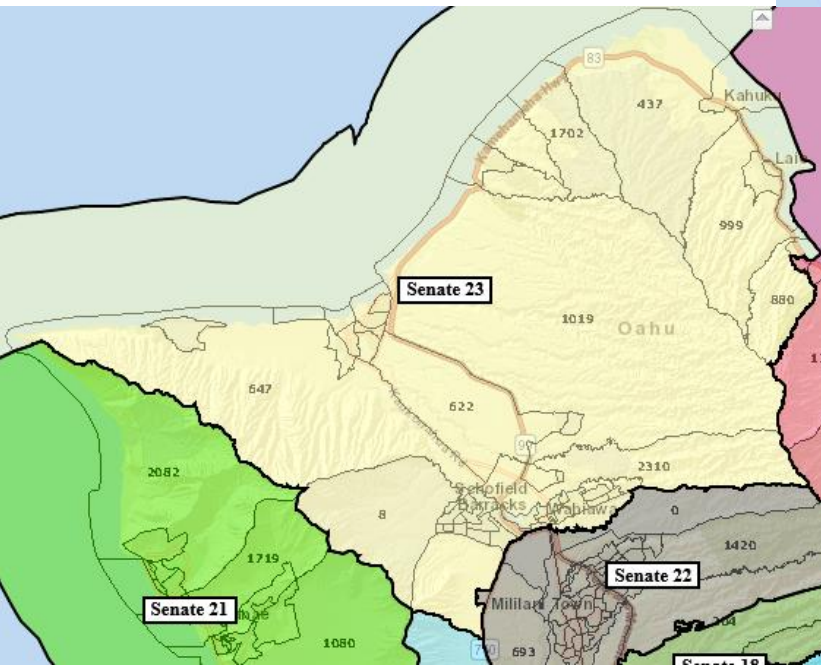
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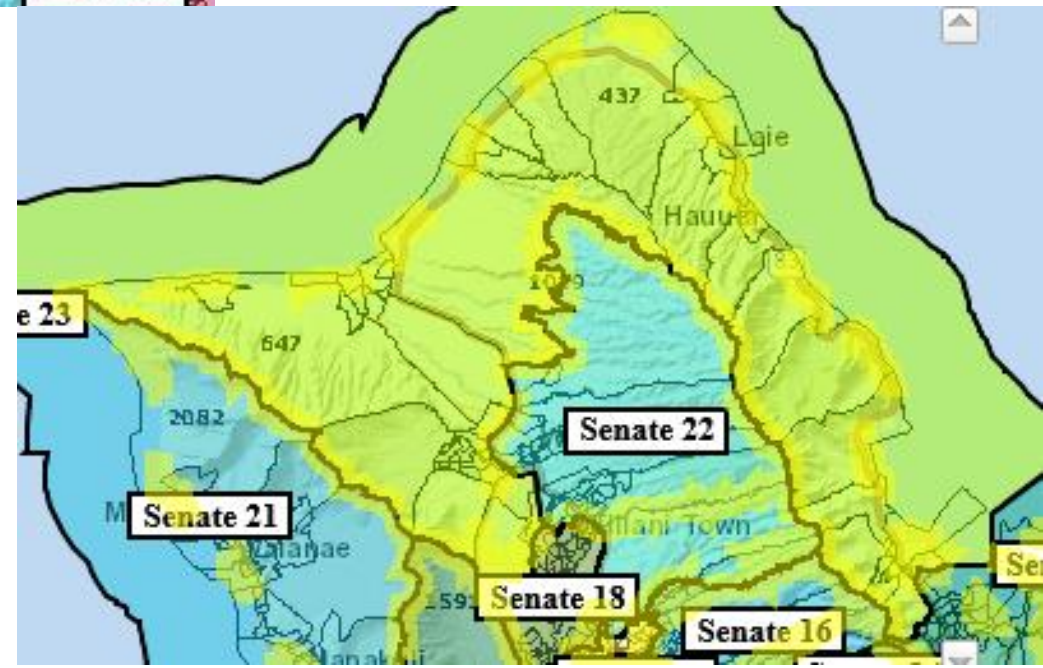
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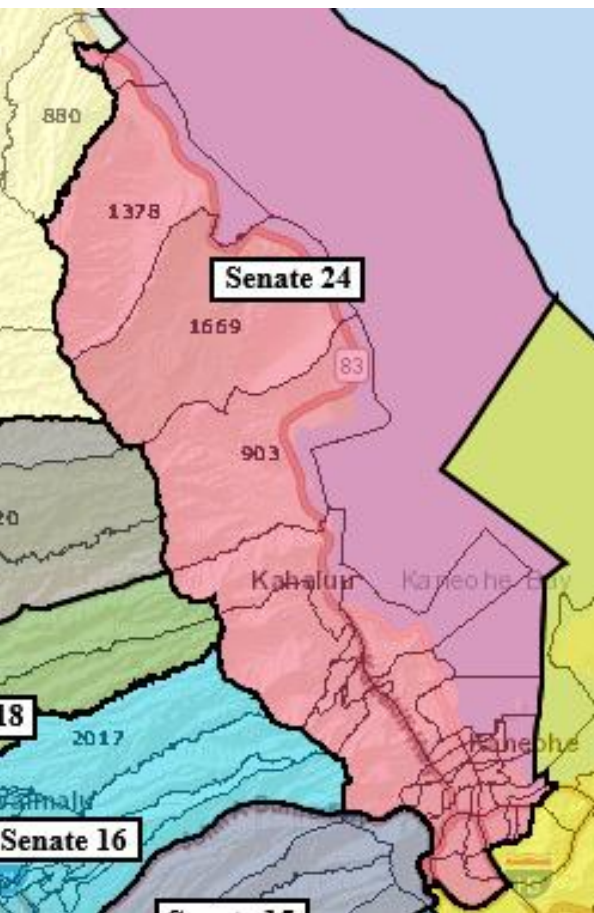
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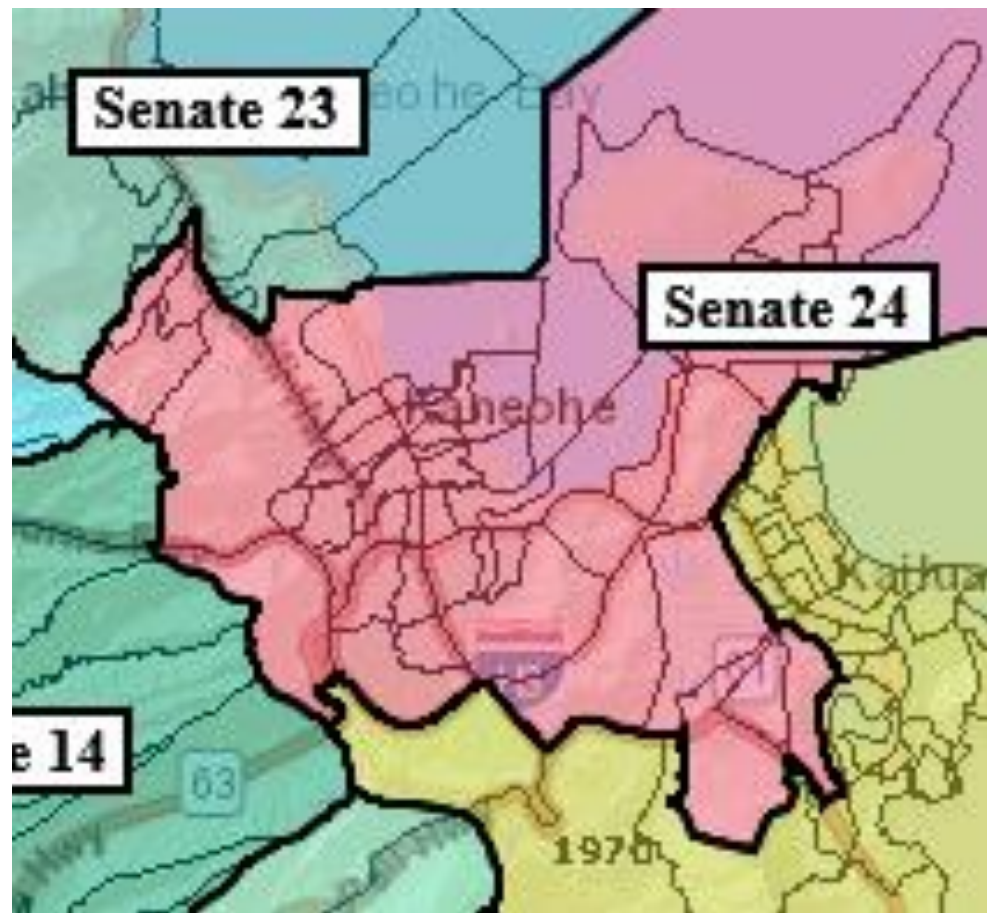
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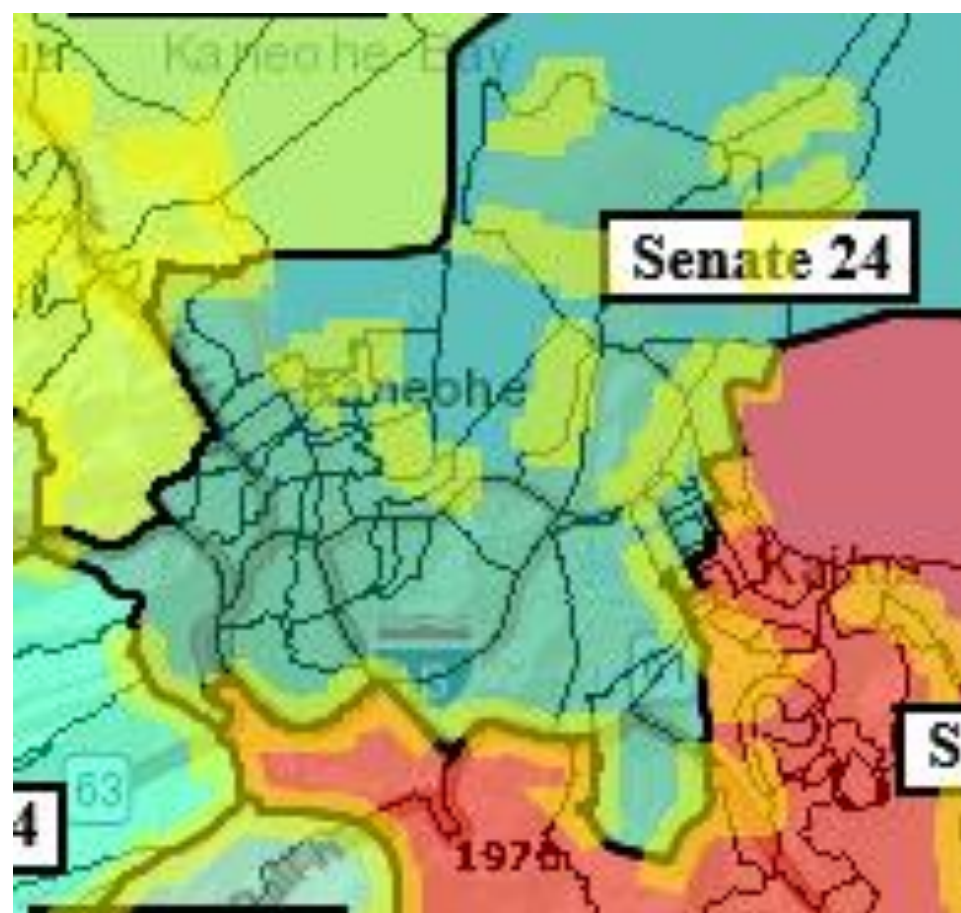
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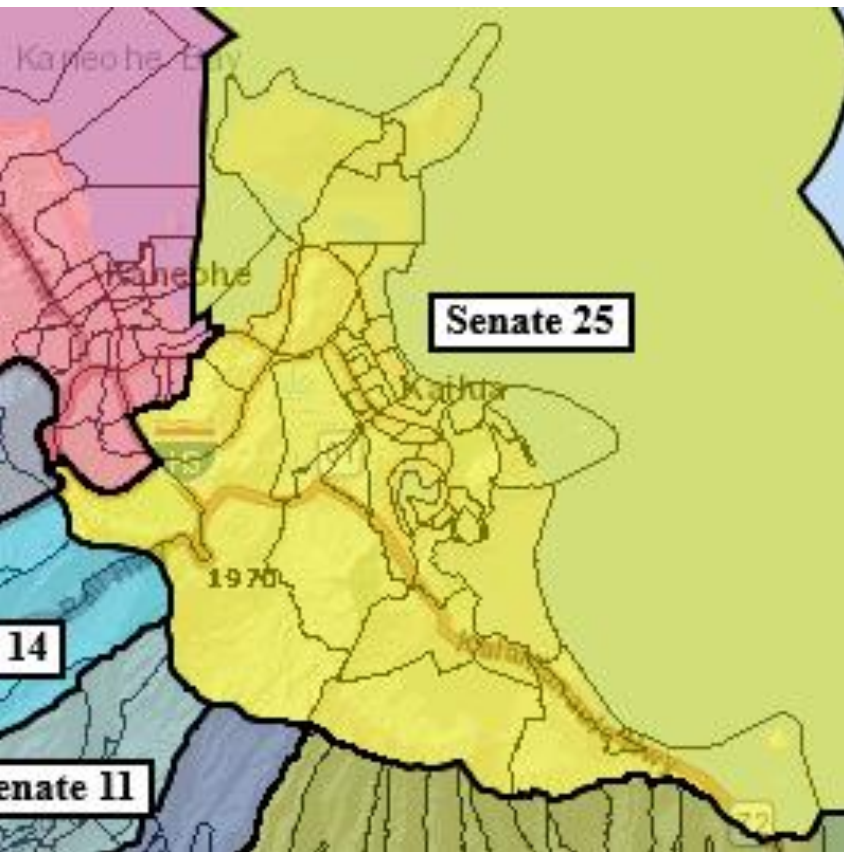
Hicks Plan -184



Current District -2909

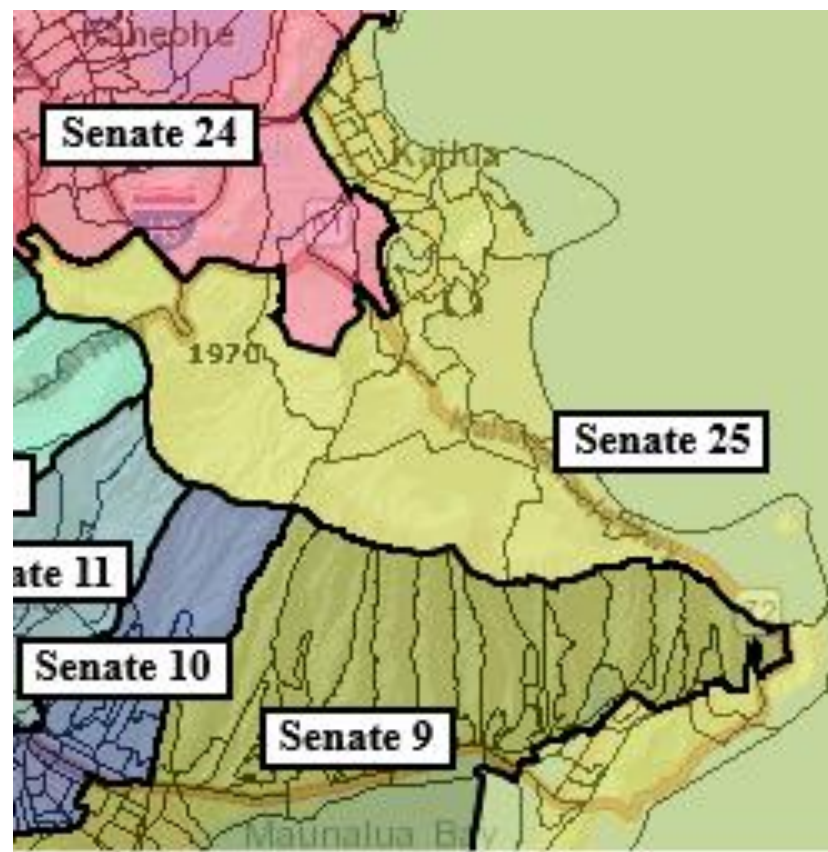


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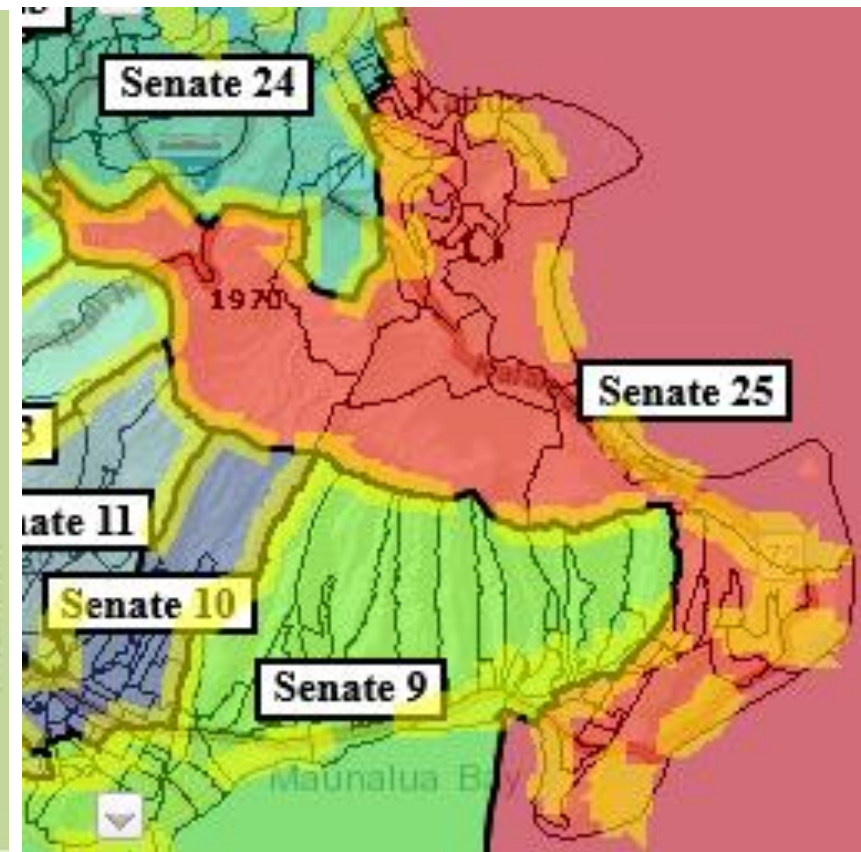
Hicks Plan **436**

Doesn't mix Windward Oahu & East Oahu;
all of Kailua in one district, SD25.



Current District **-533**

Senate District 25



Commission Plan **-1644**

Mixes Windward Oahu & East Oahu;
splits Hawaii Kai between SD9 & SD25.

From: [Janice Glennie](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Ralph Boyea Reapportionment Map
Date: Sunday, November 28, 2021 1:26:41 PM

Aloha,

Redistricting can make or break democratic process. That's why I'm asking that this body:

1- Supports and considers the Community Map Plan submitted by Ralph Boyea. This map will do a far better job at keeping our Hawai'i Island communities intact than others I've seen.

2- Makes this process easier to follow and more accessible for people who don't understand the process, no less the technology needed to take part.

3- Releases Non-Permanent Military Resident numbers to the public and makes clear how that process helps or hinders our island from having a new House district which appears needed to keep up with our island's growing and shifting population and to do what's right to insure we get the representation we deserve.

Mahalo for making this a fair, democratic process for all island and state residents who will be affected by mapping for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Janice Palma-Glennie
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

From: [Mary True](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Ralph Boyea's Community Map Plan
Date: Sunday, November 28, 2021 3:59:22 PM

Please publicly release and re-evaluate the extraction numbers of non-permanent military residents. It seems that Hawaii Island deserves another House District based on numerous informed reviews of the numbers. Also, please consider and support the Community Map Plan submitted by Ralph Boyea, as it's a better way of keeping Hawaii Island communities intact, and has lower population deviations across districts.

Thanks for your time and consideration, Mary True, Pepeekeo, Hawaii Island

From: [Robert Culbertson](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My mana'o on redistricting
Date: Sunday, November 28, 2021 6:18:00 PM

Aloha!

I support and consider the Community Map Plan submitted by Mr. Boyea a better representation of Big Island communities in their most cohesive geographical units. And taken together, the numbers show a lower population deviation across all districts. This is good!

The Big Island deserves another House District based on an informed review of these numbers.

Mahalo!
R A Culbertson
Hamakua district



From: [Walette Pellegrino](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Pellegrino, Walette](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] State Reapportionment Commission Proposal on New Voting District Boundaries
Date: Sunday, November 28, 2021 8:13:49 PM
Attachments: [Letter to State Reapportionment Commission 2021.docx](#)

Please review the attached letter re the recent Commission Proposal on Voting District Boundaries which will affect Waikapu, HI.

Mahalo,
Walette and Victor Pellegrino
1420 Kilohi Street
Wailuku, HI 96793
808-446-5988
wpellegrino808@gmail.com

November 28, 2021

Aloha e Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

As a 50+ year resident of Waikapū, Maui, **I object to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal** to remove Waikapū from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House. I also oppose splitting upper Waikapū and lower Waikapū in the proposed State Senate map. In the proposed scenario, the upper half of Waikapū will be represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion will be represented by the West/South Maui Senator.

Waikapū is a vibrant community, with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many working families as well as long-time residents from the plantation era. The issues faced by our community are more related to other Central Maui communities than to West or South Maui, from the schools we attend, to the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the developments that surround us, and the people we see daily.

West and South Maui are very different from Central Maui. We old-time residents chose to live in Central Maui as it has a unique sense of community, away from the busyness of the resort areas. The coastal areas of West and South Maui are very much resort and visitor oriented with a larger transient population. Central Maui priority issues can also be very different, which would put Waikapū at a disadvantage, since it will become a very small part of a larger district with different concerns and priorities. We will lose our connection and identity as a contiguous central Maui community. The community does not want to be an afterthought.

The current model of representation with Waikapū being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator makes better sense philosophically and practically. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting our community for convenience sake rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact pursuant to the State Constitution.

I humbly request that you explore alternatives that will keep the Central Maui community together, especially Waikapū.

I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at a minimum, we believe that the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. At the current time, there are portions of Waikapū that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator – losing our Central Maui connection.

Thank you for listening to our concerns about the proposal and we ask for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Walette and Victor Pellegrino
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808-446-5988
wpellegrino808@gmail.com

From: [Sylvia Dolena](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting and in support of RALPH BOYEA MAP RATHER THAN STATE'S MAP
Date: Sunday, November 28, 2021 11:21:47 PM

Aloha,
Please....

- 1) Make this process easier/more accessible- post publicly submitted maps online so non-tech savvy folks can easily access with a single link rather than a complicated login process.
- 2) Publicly release and re-evaluate the extraction numbers of Non-Permanent Military Residents. Big Island appears to deserve another House District based on numerous informed review of these numbers.
- 3) Support and consider the Community Map Plan submitted by Ralph Boyea as it is a better representation of keeping Big Island communities together and has lower population deviation across districts.

Mahalo,
Sylvia Dolena
Mountain View, HI 96771

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Meeting Notices

Date	Time	Location	Agenda
November 29, 2021	6:00 P.M.	Video: Zoom Meeting ID: 987 5303 3364	Agenda

Meetings

Meeting Date	Agenda	Video	Minutes
October 27, 2021	Agenda	Video	
September 29, 2021	Agenda	Video	

Public Hearings

— Meeting Notices

The following are the dates, times, and geographic areas associated with each of the public hearings:

Date	Time	Geographic Area	Location
November 30, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Kauai	Video: Zoom Meeting ID: 977 0454 8025
December 1, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Hawaii Island - West	Video: Zoom Meeting ID: 996 6312 0815
December 2, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Hawaii Island - East	Video: Zoom Meeting ID: 969 9109 6001

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**NOTICE OF RECESSED MEETING
AND RECONVENING**

The November 23, 2021 (8th session) meeting of the
Hawai'i County Redistricting Commission
was recessed and will reconvene on
Monday, November 29, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

A livestream may be available on the Commission YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYzBy9MDfzQXm2yqq2sklag>

or search "COH Redistricting" on YouTube to find the channel.

Please see the November 23, 2021 Commission agenda for further details.

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION,
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I**

From: [Mia Anzalone](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony In Support of Proposed Redistricting Map
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:31:11 AM

Dear Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission,

My name is Mia Anzalone and I am submitting testimony in support of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021.

I was born and raised in Kailua and still live there today. I support the proposed changes to the windward side and Kailua because I feel that having multiple representatives advocating for our community is a positive thing. Kailua would be lucky to continue to have representatives from district 49, 50 and 51 still represent them.

Thank you,
Mia Anzalone
Kailua Resident

From: [Dylan Armstrong](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Helen Nakano](#); [Linda LeGrande](#); [Neighborhood Commission Office](#); [Say, Calvin](#); [Sen. Brian Taniguchi](#); [Representative Della Au Belatti](#); [Representative Dale T. Kobayashi](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] (INFO) Redistricting Testimony: Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, 30 Nov 2021
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:40:42 AM
Attachments: [MNB#7 Letter#3 Redistricting Commission.pdf](#)

Aloha mai kākou,

Please see attached for testimony from the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 regarding the current redistricting plan, and the Board's support for an alternative plan that would keep Mānoa Valley's House District as a unified district for all Mānoa residents, including the proposed "Hicks Plan."

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Best,
Dylan P. Armstrong, Chair
Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7

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Dylan P. Armstrong, Chair
Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7



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November 30, 2021

Dr. Mark M. Mugiishi, Chair
Reapportionment Commission
c/o Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

Aloha dear Chair Mugiishi and Members of the Reapportionment Commission,

As Chair of the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, I humbly submit for your consideration this letter as part of the public testimony, to ask that your Commission review and consider our attached Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 resolution **“Requesting The State Of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission To Redraw The Boundaries Of T.G. House District 20, So That It Includes All Of The Residents Of Mānoa Valley.”**

The Board's First Vice Chair, Elton Fukumoto, thoughtfully drafted the resolution language. Mr. Fukumoto successfully persuaded the Board to unanimously adopt this resolution on November 2, 2021, in the Board's Regular Meeting. Eleven members were present for the vote, out of seventeen seats on the board (in excess of quorum). The Board worked collaboratively with Acting Chair Fukumoto and community members to make desired amendments to the document. Together, the Board incorporated substantive and technical changes, revising quantitative-statistical information, and names for improved Hawaiian spelling and diction.

Our Board's resolution maintains that the Mānoa Valley community and neighborhood is distinct, unified, and cohesive, and should remain so in representation. Specifically, it is supportive of the so-called “Hicks Plan.” Additionally, it is critical of the current draft redistricting plan created by the Technical Group for what would become House District 20, noting in the resolution that this proposed district is neither **“compact nor follow[s] clear geographical features.”**

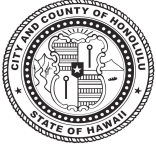
As the Board's representative between meetings, I would be remiss to neglect mentioning that the Board has not formally considered other, alternative plans. Those introduced by citizens Will Caron, Ralph Ukishima, or Chace Shigemasa, et al., have not been considered. It is possible that the Board may later support or oppose such alternatives, but it has not done so at this time; our next Regular Meeting is not scheduled until January 5, 2022. Ukishima's proposal largely shares boundaries with Hicks plan, save the loss of the 1st through 3rd streets of Kaimukī that are currently in our House District 23, (not part of this Neighborhood Board's district) and the addition of a block further west into Makiki along Nehoa Street. Instead, that proposed plan ends the boundary on the right side of Makiki Street, one block or rather one parcel-boundary west of the Hicks Plan. Caron's and Shigemasa's proposals vary from the Hicks Plan much more for Mānoa. These sever the southeastern part of the Board district from the new Mānoa house districts, adding more of Makiki Valley instead.

Humbly, I ask that you review the attached November 2 resolution that the Board has voted on, which requests a unified House District that **“respect[s] the geographical and political integrity of Mānoa Valley by redrawing the district boundaries to include all of Mānoa residents within one House District”** per the resolution, as you engage in your redistricting planning and decision-making.

With great appreciation for the fiduciary and statutory demands you are fulfilling on behalf of the whole state's population, of which Mānoa is an essential part, I thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me at my email: Dylan.P.Armstrong@gmail.com or my cell phone: (808) 451-7951.

Mahalo nui loa,

DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, CHAIR
MĀNOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7



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REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO REDRAW THE BOUNDARIES OF TG HOUSE DISTRICT 20, SO THAT IT INCLUDES ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF MĀNOA VALLEY

WHEREAS Hawai'i state law directs the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawai'i State Legislature; and

WHEREAS Hawai'i Revised Statutes, section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact" and "(4) Where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features"; and

WHEREAS the current boundaries of House District (HD) 23 preserve the integrity of the residents of Mānoa Valley to be part of one legislative district, with the small exception of residents who live on the slopes of Round Top west of Mānoa Road until 'Ale'o Pl. and then west of Ferdinand until 'Awapuhi St.; and

WHEREAS the boundaries of the proposed Technical Group (TG) House District 20 has a western boundary that runs along University Ave. as it goes past the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Campus and then makes a right turn along East Mānoa Rd. and makes a left turn at Lowrey Ave., thus excluding from the TG District 20 all those living east and south of those boundaries, those residents constituting roughly one third of the residents of Mānoa Valley, and instead placing them in TG House District 24; and

WHEREAS to substitute for the loss of residents in the former HD 23, the boundaries move east as far as Koko Head Ave. in Kaimukī in one prong and to Monsarrat Ave. on the slopes of Diamond Head, up to, but not including, Kap'iolani Community College in the other prong; and

WHEREAS therefore, the boundaries of the proposed TG House District 20 neither make it compact nor follow clear geographical features; and

WHEREAS twenty-two residents of Mānoa, with only 48-hours' notice, testified in opposition to the Technical Group's proposed District boundaries; and

WHEREAS for the second meeting of the Reapportionment Commission (October 28, 2021), fifty-one Mānoa residents submitted testimony in opposition to the Technical Group's boundaries; and

WHEREAS several of these testifiers cited Mānoa Valley’s historical status as one ahupua’a, one watershed; and

WHEREAS the Board of Mālama Mānoa, a community organization representing 4,103 residents of Mānoa Valley, voted unanimously to oppose dividing up Mānoa Valley into TG House Districts 20 and 24; and

WHEREAS the nonpartisan watchdog group Common Cause pointed to the TG House District 20 as a “suspect” district; and

WHEREAS the reapportionment plan of Bill Hicks, Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, contains a House District 23 that includes all of the residents of Mānoa Valley and thus demonstrates that such boundaries can feasibly be drawn within a reapportionment scheme for O’ahu as a whole; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mānoa Neighborhood Board no. 7 requests that the State of Hawai’i Reapportionment Commission respect the geographical and political integrity of Mānoa Valley by redrawing the district boundaries to include all of Mānoa residents within one House District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mānoa Neighborhood Board no. 7 supports and endorses the “Hicks Plan” that has been recently presented to the Reapportionment Commission and recommends its consideration for keeping compact, contiguous, and cohesive communities intact, including Mānoa House District 23, Lanikai/Enchanted Lake/Waimānalo HD 51, and Hawai’i Kai HD 17, while achieving a better population balance than the Commission’s Technical Group’s proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the State of Hawai’i Reapportionment Commission, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Representative Dale Kobayashi, and Councilmember Calvin Say.

Elton T. Fukumoto - Vice Chair
Elton Fukumoto, Vice Chair
Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7

**This Letter Was Adopted Without Opposition by the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7,
in its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2021.**

From: [Tlaloc Tokuda](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ReDistricting for the BI
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 11:42:01 AM

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I believe this process needs to be easier/more accessible- post publicly submitted maps online so non-tech savvy folks can easily access with a single link rather than a complicated login process.

We need to create as much transparency during this process. So the powers that be should release and re-evaluate the extraction numbers of Non-Permanent Military Residents. It seems that the Big Island appears to deserve another House District based on numerous informed review of these numbers.

I believe the Community Map Plan submitted by Ralph Boyea is a better representation of keeping Big Island communities together and has lower population deviation across districts.

Thank you for your considerations,
tlaloc tokuda
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

*Myles Akira Yamamoto
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Kaneohe, HI 97644
Ph: 808-348-9167
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November 29, 2021

TO: Chair Mugiishi & Reapportionment Committee

RE: Testimony in **support** of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021

Dear Chair Mugiishi & Distinguished Members of the Reapportionment Committee;

My name is Myles Yamamoto and I am submitting testimony in **support** of the draft map proposed by the commission on October 28, 2021.

I am lifelong resident of Kaneohe. I was born and raised here graduating from Castle High School in 1995. I return after college and have lived in Kaneohe for the past 16 years. I was honored to have previously served on the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board.

In reviewing the commission's plan, I believe that this proposal is extremely beneficial for Kaneohe residents.

First and foremost, the plan keeps communities together. The plan will keep Heeia in a single House district. This will provide for more focused representation rather than having a resident guess which State Representative is theirs. It also keeps Puohala in one district as well.

Secondly, the commission's plan places the Kokokahi area in the 49th district rather than the current 48th district. Under the current layout of the districts, Kokokahi is somewhat separated from the rest of the 48th district. The Commission's proposal better serves the Kokokahi community by keeping the area in a Kaneohe House member's district and keep both districts contiguous.

I strongly urge the commission adopt the October 28, 2021 draft map.

Very Respectfully,

Myles A Yamamoto

From: [Jessica](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment for Hawaii State Government
Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 4:58:10 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

I am a resident of Kona and I have concerns about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I have seen the proposed "Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea and prefer its layout, because it groups communities into similar demographics and cultures, so subdivisions, rural communities and urban cores and keeps these similar communities less split apart over numerous House Districts. Additionally, this plan took into consideration the requisite population numbers to adequately represent each district.

I have also seen from the Sierra Club that Pacific Command (PACOM) has submitted an updated personnel report that lists 123,000 additional military personnel number and that this allocation of additional people on our island suggests that Hawaii Island should have an additional representative in the State House. I would like this number to be taken into account before final district lines are drawn.

Mahalo for taking my views into consideration as you make your decision and for the privilege of your time. Jessica Kuzmier-Bauer, Kailua-Kona

From: [Baldwin, Thomas D](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: ["Sharon Schneider"](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Resolution - Reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 9:32:27 AM
Attachments: [Reso full.pdf](#)

To the members of the 2021 Reapportionment Commission,

Please see the attached resolution adopted by the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board No. 4 at their regular meeting, Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Best,

Thomas Baldwin
(808)-768-3781
Neighborhood Assistant
Neighborhood Commission Office



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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO CONSIDER REDRAWING THE HOUSE DISTRICT LINES IN THE KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU, DIAMOND HEAD, and WAIALAE AREAS TO COMPLY WITH HAWAII LAW

WHEREAS Hawai'i State law directs the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawaii State Legislature; and

WHEREAS the Hawaii State Constitution Article IV, Section 6 and Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(2) No district shall be so drawn as to unduly favor a person or political faction", "(3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact", and "(6) Where practicable, submergence of an area in a larger district wherein substantially different socio-economic interests predominate shall be avoided"; and

WHEREAS, in mid-October the Reapportionment Commission Technical committee released its proposed maps for both the House and Senate, spurring intense criticism from multiple individuals and communities across the islands;

WHEREAS, several news stories, commentaries, and testimonies from individuals, neighborhood board members, political science academics, and non-partisan government watchdog organizations have raised concerns about gerrymandering in the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head, and Waialae areas - with districts drawn in ways that appear to favor a person or political faction and/or to punish some incumbents;

WHEREAS, a line approximately 1.5 miles in distance can be drawn to connect five House Districts in the Diamond Head, Kapahulu, Kaimuki, Waialae areas, with one border wrapping around the residence of a sitting incumbent;

WHEREAS, several individuals have testified their concern that the Reapportionment Commission has engaged in a constitutionally invalid extraction of non-permanent residents; which, if done properly, they contend, would shift a House District from Oahu to the Island of Hawaii, thereby rendering



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moot the Technical Committee's proposed map for all of Oahu and requiring a revised map;

WHEREAS, the Kailua, Hawaii Kai, and Waimanalo Neighborhood Boards worked together to pass resolutions opposing the proposed House District map because it dilutes the voices and voting power of the Native Hawaiian community in Waimanalo, residents of the Hawaii Kai Portlock area in East Oahu, and the Enchanted Lake Communities in Windward Oahu by combining these neighborhoods into one State House District that straddles Congressional Districts 1 and 2 and is merely connected by narrow stretch of uninhabited land in the Makapuu area;

WHEREAS, the Manoa Neighborhood Board passed a resolution opposing the proposed map for splitting the very cohesive Manoa Valley community down E. Manoa Road and Lowrey Road into two districts - undermining its historical status as an Ahupua'a; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board strongly urges the Reapportionment Commission to consider redrawing the district boundary lines in the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head, and Waialae areas, in particular - and Oahu in general - in ways that comply with Hawaii law and demonstrate greater compactness, contiguity, and cohesiveness of well-established neighborhoods to avoid the appearance of "unduly favor[ing] a person or political faction", and the submergence of distinct Socio-economic communities in violation of the Hawaii Constitution Article VI section 6 and HRS 25-2(b); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be delivered to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, and members of the Hawai'i State Legislature.

This resolution was adopted by the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board No. 4 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (10-0-0) on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sharon Schneider", is written over a horizontal line.

Sharon Schneider, Chair

From: [Carolyn Tanaka](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hicks Reapportionment Map
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:26:28 AM

Reapportionment Committee Members,

I am a long-time resident born and raised on Wauke St. and currently residing on the same property in the Kapahulu/Diamond Head area. I think Mr. Hicks' proposed reapportionment map makes the most sense in keeping the Diamond Head, Kapahulu and Kaimuki districts intact. There is a common ground in the problems, issues and challenges we face as a close and often intertwined neighboring districts. Your proposed map is disjointed and spreads out the districts without any community relationships.

I would appreciate your consideration in Mr. Hicks' proposed reapportionment map.

Carolyn Tanaka
Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kiyoko Nanni \(via Google Docs\)](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Document shared with you: "Written Testimony to Reapportionment Commissioners"
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 11:22:06 AM

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Aloha, Please accept my Written Testimony for the Reapportionment Bill which will be discussed on Dec 1, 2021. Kindly confirm that you have received my written testimony. At this time, I will not request Oral Testimony on this bill.



Written Testimony to Reapportionment Commissioners



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Nov 30, 2021

Aloha kākou Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Kiyoko Nanni and I reside in the House District 6, Rep Nicole Lowen).

As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over the numerous House Districts.

I would like to add that this plan was created with the 7 current House Districts and accompanying population numbers, I urge the Commission to reconsider that allotment. Based on the 123,000 updated military personnel number provided recently by PACOM, our island of Hawaii deserves an additional representative in the State House. We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your extractions.

Please support this proposed plan moving forward as it seems to be the population reality numbers on Hawaii island, and this would be the best option, at the moment.

Mahalo in advance for your honest thought and consideration for this House Community Plan as this impacts my ohana and all our residents for the next 10 years.

Mahalo,
Kiyoko Nanni
House District 6
Holualoa, KONA 96725

From: [Jackie Wah](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DO NOT divide Manoa
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 9:56:30 PM

Dear Reapportionment Committee,

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed reapportionment map that divides the cohesive community of Manoa into different House districts. Just looking at the map and it's unnaturally convoluted shape makes one question the reapportionment process and whether politics has infiltrated what is supposed to be a non-political process.

I noticed that a friend who lives in the Kapahulu area would be in the same district as the one I live in being proposed for Manoa. His community has totally different issues and concerns than my community. How would that better the legislative process?

I understand you have been tasked with a difficult job and I appreciate all the hard work you have put into it so thank you for your efforts. I ask that you please take time to reconsider drawing the districts according to the natural geographic and geological boundaries already in place. It does not make a lot of sense to divide a community without considering the long-term impacts.

Aloha,
Jaqueline Wah

From: [Ralph Boyea](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for HRC hearings 12 01 2021 and 12 02 2021
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:24:13 PM
Attachments: [Testimony HRC 12 1 2021.doc](#)

My name is Ralph Boyea.

I submitted the House Community Plan for the Island of Hawaii.

We received community input on that plan at the Advisory Council meeting on November 29, 2021.

In response to that input we submitted a revised plan "Community Plan Updated" on November 30, 2021.

Please accept the attached testimony for the HRC hearing scheduled for West Hawaii on 12 01 2021 and the HRC hearing scheduled for East Hawaii on 12 02 2021.

If at all possible I would be more than willing to present our plan at your next hearings on December 1st. and December 2nd.

Thank you for your consideration of our "Community Plan Updated" for the Island of Hawaii.

11/30/2021

Aloha Hawaii Redistricting Committee members

My name is Ralph Boyea

I live in OLE on the Island of Hawaii.

OLE is in East Hawaii in the District of Puna.

I have resided on the Big Island since 1974, my children were raised here.

I am very concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island.

However, before going into the HRC map, I want to use the HRC to reconsider the assignment of House Districts to the Island of Hawaii. We are aware that after seven (7) House Districts were assigned to our island the U.S. Department of Defense, via PACOM provided updated military non-resident numbers. Those more recent numbers are significantly higher than the numbers used by the HRC. I respectfully request that the HRC utilize those numbers in assigning House Districts. I am confident that the new numbers will justify an additional House seat for Hawaii Island. I fully agree with and fully support the positions taken by Barbara Dalton to the HRC on this issue.

Please be advised that, should the HRC revise the extraction numbers and conclude that the Island of Hawaii should have eight [8] House seats instead of seven [7], we have already prepared a draft plan to accommodate those eight House seats.

Given the possibility that the HRC will continue with its assignment of seven House Districts I want to testify against the current HRC Plan for our island.

I am concerned that communities are being divided across multiple House Districts. I am concerned about rural agricultural subdivisions being included in urban districts.

For example about 80% of HPP was placed in a Hilo District. In another example the agricultural subdivisions of OL, Hwn Acres, Fern Forest, etc are placed in another Hilo District.

I understand and appreciate the HRC efforts to define the Hawaii House Districts, doing so is clearly not an easy task. However I believe, after much effort and several revisions based on community input, our community has come up with a better plan for the Island of Hawaii.

For these reasons and others I joined a group of concerned residents from around the Island. We came up with an alternative redistricting plan for the Hawaii Island House Districts. We originally submitted that plan with the title "Community Plan"

After presenting our plan to the Hawaii Island Advisory Council we made revisions based on community input from that meeting. We believe that our “Community Plan Updated” addresses all of the concerns raised.

We believe the Community Plan Update serves the needs of our communities better than the proposed HRC plan. Our plan keeps the subdivisions together in more rural areas and it does a good job of keeping the urban areas less split between multiple House Districts.

Should you chose not to assign an eighth House District to Hawaii Island, then please support our alternative “Community Plan Updated”.

Ralph Boyea

P.S. I am attaching a document that lists the concerns that we received and how we addressed those concerns.

Concerns relating to the original Community Plan following our presentation to the Hawaii Advisory Council.

1. In my opinion, its a Puna-centric map that takes care of lower Puna and does not consider the rest of the island."

Response: The plan is not Puna centric as it's origin was to actually begin mapping from both Kona and Hilo towns, trying to keep much of the urban areas together and then building out from there. Also input was given by active community members living in each of the districts of our BIG island. There were/are a lot of concerns with the current proposal by HRC that centered around how the Puna area is being divided, so special considerations were taken there, but there were compromises made in all districts, as there is no perfect map that meets all of our individual district's needs.

1. "House District 1 - Goes from Mt View and Keeau to Hakalau and cuts out Hilo so its not connected with a road"

Response: Community Plan Updated addresses all road connectivity concerns.. House District 1 includes Hilo and it is fully connected by roads. Also, this "C" shaped section of communities that surround the urban and industrial parts of Hilo are much more similar than they are different. They all identify with Hilo as their main center of commerce and recreation. There are plantation-era camp-like communities on both Northern, Southern, and Mauka of Hilo area that this map captures and includes. The current State proposed map lumps communities directly outside of downtown Hilo with communities as far North as Waimea and as far South as Pahala, this C-shape our map proposes, may appear a bit unconventional, keeps those suburban communities connected surrounding Hilo.

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2. "House District 3- stretches from Milolii to Kurtistown, way bigger than necessary and a 2 hours drive to get from one end to the other. This puts parts of Upper Puna with South Kona, in my opinion, that makes less sense than putting parts of Puna with Hilo as the tech group did."

Response: Puna is a rural area, South Kona is a rural area, Hilo is an urban area. The rural areas have more in common with each other than they do with the urban areas. Examples: lack of police and fire protection; lack of alternate escape routes; poorly maintained roads; lack of services, lack of infrastructure, and large commute times. We are unclear about what "bigger than necessary" means. The districts are exactly as large as they need to be to capture similar populations and create lowest deviations in population. Some parts of the island are largely uninhabited so therefore they have far greater area mass but lower population density. This is the "Big Island" population areas are spread across many miles. Distance from an urban area does not negate similarity between district concerns.

3. "House District 4 - Has a cut out for Ainaloa, this looks like gerrymandering, I get their reasoning but you can't have a little connection to include one neighborhood. "

Response: Ainaloa clearly has more in common with HPP, Hwn Beaches, Nanawali, etc than with the Upper Puna subdivisions that is why it was included in House District 4 rather than House District 3. Given that and the concern raised, the map was reconfigured in "Community Plan Updated" to make Ainaloa more contiguous with those subdivisions

4. "House District 5 and 6 cut up Kona in an odd way. House District 5 goes from Kailua to Hookena and House District 6 takes a part of Kailua and goes to Waikalooa Village. Waikoloa should be with Waimea or Kohala in my opinion. The Tech committee map keeps south Kona in one district and Kailua Kona in another."

Response: This is similar to the choice our group made with the surrounding Hilo areas. Downtown Kona and industrial areas are all kept together in District 6, which based on population numbers also includes RESIDENTIAL Waikoloa area. While traditionally Waikoloa has been included with Waimea or Kohala area, many if not most of the residents journey towards Kona for work, shopping, recreation. The current and HRC proposed D5 puts residents who are still in "downtown" Kailua-Kona, off of Ali'i Dr. or who live in Holualoa in the same district as those all the way down in Nā'ālehu. Our proposed map fixes that and keeps residents directly surrounding Kailua-Kona much closer together.

5. "House District 7 is another larger than necessary district that has a cut out for Puako and goes all the way to Hakalau. This is a 2 hour drive to get from one side to the other. This map drastically changes the historical district lines and puts multiple communities that are a 2 hours drive away from each other in 1 district."

Response: The drive time from Hakalau to Puako and to North Kohala is less than 2 hours. Therefore there aren't "multiple communities" in HD 7 that are 2 hours drive away from each other. This is the "Big Island" and longer driving distances are a fact of life. On the other islands, driving distances may be substantially shorter, but driving times may well be greater. Puako is added to House District 7 to help equalize the populations in each District. The choice between minimizing deviations and maximizing geographic integrity is often difficult.

Overall the "Community Plan Updated" version is better than the HRC plan.

1. The Community Plan keeps the subdivisions together in the more rural areas and it does a good job of keeping the urban areas less split between multiple House Districts.

2. The Community Plan comes closer to reaching the goal of 28, 584 residents per House District. Overall our “Updated” plan deviates from that goal by 5.5% as opposed to the HRC deviation of 5.72%.

3. The Community Plan recognizes the fact, documented by the 2020 Census, that Puna and Kona are the fastest growing areas in population on the Big Island. The Community Plan provides for two House seats in: Hilo; two House seats in Kona; and, two House seats in Puna. It provides for one House seat in the Hamakua - Kohala district.. This allocation of House seats is highly justified by the 2020 Census results.

From: [Gordon Aoyagi](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Gordon Aoyagi](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Reapportionment Plan - East Honolulu
Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 11:05:34 PM

November 30, 2021

Dear Reapportionment Commission:

I am a resident of Manoa. I live in zip code 96822. A recent challenge in a local news media was to write a haiku poem of your area with syllables coinciding to number in the zip code. Please indulge my “elementary” attempt at haiku:

Manoa reapportioned in two
We belong to a place
Places sustain democracy
Speak out!
Keep One!

I oppose the proposed reapportionment plan that splits House District 23, Manoa Valley, into two sections redistricting the sections to adjoining districts. Manoa Valley is an established and longstanding compact community, defined by natural geographic and geologic features with a character of similar housing and natural beauty reinforced by compatible land uses, zoning, common social and economic infrastructure and active civic, religious, business and social associations committed to protecting and advancing Manoa valley’s beauty and vitality.

I support consideration of the “Hick’s Plan” that maintains compact, contiguous, cohesive communities in tact following geographical and geological features for distinct boundaries while achieving an equitable population distribution.

I appreciate the work of the Reapportionment Commission. It is a challenging task. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to this mission of finding a reapportionment solution that balances the population numbers for local, State and federal elected districts. I submit, however, that balancing population numbers for redistricting is only a step towards the more important final outcome - to sustain and advance democracy. Our founding fathers expressed caution about the dangers in sustaining a democracy - - not from the threats of foreign powers but rather its incremental unraveling from within. Democracy must work against disenfranchisement, disconnection, discontent, indifference and ignorance by the governed towards its government. Thomas Jefferson said that "government is strongest of which every person feels themselves a part." I assert that reapportionment must be about the vibrancy of communities, assuring that people feel attached and belong to a place. Sociologists, urban planners, political scientists, psychologists, etc all refer to the importance for people to have a “sense of place” to building communities and for community identity. People who live, work, play, and learn in a place form associations - uniquely American as Alexis de Tocqueville noted about democracy in America. These associations may be social, religious, commercial, educational, economic, political, environmental, neighborhood, government advisory, recreational, etc. The common bond among these associations is the shared interests for a place - be it to protect its character, to beautify and enjoy its environs, and/or to make it a better place to live, work, learn and play. Simply stated reapportionment should be about assuring that every person feels themselves a part of a community to make government stronger.

It seems the Legislature in establishing the Reapportionment Commission in Article IV of the Hawaii State Constitution shared a commitment to sustain established communities by offering

guidance on criteria for redistricting: No district shall unduly favor a person or political faction. Districts shall be contiguous and compact. District lines shall follow permanent and recognized features such as streets, streams and geographical features.

I understand the Reapportionment Commission has several proposals from its staff and residents. In evaluating these alternatives, I recommend that the Commission discuss, develop and publicly adopt decision criteria for redistricting. I also recommend that the redistricting criteria include - how a redistricting plan advances and supports democracy. It was George Bernard Shaw who said that "democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve." Publicly adopting redistricting decision criteria, including the criterium of assessing how democracy is sustained or advanced in a redistricting plan, promotes transparency, accountability and builds trust and confidence in government. We deserve no less.

Eleanor Roosevelt spoke on democracy and governing: "Our children should learn the general framework of their government and...where they come in contact with the government, where it touches their daily lives and where their influence is exerted on government. It must not be a distant thing, someone else's business...every cog in the wheel of democracy is important and bears its share of responsibility for ...running the entire machine."

I believe that the reapportionment process and outcomes are a fundamental cog in the wheel of democracy and a very important part of running the entire machine. I hope you concur.

Democracy reduced to numbers
Blind to "Community"
Compact Manoa split in two
Reject!
Keep whole.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gordon Aoyagi
2712 Ferdinand Ave
Honolulu

From: [Maki Morinoue](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] House Community Plan Revised
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:26:29 AM

Aloha kākou Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Maki Morinoue and I live in Holualoa, House District 6. As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed & revised "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

I would like to add that this plan was created with the 7 current House Districts and accompanying population numbers, I urge the Commission to reconsider that allotment moving forward. Based on the 123,000 updated military personnel number provided recently by PACOM our island deserves an additional representative in the State House. We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your extractions.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns as it will impact us for the next 10 years.

Mahalo nui loa
Maki Morinoue
96725

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Share your ALOHA

"Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha,"

From: [Steve Sparks](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] House Community Based Plan
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:01:49 AM

Hello

I support the House Community Based Plan. I feel it best represents the needs of all the people of the Island of Hawaii. It seems to be better laid-out and inclusive than the plan presented so far. Please include "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea in your mix of plan considered.

Thank You

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Steve Sparks
13-1255 Malama St.
Pahoa, HI 96778
808-965-7061

From: [Malia Kelly](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:17:42 AM

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission,

As a resident of Waikapu, Maui, I am opposed to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this community with West Maui for the State House. I also oppose splitting upper Waikapu and lower Waikapu in the proposed State Senate map. In the proposed scenario, the upper half of Waikapu will be represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion by West/South Maui Senator.

Waikapu is a community with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many working families and a section of long-time residents. The issues we face in this community are very similar to other communities in Central Maui, such as the schools our children attend, the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the development around us, and the people we see on a daily basis.

The West and South Maui communities are very different from Central Maui communities. The interests and difficulties we face are very different compared to that of the residents of those communities. Unlike them, we are not resort areas, we do not cater to tourists or visitors, we cater to locals, and what works best for us. The priorities we have in Central Maui are very different, which would put Waikapu at a disadvantage under West Maui, since it will become a very small part of a much larger district with different issues and priorities, and I feel we would be neglected, forgotten, or viewed as insignificant. People that live on the other side of the West Maui Mountains should not be making decisions for people that live on this side, where they will not have to deal with or be affected by the results of those decisions.

I am satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator, which is how it has been for many years. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting our community for convenience rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact pursuant to State Constitution.

I humbly request that you explore other alternatives that will help to keep the Central Maui community together, especially Waikapu. I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at a minimum we believe that the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. At the current time, there are portions of Waikapu that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator-losing our Central Maui connection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Malia Kelly
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808-870-2517

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Jerry](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] i support the hicks plan for redistricting!
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:01:35 AM

our constitution lists specific criteria that should be considered when drawing out new district borders every 10 years. these criteria include the following factors:

the districts should :

have equal population requirements

the population has been stable and the hicks plan results in less deviation than the commission's plan.

be based on permanent residents

manoa together deals with 60,000 UH students and with their student parking, a total valley issue.

must be contiguous and compact

the valley has been a single district for 120 years.

it follows permanent and easily recognized features and is contained by two mountain walls, tantalus and wa'ahila ridge.

it treasures its historic homes and the entire valley has continually fought to preserve and protect this special characteristic.

share like socio economic interests

manoa voters prize their single family home neighborhood resisting apartment zoning, short term rentals, monster homes, paradise park development and overdevelopment.

should not unduly favor a person or faction

the district does not play politics and does not play a role in outing an incumbent as some members of the commission members may be doing. the hicks plan is totally non partisan.

should not be a victim to gerrymandering

the shape of the newly split district makes an attempt to gerrymander our manoa.

including kapahulu with its small businesses, restaurants, and bars. will our representative stand up for business or for our non commercial neighborhood?

should have sensible representation where

no legislator feels responsible for half a district

under the new plan, wwe would have two representatives

whose loyalty may be to the area where he or she

resides which may be palolo, or makiki, or kapahulu.

saving the monkeypod trees at the manoa marketplace gave us power where the residents of the entire valley could work towards a successful solution.

should consider socioeconomic differences

manoa is reported to have higher education and higher income than all sides around the valley and that may play a role in future economic decisions that affect us.

standing up to intrusions into the geographical cohesiveness of our valley

without a united, cohesive, solid voting community, hawaiian electric would have constructed 100 foot tall steel poles over wa'ahila ridge in june 2002. the palolo representative could care less about our plight and did not help us one bit. paradise park resistance and historic home issues would be diltued.

please adopt the popular and sensible bill hicks plan!! the future legacy of this 2021 commission should not be that they split up manoa valley!!

jeremy lam

2230 kamehameha avenue

honolulu 96822

From: [Mary DIZON](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa Valley
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:29:16 AM

Please adopt the Hicks Plan and keep our valley intact as one district.

Thank You,

Mary Dizon

From: [Linda Legrande](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa Valley-Reapportionment
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:33:43 AM

I support the Hicks plan for reapportionment. Please do the right thing.
Thank you, Linda Legrande
2243 Mohala Way, Honolulu 96822

Sent from my iPad

From: acson99@gmail.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] personal testimony for inclusion in the Dec. 4th Public Hearings of the reapportionment Commission
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:19:03 AM

Please include my personal testimony, specifically requesting inclusion in the "Public Hearings" Office of Elections Reapportionment Commission

Manoa has been one; please keep it as one. Leave it alone.

WE reject the 2021 Redistricting Plan proposed by the technical group, as you should!

WE are one valley. WE are Mānoa.

WE are an integral part of the ahupua'a of Waikīkī. Our ancestors lived and thrived in this valley, as WE do today.

WE are one community with ONE Neighborhood board, ONE fire station, ONE centrally located shopping center: Manoa Marketplace.

Please adopt the rational Bill Hicks Plan!

Veneeta Acson
2323 Walu Way
Honolulu, HI 96822

From: [Thal. Manoa](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa resident supporting Hicks plan
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:36:19 AM

Dear Reapportionment Committee:

I fully support the Hicks plan which will keep Manoa Valley as one contiguous and compact district.

Mahalo,

Thalya DeMott

3422 Woodlawn Drive

Honolulu HI 96822

808-284-3966

From: [Barb](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Boundary line proposal
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:58:28 AM

Aloha...and it's been brought to my attention that one reapportionment proposal plans to divide the future legislative district down Ho'onanea Street - making the Ewa side houses part of Makiki and the Diamond Head side houses part of Manoa. This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard - to divide the neighbors after operating a successful Neighborhood Security Watch program for over 25 years ????...Please consider using McCully Street or University Avenue as your boundary line and keeping our whole street in Manoa District !....Thanks, (Mrs) Barbara Nosaka @ 2216 Ho'onanea Street

From: [Tane Datta](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Supports House Community Plan by Ralph
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:24:12 AM
Attachments: [Reapportionment Commissioners 2021.docx](#)

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Tane Datta and I live in Captain Cook. As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

Also I urge the Commission to reconsider the number of House seats allotted to Hawaii Island. Based on the 123,000 updated military non-permanent resident personnel number provided recently by PACOM our island deserves an additional representative in the State House. We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your allocation of House seats.

Getting each representative to represent approximately the same number of people is very important. Under represented people and neighborhoods that are unnecessarily split can be counted on to complain.

Please take this into consideration when looking at the House, Community Plan and integrated as much as possible into the final plan.

Mahalo,

Tane Datta

Tane Datta
Adaptations Inc
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Getting each representative to represent approximately the same number of people is very important. Under represented people and neighborhoods that are unnecessarily split can be counted on to complain.

Please take this into consideration when looking at the House, Community Plan and integrated as much as possible into the final plan.

Mahalo,
Tane Datta

From: [Duke Au-Hoon](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Duke Au Hoon](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:26:46 AM

To the Hawaii State Reapportionment group that don't live in Waikapu:

As a Kanaka Maoli resident of Waikapu, Maui, I am opposed to the current request of the Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House. Think about the connection of kanaka & their moku spiritually inherently. The waters of Nā Wai Eha ! I also oppose splitting upper Waikapu and lower Waikapu in the proposed State Senate map. That's hewa in this proposed request, the upper half of Waikapu will be represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion will be represented by the West/South Maui Senator. Waikapu is a vibrant community, with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many working families and a section of long-time residents. The issues faced by the community are very similar to other communities in Central Maui from the schools we attend, to the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the development that we see around us, and the people we see daily.

West and South Maui is very different than Central Maui. In many instances, residents choose to live in Central Maui as it has a unique sense of community, away from the busyness of the resort areas. The coastal areas of West and South Maui are very much resort and visitor driven with a larger transient population. Central Maui priority issues can also be very different, which would put Waikapu at a disadvantage, since it will become a very small part of a district with different issues and priorities. The community does not want to become an afterthought. I am satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator, which is how it has been for years. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting our community as an ease of convenience rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact pursuant to the State Constitution.

I humbly request that you explore alternatives that will help to keep the Central Maui community together, especially Waikapu.

I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at minimum, we believe that the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. At the current time, there are portions of Waikapu that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator – losing our Central Maui connection.

Aloha & Mahalo

Duke H. Au Hoon
Co-Owner of Rachaelrayartcollection LLC.- U'i Gallery
Kala Klip Designs
Hakuole Arts
Makau Lures #makau_lures IG

From: elaine.wong1@hawaiiantel.net
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redraw boundaries for House Districts 17 & 51 and Senate Districts 9 & 25
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:29:08 AM

The Hawaii Constitution, Article IV Sec. 6 provides that district lines are drawn to minimize population deviations between districts, preserve traditional communities, and minimize the disruption to existing districts.

The proposed reapportionment map is in direct contradiction to the Hawaii Constitution. Hawaii Kai should remain contiguous with the Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as the geographical feature. The Hawaii Kai district SHOULD NOT BE DIVIDED! Portlock, Kaiser High School and Kalama Valley should not be divided from the Hawaii Kai district and put into the Waimanalo/Kailua district. This makes NO sense. It violates the intent of the Hawaii Constitution.

I am strongly urging the Reapportionment Commission to redraw the boundaries for House Districts 17 and 51 and Senate Districts 9 and 25 to maintain the geographical boundary of Makapu'u Point and allow the Hawaii Kai community to remain intact.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Wong

From: [Diane Ware](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing Hawai'i island
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:47:28 AM

Aloha kākou Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Diane Ware and I live in Volcano Hawai'i. As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts and Volcano may be affected by your decisions. I like the alternative proposed "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

Also I urge the Commission to reconsider the number of House seats allotted to Hawaii Island. Based on the 123,000 updated military non-permanent resident personnel number provided recently by PACOM our island deserves an additional representative in the State House. We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your allocation of House seats.
Mahalo,

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From: [Sharilyn Shields](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] letter
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:53:17 AM
Attachments: [Hearing 12012021.docx](#)

Please see my letter attached

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Sharilyn Shields
Secretary/Treasurer

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December 1, 2021

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Sharon Shields and I live in Captain Cook. As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

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Getting each representative to represent approximately the same number of people is very important. Under represented people and neighborhoods that are unnecessarily split can be counted on to complain.

Please take this into consideration when looking at the House, Community Plan and integrated as much as possible into the final plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Shields

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Maureen Datta and I live in Honaunau, South Kona. As a resident of Hawai'i Island, I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided between numerous districts. Please seriously consider the alternative proposed "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

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Mahalo,
Maureen Datta

From: [Winston Welch](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments regarding proposed reapportionment
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:30:36 PM

Dear Reapportionment Commissioners,

I would like to voice my support for the alternative plan put forth by Kailua resident Bill Hicks, commonly known as the "Hicks Plan," or if not the Hicks Plan, the "Ukishima Plan." This Hicks Plan (and Ukishima Plan) is much more in line with the Hawaii State Constitution that requires that districts should have equal population requirements, are based on permanent residents, are contiguous and compact, share in socioeconomic interests, do not unfairly favor a person or faction, and are not examples of gerrymandering. It also uses a more traditional concept of following natural boundaries when possible.

The current proposal as put forth to the public by the Tech Committee to the Reapportionment Commission does not do justice to our island communities. Rather, in its current form, unequal population segments abound, districts are not compact or contiguous, unshared socioeconomic interests are blatant, and gerrymandering seems obvious.

For example, under the Tech Committee Plan in the area of Diamond Head, there are no less than four districts, which cut up the Diamond Head area into small pieces, whereas the Hicks Plan keeps this area intact, with its shared interests and concerns. Similarly, in the current Tech Committee plan, splitting Manoa in half violates a century of community cohesion and natural community boundaries. Both of these two examples can be seen by the public as egregious efforts to dilute power and representation of these affected communities under the current proposed plan.

I would urge you all to adopt the Hicks Plan, or if some adjustments need to be made as shown in the Ukishima Plan, as a model that we can move forward with as one that is just, equitable and representative of residents in each area as best as possible given the guidelines of the Constitution and common sense.

Thank you,

Winston Welch
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Honolulu, HI 96815
winstonwelch@gmail.com

From: [Barnaby Beech](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the Hicks plan
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:34:54 PM

It seems a misappropriation to divide Manoa valley to include the Kapahulu district which would allow a greater concentration of businesses in an already crowded space

Because of that I support the Hicks plan, which defines Manoa as a single district

Thank you

From: [Cory Harden](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Dec 2 testimony
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:37:13 PM
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testimony for State Reapportionment Commission East Hawai'i hearing
5 PM Thursday, December 2, 2021
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from Cory Harden, Hilo

Mahalo for your service on the Commission.

I urge that you do two things: re-draw maps if new military numbers indicate that's needed, and consider community-drawn maps.

On military numbers: the Commission extracted about 64,000 military, but new data indicates about 123,000--almost double the Commission numbers. The Commission numbers were in doubt already, because they declined by almost one-third since 2012, though the military population had only declined by 5%. And numbers from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism were drastically different from Commission numbers. It's unfortunate that the Commission only got new numbers late in the process, and only got them because one Commissioner happened to have personal contacts in the military. It's also unfortunate that it was testifiers, not the chair, who first notified the Commission that there were new numbers.

There is some question about how to handle military dependents, and whether the new numbers shift a House seat from O'ahu to Hawai'i Island and require re-mapping for both islands. These questions should be explored in meetings open to the public, not behind closed doors. Lack of openness will only increase the chances of a court challenge.

On community-drawn maps, whether the House seat is shifted or not, please give thoughtful consideration to the proposals developed by residents, who know the island best.

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Mahalo.

From: [Michaela Ikeuchi](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Redistribution
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:42:26 PM

Aloha kākou Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Michaela Ikeuchi and I live in Keauhou, Hawai`i Island. As a resident of Hawai'i Island I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts. I like the alternative proposed & revised "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

I would like to add that this plan was created with the 7 current House Districts and accompanying population numbers, I urge the Commission to reconsider that allotment moving forward. Based on the 123,000 updated military personnel number provided recently by PACOM our island deserves an additional representative in the State House. We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your extractions.

Please support this proposed plan moving forward as it seems to be the best option at the moment.

Mahalo,
Michaela Ikeuchi

From: [Mary Marvin Porter](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of House Community Plan updated, presented by Ralph Boyea
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:23:39 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Mary Marvin Porter and I have a home in Hawaiian Paradise Park, HPP, and have lived on the island since 1994. I am opposed to the Hawaii Redistricting Commission proposed State House map that puts 4/5 of HPP in with Hilo. In discussing this with other HPP residents, there is total opposition to be put in with Hilo. We private subdivisions have very different concerns and problems. And the traffic backup and delay on the highway from Keaau to Pahoa is an enormous problem. We need a representative that has lived in this area and understands our situation.

I support the Community Plan presented for us by Ralph Boyea to the Hawaii Island Advisory Council November 29, and updated to address concerns raised there.

Our plan keeps the private subdivisions together in more rural areas. It removes HPP from being with Hilo district. And it attempts to keep the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts.

Also I urge the Commission to reconsider the number of House seats allotted to Hawaii Island. Based on the 123,000 updated military non-permanent resident personnel number provided recently by PACOM our island deserves an additional representative in the State House. We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your allocation of House seats.

Mahalo for your concern in this matter,

Mary Marvin Porter
Island Eyes Video
15-1622 Tenth Ave.
Hawaiian Paradise Park
Keaau, Hi. 96749

From: [Joe Ferraro](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MANOA VALLEY
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:30:58 PM

Dear Reapportionment Committee:

I am a homeowner and resident in Manoa Valley. I implore you to reconsider the division of Manoa Valley into two separate legislative districts and favor the Hicks plan which retains our neighborhood and community unity. Per our state constitution's specific criteria for drawing new districts the districts should have:

- Have equal population requirements – the Hicks plan results in less deviation
- Must be contiguous and compact – The valley has long been a single district with distinct geographic boundaries.
- Share like socio economic interests – The valley has a single family R zoning in almost all cases which represents a clear economic and social community
- Should not be a victim of gerrymandering – The proposed redistricting cannot be seen as anything but an attempt to favor specific representatives

For these reasons, please reconsider the Hicks plan moving forward for redistricting.

Thank you,

Joe Ferraro FAIA,

From: [NORIKO MORISAKI](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] My written testimony
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 1:54:18 PM

Aloha kākou Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Noriko Morisaki Donna and I live in Holualoa.

As a resident of Hawai'i Island, I am concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island because multiple communities are being divided across numerous districts.

I like the alternative proposed & revised "House, Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea because it keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and also does a good job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like the fact that the "House, Community Plan" provides smaller deviations in population among the House Districts.

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We are asking that you please take into account these new numbers and recalculate your extractions.

Please support this proposed plan moving forward as it seems to be the best option at the moment.

Mahalo,

Noriko Morisaki Donna
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1.310.701.1774

From: [Lucy Inouye](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Manoa Valley
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:08:04 PM

I am writing regarding the proposal to split Manoa valley in half for the purpose of reapportionment. Manoa is long and narrow, and the issues on one side of the valley affect everyone in the Valley.

I would hate to think that issues such as zoning changes, UH, Paradise Park or Waahila Ridge would fall under two different representatives. Adjusting the district cutoff at the makai (Makiki/Kaimuki) end of the valley makes a lot more sense. I have seen the Hicks plan, and feel that would be the best and meets more of the criteria such as being "contiguous and compact" and "sharing like socio economic interests".

Please adopt Bill Hicks' plan.

Mahalo,

Lucy Inouye

From: [Al Neyland](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter for the Commission
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:34:31 PM
Attachments: [THE ESPLANADE.pdf](#)

The attached document is from the Condo Association “The Esplanade”, we respectfully ask that you accept this letter as our testimony opposed to the redistricting plan that removes The Esplanade, 500 Lunalilo Home Road from the Hawaii Kai community,

Alan Neyland
President, The Esplanade AOA



THE ESPLANADE

The Esplanade
500 Lunalilo Home Road
Honolulu, Hawaii
96825

November 2021

Aloha Reapportion Committee

As the President of the Esplanade Homeowners Association, I represent a residential community that has called Hawaii Kai our home for nearly 50 years. Our Board of Directors and our residents are strongly opposed against any "Redistricting Plan" that removes The Esplanade from the Hawaii Kai community. Located on Lunalilo Home Road, we are a community of over 200 condos and approximately 600 residents. We feel we are in the Heart of Hawaii Kai as we are located on the water and are active members of the Hawaii Kai Marine Association where we pay monthly dues.

We see no benefit from this plan for are property tax paying owners and potentially, see this plan as possibly lowering the value of our homes! We urge the Reapportion Committee to vote no on this plan, our community does support the "Hicks Plan" and hope this is the plan that is adopted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and thank you in advance for disapproving this plan and allowing The Esplanade community of owners to remain within the Hawaii Kai District for now, and the next 50 years,

Sincerely,

Alan W. Neyland
President, Board of Directors
The Esplanade

From: [Allyn Bromley](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Against Mania Valley reapportionment
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:22:08 PM

Dear and honorable committee, this is a plea to leave Manoa Vally as it is and vote against reapportionment. We have an unusually cohesive community, manage ourselves productively and think mostly with unity. Many thanks for your consideration of this negative vote for reapportionment. Aloha, Allyn Bromley
808 754-0166.

Sent from my iPhone

From: pehi@hawaii.rr.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: pehi@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-districting Manoa
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:28:08 PM

December 1, 2021

Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission,

I again come to you asking that adopt the Hick's Plan submitted to the Commission. Bill Hicks by his diligent calculations and mapping work, is your gift this Christmas Season. It may well be that he is the angel sent to help you navigate the arduous task of re-districting. Forget all the political pull & tug. Forget the pressure you may receive from political leaders, community leaders and others that seek to shape and influence your good judgment.

Please remember, there is no "right" way to do the "wrong" thing. Legislators and other elected officials are supposed to be here to govern and serve the people. You were appointed to do the re-districting maps of the people, for the people. Please keep in mind that we the folks, voters, community participants, value our respective Communities, have kinship with those around us, share common problems and solutions. We trust that these ideals will be your guiding principle.

In particular, Manoa is a very interconnected group of people. We are implicitly involved in each other's lives and common cause for our Beloved Community. Please keep Manoa as One.

Thank you for listening,
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From: kshimata@hawaiiantel.net
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed division of Manoa Valley into two districts
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:55:51 PM

Aloha, Commissioners,

I live in Manoa Valley & am puzzled by your proposal to split the valley in two. It makes no sense. We are one community & have been a single district for 120 years. We are surrounded by two mountain walls: Tantalus & Wa'ahila Ridge & there are only two roads in & out. We value our historic homes & have resisted development other than single family homes. We have stood together to oppose HECO's plan for Wa'ahila Ridge infrastructure construction of 100 foot tall steel poles in 2002 & several times against inappropriately large commercial development of Paradise Park. We treasure our residential neighborhood.

We are one community & oppose your plan to split us in two.

Respectfully,

Kathy Shimata
3453 Pawaina St
Honolulu 96822

From: [Sally](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:24:47 PM

Keep us one contiguous valley please.

Sally M. Mist
RE/MAX Honolulu
RA,CRS,CNE,SRS,CLHMS,GRI,
MEd.
RS 14795

To: Reapportionment Commission Chair and Members

From: Amy Monk

Subject: House Districts 17 and 51; Senate Districts 9 and 25 not conforming to State Commission Precepts

The inclusion of parts of Kalama Valley and the Portlock area into proposed House District 51 and Senate District 9 does not conform with the Commission's own precepts.

First, the proposed House 51 and Senate 25 districts are not compact. They are contiguous only by means of a narrow beach corridor or in some cases a road which is carved into a cliff in order to cross a Koolau ridge. It also passes through the Ka Iwi Coast land trust, a stretch of uninhabited, dry scrub, preservation land. The ridge and trust lands create a natural barrier between north and south, windward and leeward. Makapuu Lighthouse stands on the end of the ridge line that drops steeply into the ocean and has traditionally been the geographic and political dividing line between the windward and leeward sides of the Koolaus; it was the old Senate line, is the current House line, will continue to be the Oahu County line and the Congressional district line.

Second, the proposed House 51 and Senate 25 both straddle CD1 and CD 2. They will not be wholly contained in a Congressional district per Commission precept.

Third, the socio-economic-political infrastructure of Portlock and Kalama Valley is shared with Hawaii Kai and East Honolulu communities, not Waimanalo:

- Portlock and Kalama Valley children go to Kamiloiki Elementary and Koko Head Elementary, Niu Valley Middle School, and Kaiser High School in Hawaii Kai. Kalama Valley and Portlock public school children are in the Kaiser complex, an integral part of Hawaii Kai and East Honolulu. Waimanalo is in the Kailua complex.
- The Neighborhood Board representatives of Portlock and Kalama Valley belong to the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board.
- Households in Kalama Valley and Portlock frequent the supermarkets, stores, restaurants and service providers in Hawaii Kai, Niu Valley, Aina Haina.
- Portlock and Kalama Valley are served by the only private sewage treatment facility on Oahu, Hawaii American Water. The facility is in Kalama Valley and serves all of Hawaii Kai.
- Portlock and Kalama Valley are part of the Honolulu electrical and water supply grid which end in Kalama Valley. These are determined by geological practicalities. Portlock and Kalama Valley are part of Hawaii Kai, not Waimanalo. Waimanalo service lines run from Kailua.
- Rush hour public transportation to downtown and the UH is designed to serve Kalama Valley and Portlock within Hawaii Kai routes.
- No one in Kalama Valley or Portlock would identify themselves as living on the Windward side.

There are two geological features that naturally divide Oahu, the Waianae mountain range that ends at Kaena point in the west and Koolau mountain range which ends at Makapuu point in the east. I urge the Reapportionment Commission to recognize the many natural dividing lines that led to drawing the county line and the Congressional district lines through Makapuu.

From: [Phil Yasuhara](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapolei/Makakilo
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 5:50:47 PM

We *oppose* this proposal to divide Kapolei and Makakilo across three House Districts, to reapportion Kapolei in with Ewa Beach and Ko Olina and to break up our Hawaiian Homestead communities. As much as possible, Kapolei and Makakilo should be maintained as a contiguous whole, especially considering its geographic characteristics and common community interests.

Phil and Geri Yasuhara
91-943 Oaniani Street
Kapolei, HI 96707
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Regan Blair](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed reappointment of District 42
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:02:10 PM

I oppose this proposal as it is capricious and unnecessary not to mention nonsensical. Dividing up the Villages of Kapolei and excluding the Hawaiian Homestead housing is nonsense. It doesn't make good common sense and is nothing more than a power grab and political in nature. Leave the lines as they are. Do our legislators have nothing better to do.

Cordially,

Regan Blair
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“Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.”

~ Benjamin Franklin

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

~ Thomas Edison

From: [William \(Bill\) Sims](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Dec 4 Hearing for East Honolulu
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:24:35 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

I am William Sims and currently live in Kalama Valley for the past 17 years. I want to testify during the Dec 4 Zoom meeting for East Honolulu Hearing.

Kalama Valley should not be divided by the reapportionment and redistricting committee. The current proposal is also unfair to Waimanalo and Kailua. All three neighborhood boards have unanimously passed resolutions opposed to the current proposal. Hawaii's Constitution mandates that Districts shall be contiguous, compact and where possible, follow...easily recognizable geographical features. Kalama Valley should remain a contiguous and compact community and be part of the Hawaii Kai community and East Honolulu with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as the easily recognizable geographical feature as envisioned by the Hawaii State Constitution. The Kalama Valley community, Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo and Kailua strongly urge the Reapportionment Commission to redraw the boundary configurations for House Districts 17 and 51 and for Senate Districts 9 and 25, to maintain the geographic boundary of Makapu'u Point as the natural division between these House and Senate Districts, and to allow the Hawaii Kai community to remain intact.

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William Sims

From: [Elton Fukumoto](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:35:56 PM

Dr. Mark Mugiishi, Chair
2021 Reapportionment Commission

Dear Chair Mugiishi and members of the Commission:

I urge you to redraw the boundaries of the former House District 23, Manoa Valley.

The Manoa Neighborhood Board voted unanimously (11-0) in favor of a resolution requesting that the Commission redraw the district boundaries so that all of Manoa may be in one House District. No one at the December 3 meeting of the Board spoke in favor of the boundaries proposed by your Technical Group.

The sentiment of the Valley residents is virtually unanimous: your proposed boundaries do a disservice to Valley residents and must be changed.

Elton Fukumoto, Vice Chair
Manoa Neighborhood Board no. 7

From: [ericandlisa](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapolei re-districting
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:39:54 PM

To whom it may concern.

We oppose the plans to split up the city of Kapolei in your new plans. Simply using Kapolei parkway as a boundry point makes no sense. We on the makai side are intimately affect by what goes on makua of the parkway into Kapolei town. We work there, we shop there, and we travel through there to get to and from home.

Please reconsider this move and keep the entire Kapolei community together.

Regards,
Eric and Lisa Uyeda

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 edge, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Rosemary Decker](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:43:14 PM

Dear Reapportionment Commission:

I **oppose** this proposal to divide Kapolei and Makakilo across three House Districts, to reapportion Kapolei in with Ewa Beach and Ko Olina and to break up our Hawaiian Homestead communities. As much as possible, Kapolei and Makakilo should be maintained as a contiguous whole, especially considering its geographic characteristics and community interests.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Decker
91-1011 #C Kekuilani Loop
Kapolei, HI 96707

From: [Cynthia Sims](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] East Honolulu Hearing: Opposition to Kalama Valley Redistricting

My name is Cynthia Sims and this is my testimony for the Dec 4 Zoom meeting for East Honolulu Hearing.

Kalama Valley should not be divided by the reapportionment and redistricting committee. Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo and Kailua neighborhood boards have unanimously passed resolutions opposed to the current proposal. Hawaii's Constitution mandates that Districts shall be contiguous, compact and where possible, follow...easily recognizable geographical features. Kalama Valley should remain a contiguous and compact community and be part of the Hawaii Kai community and East Honolulu with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as the easily recognizable geographical feature as envisioned by the Hawaii State Constitution. Cultural and societal interests, as addressed in the Hawaii Constitution, also dictates that Kalama Valley retain the boundaries in effect now. Placing Waimanalo with Portlock is a clear violation of the constitutional intent regarding shared interests and cultural integrity .

From: [Elisa Johnston](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Manoa Whole
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:24:19 PM

Dear reapportionment commission,

I am writing in support of the Hicks plan for reapportionment, including it's plan for Manoa Valley. I have lived and/or worked in the valley for nearly 50 years. The wisdom of the ahupua'a system of land management is everywhere evident in Manoa, whose ecosystems are connected and whose residents each feel themselves part of a whole.

It would be a tragedy to undermine the cohesion of the valley.

Thank you,

Elisa W. Johnston
1429 B Nehoa St.
Honolulu

From: [Jan](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] A resident of Makakilo
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:34:05 PM

I oppose the proposed House district boundaries split of Makakilo and Kapolei. We need to stand together not be split apart.

Janet Gaffney

From: [Toni Lathrop-Lee](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapolei
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:02:31 PM

Kapolei & Makakilo should continue to be one district. Separating and combining other communities with very different demographics makes no sense. Allow each community, Ewa Beach and Kunia to have its own dedicated representative and keep Kapolei & Makakilo combined together as one community.

Thank you!

Toni Lathrop-Lee
92-1200 Uahanai St
Kapolei, HI 96707

From: [eka.mcclelland](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Hawaii Kai
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:06:56 PM

To who it may concern:

Kalama Valley should not be divided by the reapportionment and redistricting committee. Hawaii Kai, Waimanalo and Kailua neighborhood boards have unanimously passed resolutions opposed to the current proposal. Hawaii's Constitution mandates that Districts shall be contiguous, compact and where possible, follow...easily recognizable geographical features. Kalama Valley should remain a contiguous and compact community and be part of the Hawaii Kai community and East Honolulu with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as the easily recognizable geographical feature as envisioned by the Hawaii State Constitution. Cultural and societal interests, as addressed in the Hawaii Constitution, also dictates that Kalama Valley retain the boundaries in effect now. Placing Waimanalo with Portlock is a clear violation of the constitutional intent regarding shared interests and cultural integrity . Please listen to the people of the area we don't want this reappointment and redistricting of our area!!

Monica McClelland
1016 Koko Uka Place
Honolulu HI 96825

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Annette Dung](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Barb](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hoonanea Street
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:12:17 PM

Aloha Scott,

This is a huge surprise!

My family has lived on Hoonanea Street since the early 1940's. We were living on this property when WWII broke out on December 7, 1941.

We have built and loved our beautiful street with other responsible, hardworking families who maintain and have treated one another with respect and kindness through the decades. We are a big ohana! Many families go back 3-4 generations and our street is unique to this neighborhood and community.

To split our street in half and put half of us in the Makiki district and to keep the other half in the Manoa district has caught many of us off guard!

How will this division affect our Hoonanea Street Neighborhood Security Watch team that we formed years ago and still continue to keep strong with our fabulous Block Capt Barbara Nosaka ?

Our street neighbors look after one another's properties 24/7.

We are proud that we keep vigilant watch on our street to keep crime out. We try to keep trouble away!

Many of us are elderly and our district HPD officers monitor and are alert to support and help our residents thru every safety and health situation. They are extremely caring and concerned.

My question is: what can we do to stop this reapportionment plan?

I would appreciate your attention to this disturbing news.

Aloha! And plz stay safe!
Annette Dung

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Alan McClelland](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] East Honolulu Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:15:51 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Koko Villas in the Kalama Valley area, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting plan for East Honolulu. Kalama Valley should not be divided by the reapportionment and redistricting committee. Hawaii's Constitution mandates that Districts shall be contiguous, compact and where possible, follow...easily recognizable geographical features. Kalama Valley should remain a contiguous and compact community and be part of the Hawaii Kai community and East Honolulu with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as the easily recognizable geographical feature as envisioned by the Hawaii State Constitution. I strongly urge the Reapportionment Commission to redraw the boundary configurations for House Districts 17 and 51 and for Senate Districts 9 and 25, to maintain the geographic boundary of Makapu'u Point as the natural division between these House and Senate Districts, and to allow the Hawaii Kai community to remain intact.

Thank you,

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From: [Cherie Tsukamoto](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop Reapportionment of Hawaii Kai
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:32:03 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

Kalama Valley should remain a contiguous community and part of the Hawaii Kai community at large. Residents are extremely opposed to redistricting and want their voices to be heard.

Thank you for your consideration and please protect our community and keep it from division.

With warm aloha,

Cherie Tsukamoto, R, ABR, CRB, CRS, GRI, SRES
Broker-in-Charge (RB-14911)
Hawaii Life
(808) 791-2216, (808) 227-2216

From: [Victor Ferrer](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Representative Sharon E. Har](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose the redistricting for Kapolei
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:41:37 PM

Reapportionment Commission,

I oppose this redistricting proposal to divide Kapolei and Makakilo across three House Districts, to reapportion Kapolei in with Ewa Beach and Ko Olina and to break up our Hawaiian Homestead communities.

Semper Fidelis,

Victor Ferrer

"Si velis pacem, para bellum"

If you wish for peace, prepare for war.- Flavius Vegetius Renatus

From: [J.R. Hee](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony for the Reapportionment Commission meeting on December 4, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:32:56 PM

Members of the Reapportionment Commission,

Having previously submitted testimony regarding the Commissions proposed reapportionment as it pertains to Manoa Valley (included below) I wish to add the following statements ...

I wish to urge the Reapportionment Commission to support the Hick's reapportionment plan as it serves to keep Manoa Valley as a single House District, preserving the Valley's sense of identity. The Commission's reapportionment plan is not widely accepted by Manoa Valley residents, and this alone should speak for itself. Those who are most vocal in the opposition to the Reapportionment Commission's proposed plan are the very residents of the Manoa Valley Community who care for and are actively involved within the Manoa Community on a daily basis to ensure that the "culture" of our Valley remains intact and not given up to interests that lie elsewhere. Simply put, deference in these matters should be given to the people who live in the area affected – to do otherwise would be callus.

In support of the Hick's reapportionment plan for Manoa Valley ... the Hick's plan follows the constitutional criteria for the delineation of new House District borders (every ten years). In fact, the Hick's plan follows natural geographic features (it follows permanent and easily recognized features and is contained by two mountain walls – Tantalus and Wai'ahia Ridge) keeping Manoa Valley House District contiguous and compact (something that the Reapportionment Commission's proposed plan ignores). Furthermore, the Hick's plan results in less population deviation than the Reapportionment Commission's plan. The Hick's plan also maintains a sense of our Manoa Valley socio-economic interests and culture (primarily a single family home neighborhood) – something the valley residents have so strongly fought to maintain. Whose interest are being served by those who wish to change the character of Manoa Valley when the residents (who call Manoa Valley home) want to keep our Valley unified as one, particularly when a viable alternative plan is available to accomplish this? I urge you to please give deference to the people who call Manoa their home – nothing else should matter.

Mahalo,
June Rae Hee :(
(Life-long Manoa resident)

Written Testimony previously submitted, which I wish to be included and considered:

Members of the Reapportionment Commission,

As a life-long resident of Manoa Valley, I am shocked and appauled at seeing the current proposed House District boundaries and how it will affect the current apportionment of Manoa Valley. To put it simply, the proposed reapportionment does not make any geographical or community-based

sense at all. The end-result of the reapportionment seems to purposely create a division (or rift) within the Manoa Valley Community - creating much confusion in our sense of identity with regard to a unified representation in the State House for our Manoa Community, particularly with the inclusion of non-valley communities that are very different from our "Manoa Culture." One cannot deny that if the proposed reapportionment stands, it will cause conflicting support on issues due to these mixed-communities and their differing interests, particularly on issues of development -- thus making true representation of the House District being served very unclear. My question then is whether this would be representation at all?

Just by looking at the proposed reapportionment map, it really does speak for itself -- not only does it serve to divide the Manoa Community, but there are boundaries twisting and jotting out this way and that, giving the appearance that the reapportionment purposely goes out of its way to include and/or exclude specific areas. Is this really solely in the interest of the representation of the Manoa Community? It is clear that it is not!

Having recently heard about (and having seen) an alternative reapportionment plan for Manoa's House District, I wish to voice my support for what is being referred to as the "Hicks (reapportionment) Plan" as it proposes to keep Manoa Valley Community unified into a single House District -- not only does this make geographical sense, but it will maintain our unique Manoa Culture (which would undoubtedly change under the Commissions proposal). The Manoa Community is speaking out, please listen.

Mahalo for taking my testimony under your consideration,
June Rae Hee :)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [carm.roque](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strongly OPPOSE
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 3:41:46 AM

Aloha Reapportionment Committee,

We as a family who was first residents of Makakilo and Kapolei strongly oppose this proposal to divide Kapolei and Makakilo across three House Districts. Our community belongs to its own.

**Thank you,
Ka 'Ohana Akim**

From: [CV Otsuka - Gmail](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 5:26:26 AM

We have just been notified of a reapportionment proposal plan to divide our Hoonanea Street Ohana in half! What is the rationale for that?? It is the most ridiculous idea we have heard of!

We have a very strong and tight knit community on this Hoonanea Street and have been operating a very successful Neighborhood Security Watch Program over 25 yrs! Boundaries should not be made on such a small street like ours.

We are please asking you to NOT go through with this proposal.

Mahalo,
Vince and Clarice Otsuka
2328 Hoonanea St.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Chris Kemp](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 6:21:04 AM

Do not break up Kapolei and Makakilo districts, their is no justification for it. So leave them as they are!

Concerned Citizen,
Christopher Kempner

From: [Moana Heu](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Representative Sharon E. Har](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Kapolei
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 7:15:11 AM

Aloha -

I am writing to advise you of my concern about the proposed redistricting, specifically the division of the Villages of Kapolei across two districts, 41 and 42.

As a resident of the Villages of Kapolei and, therefore, a member of the Villages of Kapolei Association (VOKA), I disagree with this proposal which will separate villages belonging to VOKA across two districts.

In my opinion, this will make it more difficult to address issues, especially when it comes to requesting help or guidance from our legislators.

I can't help but believe that there is a strict political agenda behind the proposed division, which does not best serve the community.

Moana Heu

From: [Carol Rumford](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa Valley
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:24:36 AM

Dear Commission Members,

Please do the right thing and keep Manoa as a single district. It makes no sense to divide an area that's a geographical whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Rumford
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(808) 988-4904

Sent from my iPad

From: [Arlene Estrella](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapolei Makakilo Reapportionment Proposal
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:41:35 AM

I **oppose** this proposal to divide Kapolei and Makakilo across three House Districts, to reapportion Kapolei in with Ewa Beach and Ko Olina and to break up our Hawaiian Homestead communities. As much as possible, Kapolei and Makakilo should be maintained as a contiguous whole, especially considering its geographic characteristics and community interests.

Aloha,
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From: [Koby Berrington](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NO to redistricting Hawaii Kai
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:56:54 AM

Our islands are small and districts are an important factor for the people of the islands. With the current decision looming to redistrict Hawaii Kai, is a political move, but more concerning to the Hawaii Kai residents is the social and personal concern. We have to understand that the move to redistrict is being presented as a political move to redistribute the political seats. I don't suggest that I have a clear and current understanding of this move. I only have a strong personal opinion as to why it should not happen. We purchased our home in the neighborhood of Kalama Valley in the district of Hawaii Kai in 1973. We belong to a community which we love and care for. To suddenly have those that may be motivated by veiled Economic & Political reasons to use their powers to just slice away part of Hawaii Kai to further their personal gain are motivated by despicable acts of greed. Hawaii Kai is one Ohana. Would one divide an Ohana for reasons of economic gain for someone in all probability who is outside the Ohana? I and the rest of the Hawaii Kai Ohana resound a very loud NO to this senseless proposal to redistrict Hawaii Kai.

The Commission is made up of the following:

- Two (2) members are selected by the Senate President
- Two (2) members are selected by the House Speaker
- Two (2) members are selected by a member of the Senate who is chosen by his/her peers who belong to a different political party from the Senate President
- Two (2) members are selected by a member of the House who is chosen by his/her peers who belong to a different political party from the House Speaker
- One (1) member is selected by three-fourths vote (6 votes) of the Reapportionment Commission to serve as Chairperson

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Randall Nishimura	President of the Senate
Grant Y. M. Chun	Speaker of the House
Diane T. Ono	Speaker of the House
Robin Kennedy	Senate Minority Leader
Kevin Rathbun	Senate Minority Leader
Cal Chipchase	House Minority Leader
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From: [Kit Muhs](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Island redistricting hearing 12/2/2021 testimony
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:26:05 AM

Aloha,

I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting in which Hawaiian Paradise Park (HPP) is split into two House districts, one of which is lumped into Hilo's district. I am vehemently opposed to this proposal.

Hilo has concerns & issues that are far different than those of HPP. HPP is a remote bedroom community that is growing and really, by its own right, should be its own town. (I moved here from a small town in another state that was approximately the same size, both geographically and in population and we had a police dept., fire dept., court house, numerous shopping malls, gas stations and our OWN post office – imagine that!)

If history repeats itself, by having a representative whose concerns will be focused mainly on Hilo, half of HPP's interests will be left behind.

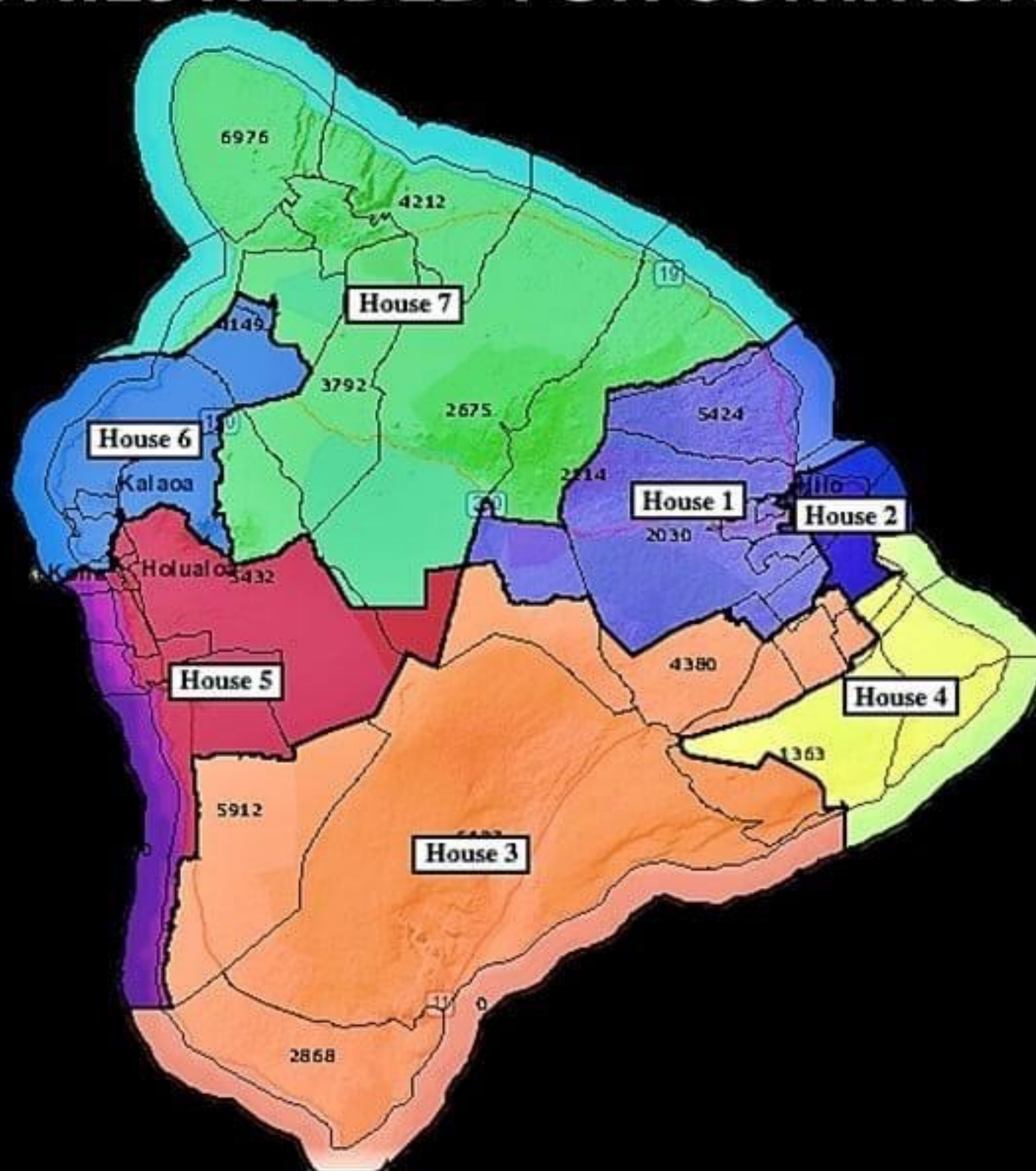
Hawaiian Paradise Park MUST remain under the representation of one person whose interests and input will relate directly to those of us in the Puna District. All of us in HPP share the same concerns and need to be represented as such.

Because of this, I support the alternative map proposed by Boyea, attached. It takes into account population, keeping communities together as much as possible, watershed locations, and more accurately reflects the 2020 census.

Thank you for doing the right thing and keeping communities together.

Katherine Muhs, Keaau, Hi

BIG ISLE REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING 12/2/21: TESTIMONIES NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MAP



Why our testimonies matter: Our Community Map is a better alternative to the map made by the State's Redistricting Commission for the following reasons:

- 1. It keeps communities/subdivisions together as much as possible;**
- 2. It more accurately reflects the 2020 census by providing 2 house seats each for Hilo, Kona and Puna + one house seat for Hamakua/Kohala**

Submit testimonies for use during the public hearing for East Hawaii at 5PM on Thurs., December 2, 2021

Email your written testimony to reapportionment@hawaii.gov

Or testify in person at 5PM Thursday, December 2 via Zoom.

Link : <https://zoom.us/j/99663120815>

Here is the link to the Community MAP:

<https://histategis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=8d8913dba1174e8d9d7c8953b16a10f7>

From: nfrealty@aol.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] H District 23 -S District 11
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 10:18:32 AM

To Committe Members:

I live on the Ewa/Makai side of Hoonanea St. (2323) and belong to the Manoa Neighborhood Board and most importantly the Hoonanea Street Neighborhood Watch Group. Barbara Nosaka is the Head of our Watch Group, which our Hoonanea Street neighbors have experienced a number of crime incidents, homeless activities and elderly concerns. Thus, our entire Hoonanea Street takes a serious approach towards watching over our neighbors, which this new proposed reapportionment will literally divide our Hoonanea St. district in half, since the dividing line will go straight down our Street. We all feel comfortable associating with the Manoa District and have worked hard throughout to contribute to all Manoa District activities and updates.

I would like to instead propose that you consider re-drawing that dividing line slightly Ewa/Makai on Wilder Ave. Your 27,000 and 55,000 count for this reapportionment should not change drastically for such a small movement of this dividing line from Hoonanea St. to Wilder St. But the ramifications of dividing Hoonanea St. as such will definitely have a major effect on how we all live and function.

Therefore, please look into this matter and consider my remarks as another informative insight before finalizing your reapportionment map.

Thank you,

*Nelson K. Fukuki
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Honolulu, HI 96822
(email) nfrealty@aol.com*

From: [Betsy Gilliland](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposed to redrawing of districts on Hoonanea St.
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 12:33:26 PM

Aloha,

It has come to my attention that the redistricting board's proposal involves dividing my street (a single block) down the middle between two different districts. This proposal seems to have been made without awareness of the way that a neighborhood functions. Our street has a cohesive community, where residents of both sides of the street are friendly, supportive, and collaborative. We share common concerns, no matter the side of the street we live on. Our entire street identifies as part of Manoa much more than as part of Makiki.

Please reconsider where the lines are drawn with regard to Hoonanea St.

Mahalo.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Gilliland
2306 Hoonanea St.
Honolulu, HI 96822

From: [Ralph Boyea](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on December 2 2021
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:22:05 PM
Attachments: [Testimony HRC 12 1 2021.doc](#)

Please put my on the docket for oral testimony tonight.

Please make my previously submitted written testimony part of the record for tonight's East Hawaii hearing.

I am attaching a second copy of that testimony in case there is a requirement that I resubmit it.

I hope to resolve the problem we had last night - my identity showing up as "ipad3" before I am called upon to testify.

Thank you.

11/30/2021

Aloha Hawaii Redistricting Committee members

My name is Ralph Boyea

I live in OLE on the Island of Hawaii.

OLE is in East Hawaii in the District of Puna.

I have resided on the Big Island since 1974, my children were raised here.

I am very concerned about the proposed State House Redistricting maps for our island.

However, before going into the HRC map, I want to use the HRC to reconsider the assignment of House Districts to the Island of Hawaii. We are aware that after seven (7) House Districts were assigned to our island the U.S. Department of Defense, via PACOM provided updated military non-resident numbers. Those more recent numbers are significantly higher than the numbers used by the HRC. I respectfully request that the HRC utilize those numbers in assigning House Districts. I am confident that the new numbers will justify an additional House seat for Hawaii Island. I fully agree with and fully support the positions taken by Barbara Dalton to the HRC on this issue.

Please be advised that, should the HRC revise the extraction numbers and conclude that the Island of Hawaii should have eight [8] House seats instead of seven [7], we have already prepared a draft plan to accommodate those eight House seats.

Given the possibility that the HRC will continue with its assignment of seven House Districts I want to testify against the current HRC Plan for our island.

I am concerned that communities are being divided across multiple House Districts. I am concerned about rural agricultural subdivisions being included in urban districts.

For example about 80% of HPP was placed in a Hilo District. In another example the agricultural subdivisions of OL, Hwn Acres, Fern Forest, etc are placed in another Hilo District.

I understand and appreciate the HRC efforts to define the Hawaii House Districts, doing so is clearly not an easy task. However I believe, after much effort and several revisions based on community input, our community has come up with a better plan for the Island of Hawaii.

For these reasons and others I joined a group of concerned residents from around the Island. We came up with an alternative redistricting plan for the Hawaii Island House Districts. We originally submitted that plan with the title “Community Plan”

After presenting our plan to the Hawaii Island Advisory Council we made revisions based on community input from that meeting. We believe that our “Community Plan Updated” addresses all of the concerns raised.

We believe the Community Plan Update serves the needs of our communities better than the proposed HRC plan. Our plan keeps the subdivisions together in more rural areas and it does a good job of keeping the urban areas less split between multiple House Districts.

Should you chose not to assign an eighth House District to Hawaii Island, then please support our alternative “Community Plan Updated”.

Ralph Boyea

P.S. I am attaching a document that lists the concerns that we received and how we addressed those concerns.

Concerns relating to the original Community Plan following our presentation to the Hawaii Advisory Council.

1. In my opinion, its a Puna-centric map that takes care of lower Puna and does not consider the rest of the island."

Response: The plan is not Puna centric as it's origin was to actually begin mapping from both Kona and Hilo towns, trying to keep much of the urban areas together and then building out from there. Also input was given by active community members living in each of the districts of our BIG island. There were/are a lot of concerns with the current proposal by HRC that centered around how the Puna area is being divided, so special considerations were taken there, but there were compromises made in all districts, as there is no perfect map that meets all of our individual district's needs.

1. "House District 1 - Goes from Mt View and Keeau to Hakalau and cuts out Hilo so its not connected with a road"

Response: Community Plan Updated addresses all road connectivity concerns.. House District 1 includes Hilo and it is fully connected by roads. Also, this "C" shaped section of communities that surround the urban and industrial parts of Hilo are much more similar than they are different. They all identify with Hilo as their main center of commerce and recreation. There are plantation-era camp-like communities on both Northern, Southern, and Mauka of Hilo area that this map captures and includes. The current State proposed map lumps communities directly outside of downtown Hilo with communities as far North as Waimea and as far South as Pahala, this C-shape our map proposes, may appear a bit unconventional, keeps those suburban communities connected surrounding Hilo.

"

2. "House District 3- stretches from Milolii to Kurtistown, way bigger than necessary and a 2 hours drive to get from one end to the other. This puts parts of Upper Puna with South Kona, in my opinion, that makes less sense than putting parts of Puna with Hilo as the tech group did."

Response: Puna is a rural area, South Kona is a rural area, Hilo is an urban area. The rural areas have more in common with each other than they do with the urban areas. Examples: lack of police and fire protection; lack of alternate escape routes; poorly maintained roads; lack of services, lack of infrastructure, and large commute times. We are unclear about what "bigger than necessary" means. The districts are exactly as large as they need to be to capture similar populations and create lowest deviations in population. Some parts of the island are largely uninhabited so therefore they have far greater area mass but lower population density. This is the

“Big Island” population areas are spread across many miles. Distance from an urban area does not negate similarity between district concerns.

3. "House District 4 - Has a cut out for Ainaloa, this looks like gerrymandering, I get their reasoning but you can't have a little connection to include one neighborhood. "

Response: Ainaloa clearly has more in common with HPP, Hwn Beaches, Nanawali, etc than with the Upper Puna subdivisions that is why it was included in House District 4 rather than House District 3. Given that and the concern raised, the map was reconfigured in “Community Plan Updated” to make Ainaloa more contiguous with those subdivisions

4. "House District 5 and 6 cut up Kona in an odd way. House District 5 goes from Kailua to Hookena and House District 6 takes a part of Kailua and goes to Waikalooa Village. Waikoloa should be with Waimea or Kohala in my opinion. The Tech committee map keeps south Kona in one district and Kailua Kona in another."

Response: This is similar to the choice our group made with the surrounding Hilo areas. Downtown Kona and industrial areas are all kept together in District 6, which based on population numbers also includes RESIDENTIAL Waikoloa area. While traditionally Waikoloa has been included with Waimea or Kohala area, many if not most of the residents journey towards Kona for work, shopping, recreation. The current and HRC proposed D5 puts residents who are still in "downtown" Kailua-Kona, off of Ali'i Dr. or who live in Holualoa in the same district as those all the way down in Nā'ālehu. Our proposed map fixes that and keeps residents directly surrounding Kailua-Kona much closer together.

5. "House District 7 is another larger than necessary district that has a cut out for Puako and goes all the way to Hakalau. This is a 2 hour drive to get from one side to the other. This map drastically changes the historical district lines and puts multiple communities that are a 2 hours drive away from each other in 1 district."

Response: The drive time from Hakalau to Puako and to North Kohala is less than 2 hours. Therefore there aren't "multiple communities" in HD 7 that are 2 hours drive away from each other. This is the "Big Island" and longer driving distances are a fact of life. On the other islands, driving distances may be substantially shorter, but driving times may well be greater. Puako is added to House District 7 to help equalize the populations in each District. The choice between minimizing deviations and maximizing geographic integrity is often difficult.

Overall the “Community Plan Updated” version is better than the HRC plan.

- 1. The Community Plan keeps the subdivisions together in the more rural areas and it does a good job of keeping the urban areas less split between multiple House Districts.**
- 2. The Community Plan comes closer to reaching the goal of 28, 584 residents per House District. Overall our “Updated” plan deviates from that goal by 5.5% as opposed to the HRC deviation of 5.72%.**
- 3. The Community Plan recognizes the fact, documented by the 2020 Census, that Puna and Kona are the fastest growing areas in population on the Big Island. The Community Plan provides for two House seats in: Hilo; two House seats in Kona; and, two House seats in Puna. It provides for one House seat in the Hamakua - Kohala district.. This allocation of House seats is highly justified by the 2020 Census results.**

From: [J. T. Page Jr.](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Reapportionment Proposal
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:24:59 PM

Aloha!

I recently learned that District 42 may be divided with parts moving to not one, but two other districts.

Simply wish to advise that I feel strongly that all of Kapolei and Makakilo should remain fully within District 42.

There is so much commonality among our geography and community interests. We even share the same zip code.

I am but one voice...but respectfully urge you to keep Kapolei and Makakilo united under District 42.

Mahalo,

Joe

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(808) 381-7820

From: [Cindi](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for "House Community Plan" map submitted by Ralph Boyea for Hawai`i Island
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:33:00 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

My name is Cynthia Punihaole Kennedy, and I live in Kalaoa North Kona on Hawai`i Island. As a resident, I am concerned about our island's proposed State House Redistricting map because multiple communities are divided across numerous districts. However, I like the alternative offered & revised "House Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea. It keeps subdivisions together in more rural areas and does an excellent job of keeping the urban areas of our island less split apart over numerous House Districts. I also like that the "House Community Plan" provides more minor deviations in population among the House Districts.

This plan was created with the seven current House Districts and accompanying population numbers. However, PACOM's recent updated military personnel number is 123,000. The new number should warrant an additional seat in the State House. Would you please review the numbers again? I know you will make the correct decision.

I ask that you strongly support the "House Community Plan" submitted by Ralph Boyea.
Mahalo,
Cynthia Punihaole Kennedy

From: [Ruth Freedman](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Just right:The Hicks plan
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:49:55 PM

Please— turn your attention to more important matters.
And leave Manoa entire.
Quite simply— it works.

Perhaps the military water issue
Deserves your attention right now.
Thank you for putting priorities first.

Sincerely,
Ruth FreedmanRN

From: [John Shockley](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [E Tyacke](#); [Kathy & Tom Welch](#); [Mike & Mirella Brooks](#); [Gary Shaw](#); [Michael Ferreira](#); [Madonna \(New\) Dizon](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] LIVE NOTE: Makakilo and Kapolei need to be in the same District.
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:10:12 PM

Aloha!

The reapportionment plan needs to be modified to keep Makakilo and Kapolei together in upcoming district boundaries. To separate these two communities makes it difficult to be represented in any comprehensive way.

Please make the boundary to unify Makakilo and Kapolei.

John & Rita Shockley www.freeaccesscoalition.weebly.com

From: [Patricia Johnson](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Manoa as ONE district
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:21:18 PM

Aloha, as a long-time Manoa Valley resident, I support the Hicks Plan. This plan works to keep Manoa as an undivided community as it needs to be. Please honor the Hicks Plan.

Mahalo,
~Patricia Johnson
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From: [Paul Pitarys](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] re apportioning
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:22:09 PM

As a long time resident of Makakilo, I do not like the idea of breaking us apart from Kapolei, we should stay together in District 42. Thank you for your attention.

Paul Pitarys
Banjob Hohumdi

92-1160 Hoike Way
Kapolei, HI 967607

From: [Holly Hadsell](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:40:21 PM

Aloha,

As a resident of Hoonanea Street I am totally against the reapportionment that would split our street in half. Please reconsider this our neighborhood has a security watch and is very involved in our community. and consider we our homes part of Manoa. We share concerns of the UH community and decisions about UH directly affect us.

Beside this directly affecting my family I am also concerned about put Portlock and Waimanalo together???? Those two communities have very different needs how can you find a representative for both communities. That is crazy.

Mahalo
Holly Hadsell
2211 Hoonanea Street

From: [Lynn Miyahira](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Reapportionment Map - Kaneohe
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:41:32 PM

Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission,

My name is Lynn Miyahira and I am submitting testimony in **support** of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021.

I grew up in Kaneohe and am a proud public school alumna of Kapunahala Elementary School, King Intermediate, and Castle High School. I truly believe that Kaneohe is one of the best communities in Hawaii and I want to make sure it stays that way for future generations.

The Commission's map looks similar to the current district maps and I believe it works well for Kaneohe. Having two representatives for Kaneohe has been good for us, and allows us to have two different people advocating for Kaneohe residents.

Thank you,
Lynn Miyahira
Kaneohe resident

From: lisa.fohb@gmail.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for the 2 Dec 2021 East Honolulu Reapportionment Commission Hearing
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:45:17 PM
Attachments: [FOHB reapportionment 12.02.21.docx](#)

Aloha Reapportionment Commission,
Mahalo for considering the attached testimony.

Take care,
Lisa Bishop
President
Friends of Hanauma Bay

From: Friends of Hanauma Bay

To: State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission

2 December 2021

Aloha Chair Mugiishi and Reapportionment Commission Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to the Commission's Proposed Reapportionment Plans for Oahu's State House and Senate Districts and strong support for the Hicks Plans.

The Hawai'i Kai geographic area in its current House District 17 boundaries is an intact community. The Commission's Proposed Plan for House Districts 17 and 51 splits both districts into an illogical shape wrapping around the Kaiwi Coastline. It completely dismisses the fact that the Hawai'i Kai community has served as the primary stewards of the scenic and fragile Kaiwi Coastline for Hawai'i residents and visitors alike for many decades. The Hawai'i Kai community succeeded in obtaining designation of the Kaiwi Coastline as a Hawai'i State Scenic Byway, and has developed a Maunaloa to Makapu'u Corridor Management Plan approved by the State Department of Transportation. It has been instrumental in preserving beaches along the coastline like Sandy Beach and Wawamalu Beach, and has consistently supported the conservation and preservation of Hanauma Bay. Further, the Hawai'i Kai community has promoted conservation of the natural coastal landscape, most recently with a community purchase of 187 acres across from Makapu'u. Districts 17 and 51 are currently clearly demarcated with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a natural geographic boundary and dividing line between the Windward and Leeward sides of the Koolau Mountains, and should remain so for the best stewardship of Hawaii's precious Kaiwi Coastline.

Further, Kailua, Waimanalo, Hawaii Kai, Kaimuki, Manoa, Ala Moana-Kakaako, and Pearl City Neighborhood Boards have passed unanimous Resolutions opposing the Commission's Proposed Plans in favor of the Hicks Plans which keep the districts more compact, contiguous, geographically consistent, maintain long-term successful environmental stewardship partnerships, and have significantly less population deviation than the Commission's Proposed Plans.

We therefore urge the Commission to reject the Proposed Plans and adopt the Hick's Oahu House and Senate plans instead.

Mahalo nui,
Lisa Bishop
President

From: iwamih001@hawaii.rr.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] KEEP MANOA WHOLE!
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 2:47:41 PM

Aloha Commissioners,

I have lived in Manoa for 60 years. It is a special place. We are a tight knit community and will fight for our well being.
Please keep Manoa whole. Do not divide us. Common sense shall prevail. One valley, one district.

Mahalo for taking on this difficult task.

Ron Iwami
Resident of Manoa Valley- 60 years

From: [anne tam](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Asking for Manoa
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 3:38:43 PM

To the Reapportionment Committee

I would like to ask that you do the right thing and do NOT split Manoa valley into two separate entities as a reapportionment but keep it whole as it has always been.

There is no apparent benefit for not keeping it whole.

Think and choose wisely as you take on this task and I know you will do the right thing.

Many thanks
Anne Tam

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From: [Linnea Lindley](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] testimony
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 4:33:15 PM

My name is Linnea Lindley. I am a resident of Hawaii and I live in HPP Keaau. I have concerns about the House redidtricting plan. I like the alternative Community plan submitted by Ralph Boyea. It keeps subdivisions together in the rural areas and has smaller deviations among House didtricts. Please seriously consider this alternative plan.

Thank you, Linnea Lindley

From: [Becky Gardner - Policy Matters LLC](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Public Hearing 12-2-21 East Hawaii Island
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 4:55:09 PM
Attachments: [Public Hearing Hawaii Island East - Hawaii Reapportionment testimony 12-2-21 - Becky Gardner.pdf](#)

Please find my testimony attached for the hearing today at 5pm. I will try and provide oral testimony as well.



December 2, 2021

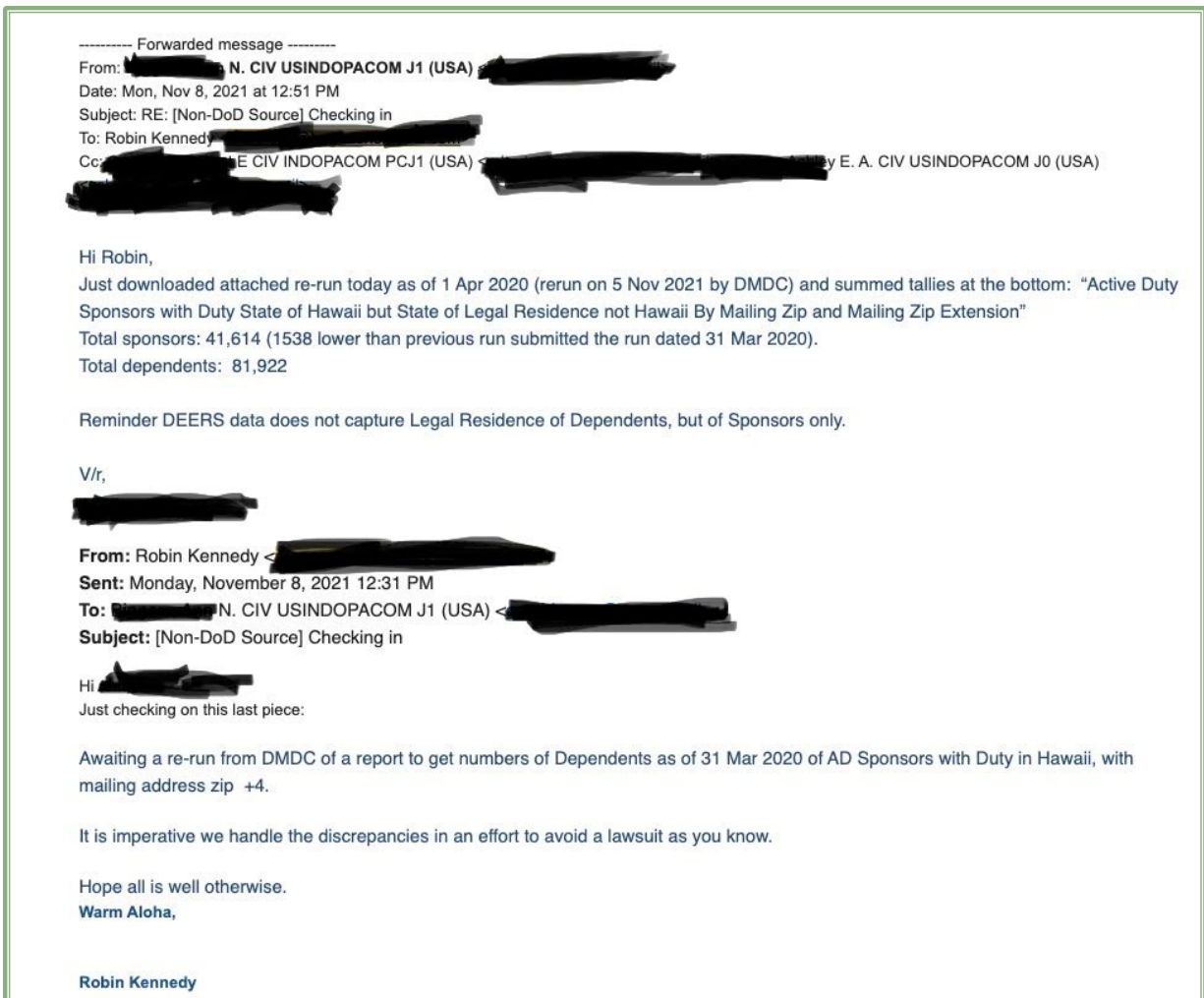
Re: Public Testimony for Hawaii Island-East Public Hearing - Hawaii Reapportionment Commission 12-2-21

Aloha, Commission Members:

My name is Becky Gardner and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of myself as Owner and Principal of Policy Matters LLC.

I am testifying today to bring attention to data that has been released by the military – U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM) and shared with Commission members but not yet provided to the public. This data is available at this [link](#) and summarized in the screenshot below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ELF8s2vOGgRH0tKKBLVMwj8qIAGFm3Sd/edit?usp=sharing&oid=118444766716032527141&rtpof=true&sd=true>



At the October 28, 2021 Commission meeting (available here on the Office of Elections website, at hour 1:54 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqIqGwHca3Q&t=4594s>), the Commission acknowledged the receipt

of updated data provided by INDOPACOM on October 27, 2021 regarding non-permanent resident military sponsors in Hawaii; however data regarding their dependents was not yet available. At this meeting, the public was assured that once the Commission received data from INDOPACOM regarding their dependents, that it would be made available to them.

INDOPACOM soon followed up with this dependent data on November 8, 2021. At the public hearing yesterday, December 2, 2021, for Hawaii Island-West, the Commission responded to public testimony asking about this updated information by explaining that it was awaiting responses from INDOPACOM to inquiries the Commission had posed to it, seeking clarification and explanation for the discrepancy in these data sets. I very much appreciate this action.

However, in the interest of transparency, accountability, efficiency, and other foundational principles of our democracy, it's important that the public be apprised of this new data as soon as possible. I am thus providing this information in this testimony so it can be included in the record.

Should the Commission decide to continue engaging in the Step 2 - Article IV Section 6 redistricting/map-drawing process before doing its due diligence on the Step 1 Article IV Section 4 extraction of non-permanent residents, it will have committed an error of law and an abuse of discretion - subject to review by the Hawaii Supreme Court.

My hope is that the public can help expedite the reapportionment process by trying its own hand at redrawing maps – much like the HICKS PLAN – based on accurate extraction data. The people and Hawaii's elected officials (present and future) deserve maps that are constitutionally valid.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,



Rebecca (Becky) Gardner, Esq.

From: [Russel Y. Gushi](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Voting District Boundaries for Waikapu Community Written Testimony
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 5:35:10 PM
Attachments: [Letter to State Reapportionment Commission-1.pdf](#)

Aloha State Reapportionment Commission Members,

I have attached my written testimony for consideration by the Commission during the upcoming Public Hearing scheduled for the Island of Maui, starting tomorrow, December 3, 2021. Please give it your sincere and thorough consideration.

Mahalo.

Russel Gushi

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident of Waikapu, Maui, I am **opposed** to the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House District. I also **oppose** splitting upper Waikapu and lower Waikapu in the proposed State Senate map. In the proposed scenario, the upper half of Waikapu will be represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion will be represented by the West/South Maui Senator.

The central question I have regarding these proposals by the State Reapportionment Commission is why does the Waikapu community and its residents have to be subjected to such indignation of having to be split up and associated with three (3) different political districts (Central Maui, South Maui and West Maui) just to satisfy some arbitrary politically calculated quota? I get the equal representation pitch but why at the expense of sacrificing the wholeness of a community that has nearly all of its physical, historical, emotional, and functioning ties to Central Maui? This does not make any humanly sense other than just the juggling of some numbers around by moving boundaries. We're talking about people here – our lives and livelihood matter!

Waikapu and West Maui have opposite geographical orientations and couldn't be more different. Waikapu faces East and its residents witness the daily sunrises over Haleakala, whereas West Maui (and South Maui) faces West and its residents observe the daily sunsets. Life rhythms and activities within the Waikapu Ahupua'a and Na Wai "Eha (The Four Great Waters [of Central Maui]) are central to the evolution of the Central Maui communities and their identity, and must remain as cohesive units to maintain their cultural and historical integrity. This cohesiveness encourages greater community participation in the stewardship of the land and the enhancement of the quality of life for its residents. I don't want to see any hardship and discouragement placed on the residents of Waikapu to have to commute outside of Central Maui in order to participate in any kind of community meetings or presentations by elected officials. I assume these are some of the same objectives and goals shared by the State Representative and Senator that would represent the residents of Waikapu.

Waikapu is a vibrant community, with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many hard-working residents and an older neighborhood of long-time multi-generational families. The issues faced by the community are very similar to other communities in Central Maui from the schools we attend, the jobs we hold, the people we interact with daily, to the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the development and growth that we see around us. We share similar communal responses to events occurring within Central Maui while feeling somewhat disconnected to both West and South Maui.

West and South Maui are very different than Central Maui. In many instances, residents choose to live in Central Maui as it has a unique sense of community, away from the busyness and of the resort areas. The coastal areas of West and South Maui are very much resort and visitor driven with a larger transient population. Central Maui priority issues can also be very different, which would put Waikapu at a disadvantage, since it will become a very small part of a district with different issues and priorities. The community does not want to become an afterthought as the Commission has proposed.

I am satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator, which is how it has been for years. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting our community as an ease of convenience to merely satisfy a quota rather than looking at ways to keep our community unified and districts compact pursuant to the State Constitution. Having an Oahu-based and majority commission dictate these proposed boundaries does not take into the consideration of the community's historic and cultural sense of place.

I humbly request that you explore alternatives that will help to keep the Central Maui community together, especially Waikapu.

I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at a minimum, we believe that the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. At the current time, there are portions of Waikapu that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator – losing our Central Maui connection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Russel Y. Gushi
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December 2, 2021

From: [Madonna Dizon](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [John Shockley](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Makakilo and Kapolei
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 6:53:40 PM

Modify reapportionment to keep the Makakilo and the Kapolei communities as one. Reapportionment is beneficial only if Makakilo and Kapolei is a single entity. Kapolei is part of the Makakilo complex as Makakilo branched out becoming the greater Kapolei. Representation would be more comprehensive...more beneficial.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana, Madonna

From: [Jeannine Johnson](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Eric Seitz](#); [Peter Kay](#); leeannbrewer@yahoo.com; [Senator Ronald D. Kouchi](#); [Representative Scott Saiki](#); [Representative Mark J. Hashem](#); [Senator Stanley Chang](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Congressional Plan
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:51:25 PM

Aloha mai kākou,

Please be advised that the Niu Valley Community Association has passed the following today:

RESOLUTION RE REAPPORTIONMENT

WHEREAS the Niu Valley Community Association (NVCA) has represented and acted on behalf of its members in matters pertaining to the safety, security, welfare and best interests of the residents of Niu Valley since July 8, 2004; and

WHEREAS the proposed reapportionment plan divides the ahupua'a of Niu in half with the West side in House District 18 and the East side in House District 17; and

WHEREAS the NVCA opposes the proposed reapportionment plans because it ignores the geographic boundaries established by King Kamehameha I when he gifted Captain Alexander Adams 2,000 acres in Niu "from the tops of the mountains to the shoreline of the sea" in 1822; and

WHEREAS descendants of Captain Adams still reside in Niu; and

WHEREAS the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board unanimously opposed the proposed reapportionment plans for House District 17 and 51 and Senate Districts 9 and 25 and passed a resolution on 10/26/2021 requesting to keep East Oahu and Windward Oahu separate; and

WHEREAS the Mānoa Neighborhood Board passed a resolution on 11/3/2021 requesting that Mānoa Valley be kept intact in a single district; and

WHEREAS the Kailua Neighborhood Board unanimously passed a resolution on 11/4/2021 also requesting that Windward Oahu and East Oahu be separate; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the NVCA opposes the proposed reapportionment plans for the reasons stated above and instead supports the alternate redistricting plans submitted by Bill Hicks for House Districts 17 and 18 for the Reapportionment Commission to consider; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NVCA strongly urges the Reapportionment Commission Technical Group to redraw the proposed boundary configuration for House Districts 17 and 18 to maintain Niu's natural geographic boundary as well as its historical boundary for the past nearly 200 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NVCA transmits copies of this resolution to the following state officials: the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senator from Senate District 9, Representative from House District 18, and to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission.

Mahalo,

Jeannine

Jeannine Johnson, Secretary
Niu Valley Community Association

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The past teaches; the present motivates; the future inspires.

From: [Carol Gray](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Big Island redistricting
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:10:56 PM

The proposed map for the Big Island that splits Hawaiian Paradise Park into two chunks goes against all the normal standards for reasonable redistricting, especially the goal of not splitting communities into two districts.

Hawaiian Paradise Park (HPP) is the largest and fastest growing subdivision in the state, putting most of it in District 2 (Hilo) and carving off the corner that just happens to be where the current district 4 Rep. lives with his mom and putting that in District 4 is unfair to the residents of HPP and has every appearance of gerrymandering, which is pretty amazing in what is effectively a 1 party state.

This proposal will harm the underrepresented people of HPP, harm the rest of Puna, and gives citizens an impression that they are just pawns in a corrupt old boys club based in Hilo.

The Ralph Boyea plan makes much more sense and does not split a community in two, or favor an incumbent.

Carol Gray

From: [Scott Wilson](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Manoa electoral district
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:19:32 PM

December 2, 2021

Dear Reapportionment Commission members,

I recently attended a reapportionment meeting in Manoa led by one of your members and was made aware of the complexity of the reapportionment process. I understand that districts have to be adjusted periodically in accordance with the latest census. At the same time I would ask you to remember a core principle underlying any electoral democracy, namely the importance of respecting existing communities and the voting interests that bind its members.

Manoa valley is a unique community geographically, historically and culturally. It has a long history going back to when it was an indigenous agricultural community and refuge for Hawaiian ali. Its present-day residents share common values, history and concerns of urbanization which create a strong bond between them. To divide this singular community into arbitrary and separate electoral districts irrespective of its natural and historical boundaries is to divide neighborhoods and the voting habits which they have shared for decades.

I urge you to consider the plan for a Manoa electoral district submitted by Bill Hicks to the Commission. Although there is no clear "right" or "wrong" way to redraw the Manoa boundaries, I feel the Hicks plan is the best attempt to adjust the boundaries in a way that respects the existing community and the interests of its residents.

Aloha,

Scott R Wilson

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(Manoa resident for 41 years)

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From: [Brandon Inouye](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Written Only Testimony: Oppose the Elimination of House District 19
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:54:51 PM

As someone who grew up in Kapahulu and Kaimuki, I am writing to ask the Reapportionment Commission to oppose the elimination of House District 19. I believe that the Commission's proposal divides what should be one community. I don't think that Manoa should be connected to Diamond Head, Kapahulu, and Kaimuki.

I find it difficult to understand why the map is drawn the way it is and do not understand many of the Commission's decisions in dividing District 19. The proposed districts do not reflect the local communities or even major geographic features.

I strongly urge the Commission to consider an alternative plan such as the Hicks or Ukishima plans that keeps our communities together.

Sincerely,
Brandon Inouye

From: [Shannon Matson](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Late testimony for Dec. 2nd meeting and questions about Senate boundaries
Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021 10:22:28 PM

Reapportionment/Redistricting Testimony Dec. 2nd 2021

Aloha e Chair, Commissioners and Staff,

First, mahalo yet again for all your work and time on this controversial process. My name is Shannon Matson and I was born and raised on the Big Island of Hawai'i. I currently reside in State House D3, State Senate D2. "Upper Puna" aka Ola'a is where I own my own home, work, live, my kids go to school, and where I am planning on raising my family for the rest of our lives.

I have witnessed what being in a "split subdivision" has done to our community having lived in multiple parts of one such district for the last decade. I have been advocating from the beginning of this redistricting process to please avoid at all costs splitting our communities apart. Puna is one (if not the largest) of the fastest growing, lowest income areas of the entire State. Our district has hundreds of miles of unpaved roads, many of the residents live off the grid, some without clean running water, no electricity, no access to broadband, and severely limited and/or long response time to emergency services. Our current representative lives in the most high income and suburban part of the district with the largest voter base, and the rest of our extremely rural areas with drastically different needs are spread out across the rest of the district. It is extremely challenging for any one person to be able to address such diverse needs and concerns across a district like that in a meaningful way. While the current map proposed by the Technical Committee will put my neighborhood of Hawaiian Acres finally and entirely into one district, the problem is now shifting to splitting apart Orchidland Estates and Hawaiian Paradise Park. All of these neighborhoods have similar concerns and are struggling with HOA/neighborhood boards with historically adversarial issues, and a lack of consensus and support. I cannot even begin to imagine how these problems will be compounded by drawing lines that separate parts of these districts from each other.

I appreciate and agree with the comment from Representative Lowen at your last public hearing, where she stated that in essence any of these plans seem to be trading one set of problems for another. I am extremely dissatisfied with the Tech Committee proposal and recognize that while there may be similar problems in the Community Plan put forth by Ralph Boyea and other members of the public, overall it is a superior option. Of course we are all in agreement, there is no "perfect" plan. However, after reviewing both I see a lot of things that make much more sense to me in the Community Plan than I do in the Tech Committee plan. All of the Puna chopping is nothing compared to the fact that Kaloko Mauka is still in D7, connected to Hawi and Waimea.

I have a couple of ideas how making small changes to the current Tech Committee proposed plan we could alleviate that issue and get Holualoa to be included with the Kona area District rather than going all the way South. There are also numerous solutions that could be implemented to put all of Hawaiian Paradise Park in the same district, working within the framework of the Tech Committee's proposal. There are almost infinite possibilities to amend either of these plans if one is willing to look outside the box and make adjustments. I have heard similar testimony given and seen no changes to the Tech plan yet, unless I am mistaken? I appreciate that the Community Plan was adjusted already multiple times since it was first introduced to the Hawaii Advisory Council on Monday, they are listening to feedback and providing other workable solutions and improving upon the work they have done. My question though, is will those proposals and ideas be given serious consideration? I am unsure of how the process really works in regard to all this feedback we are giving and how it can actually be incorporated into the proposed plan in a meaningful way.

What I am witnessing overall is a lack of willingness to make these adjustments from the Tech Committee. Perhaps I am misunderstanding procedure and all of these issues will somehow be meaningfully addressed and multiple amendments will be made shortly to create a workable compromise. However, the feedback I heard at the beginning introduction of the map meetings were that when people suggested moving one road or another that it would create a ripple effect that would shift population deviations too drastically, so in essence it seemed to be an argument by certain Commissioners to not make any significant changes to the plan that was being considered. How then are we to reach a compromise? Ralph and his crew responded to that by making a map from scratch to address all of the areas of concern that community members are bringing up and ultimately seem to be told that there are too many changes being proposed so it isn't really worth considering. Where is the compromise? Shouldn't the people who live in these areas get a chance to decide which communities they identify the most closely with? Will there be updates to the Tech Committee's plans and another round of public hearings conducted? Aren't we running out of time?

Isn't this entire process an exercise in futility, when the original process for extraction may have indeed been conducted incorrectly? Or even as multiple commissioners have assured us, if it was done correctly it was perhaps conducted with incorrect and/or incomplete data regarding the numbers of non-permanent residents. If in actuality we need to redo the reapportionment part of this process then why are we spending so much time making maps and discussing lines and collecting testimony and having meetings when really we need to redo the number game from the start and rework these

maps with an 8th House Seat for our island. We are running out of time to complete this process and need to know what a timeline looks like to redo the numbers and create/review new maps with 8 districts, which would certainly help alleviate a lot of the concerns about subdivisions being split as we would have an entirely new district to work within. Ralph's group already has a proposal ready with an 8th District factored in. It would be great to get to a point where concerned citizens could begin reviewing that and giving feedback on that map instead.

Regarding the proposed Senate Districts, as this won't really affect me directly (as I am still squarely in the midst of SD2) I haven't spent as much time reviewing these maps. I have suggestions on how to improve upon that map as well, if we are truly looking for even population representation. If we adjust the lines slightly to include Pepe'ekeo into SD4 which is short on population, and then move Kea'au with SD1 instead of SD2, as SD1 is currently even and SD2 is currently over in population it would make for better population distribution and might even possibly avoid having two incumbents run against one another. This shift seems pretty obvious, so I am thinking there must be some sort of justification as to why it wasn't done by the Tech Committee? There are multiple questions I have about lines along almost all the borders of these Senate districts and am wondering if there is a detailed explanation of how these lines were drawn and what the rationale was behind those choices. Is there a report on the process that was taken here? Also one of the main criticisms I have heard in regards to the House Community Plan is the significant size of the districts and the drive time associated within traversing these districts, yet the Senate Districts will always be huge due to the spread of our population centers and the overall landmass of our Big Island. In fact, it looks like some of the choices the Tech Committee made in drawing the Senate maps were similar to a couple of the choices the Community Plan group took in drawing their House District maps. Why is drive time such a concern regarding the House maps but not an issue when discussing Senate Districts?

Overall, if we all want even, fair, and inclusive representation I believe we need immediate transparency and follow through on readdressing the extraction numbers for reapportionment. Then we need to see the next round of maps drawn with an intention to keep similar communities together and avoid splitting our large subdivisions. I believe this is possible if the intention and will is there to do so. Thank you all again for all of your time, diligence, and attention on this challenging work.

Aloha nō,
Shannon Matson
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From: [Elton Fukumoto](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for December 4
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 1:33:02 AM

Dr. Mark Mugiishi, Chair
2021 Reapportionment Commission

Dear Chair Mugiishi and Members of the Commission:

This is the second testimonial message I am sending you, but this time I am wearing another hat.

The District 23 Council of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i has authorized me to testify in opposition to the proposed TG district boundaries for Manoa Valley. The District Council opposes this proposed plan and asks you to redraw the district boundaries so as to include most or all of the residents of Manoa in one House district.

Elton Fukumoto, Chair
District 23 (Manoa), Democratic Party of Hawai'i

From: [Bergstroms](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapolei and Makakilo's Reapportionment Proposal
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 6:51:23 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the Kapolei and Makakilo's Reapportionment Proposal. Dividing this community across three different House Districts does nothing to help unite our community. In fact, it only creates division which is not healthy for any community. If you follow Blue Zones concepts at all, you can see the proof of how a sense of community is so very important for the health of it's members. In addition, the proposed division would be so very confusing. Surely there is a better way to group our communities while attending to the needs of the Districts. Please reconsider this proposal. Listen to the Kapolei and Makakilo residents and their Reps for a better proposal!

Mahalo for your time,

Lani Bergstrom
Makakilo resident

From: [Jimmy MCMAHON](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Jerry](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa Valley reappointment
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 7:11:36 AM

Dear Reapportionment Commission members,

As a resident of Manoa Valley since 1962, I strongly support keeping our Valley whole. We all live and work together here.

Manoa valley is a unique community geographically, historically and culturally. It has a long history going back to when it was an indigenous agricultural community and refuge for Hawaiian all. Its present-day residents share common values, history and concerns of urbanization which create a strong bond between them. To divide this singular community into arbitrary and separate electoral districts irrespective of its natural and historical boundaries is to divide neighborhoods and the voting habits which they have shared for decades.

I urge you to consider the plan for a Manoa electoral district submitted by Bill Hicks to the Commission. Although there is no clear “right” or “wrong” way to redraw the Manoa boundaries, I feel the Hicks plan is the best attempt to adjust the boundaries in a way that respects the existing community and the interests of its residents.

Aloha,
Jimmy McMahan
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From: [Charles Izumoto](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Rep. Adrian K.Tam](#); [M Chang](#); [Senator Sharon Y Moriwaki](#)
Subject: Testimony for 12/4 public hearing
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 8:10:16 AM
Attachments: [MUGIISHI, MARK 2021-12-04.pdf](#)

Please find attached testimony for the East Honolulu public hearing on proposed reapportionment plan.

Charles P. Izumoto

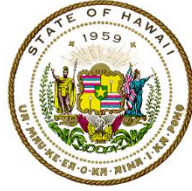
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December 4, 2021

Dr. Mark Mugiishi, Chair, and Members
Reapportionment Commission
c/o Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

Re: East Honolulu Public Hearing on Proposed Reapportionment Plans

Dear Chair and Members:

Thank you for your service on behalf of the state. You face a difficult task to ensure that districts represent an equal number of permanent residents while also preserving the integrity of communities.

We write on behalf of the Kaka'ako Community Development District which we currently represent. It is a district currently situated entirely within current Senate District 12 and shared by House Districts 22 and 26. As a state-established community development district, it was created to ensure development of residential, commercial and light industrial uses as well as parks and public open spaces for the enjoyment of its residents and visitors. It spans from mauka to makai with the shoreline to be preserved for current and future generations.

In short, Kaka'ako Mauka and Makai form a contiguous neighborhood with deep cultural and historical roots. It is for this reason that the state, in 1978, created the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to ensure the stewardship of this urban district.

The Commission's proposed plan has appropriately maintained the community district's integrity in Senate District 12. The House dividing line, however, carves the Ewa-Makai area out of the current House district, shifting Kaka'ako Makai into House District 27 — Downtown/Kalihi — and away from Kaka'ako Mauka.

For the continuing development of the Kaka'ako Community Development District, it is crucial that the total community—both Mauka (of Ala Moana Boulevard) and Makai (from Ala Moana Boulevard to the ocean) remain within the Kaka'ako House District.

Further, there is no resident population in Kaka'ako Makai, nor will there be, since residential building on these shoreline parcels is prohibited by law. Therefore, preserving the integrity of Kaka'ako within one House District will have no population impact now or in the future.

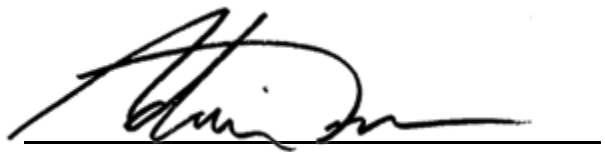
Based on the above, we current Kaka'ako representatives, on behalf of the community where we both currently reside, urge the Reapportionment Commission to reconsider splitting Kaka'ako Makai away from Kaka'ako Mauka. Please, instead, retain the integrity of the Kaka'ako Community Development District within one House and one Senate district as described in the attached map. It would amend the Commission's lines by moving the House District 23 boundary from the current shoreline of Kewalo Basin to the Honolulu Harbor shoreline and deleting the boundary along Ala Moana Boulevard that divides Kaka'ako Makai from Kaka'ako Mauka.

Aloha & mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



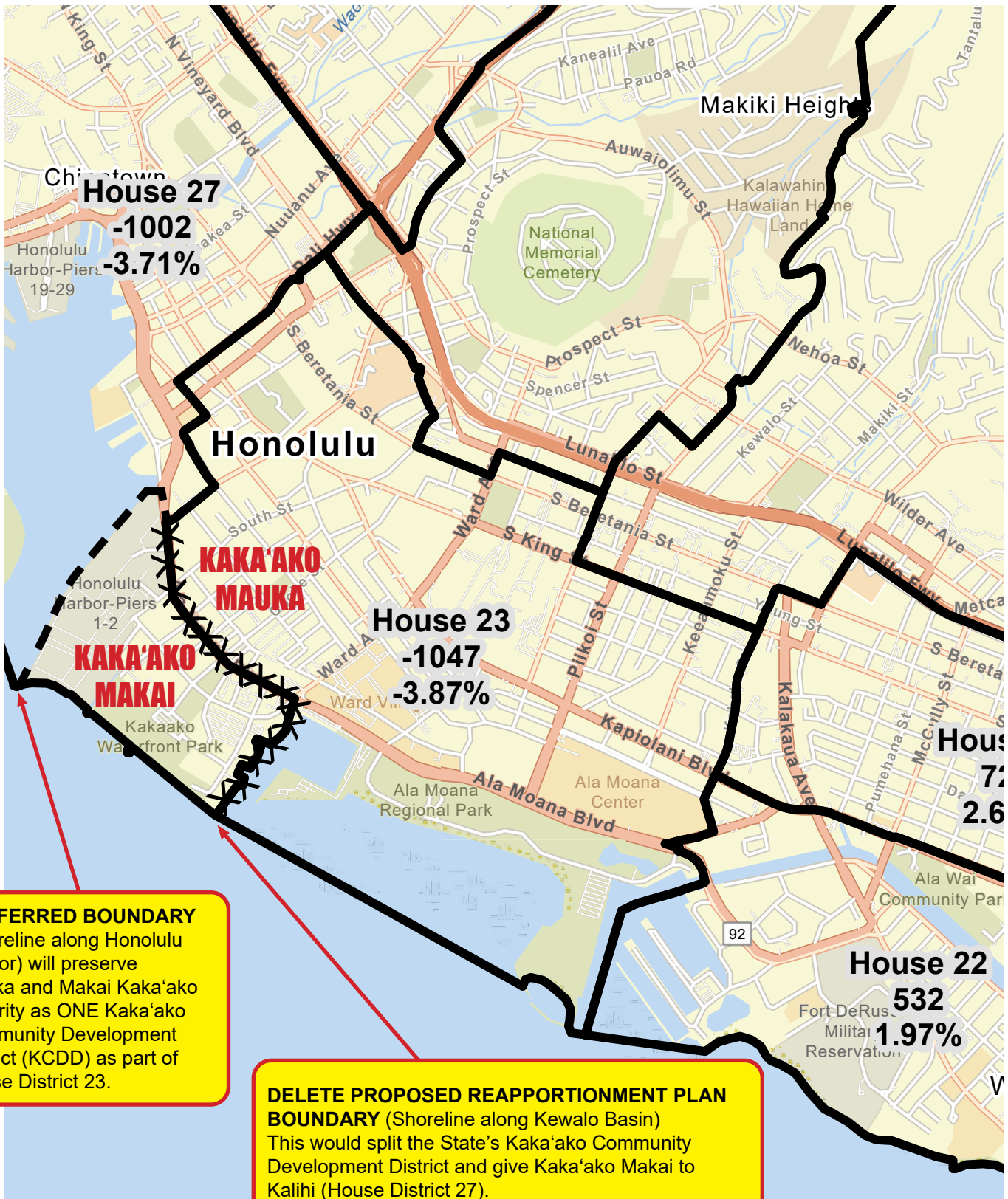
SHARON Y. MORIWAKI
Senator, Senate District 12



ADRIAN K. TAM
Representative, House District 22

Enclosure

PREFERRED DISTRICT BOUNDARY FOR KAKA'AKO - AMENDMENT TO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION PROPOSAL: DISTRICT 23 & 27



PREFERRED BOUNDARY
 (Shoreline along Honolulu Harbor) will preserve Mauka and Makai Kaka'ako integrity as ONE Kaka'ako Community Development District (KCDD) as part of House District 23.

DELETE PROPOSED REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN BOUNDARY (Shoreline along Kewalo Basin)
 This would split the State's Kaka'ako Community Development District and give Kaka'ako Makai to Kalihi (House District 27).

From: [Robbie Berkstresser](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Manoa electoral district
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 9:04:46 AM

December 2, 2021

Dear Reapportionment Commission members,

I understand that districts have to be adjusted periodically in accordance with the latest census. At the same time I would ask you to remember a core principle underlying any electoral democracy, namely the importance of respecting existing communities and the voting interests that bind its members.

Manoa valley is a unique community geographically, historically and culturally. It has a long history going back to when it was an indigenous agricultural community and refuge for Hawaiian ali. Its present-day residents share common values, history and concerns of urbanization which create a strong bond between them. To divide this singular community into arbitrary and separate electoral districts irrespective of its natural and historical boundaries is to divide neighborhoods and the voting habits which they have shared for decades.

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Aloha,

Robbie Berkstresser

3631 Woodlawn Terrace Place

Honolulu, HI 96822

From: [susanmvg](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony to be included for the Dec 4th public hearing
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 9:19:34 AM

Dear Reapportionment Commissioners,

Please do not even consider dividing our beloved community of Mānoa into two separate State House districts #20 & 24. Many home owners on the street where I live, and throughout Mānoa, are family and neighbors who treasure our long-time Mānoa residency. We have fought for our low density, single-family neighborhoods and one marketplace community with shade trees. We take care of each other, our property, and volunteer to keep Mānoa beautiful, safe, and prosperous.

I strongly oppose the draft prepared by the technical group that was presented at the meeting on 10/14/21.

I emphatically support the alternative plan that was created by Bill Hicks, the Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board. "Bill Hicks' Alternative Plan" will keep the State House district #23 intact as one community of Mānoa, in addition to resolving the issues mentioned by Waimanalo, Kailua and Hawai'i Kai residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Susan Van Gorder

Sent from my iPad

From: [george west](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting-East HNL-Kapahulu
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 9:26:20 AM

Reapportionment Commission/Technical Committee,

Hello, I am George West residing at 3207 Catherine St. in Kapahulu, submitting written testimony in opposition to proposed redistricting within the Kapahulu community.

I have been a life-long resident of Kapahulu, as have family generations before, and to come, as my children and grandchildren reside at the address as well. Kapahulu has a long and rich history with much meaning for us filled with respect, love and Aloha. To do my part, I have served multiple terms on the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/ St Louis Hts. NB No. 5 spanning 30 years, leading work groups and serving two terms as Chair. I continue as a member of NB 5.

Redistricting as proposed does not make sense in allowing our community to be effectively represented concerning community issues. With an understanding of population shifts requiring periodic review, I respectfully ask for consideration to have the Kapahulu Community boundaries structured as to allow proper representation to protect and preserve its long and rich history and to allow thoughtful planning for our family home, and many other Kamaaina families as well, to remain as our homes.

Thank you.

From: lgard@hawaiiantel.net
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: DRJLAM@aol.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: support of the Hicks plan
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 10:08:42 AM

Let's keep Manoa valley intact as one contiguous district--I am in support of the Hicks Plan. Thank you, Lila Gardner,
1624 Dole St, Honolulu, Hi 96822,

From: [Mark Bogart](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Manoa electoral district
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 11:03:16 AM

December 3, 2021

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Aloha,

Mark Bogart, Ph.D.
3631 Woodlawn Terrace Pl.
Honolulu, HI 96822
Phone: 808-988-3180

From: [Barbarak](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for December 10 meeting
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 12:07:19 PM

Aloha,

The Windward reapportionment map has a glaring fault where the map shows the district curving around Makapuu to incorporate part of Hawaii Kai. Please make the adjustment that Windward side does not include Honolulu zip code areas. This proposed change doesn't make sense and dilutes the impact of both the Windward side as well as the Hawaii Kai section of Honolulu.

Thank you.

Aloha,
Barbara Krasniewski
124 Kuulei Road
Kailua

From: [Franco](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#); [Representative Dale T. Kobayashi](#); [Sen. Brian Taniguchi](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE- Reapportionment that divides Manoa Valley
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 12:28:15 PM

I am TOTALLY OPPOSED to ANY REAPPORTIONMENT that DIVIDES MANOA VALLEY!!!!

I have lived (and voted) in Manoa Valley since 1968.

Manoa Valley is a cohesive, natural valley with visible borders that set off it's geographic place.

It would be a really stupid thing to split it up as in this crazy political plan to divide the place and the people who live here.

I WILL VOTE AGAINST ANYONE who attempts to do such a really STUPID REAPPORTIONMENT for a place like MANOA VALLEY!!!

Especially in Senate District 11 and HDistrict 23!

Franco Salmoiraghi

From: [Kit Wynkoop](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 12:48:33 PM

Aloha,

As a resident of Mānoa, I'm opposed to the proposed reapportionment of the valley.

Aloha
Kit

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Kit Kanohoaloha Wynkoop

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From: [Dyson Chee](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testifying on Reapportionment Maps
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 1:25:00 PM

Aloha,

My name is Dyson Chee and I am a resident of Ala Moana. I am submitting this email to briefly testify on the State Reapportionment maps. I have some concerns regarding the lack of cohesiveness between different communities and demographics with the current proposed plans, and would highly encourage the commission to take up alternative plans that have been created by community members that are more effective in minimizing deviation.

Mahalo,
Dyson Chee

From: helen.taufaasau
To: [QE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Division of Manoa Valley
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 1:42:04 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to state my **opposition** to the splitting of the Manoa Valley community into two separate House districts for the coming election and the next 10 years.

I have lived here in this Valley for over 25 years and have been actively involved in many activities and organizations of Manoa Valley. My husband and I have raised two children here and feel very connected to this wonderful community. My husband grew up in Manoa Valley and he thrived here, knowing that he was part of this very special place.

If you split this valley into two separate House districts with different representatives and attach us to different neighborhoods we have never worked with before, you will destroy the special sense of place Manoa Valley has and diminish the cohesiveness we have worked so hard to promote.

We love living in this Valley because we feel connected to our community - where we all work together to promote this sense of place unlike any other neighborhood on the island. We know our neighbors and ALL work together toward similar goals - attending Manoa Neighborhood Board meetings to keep on top of what is happening around us - protecting our unique character. We have beautiful historic homes that unite us and are proud of these homes that stretch through-out the valley. We all work together to promote a clean and healthy Manoa Stream that runs from the mountains to the ocean. We all share the Manoa Valley Marketplace - we are so fortunate to shop and visit with our neighbors.

We have a history that goes back many years and our valley is well-defined by the natural borders - the mountains on three sides of us - we are ONE Manoa Valley!

The natural, geographic borders of the mountains should be used to delineate the State House district in Mānoa. The Alternative Plan, submitted by Kailua Neighborhood Board Chair Bill Hicks, accomplishes this. We implore you to adopt the Hicks' Plan and have the technical group make the necessary changes to keep Mānoa Valley as one district.

Please listen to us and take us seriously - this issue is extremely important to us.

Sincerely,

Helen and Hugh Taufa'asau
3440 Woodlawn Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii

From: [Dale Gilmartin](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Manoa Valley Reapportionment
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 2:03:35 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am imploring you to keep Manoa as one district. The reasons are obvious, we are a geographically distinct area, we share deep cultural and historic ties with our neighbors and, as a 40-year Manoa Valley resident, I beg you to allow our valley to remain one.

With respect and aloha,

Dale Moana Gilmartin
3282 Paty Dr, Honolulu, HI 96822
(808) 292-7703

From: [Craig Gorsuch](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Reapportionment Mānoa
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 2:56:22 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commission,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the reapportionment of Manoa because it divides the cohesive valley community in half. Friends and neighbors would be separated into different Senate districts weakening our collective voice. I also feel that the valley's natural geographic borders of the mountains already define our valley community for Senate recognition.

Mahalo,
Craig Gorsuch
2505 Rainbow Drive
Honolulu, HI 96822
808-927-1867

From: [Judy Sobin](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for December 4 Hearing
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 3:45:49 PM
Attachments: [Testimony Before the Reapportionment Commission.docx](#)

Aloha,

Please find my testimony attached.

Thank you,

Judy



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Testimony Before the Reapportionment Commission
December 4, 2021
Re Proposed Reapportionment
Judy Sobin
748 Kalanipuu Street
Honolulu, HI 96825

My name is Judy Sobin. I am a Realtor and I am member of two School Community Councils in Hawaii Kai for Kaiser High School and Kamiloiki Elementary School. My testimony is submitted as an individual citizen.

I know the Reapportionment Commission has a great deal of information to review and I appreciate all of the work completed. I have done my best to review population numbers as well as recognized landmarks. Others, like Mr. Hicks from Kailua have done excellent work in developing what looks like a very workable revised plan.

While I live in Hawaii Kai, I sell properties throughout Oahu. My recommendation that follows is based upon what I have seen and what I know is coming.

We can expect few population changes in Hawaii Kai or for that matter in East Honolulu, Waimanalo or Kailua over the next 10 years. The same cannot be said for the middle of Oahu nor for the West Side of our island where there will be population growth and shifting of population. Based upon this shifting and in some cases increasing numbers, both House and Senate districts should be and will need to be adjusted in these neighborhoods.

I recommend and I urge the Commission to leave neighborhoods intact that are not likely to experience growth over the next 10 years. District 17 is one of those that should remain the same.

From: [Helen Nakano](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Vanessa Distajo](#); [Helen T. Nakano](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony on Reapportionment Plans
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 4:04:59 PM

Dear Dr. Mark Mugiishi and Members of the Redistricting Commission:

I am hoping that my testimony will be accepted at this late time and date, December 3, 2021.
I was just notified that my previous two submissions were not recorded as I had assumed.

I am a long-time resident of Manoa Valley. I served on the Manoa Neighborhood Board along with Ed Case; helped found Malama Manoa, an organization which has served the community for 29 years; am an officer of the Manoa Heritage Center, and a charter member of Be Ready Manoa. I mention this to show my strong commitment to my community.

Please do not split this Valley into two separate districts. This proposed plan is bizarre! Please keep the community as a single district.

The chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, Bill Hicks, has come up with an equitable and realistic solution that makes so much sense.

I support the "Bill Hicks Plan".

Respectfully submitted,

Helen T. Nakano
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From: [Jeremy Hopkins](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony of Kama Hopkins - Please Keep Mānoa Intact
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 4:28:32 PM

Aloha nui Chair Mugiishi and members of the Reapportionment Commission,

I am writing to all of you to express my sincere appreciation for the work you do. I know it is not an easy task and you all have many variables to think about as you discuss this reapportionment plan.

For the record of this Public Hearing to be held on December 4, 2021, I would like you to please consider keeping Mānoa intact as one district for the following reasons and others likely to be shared at the commission meeting by other Mānoa residents.

Here in Mānoa, we are naturally separated from other communities by our mountain boarders. Those who do not live here, patron our shops, play at our parks, deal with unique parking issues, much needed road repair, overgrown albizia trees, clogged water ways, and a myriad of other problems cannot possibly fathom or understand our daily struggles. We do not pretend to understand theirs. We actively work together as a thriving community using ongoing partnerships with other local organizations to try and resolve our problems which face us daily.

We support each other and our community by supporting our local businesses and our central marketplace which also serves as a hub of economic activity. We collectively are the social infrastructure of our community and we share the physical infrastructure as well as best as we can knowing that our neighbors all depend on the resources in our home area of Mānoa. We have been...we are...and we will continue to be one ahupua'a. It makes no logical sense to us how we can be divided in our own home.

I respectfully ask this commission to keep Mānoa intact and not split us up as your current reapportionment plan proposes. Mahalo nui for your consideration and please let me know if I can ever answer any questions.

Aloha,

Kama Hopkins

From: [Matt Prellberg](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 12/4/21 Testimony from NBS
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 4:31:11 PM
Attachments: [M-M NB No. 8 Reapportionment Resolution \(FINAL\).pdf](#)
[NB08 Testimony Reapportionment Commission \(12-04-21\).pdf](#)

Aloha,

Please find testimony for tomorrow's meeting attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mahalo,
Matt

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RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO REJECT THE CURRENT PROPOSED REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, a fundamental tenet of elections in the United States is the fair apportionment of representation across a given population, and the United States and Hawai'i governments each have legislative bodies with legislators elected to represent individual districts that have an approximate equal number of community members; and

WHEREAS, the process to ensure that districts have an approximate number of equal community members in line with the changing population of a place is called reapportionment or redistricting; and

WHEREAS, article IV, section 2, of the Hawai'i State Constitution calls for and explains the procedures for the convening of the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission, which is tasked every ten years with creating a reapportionment plan for the State Legislature and a reapportionment plan for United States congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, in creating reapportionment plans, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission's main consideration is the number of people living in an area, but it also considers issues such as natural and manmade physical boundaries separating communities, contiguousness of connected communities, and the issues shared by connected communities; and

WHEREAS, given its many considerations and a short window in which the State Constitution requires reapportionment plans to be finalized, it is understood that creating reapportionment plans is an imperfect and difficult process; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission voted to accept a proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, due to significant increases in population in leeward of O'ahu and in Kaka'ako, the proposed redistricting plan for O'ahu sees many existing O'ahu Legislative districts being redrawn entirely; and

WHEREAS, in particular, urban and east Honolulu districts are being significantly redrawn or combined; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature creates House District 21, which covers the vast majority of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood and the Diamond Head neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, these neighborhoods, as drawn on the current maps, are only connected by the Ala Wai Golf course, which is not residential; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the proposed reapportionment plan leaves the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighbors who live along the Ala Wai Canal to be included with the representation for Waikīkī instead of with the rest of McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

WHEREAS, for the previous decade, McCully-Mō'ili'ili has had four State Representative districts that include our neighborhood, and those Representative districts also include adjacent neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in these districts, McCully-Mō'ili'ili is combined with parts of Mānoa (District 23), Makiki (District 24), Ala Moana (District 26), and Kapahulu (District 21); and

WHEREAS, the issues facing these adjacent neighborhoods are similar to the issues facing or directly impacting McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

WHEREAS, the issues that face McCully-Mō'ili'ili are varied from and are not immediately impacted by the issues facing the Diamond Head neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, neither McCully-Mō'ili'ili nor Diamond Head will be best served by a Representative who has to consider the varied interests of these two distinct neighborhoods that are not physically contiguous through residential property; and

WHEREAS, the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighbors who live along the Ala Wai canal will not be best served by a Representative who considers the interests of Waikīkī over the interests of McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission will be hosting a series of public meetings during November and December 2021, and January 2022, to take testimony on and finalize its reapportionment plans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that that the McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 strongly urges the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission to reject the proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature adopted on October 28, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to reject any reapportionment plan for the State Legislature that relies on using the Ala Wai Golf Course or any non-residential property to make a contiguous district; and

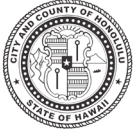
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to keep as much of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative as practical or Constitutionally allowed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Hawaii Reapportionment Commission is unable to propose a reapportionment plan for the State Legislature in which the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood is only represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative, then the Commission is strongly urged to only combine McCully-Mō'ili'ili with immediately adjacent neighborhoods that face the same issues as or directly McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Neighborhood Commission Office is asked to transmit an electronic copy of this resolution to the electronic mailing list for this Board; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chair and Commissioners of the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission; the Chief Elections Officer of the State of Hawaii; the Chair of the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/Saint Louis Heights Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Waikīkī Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Mānoa Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board; and the Chair of the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board.

This resolution was ADOPTED by the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8 at its December 2, 2021, regular meeting, 11-1-0 (AYE: Allred, Barber, Chang, Frisinger, Fujishige, Kim, Long, Prellberg, Robotti, Saito, Streitz; NAY: Hioki; ABSTAIN: None).



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Aloha Chair Mugiishi, Commissioners, and neighbors,

Mahalo for stepping up to serve our State during this once in a decade process. Thank you for the opportunity to testify this afternoon. My name is Matt Prellberg, and I am the chair of McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8. The McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board strongly urges the Commission to reject the proposed State Legislative Redistricting Plan. On December 2, 2021, our Board passed a resolution strongly urging this Commission to reject the proposed legislative redistricting plan. A copy of this resolution is attached to this testimony. Additionally, while I can't speak on its behalf, at its November meeting, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 voted unanimously to support our Board in its attempts to pass this resolution.

We understand the process of redrawing these maps is difficult and imperfect, and we do not expect a map that perfectly represents a neighborhood or combination of neighborhoods. Despite this, the proposed maps for the State Legislative Redistricting plan are not satisfactory for our neighborhood. Specifically, our Board is opposed to this plan because of the proposed House District 21 and proposed House District 22.

Generally speaking, McCully-Mō'ili'ili is the urban neighborhood with our mauka boundary being the H-1 highway, our makai boundary being the Ala Wai Canal, between Kapiolani Boulevard and Kapahulu Avenue. The proposed House District 21 is drawn to cover the majority of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood and the Diamond Head neighborhood, and the proposed House District 22 is drawn to cover all of Waikīkī and the portion McCully-Mō'ili'ili along the Ala Wai Canal.

Our Board is opposed to the proposed map for three primary reasons:

- (1) The McCully-Mō'ili'ili and Diamond Head neighborhoods are not physical "neighbors". The spirit and intent of redistricting law is for communities in a single district to be residentially contiguous. As drawn on the current map, House District 21 connects our neighborhoods using the Ala Wai Golf course. The golf course is obviously not residential property. Accordingly, the proposed district does not align with the spirit of the law that requires districts to be residentially contiguous.
- (2) The McCully-Mō'ili'ili and Diamond Head neighborhoods are two distinct communities, and our interests cannot be best served by a Representative who has to consider the varied interests of these neighborhoods. McCully-Mō'ili'ili is a low-income, transient community. Diamond Head is neither low-income nor transient. The issues facing our communities can vary widely, and in the history of government, it is not uncommon for the interests of low-income and transient communities to be ignored or sacrificed in favor of the wealthy and established. We are concerned that the House District 21 Representative will overlook McCully-Mō'ili'ili in favor of Diamond Head.
- (3) The portion of our neighborhood along the Ala Wai Canal will be placed into the new District 21, including the majority of Waikīkī. Similar to our second point, the interests of Waikīkī vary from those in McCully-Mō'ili'ili. In particular, one of the most significant issues currently facing our community is a proposed pedestrian bridge to be built over the Ala Wai Canal at the end of

University Avenue, connecting McCully-Mō'ili'ili and Waikīkī. The neighbors on the McCully-Mō'ili'ili side of the Canal and our Board remain opposed to this bridge while the neighbors on the Waikīkī side of the Canal are in favor of the bridge. We need a continued advocate, and our McCully-Mō'ili'ili voices will be diluted if our elected official primarily serves the interests of the people of Waikīkī.

I think it is safe to say at this moment the proposed Oahu House map has broad opposition for many reasons. Ask anyone who has ever played Tetris with me and they will tell you that I am not a visuospatial thinker, so it is a good thing that each of you were selected for this position rather than me. And it is encouraging to hear that many others, including Chair Hicks, have the aptitude to draw maps that address many of the concerns of different neighborhoods. I reiterate that I understand no perfect map is possible, but just because there isn't a perfect map, does not mean that this Commission and the people of Hawaii should accept such a flawed map as this.

Accordingly, the McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board strongly urges the Commission:

- (1) To reject the current proposed State Legislative Redistricting Plan;
- (2) To reject any plan that relies on using the Ala Wai Golf Course or any non-residential property to make a contiguous district;
- (3) To accept a plan that includes as many residents of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood to be represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative as practical or Constitutionally allowed; and
- (4) If the Commission is unable to design a plan for the State Legislature in which McCully-Mō'ili'ili is only represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative, to only accept a plan in which McCully-Mō'ili'ili is combined with immediately adjacent neighborhoods that face the same issues as or directly McCully-Mō'ili'ili, such as Mānoa, Makiki, Kapahulu, or Ala Moana, and not Waikīkī or Diamond Head.

Mahalo again for taking on this necessary and difficult kuleana.

Matt Prellberg
Chair
McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8.

From: [Jayne Kinoshita](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] State Reapportionment Proposal - Waikapu
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 4:48:59 PM

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission,

I am a resident of Waikapu and have lived in the Waiolani subdivision for 27 years. I am opposed to the Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission proposal to remove Waikapu from a Central Maui Representative district and splitting up our community into 2 Senate districts.

I've been on the Waikapu Community Association Board since 2013. I joined not knowing much about Waikapu but thought this would be a good way to learn about it. Through the years, I've seen the community grow and work together to ensure that it continues to be a respectful, safe and beautiful place to live. Yes, we are unique but we are also very similar and integrated into Central Maui where we need the same representation at the State level to support the Central Maui schools our kids attend, the similar values and lifestyle of home owners and families, our safety initiatives, and as we collaborate with developers for Waikapu's future. It would be a detriment if we were part of West Maui which has very different needs. West Maui would not benefit from their State representation having to support different goals and issues. Someone will get the short end of the stick when there are conflicting objectives.

Our current Waikapu Community Association board members reside in various Waikapu subdivisions so it wouldn't make sense if Waikapu Gardens were separated from the rest of Waikapu. I am honored to work alongside this group of dedicated, insightful, hardworking individuals who truly care about people's lives and our community as whole. Through the years, our community meetings have consisted of matters at the county, state and federal levels with our intent being to help the entire Waikapu community. We have quarterly community meetings to inform the community or get input from them when something may impact Waikapu. We invite our State Legislatures because we need their support, especially when topics deal with schools, infrastructure, issues on state highways, and developments where some logistics are under State control. We also consider our adjacent Wailuku neighborhoods since they are impacted from the same issues we face like traffic, crime, drugs, speeding, dumping trash and abandoned vehicles along the highway, etc.

We are making progress to increase community involvement so these changes being proposed will also hinder that progress. Since the reapportionment is for the next 10 years, it is extremely important that the decision is made now to keep our community with a Central Maui representation.

I humbly ask that you keep our Waikapu community together and represented as part of Central Maui. Thank you for your efforts. I know this is a challenging task. Please support us.

Best Regards,

Jayne Kinoshita
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From: [Cheryl Uchihara](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hawaii Kai redistricting 2021 written testimony
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 5:27:09 PM

To the Reapportionment Committee,

I am a lifelong resident of Hawaii Kai and attended Kamiloiki Elementary School, Niu Valley Intermediate School and Kaiser High School, which I am proud to say is my alma matter. So it is extremely disturbing and upsetting to me and everyone else I've spoken to that lives in Hawaii Kai, to see the current redistricting proposal remove Kaiser High School, its surrounding area, the Hawaii Kai Fire Station, Portlock (and Koko Head Elementary School) and Koko Head Shopping Center from the Hawaii Kai district.

Makapuu Point has been and should continue to be the natural geographical boundary that separates the East Oahu and Windward Oahu districts. Forcing a nonsensical separation within East Oahu and combining it with the Windward district will result in only negative effects in its community, and will upset and dilute all of its resident's voices in Kailua, Waimanalo and Hawaii Kai. There is no positive effect, unless you count certain political interests.

Portlock is the oldest or one of the oldest parts of Hawaii Kai since it already existed prior to Henry J. Kaiser's development of the Hawaii Kai master-planned community. This area is farther removed from the windward side than other parts of Hawaii Kai. It is also the richest part of East Oahu. Why would this luxury home area be included with the Waimanalo area? It does not make sense to combine communities that have different interests.

Koko Head Elementary School services the Portlock and Kuliouou areas. Kuliouou is not part of the proposed changes so it would fragment their voice for this school.

Kaiser High School, named after its founder Henry J. Kaiser, celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. It was built 50 years ago to provide services and support for the Hawaii Kai neighborhood's needs. In its website under "School Profile & History", it states, "Kaiser High leads the Kaiser Complex, serving students from Niu Valley Middle and four elementary schools: Aina Haina, Hahaione, Kamiloiki, and Koko Head." By removing Kaiser High School (and Koko Head Elementary School) from the Hawaii Kai community (which includes Kuliouou) and including it with Kailua and Waimanalo, the commission effectively fractures the school system in Hawaii Kai and removes the community's voice for its only high school built specifically to serve it.

The Hawaii Kai Fire Station is our community's lifeline, literally. I personally know someone whose life was saved by men at this station. How is it possible that the majority of the community it resides in will not have a say in its future?

Koko Head Shopping Center has been an integral part of Hawaii Kai for 50 years. It is a place residents, including myself, visit regularly. In its website, the title of its section called "ABOUT US" states, "WE ARE EAST HAWAII'S SHOPPING CENTER". The first sentence reads, "Located in East Oahu, Koko Marina Center has been serving the community for 50 years." How can the majority of Hawaii Kai residents no longer have a voice when it comes to its community shopping center?

These proposed changes make no sense at all and is an egregious attempt by select politicians and their supporters to force a poor redistricting plan on our community. Members of the Reapportionment Committee, please do not let this happen.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Uchihara

From: [Michael Hee](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony for 12/4/2021 Reappointment Commission Hearing
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 5:43:48 PM

Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident of Manoa Valley, I am opposed to the Commission's proposed reapportionment of Manoa Valley into two separate State House Districts. Manoa Valley should be maintained as a single-represented House District (free from non-valley influencers) in order to preserve its quality, character and culture for those, like myself and my family, who call this place our home.

To keep Manoa Valley unified into a single House District, I support the Hick's reapportionment plan and respectfully ask the members of the Reapportionment Commission to consider this alternative to what is currently being proposed by the Commission. We need to preserve our Manoa Valley identity.

Sincerely,

Michael K.J. Hee

From: [Jeannette Kojane](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't break up Manoa
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 5:47:56 PM

Dear committee,

I am writing to you today as a resident of Manoa for over 25 years. I would like to register strong opposition to the plan to divide Manoa. Manoa should stay together as a geographic entity and be treated as the ahupuaa that it is. Dividing Manoa is a horrible idea.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeannette Kojane
jkojane@gmail.com

From: [Kathy Y](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hawai'i Kai redistricting 2021 written testimony
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 6:27:44 PM

To the Reapportionment Committee,

I have lived in Hawai'i Kai for most of my life, including attending Kamilo'iki Elementary School and Kaiser High School. It is my home. Please do not let the proposed redistricting plan happen. Any perceived benefit from it will not come anywhere close to the negative impact it will have on the intact communities and voices of Hawai'i Kai, Waimanalo and Kailua.

Sincerely,
Kathy Yoshikami

From: [Nikolai Turetsky](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] hicks plan support
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 6:36:34 PM

Hello,

I am writing to tell you of my support for the hicks plan which will keep manoa valley as one contiguous and compact district.

Please do not devide the valley!

Thanks,
Nikolai Turetsky

From: ndavlantes@aol.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed maps for districts 48 and 49
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 7:36:31 PM



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

December 3, 2021

Reapportionment Commission
Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

Re: Support of proposed commission maps for Windward Districts 48 and 49

To Commission Members:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, whose roots in the Ko'olaupoko area of Oahu go back 75 years, submits the following comments in support of the commission's proposed maps for House districts 48 and 49. As proposed, the maps seem to follow the six criteria spelled out in Chapter 25 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes:

- (1) No district shall be drawn so as to unduly favor a person or political party;
- (2) Except in the case of districts encompassing more than one island, districts shall be contiguous;
- (3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact;
- (4) Where possible, district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features such as streets, streams, and clear geographical features, and when practicable, shall coincide with census tract boundaries;
- (5) Where practicable, state legislative districts shall be wholly included within congressional districts; and
- (6) Where practicable, submergence of an area in a larger district wherein substantially different socio-economic interests predominate shall be avoided.

Relative to other states where re-districting has become so politicized, resulting in bizarre districts that bear no semblance to reality, Hawaii is fortunate that it has a bi-partisan commission in charge of the task. However, bipartisan is not the same as non-partisan, and political concerns cannot completely be set aside.

Be that as it may, our club finds the maps for our area have well-represented our members and their priorities and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Davlantes

Government Relations Chair
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko'olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."

From: [W Okazaki](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in SUPPORT of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021 for Kaneohe
Date: Friday, December 3, 2021 11:49:50 PM

Dear Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission,

My name is Wendy Okazaki and I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021. I have lived in Kaneohe my entire life and am a proud graduate of Castle High School.

I am in SUPPORT of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021 because this map is similar to the current district maps, which have served the community well. Having two Representatives for Kaneohe helps to ensure that all our community's needs will be advocated for in the State Legislature.

Lastly, the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021 restores neighborhoods in Kaneohe that are currently split down streets and makes them whole again. For example, neighborhoods in Heeia and Puohala are currently split between two House Districts. Adopting the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021 makes logical boundaries and will keep entire neighborhoods in the same House District.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wendy Okazaki

Kaneohe Resident

From: [Daphne Westcot](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 7:05:58 AM

To whom it may concern

I am writing to advise you of my concern about the proposed redistricting, specifically the division of the Villages of Kapolei across two districts, 41 and 42.

As a resident of the Villages of Kapolei and, therefore, a member of the Villages of Kapolei Association (VOKA), I disagree with this proposal which will separate villages belonging to VOKA across two districts.

In my opinion, this will make it more difficult to address issues, especially when it comes to requesting help or guidance from our legislators.

I can't help but believe that there is a strict political agenda behind the proposed division, which does not best serve the community.

Please take this into consideration and let me know dates and times so I can say this in person.

Aloha Delta Westcot

From: [Nathaniel's](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep manoa valley one district
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 7:54:14 AM

Aloha,

I support the Hicks plan which will keep Manoa Valley as one contiguous and compact district.

Please do not split manoa valley.

Clara Ching

From: [joeandnatascha](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Mānoa as one!
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 9:34:14 AM
Attachments: [Keep Mānoa as one! .pdf](#)

Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission,

I again come to you asking that adopt the Hick's Plan submitted to the Commission. Bill Hicks by his diligent calculations and mapping work.

I support the Hicks plan which will keep Manoa valley as one contiguous and compact district.

Please keep our manoa valley and community one, especially in this pandemic.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Natascha and Joe Del Rosario
Manoa residents



Keep Mānoa as one!

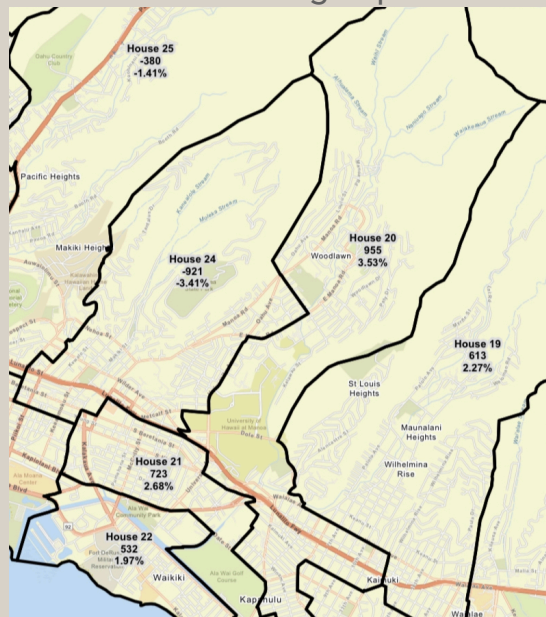
Dividing our beloved community into two separate districts is NOT acceptable.

- ▶ We live in a valley with natural, geographic borders of the mountains.
- ▶ We share the infrastructure in our community.
- ▶ We have been one, historic ahupua'a for centuries.
- ▶ We are a thriving community with ongoing partnerships between our local organizations.
- ▶ We have one, central marketplace that serves as a hub of economic activity.

Email personal testimony, specifically requesting inclusion in the "Public Hearings," before Dec. 4th, to:

Office of Elections Reapportionment Commission
reapportionment@hawaii.gov

2021 Redistricting Plan proposed by the technical group



From: [Waikiki - Hawaii Condo](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Kakaako Makai
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 9:58:58 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this testimony to strongly OPPOSE the reapportionment of Kakaako Makai from House District 26 to District 27.

Kakaako Makai and Mauka are one community and should not be separated.

Sincerely,
Kim Jorgensen

From: [Boisvert-Jorgensen](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Oppose splitting Kakaako in Two
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 10:07:16 AM

Aloha,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify about the proposed reapportionment of Kakaako.

I think it is a very bad idea to separate the Kakaako neighborhood into two different districts because Kakaako Mauka and Kakaako Makai make up one community and should be represented by the same elected leaders.

The people in Kakaako consider themselves to be of the same community and the state's Hawaii Community Development Authority considers it to be one community development district.

There is no need to "fix what is not broken".

Mahalo for your kind understanding and consideration.

Denise Boisvert

From: [Mariliz Reilly](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the Redistricting of Hawaii Kai
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 10:45:48 AM

Aloha,

I am just letting my voice be heard that as a Senior residence of Hawaii Kai since 1968, I am opposed and thoroughly confused by the thought of the Commissioner allowing and okaying the redistricting of Hawaii Kai, with Waimanalo & Kailua.

It absolutely makes no sense to divide our close-knit community into pieces! Please leave it as it is been and how it was first created using Makapuu and Keana Point as our frame of reference.

With this proposed plan, my son's school at Kaiser wouldn't even be part of Hawaii Kai???

What about Hawaii Kai's 1st shopping center?

What about my house at the Esplanade?

What about dividing an association at the Peninsula into half?

What about the Hawaii Kai Fire station?

What about the Hawaii Kai Golf course?

Please don't do this! PLEASE!!!

Mahalo, Mariliz Reilly,RA

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From: [Becky Gardner - Policy Matters LLC](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd:
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 1:59:21 PM
Attachments: [Public Hearing -East Honolulu - Hawaii Reapportionment testimony 12-4-21 - Becky Gardner.pdf](#)

Aloha,
Please find written testimony for today's reapportionment hearing. I would also like to try and testify orally, if the timing allows, as well.
Thank you,
Becky Gardner



December 4, 2021

Re: Public Testimony for East Honolulu Public Hearing - Hawaii Reapportionment Commission 12-4-21


Aloha, Commission Members:

My name is Becky Gardner and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of myself as Owner and Principal of Policy Matters LLC.

First, I wish to share the resolution that the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board passed unanimously in November – which I believe was submitted as item 68 on the public testimony site here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZLDEaDZNN6gAaruSrQJigHXkEgtvNDHI>

To be clear, I am not testifying as their representative; but I am a member of the Neighborhood Board and want to highlight 1 key paragraph, explaining that a line approximately 1.5 miles connects 5 proposed House districts, with one border wrapping around the residents of a sitting incumbent:

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO CONSIDER REDRAWING THE HOUSE DISTRICT LINES IN THE KAIMUKI, KAPAHULU, DIAMOND HEAD, and WAIALAE AREAS TO COMPLY WITH HAWAII LAW

WHEREAS Hawai'i State law directs the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission ("Commission") to redraw, if needed, district boundaries in response to changes in population identified by the decennial United States Census in order to ensure that citizens are equally represented; and

WHEREAS a "district" is the geographical area whose residents are represented by one member of the Hawaii State Legislature; and

WHEREAS the Hawaii State Constitution Article IV, Section 6 and Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 25-2(b) lists the criteria by which the Commission will be guided in redrawing the boundaries, and among the criteria are these: "(2) No district shall be so drawn as to unduly favor a person or political faction", "(3) Insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact", and "(6) Where practicable, submergence of an area in a larger district wherein substantially different socio-economic interests predominate shall be avoided"; and

WHEREAS, in mid-October the Reapportionment Commission Technical committee released its proposed maps for both the House and Senate, spurring intense criticism from multiple individuals and communities across the islands;

WHEREAS, several news stories, commentaries, and testimonies from individuals, neighborhood board members, political science academics, and non-partisan government watchdog organizations have raised concerns about gerrymandering in the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head, and Waialae areas - with districts drawn in ways that appear to favor a person or political faction and/or to punish some incumbents;

WHEREAS, a line approximately 1.5 miles in distance can be drawn to connect five House Districts in the Diamond Head, Kapahulu, Kaimuki, Waialae areas, with one border wrapping around the residence of a sitting incumbent;

WHEREAS, several individuals have testified their concern that the Reapportionment Commission has engaged in a constitutionally invalid extraction of non-permanent residents; which, if done properly, they contend, would shift a House District from Oahu to the Island of Hawaii, thereby rendering

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moot the Technical Committee's proposed map for all of Oahu and requiring a revised map;

WHEREAS, the Kailua, Hawaii Kai, and Waimanalo Neighborhood Boards worked together to pass resolutions opposing the proposed House District map because it dilutes the voices and voting power of the Native Hawaiian community in Waimanalo, residents of the Hawaii Kai Portlock area in East Oahu, and the Enchanted Lake Communities in Windward Oahu by combining these neighborhoods into one State House District that straddles Congressional Districts 1 and 2 and is merely connected by narrow stretch of uninhabited land in the Makapuu area;

WHEREAS, the Manoa Neighborhood Board passed a resolution opposing the proposed map for splitting the very cohesive Manoa Valley community down E. Manoa Road and Lowrey Road into two districts - undermining its historical status as an Ahupua'a; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board strongly urges the Reapportionment Commission to consider redrawing the district boundary lines in the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head, and Waialae areas, in particular - and Oahu in general - in ways that comply with Hawaii law and demonstrate greater compactness, contiguity, and cohesiveness of well-established neighborhoods to avoid the appearance of "unduly favor[ing] a person or political faction", and the submergence of distinct Socio-economic communities in violation of the Hawaii Constitution Article VI section 6 and HRS 25-2(b); and

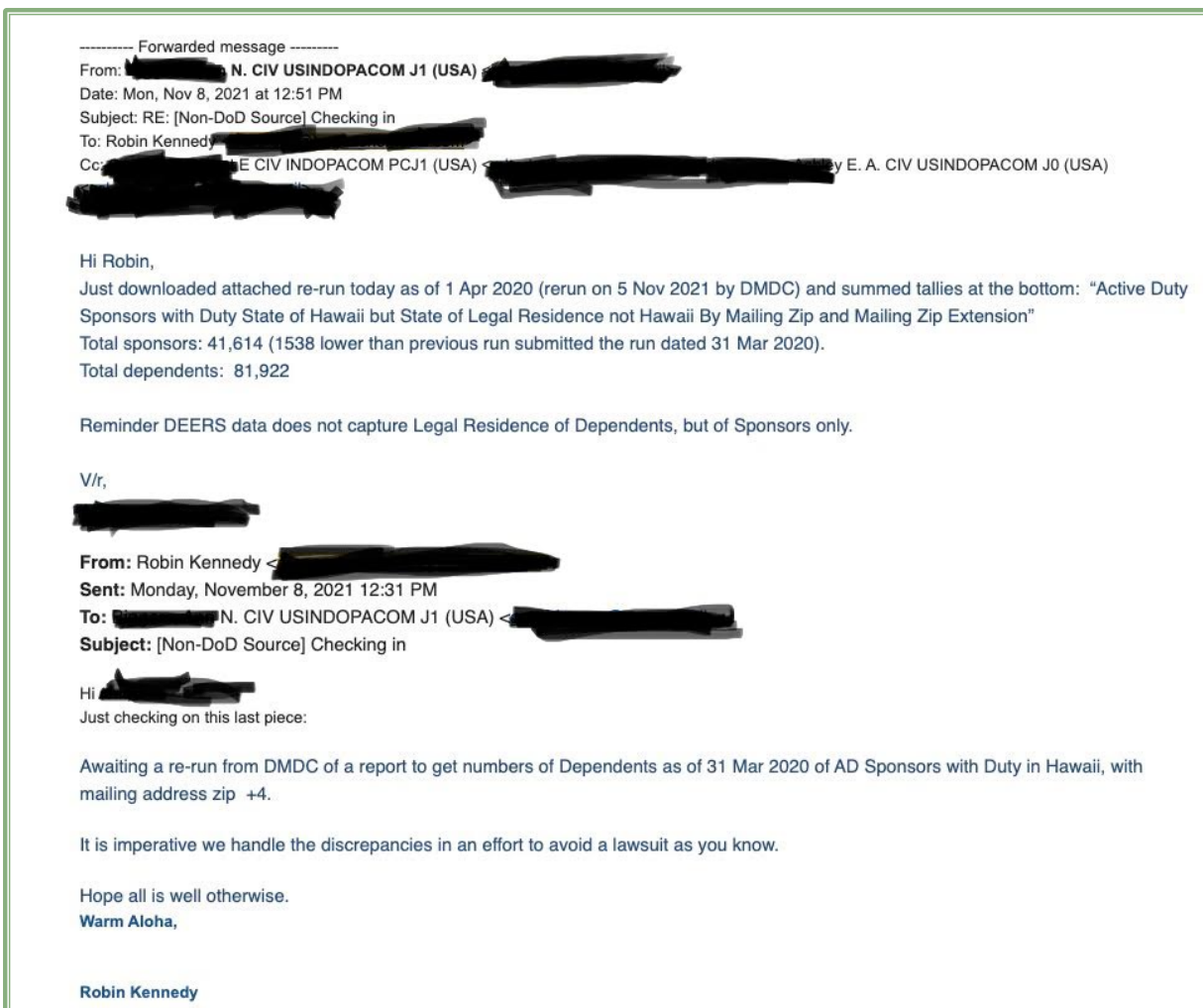
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be delivered to the 2021 Reapportionment Commission, and members of the Hawai'i State Legislature.

This resolution was adopted by the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board No. 4 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (10-0-0) on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.


Sharon Schneider, Chair

Second, I have a few questions regarding the communications between the Commission and the military in the effort to obtain accurate extraction data, if the Commission would kindly answer:

- At the public hearing on December 2, 2021, Commission staff indicated that the request for data was framed differently than the request that was later made by Commissioner Kennedy, which is reflected in the screenshot below. Can the Commission put into the record the communications it sent to the military, so the public is aware of what exactly was asked initially?



- In prior hearings, the Commission and staff also indicated that requests were made of the military seeking clarification and explanation for the unusually lower numbers (approximately 67%) of non-permanent military sponsors and dependents that it had reported to it. Can the Commission please include these communications in the record, as well as their responses, if any?
- Also at the December 2, 2021 public hearing, Commission staff indicated that the latest data provided by the military – available at the link below – did not adequately connect dependent data with their sponsors. Based on this spreadsheet, it appears that there is a link/connection with the relevant data reported in the same row. Can the Commission explain the nature of this 'disconnect' and how it cannot be relied upon in making a step 1 extraction determination, irrelevant of zip code?

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ELF8s2vOGgRH0tKKBLVMwj8qIAGFm3Sd/edit?usp=sharing&oid=118444766716032527141&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Finally, in a recent article in West Hawaii Today, a Commissioner was quoted as explaining:

“What we’re using is the exact same criteria that we used 10 years ago. ... The safest way to avoid a lawsuit or challenge is to use the exact same process we used last time that was upheld by the court.”

I disagree with this statement, as the circumstances and conditions during the 2021 Reapportionment are very different than the 2011 Reapportionment. This year, there are two wildly divergent data sets from the military, with the most recent data showing almost twice as many non-permanent resident military and their dependents. Due diligence and fidelity to our State Constitution requires a very different approach. I respectfully request that this Commission engage in other methods, such as those available to it via statute, to rely on state entities and subpoena powers to ascertain the most accurate extraction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,



Rebecca (Becky) Gardner, Esq.

From: [Kendrick Farm](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#); [Kendrick Farm](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] (Ken Farm) Bill Hick's Proposal Meeting December 11 2021
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 2:05:04 PM

Having seen other redistricting maps. I have come to the conclusion that supporting the original redistricting map will have been the best option with keeping long standing communities intact and commonality in the districts. I must speak for my community when looking at what was proposed in other options. The original proposed lines are objective and does not cut Kalihi Valley in half. Though I appreciate the willingness in participation by Mr. Hick's and his time creating his own rendition of a redistricting map.

Kalihi Valley should not be cut in half as this is unfair to the Kalihi residents, many of whom are immigrants not to mention, an area with numerous public housing complex(s) and people who need representation. These Areas are predominantly blue-collar workers of Kalihi and Aiea. Mr. Hicks' plan predominately supports areas like Kailua, Manoa and Hawaii Kai who most would not argue are upper middle-class districts with large levels of political representation. I understand that new lines must be drawn pursuant to the State constitution, however, please remember blue-collar working districts such as Kalihi and Aiea.

Should the commission adopt Mr. Hicks Plan we in the Kalihi area both lower and Kalihi Valley forecast adverse effects as to the representation residents of the community will have under the "Hick's" proposal. Therefore, I support the original proposed Redistricting map rather than Mr. Hick's map, we implore you to please not cut our community in half for the sake of rich districts.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Mahalo,

Ken Farm

From: [Bertha Unabia-Verkerke](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikapu
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 5:14:42 PM

Please keep Waikapu..Waikapu. It is like keeping the Ohana/ community together. Providing the strength and nurturing to one another in a time of much isolation and uncertainty. Please help Waikapu to be as one, Mahalo.

From: [Linda Parker](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: rephasimoto@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] reapportionment of waikapu
Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021 6:17:13 PM

please do not divide this community into pieces.

linda parker
631 meakanu lane #102
wailuku hi 96793



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From: [Chris Jimenez](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kapolei / Makakilo
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 8:58:24 AM

As a resident of Makakilo, I'm disappointed to see a proposal to divide my community into three different districts, diluting our voice on this island. A two-district strategy for Kapolei is a better solution, if your goal is to do what is best for our community. Please reconsider your proposal for Kapolei.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Chris Jimenez
Kapolei Resident

From: [Cherilyn](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Rep. Lisa Marten](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in OPPOSITION to adding Hawaii Kai to District 51
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 9:25:58 AM

Aloha,

My name is Cherilyn Inouye and I live in Keolu Hills and work in Ka‘elepulu. I opposed the proposal to include parts of Hawaii Kai in District 51 and remove parts of Kailua. The needs of our two communities are very different and I do not feel that a representative who possibly lives in Hawaii Kai will know what our needs are in Kailua and Waimānalo and vice versa. Please stop this gerrymandering and keep District 51 to Windward residents only. Find another way to reapportion the districts to meet your population balance that ensures that the elected representative resides in a more contiguous community. Ko‘olaupoko as a region makes more sense to keep together than to include parts of urban or suburban Honolulu (Hawaii Kai).

Thank you for doing what is Pono.

Mahalo,

Cherilyn Inouye

District 51 Resident

From: [Susan Berges](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Hawaii Kai
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 10:21:06 AM

As a resident, Robert Berges and Susan Berges @ 7518 Muolea Pl 96825 disagree with the reapportionment of Hawaii Kai

From: [Barbara Service](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment plan eliminating District 19.
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 2:27:07 PM

I object to the proposed plan eliminating District 19. It doesn't make sense.

Mahalo for your kind attention to this matter.

Barbara J. Service

From: [Shera Inouye](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Reapportionment Maps for East Honolulu
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 4:23:58 PM

Reapportionment Commission
c/o Office of Elections
802 Lehua Ave.
Pearl City, Hawaii 96782

Members of the Reapportionment Commission,

I would like to express my objection to the Proposed Redistricting for Kapahulu, Diamond Head, Kaimuki and Kahala. Currently, these four communities are part of District 19 but the Proposed Redistricting Maps will split these communities into four other districts.

Redistricting should follow the following criteria: community and geographic contiguity and compactness.

The following are two examples where the Proposed Redistricting Maps do not follow these criteria:

The Makiki District includes a finger that extends across Ala Wai Golf Course to Diamond Head

The Manoa District includes a finger that extends from Manoa to Diamond Head

Please respect the integrity of Kapahulu, Diamond Head, Kaimuki and Kahala and revise the Proposed Redistricting Maps to support the cohesiveness of our long-standing communities.

Sincerely,
Shera Inouye

From: [Carolyn Tanaka](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Proposed Reapportionment Committee's Map
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 5:04:40 PM

My recent email is a written testimony for East Honolulu.

Carolyn Tanaka

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 5, 2021, at 5:02 PM, Carolyn Tanaka <ctanaks@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Committee members,

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> It is so frustrating when the community's concerns are ignored for what you think is in its best interest, just to suit your personal agenda. It is frustrating to the point where your actions discourage community involvement.

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> Your proposed reapportionment map is disjointed, makes no sense and disconnects our neighboring communities namely Diamond Head, Kapahulu and Kaimuki, which share similar issues, problems. The Hicks proposed reapportionment map puts you all to shame.

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> Carolyn Tanaka

> Resident

>

> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sonny Del Toro](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: rachelthebull@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wrong use of Reapportionment
Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 11:09:28 PM

The proposed House district boundaries to the Reapportionment Commission are divisive and will cause a breaking of the intent of prince Kuhio's work and what the DHHL is tasked to do. Do we want to ruin the trust supposedly afforded to native Hawaiians? Why is the Native Hawaiian population being separated and looks like targeted? Why not use parts of Wahiawa town? Ewa beach? or parts of Pearl City to replace Kanehili? It is obvious the planners and supporters of this proposal are not sensitive to the needs of the native Hawaiian population. As we are beginning to find unity, legislators and reapportionment committees members highlight their non-sensitive and concern to native Hawaiian growth and capability to grasp governance. I am deeply troubled that the current plan does not group Kanehili with the rest of Kapolei. It is even more troubling that the proposal before the commission is able to draw in parts of Ewa and Ewa Beach to the exclusion of Kanehili and looks past our neighbors in Hoopili. The priorities of Kanehili are very different from Royal Kunia and Village Park in the same way that the priorities of Kapolei are very different from Hoakalei, Varona Villages and Ewa Villages. Under the proposed reapportionment, the voices of the Kapolei community are being scattered across three House districts and will dilute with the voices and concerns of other far-removed communities. Villages in Kapolei deserve to be grouped with other villages the same way communities in Ewa and Ewa Beach should be grouped with communities in their area. Interesting that communities are being kept together while the Hawaiian communities are filling the gaps. Our Hawaiian Homesteads deserve to be grouped together as well so that our interests and priorities are best served. Apparently, the reapportionment committees are not sensitive to native Hawaiian needs. The proposal is not wise and is not well thought out. Do we believe the native communities will bring stability to this plan? Is it very possible civil unrest and community growth problems will more likely arise? Yes of course it will. We should never allow this suggestion or proposal to be recommended and supported. The proposal before the Reapportionment Commission divides our communities when it should be uniting them.

I **oppose** this proposal to divide Kapolei and Makakilo across three House Districts, to reapportion Kapolei in with Ewa Beach and Ko Olina and to break up our Hawaiian Homestead communities. It is imperative, Kanehili and Kapolei should be maintained as a contiguous whole, especially considering its geographic, social characteristics, and Hawaiian community interests.

Please file or record and use as testimony

V/r

Sonny Del Toro

Kanehili Homeowner, Community member.

From: [Myron Chang](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WHY?
Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 5:42:22 AM

Why are you doing this?

If it's political, we're so blue already, how deep a blue do you need?

What's the logic behind this because it's just more seemingly unnecessary change for the public to have to deal with.

December 6, 2021

TO: Hawaii Reapportionment Commission

SUBJECT: Proposed State House Redistricting Proposed Maps for Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head and Kahala (Existing District 19)

I am a former resident of the Kaimuki-Kapahulu area and my mother, brother and sister still live in this area. I **oppose** the Technical Committee's (TC) proposed redistricting of the Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head and Kahala communities. The TC Committee's proposal splits up these communities into four different parts. One of these parts becomes a finger extending from Manoa to Diamond Head. Another one of these parts becomes a finger that extends from McCully through the Golf Course to Diamond Head. These are unnatural extensions.

The proposed redistricting is contrary to the reapportionment criteria which says that insofar as practicable, districts shall be compact.

The present, existing District 19 is a compact, contiguous district. Retain the existing district.

Sincerely yours,

Dustin Ebesu

92-573 Akaawa St.

Kapolei, HI 96707

808-225-7822

debesumassage@gmail.com

From: [Deborah Hatton](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment of Hawaii Kai
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:10:21 AM

Having been a resident in Hawaii Kai for over 40 years, I was appalled at the recent suggestions of the reapportionment blending Hawaii Kai with Waimanalo. Slicing up the Hawaii Kai schools and neighborhoods for some very evident political maneuvering by our elected and non elected officials-why this predominantly democratic state needs that..and/or financial gain...Kalama Valley has water main breaks minimum 2 times a year without the add-on of an oversized Care Home... the infrastructure will not handle the excessive overload. I love Hawaii Kai and I love Waimanalo but they are into themselves. Obviously, **I am utterly against this reapportionment move.**

Reapportionment Commission
c/o Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, Hawaii

Regarding East Honolulu State House District Proposed Reapportionment Maps
-No in-person; written submittal only

Dear Reapportionment Commissioners:

I am opposed to the proposed redistricting maps which change the State House District for Kapahulu, Diamond Head, Kaimuki and Kahala (present House District 19). I have heard that Kaimuki is one of the first residential subdivisions on Oahu. Pieces of it should not be split into several house districts. Residents of the communities in present House District 19 share roads, parks, schools, libraries. They see each other walking on the sidewalk, at baseball games and practice on the local fields, at the supermarket and Longs, etc. It should not be split up into several districts. The residents of Kapahulu, Diamond Head, Kaimuki and Kahala share many similar concerns because of their geographic proximity. These concerns are different than mauka communities or high rise communities.

These communities are in the existing District 19 and reasonably fit together. The proposed redistricting maps chop up pieces of the existing District 19 and attach the pieces to four other districts. These pieces are like tendrils extending away from the central core or body of these four other districts. The tendrils coming from the proposed House District 18 is questionable since it appears that there is room on the mauka side to increase the width of the tendril and so decrease the length of the tendril.

One of the redistricting criteria refers to districts being compact. I think this means that a district that is made of up people who live near each other would be considered to be more compact than one in which the district lines bypass nearby populations and instead include people living further away from the central core of the district. The proposed redistricting map "tendrils" extending from Manoa, McCully and Kahala do the latter. They bypass nearby populations and instead include people living further away from the central core of the district.

Please consider the map Hicks map and Modified Tech/Hicks 1.35 as alternatives to the proposed redistricting maps.

Doris Chun

From: [Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for the December 8, 2021, Public Hearing (Central Oahu)
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:02:36 PM
Attachments: [12.8.21 Testimony to HI Reapportionment Commission.docx](#)

Dear Hawaii Reapportionment Commission,

Please find attached Common Cause Hawaii's written testimony for your December 8th public hearing. We would also like to provide oral testimony at the hearing.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego | KAIWI'ULA STRATEGIES

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December 7, 2021

2021 Reapportionment Commission
c/o Scott Nago, Secretary
Office of Elections
802 Lehua Avenue
Pearl City, Hawai'i 96782

(Via Email Only)

RE: Testimony for the Hawai'i State 2021 Reapportionment Commission December 8, 2021, Public Hearing

Dear Hawai'i 2021 Reapportionment Commission:

Common Cause Hawai'i is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of our representative democracy and ensuring a fair and transparent reapportionment and redistricting process.

Common Cause Hawai'i reiterates its support of a transparent reapportionment and redistricting process with an emphasis on genuine partnership with the public to develop redistricting plans in service to their various communities. We are deeply concerned, however, that this may not be the case.

At the December 4th public hearing for East Honolulu, the Commission indicated that no revisions to the proposed congressional and legislative redistricting plans would take place until after the public hearings process is complete. In response to some additional questions on the topic, the Commission further indicated the Technical Committee will need to meet to consider the testimony and feedback given throughout the public hearings process so that they may make proposed revisions for the Commission to consider and vote on at their December 22nd meeting.

Our cause for concern stems from the Commission's last statement on the issue. The Commission, unfortunately, does not appear to acknowledge that it should recognize the concerns with the Technical Committee maps voiced by the public throughout the Reapportionment Commission process and during the public hearings. When asked if the Technical Committee could proceed with the currently proposed congressional and legislative redistricting maps as they are despite all the concerns voiced by the public, the Commission answered in the affirmative.

Common Cause Hawai'i is deeply concerned by this statement. Reapportionment and redistricting happen once every ten years. We cannot emphasize enough how critically important this undertaking is to shaping Hawai'i's electoral and social future – right down to the individual – for the next decade.

Therefore, Common Cause Hawai'i states that public testimony and the testimony of communities of interest must be respected by this Commission in preparing legislative and state electoral maps. Redistricting maps that are publicly driven and represent the will of the people best reflect our democratic process and values. Common Cause Hawai'i respectfully requests the Commission prioritize the thoughtful incorporation of feedback from the community acquired throughout the course of these public hearing proceedings in to a new 2021 Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission draft congressional and legislative redistricting plans.

Further, the public hearings must be meaningful for the community; the community must be able to participate in public hearings in a consequential, significant manner. This means holding the remote meeting room open for 20 to 30 minutes past the start time to give people opportunity to log into Zoom (or call in), as people may be running late or experiencing technical difficulties. Additionally, as the entire state is experiencing a severe weather event from December 6-7, 2021 (and probably longer), resulting in major power and internet outages and emergency declarations, public hearings should be extended. The December 6th Public Hearing for Maui Lahaina did not receive any public testifiers except for Common Cause Hawaii requesting additional public hearing dates. We understand that this may result in a few days of delay in finalizing maps for adoption. However, the public is legally required to be provided an opportunity to participate and comment in public hearings on the proposed electoral maps. Consequently, Common Cause Hawai'i strongly urges the Commission to extend the public hearing process given the major weather impacts to the entire state.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am available to discuss further at 808-497-4629 or kainoa@kaiwiula.com.

Very respectfully yours,

Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego

Kainoa Kaumeheiwa-Rego
Common Cause Hawai'i

From: [charles sexton](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 12:15:29 PM

My name is Charles Sexton and my wife and I and other family members are residents of Manoa.

I sent you an email dated October 18, 2021 attempting to explain my dismay with your proposed new House Districts 20 and 24, which split our current unified Manoa Valley District 23, and do not make sense to us.

The only explanations which we can guess for such a bizarre split are either that the reapportionment commission, which was established at least in large part to prevent gerrymandering, is in fact now proposing gerrymandering; or in the alternative that the computer which drew the new proposed districts was not adequately programmed to take into account the 8 redistricting criteria set forth in our Hawaii State Constitution, Article IV, section 6, particularly criteria 2,4,5 and 8.

Hopefully, we in Hawaii are not the kind of people who gerrymander, and are the kind of people who will follow our Constitution and take steps to correct inadequate calculations which violate our constitutional mandates.

To the end of correcting inadequate calculations, I know that you are aware by now of the alternative redistricting proposal for Oahu offered by Bill Hicks of the Kailua Neighborhood Board. His proposal exhibits an extraordinary familiarity with the geography and communities of Oahu, as well as close adherence to the constitutional mandates for redistricting. Please avoid further controversy and confrontation by adopting the Hicks Plan. You will be congratulated for your good faith in correcting the initial errant proposal of your computer consultants.

Respectfully but disquietingly submitted,

Charles Sexton

From: [jane fyrberg](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] We Oppose any division of Manoa Valley or reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:55:18 PM

Please oppose reapportionment regarding dividing Manoa Valley, a close knit family, into two districts!

This is one area that values the natural beauty and environment of Hawai'i.

Bob Fyrberg

50 year Mānoa resident

From: [Baldwin, Thomas D](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Matt Prellberg](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Resolution regarding Reapportionment - McCully-Mo"ili"ili Neighborhood Board No. 8
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 2:56:16 PM
Attachments: [M-M NB No. 8 Reapportionment Resolution \(FINAL\).pdf](#)

To the Chair and Commissioners of the 2021 Reapportionment Commission,

Please see the attached resolution adopted by the McCully- Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 at their regular meeting, Thursday, December 2, 2021.

Best,

Thomas Baldwin
(808)-768-3781
Neighborhood Assistant
Neighborhood Commission Office



RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE HAWAII REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO REJECT THE CURRENT PROPOSED REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, a fundamental tenet of elections in the United States is the fair apportionment of representation across a given population, and the United States and Hawai'i governments each have legislative bodies with legislators elected to represent individual districts that have an approximate equal number of community members; and

WHEREAS, the process to ensure that districts have an approximate number of equal community members in line with the changing population of a place is called reapportionment or redistricting; and

WHEREAS, article IV, section 2, of the Hawai'i State Constitution calls for and explains the procedures for the convening of the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission, which is tasked every ten years with creating a reapportionment plan for the State Legislature and a reapportionment plan for United States congressional districts; and

WHEREAS, in creating reapportionment plans, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission's main consideration is the number of people living in an area, but it also considers issues such as natural and manmade physical boundaries separating communities, contiguousness of connected communities, and the issues shared by connected communities; and

WHEREAS, given its many considerations and a short window in which the State Constitution requires reapportionment plans to be finalized, it is understood that creating reapportionment plans is an imperfect and difficult process; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission voted to accept a proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, due to significant increases in population in leeward of O'ahu and in Kaka'ako, the proposed redistricting plan for O'ahu sees many existing O'ahu Legislative districts being redrawn entirely; and

WHEREAS, in particular, urban and east Honolulu districts are being significantly redrawn or combined; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature creates House District 21, which covers the vast majority of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood and the Diamond Head neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, these neighborhoods, as drawn on the current maps, are only connected by the Ala Wai Golf course, which is not residential; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the proposed reapportionment plan leaves the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighbors who live along the Ala Wai Canal to be included with the representation for Waikīkī instead of with the rest of McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

WHEREAS, for the previous decade, McCully-Mō'ili'ili has had four State Representative districts that include our neighborhood, and those Representative districts also include adjacent neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in these districts, McCully-Mō'ili'ili is combined with parts of Mānoa (District 23), Makiki (District 24), Ala Moana (District 26), and Kapahulu (District 21); and

WHEREAS, the issues facing these adjacent neighborhoods are similar to the issues facing or directly impacting McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

WHEREAS, the issues that face McCully-Mō'ili'ili are varied from and are not immediately impacted by the issues facing the Diamond Head neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, neither McCully-Mō'ili'ili nor Diamond Head will be best served by a Representative who has to consider the varied interests of these two distinct neighborhoods that are not physically contiguous through residential property; and

WHEREAS, the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighbors who live along the Ala Wai canal will not be best served by a Representative who considers the interests of Waikīkī over the interests of McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission will be hosting a series of public meetings during November and December 2021, and January 2022, to take testimony on and finalize its reapportionment plans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that that the McCully-Mō'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 strongly urges the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission to reject the proposed reapportionment plan for the State Legislature adopted on October 28, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to reject any reapportionment plan for the State Legislature that relies on using the Ala Wai Golf Course or any non-residential property to make a contiguous district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission is strongly urged to keep as much of the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative as practical or Constitutionally allowed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Hawaii Reapportionment Commission is unable to propose a reapportionment plan for the State Legislature in which the McCully-Mō'ili'ili neighborhood is only represented by a single State Senator and single State Representative, then the Commission is strongly urged to only combine McCully-Mō'ili'ili with immediately adjacent neighborhoods that face the same issues as or directly McCully-Mō'ili'ili; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Neighborhood Commission Office is asked to transmit an electronic copy of this resolution to the electronic mailing list for this Board; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chair and Commissioners of the Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission; the Chief Elections Officer of the State of Hawaii; the Chair of the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/Saint Louis Heights Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Waikīkī Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Mānoa Neighborhood Board; the Chair of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board; and the Chair of the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board.

This resolution was ADOPTED by the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8 at its December 2, 2021, regular meeting, 11-1-0 (AYE: Allred, Barber, Chang, Frisinger, Fujishige, Kim, Long, Prellberg, Robotti, Saito, Streitz; NAY: Hioki; ABSTAIN: None).

From: [Joje May Mizuno](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support on Commission's Current Proposal
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:17:38 PM

Aloha, my name is May Mizuno. I am a Kalihi Valley resident and currently the chair of the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board #16. However, I am testifying today as an individual citizen and a long time resident and community advocate of Kalihi Valley and the entire State of Hawaii.

I stand in support of the Commission's proposed Redistricting plan. I understand that there is a process and part of the process is to allow individuals to submit their own plan. However, some individuals may submit their own proposal with the intent to have personal gain or to force blue collar districts, which already have the highest density of public housing and prisons, to be cut up thus becoming fragmented.

One of the reasons why I support the commission's proposed draft is because I trust that this has been done thoroughly with no hidden agenda and is fair for everyone.

Kalihi Valley is a blue collar working community and a significant number of us are immigrants and we normally are quite and we do not complain or speak up because our community is united and we all work closely together as one OHANA just to make ends meet and live in peace. We do not complain that we have the highest number of public housing in our community. We do not complain that we have the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) in lower Kalihi. We do not grumble because we care. The rich communities never want public housing or a prison in their community.

Kalihi Valley community needs to be intact as we are a unique and united community. Dividing us is the same as dividing a family and this is detrimental to all of us Kalihi residents. We are also the only district in the State to have established a Restricted Parking Zone (RPZ), to ensure adequate parking for the residents. Kalihi Valley was able to achieve this program by being united. If Kalihi is split through Likelike Highway it will divide the current RPZ in half and will adversely affect the ability to finalize the RPZ Program, which will eventually become a blueprint for other districts to implement.

It is about time to listen to the blue collar working community because we care and we matter and our Valley should not be cut in half, just because the rich areas desire their way.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

May Mizuno
Kalihi Valley Resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Ed](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:40:25 PM

Aloha My name is Edward J Akau Jr.

I am a proud and blessed resident of Kanehili Homestead. I AM AGAINST THE PROPOSED REAPPORTIONMENT!!!!The Hawaiian People have lost sooo much as a people and with this proposal our voices and concerns will further be watered down by communities that have no vested interest. The proposed district that Kanehili will be placed in have different concerns and battles they face from decisions you all make. Sister Har knows the struggles, concerns, and values of us Hawaiians and the surrounding community that she represents! Leave Us Alone!!!

From: [Trish La Chica](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Central Oahu - Dec 8 hearing
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:12:21 PM
Attachments: [Testimony - Trish La Chica 12.7.21.pdf](#)

Aloha,

Please find my written testimony attached for tomorrow's hearing. I plan to attend via Zoom.

Mahalo,
Trish La Chica

To: Dr. Mark Mugiishi, Chair
Members of the 2021 State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission

Date: December 7, 2021

Aloha, my name is **Trish La Chica** and I am a resident of Mililani Town, where I am raising my little family. I am a community leader, advocate, Chair of District 36, Democratic Party of Hawaii, and the Secretary of Neighborhood Board #25 representing Mililani Town, Waipio Acres and Melemanu. While I serve in these various capacities, I am submitting my testimony as an individual.

The master planned community of Mililani and the 96789 zip code belonging to Mililani are currently represented by four state representatives and two senators. While the H-2 freeway geographically splits Mililani Town and Mauka, we still consider Mililani to be one community with the same characteristics. Recent news reported the County Reapportionment Committee unifying the Mililani district into one community, the first time in 30 years: <https://www.civilbeat.org/beat/oahu-commission-approves-final-redistricting-plan-for-city-council/>

While I believe that our two senators work closely together to advocate for Mililani's needs, our state representatives do not. Having multiple representatives makes it very difficult and confusing for neighbors on opposite sides of the same street to have different representatives. Mililani is one of two master planned communities on Oahu and we are a single community sharing the same resources, schools, and shopping centers.

Here are some of my comments based on the new maps uploaded (thank you so much for providing the public with access to these maps):

- **Senate.** Strong support for public maps from Caron, Hicks, and Shigemasa which ALL propose unifying the Mililani zip code into one Senate district without dividing the communities. I did not know this was possible until I saw their proposed maps showing deviations less than 1%. Please consider keeping the Senate district intact than the proposed maps separating Mililani Town and Mauka.
- **House.** I wanted to note that no improvements to include Waipio Acres in the proposed maps as of Oct 28 have been made. Waipio Acres can only be accessed through Wainihi Street from Kipapa Drive and it should belong together with District 36 (35 in the proposed map). The proposed map also keeps the status quo and would still split Mililani among three (3) House Representatives. A larger portion of Mililani will go to House 45 (Rep Matsumoto - Republican) and a much smaller portion for House 36 (Rep Yamane - Democrat). While the population in Koa Ridge continues to grow, it will be difficult for 3 representatives to advocate effectively for our Mililani community. Please consider adopting the maps Caron (Dec 2), Hicks (Mililani), and Shigemasa (Nov 8) submitted that keeps Mililani Town together and Mililani Mauka together. While keeping Mililani intact as one House district may not be possible, I believe that having two representatives versus 3-4 (if you consider Launani Valley and Mililani Tech Park) would avoid splitting the community further.
- If one of the publicly submitted House maps were adopted, my only other request is to include Waipio Acres with the Mililani Town district (not Mauka) as families in Waipio Acres attend Kipapa Elementary and Mililani HS.

Mililani experiences unique issues. One can only enter and exit Mililani through Kamehameha Hwy or the H-2. We do not have direct access to rail and majority rely on their personal vehicles to get around as we have limited bus service. Accidents on the H-1 will create backups that add additional hours to our daily commute. Aging residents have limited access to healthcare as many have to drive to town to see specialists. Residents of Waipio Acres have complained about having to cross H-2 just to get to their voting precinct at Mililani Mauka elementary school despite residents of this district attending Kipapa Elementary and Mililani High School. It takes Mililani Mauka parents 30 minutes to drop off kids at Mililani High School in Mililani Town as Meheula Parkway gets pretty congested. And there's only one lane to take the exit ramp from Mililani Mauka.

Mililani is in a beautiful Central Oahu district where neighbors know one another, children play and grow up together, and residents stay year-round, extending to successive generations. I believe it is time that our community is made intact again.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Trish La Chica

From: [E A](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:33:21 PM

Aloha

I'm against the proposed reapportionment of Kapolei makakilo etc..... especially the fact that Kanehili homestead will be separated from the other homesteads!!!! A'ole

From: [K Akau](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:37:39 PM

DO NOT SEPARATE THE HOMSTEADS!!!! YOU POLITICIANS HAVE DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE ALREADY!!!! SHAME ON YOU ALL ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT PROPOSED AND SUPPORT THIS!!!!!!

From: [Diane A. Wakamatsu](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Cc: [Alice L. Lee](#); trpolido@gmail.com; [Representative Troy N. Hashimoto](#); [Dianne E. Shimizu](#); [Mona A. Perry](#); [Kayna M. Yoneda](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Testimony on Proposed Reapportionment Boundaries Affecting Waikapu
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:08:04 PM
Attachments: [letter to State reappointment commission Alice Lee revised 12-8-21.pdf](#)

Hi Jamie,

Thank you for deleting the previous written testimony that was submitted yesterday evening by Council Chair Alice Lee. This **revised version** serves as her official testimony to the State Reapportionment Commission.

I would appreciate receiving a confirmation that you received this email message.

Mahalo for your cooperation and assistance with this matter.

Best regards,
Diane Wakamatsu

From: OE.Elections.Reapportionment <reapportionment@hawaii.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:13 AM
To: Diane A. Wakamatsu <Diane.Wakamatsu@mauicounty.us>; OE.Elections.Reapportionment <reapportionment@hawaii.gov>
Subject: RE: Testimony on Proposed Reapportionment Boundaries Affecting Waikapu

Aloha,

Thank you for your email. Your comments will be submitted as written testimony for the Reapportionment Commission public hearings.

If you intend to provide oral testimony, please provide the date of the public hearing you will attend to be added to the testifier list.

Thank you,

Jaime Kataoka
Voter Services
State of Hawaii, Office of Elections
(808) 453-VOTE (8683)

From: Diane A. Wakamatsu <Diane.Wakamatsu@mauicounty.us>
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 6:40 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: Testimony on Proposed Reapportionment Boundaries Affecting Waikapu

From: Diane A. Wakamatsu

Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 6:28 PM

To: reappotionment@hawaii.gov

Cc: trpolido@gmail.com; Troy Hashimoto <rephashimoto@Capitol.hawaii.gov>

Subject: Testimony on Proposed Reapportionment Boundaries Affecting Waikapu

Aloha Honorable Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission Members,

I am submitting written testimony as an individual Councilmember of the Maui County Council in opposition to the proposed reapportionment boundaries affecting Waikapu.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,
ALICE L. LEE



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December 8, 2021

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

Aloha, I'm Alice L. Lee of the Maui County Council. As the Council's representative for the Waihee, Wailuku, and Waikapu residency area, I strongly **oppose** the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission's proposal to:

1. remove Waikapu from Central Maui and combine it with West Maui in the State House; and
2. separate upper Waikapu from lower Waikapu in the State Senate so the upper half of Waikapu is represented by the Central Maui Senator and the lower portion is represented by the West/South Maui Senator.

From my experience in participating and being involved in Waikapu Community Association's regular monthly meetings, I have seen Waikapu as an "organized, unified, and cohesive community". Whether you're talking to traditional, long-time residents who have lived in Waikapu all their lives, or younger and middle-aged families from relatively newer developments, the Waikapu community has solidarity when it comes to issues and concerns that matter. The priorities and needs of the Waikapu community are very similar to other Central Maui communities like schools, traffic and roadway improvements, medical services and facilities, infrastructure development, shopping areas, parks and playgrounds, etc.

I envision the current proposal to create "compatibility issues" both geographically and between issues that impact West Maui's residents versus Waikapu's residents. Furthermore, by becoming only a small part of a district with different community issues, Waikapu would be placed with a major disadvantage.

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I understand that representation matters. However, keeping the Waikapu community together and allowing it to be part of Central Maui allows an elected official to advocate for specific community needs with one unified voice. Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator has worked for many years - making it the "best fit".

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that other alternatives be explored to keep the Central Maui community together, including Waikapu.

Thank you for your attention to, and consideration of, this request.

Before closing, it is important to clarify that the Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this matter. Therefore, I am writing this testimony as an individual member of the Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "L".

ALICE L. LEE

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From: [Leila Anzalone](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Redistricting Plans
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 7:56:58 PM

Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is Leila Anzalone and I am submitting testimony in support of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021.

I grew up in Kailua and attended school in Kailua. Kailua is my home and I believe that the Commission's map provides good representation for the Windward side and Kailua. I support the proposed changes to the windward side and Kailua.

Thank you,
Leila Anzalone
Kailua Resident

From: [Hernando Tan](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in support of the Original Redistricting of Kalihi Valley as proposed by the Redistricting Commission
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 11:44:47 PM

Aloha:

My name is Hernando R. Tan, a former President of Unite Here Local 5 Union in Hawaii, a longtime resident of Kalihi and a current member of Neighborhood Board #16.

I am writing in support of the original Redistricting of Kalihi Valley as proposed by the Redistricting Commission and I strongly oppose the Hick's proposal of the Redistricting of Kalihi Valley.

Many of our union members resides in Kalihi Valley where they feel comfortable because of its unique character and culture of the valley, its proximity to the city of Honolulu resources and a sense of feeling "they belong" in this immigrant and working class community where they thrive.

Our Kalihi Valley community is not without challenges but together we were united in meeting those challenges and in building our future unique in our community.

We oppose any attempt to divide our community by the Hick's Redistricting proposal because it will remove our collective immigrant and working class voice by a divided district representation.

We feel that the Hick's Redistricting proposal is discriminatory and a suppression of our immigrants collective right to vote as "One Kalihi Valley" in electing our district representation in government.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all members of the Redistricting Commission for all their hard work and for listening the will of the people of Kalihi Valley.

Mahalo and Aloha.

Should you have any questions and cl

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Herb Lee](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony in support of Proposed plans Windward Oahu
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:46:03 AM
Attachments: [Reapportionment W. Oahu 2021.doc](#)

Aloha, Please find attached a copy of my written testimony for the December 10 hearing.
Mahalo.

Herb Lee, Jr.
President & CEO
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Aloha Mr. Chair and Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

Subject: Proposed Reapportionment plans for Windward O'ahu

I have reviewed the proposed plans specifically for the Windward side of O'ahu where I live and work. On behalf of the Pacific American Foundation We support the proposed plans for re-districting.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our voice in this process.

Sincerely,

Herb Lee, Jr.
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Testimony to the Reapportionment Commission
December 8, 2021

Aloha Chair Mugiishi and Members of the Reapportionment Commission:

As the Democratic Party of Hawai'i's District Chair for House District 37, I am submitting testimony in opposition to the redistricting of precinct 37-03 of the southwest Mililani Town area into House District 45.

For over two decades, House District 37 has long served as a Mililani Town district connecting the southern Mililani area with our neighboring communities, and as area residents we are concerned that this historic district is losing a significant portion of its Mililani representation.

On November 29th, district democrats within House District 37 met to discuss the proposed redistricting of our community and neighborhoods into another district, House District 45. As the Democratic District Council of this community, we voted unanimously to oppose this redistricting and urge the Reapportionment Commission to uphold the district lines of House District 37 to remain the same.

We understand that the State's Reapportionment Commission may need to increase the population to House District 45, and therefore suggest including the more northern communities of Launani Valley and/or Waipi'o Acres within House District 45, given that House District 45 is a more northern house district including Ka'ena Point, Waialua, Mokuleia, Schofield, and Kunia.

Mahalo for your service to our state and communities and thank you for your time and consideration of our opposition to this specific proposed redistricting.

Respectfully,

//S//

Danielle M. M. Bass
District Chair HD 37
Democratic Party of Hawai'i

From: [Lynette Sachiko Kumalae](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of Commission's Current Proposal
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:33:43 PM

Aloha,

My name is Lynette Kumalae, a Kalihi Valley resident of many years, who participates actively in my community.

I am in support of the Commission's proposed Redistricting plan, which keeps Kalihi Valley as a whole district.

Whether residents live close to the ocean or mountain, we have similar concerns and needs. Over the years we have become close and genuinely care about the living conditions of all our Kalihi Valley neighbors.

We always work together and are united as one district and would like to continue that way.

Again, I am in favor of supporting the Commission's proposed Redistricting plan.

Much Mahalo,
Lynette Kumalae

From: [Karey Kapoi](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to oppose Waikapu removal from Central Maui
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:47:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Reapportionment Proposal Revisions v4.pdf](#)
[211014 AllofWaikapu\(1\).pdf](#)

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident of Waikapu, Maui, I oppose the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commissions proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House.

Waikapu is a vibrant community, with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many working families and a section of long-time residents. The issues faced by the community is very similar to other communities in Central Maui from the schools we attend, to the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the development that we see around us, and the people we see daily.

Many within the community are satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator, which is how it has been for years. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting the community as an ease of convenience rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact pursuant to the State Constitution.

I humbly request that you explore the attached alternative by moving the House District 8 lines to include Waikapu and instead move Waihee/Kahakuloa into West Maui.

I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at minimum, the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. Under the current commission proposal, there are portions of Waikapu that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator – losing a vital Central Maui connection.

The proposal calls for the Legends at Maui Lani – although represented in the Senate by a West/South Maui Senator, it still will be represented in the House by a Central Maui representative. Waikapu Gardens under the current proposal does not maintain this Central Maui connection. This must change. The attached proposal allows for all of Central Maui to be connected with Central Maui representation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karey Kapoi

Karey Kapoi

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Current proposed island deviation is 4.42

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House 13		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-2.01	-552	26,883

Proposed revision to commission proposal for Maui

- Removes Kahakuloa/Waihee/Waiehu Kou Hawaiian Homes/Oceanview Estates from District 8 and places it in District 10.
- This area is considered more “rural” and likely would have common issues as West Maui in rural issues. This includes agricultural, Hawaiian Home, and water issues.
- The proposal allows for an entire area to feed into Waihee Elementary School which would be represented by the same Representative. Revised lines follow Waihee schools district lines.
- The area can be described as diverse with some long-time families and farmers in Waihee and Kahakuloa, newer build Hawaiian Homes, and upper middle class in Oceanview Estates.

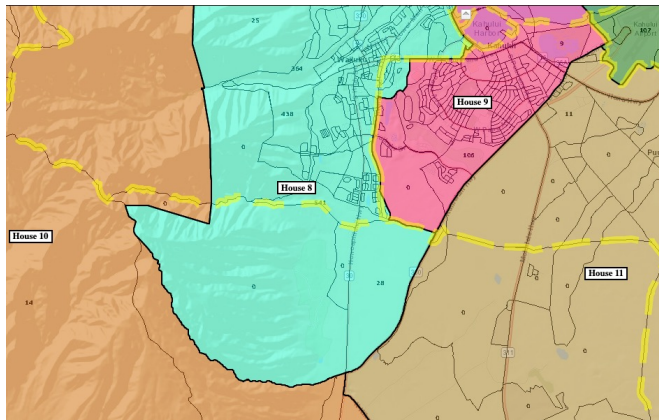
Proposed revision to commission proposal for Maui

- Restores Waikapu to District 8 and assigns the area around Maui Tropical Plantation to District 8 – which is the main future development in Central Maui.

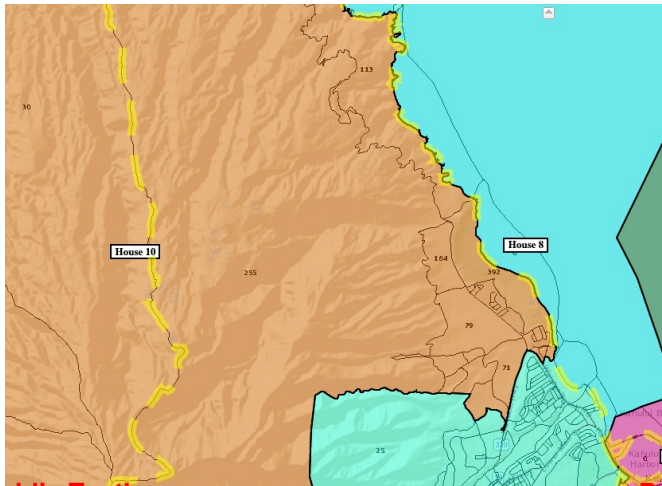
Proposed revision to commission proposal for Maui

- Districts must be proportional, but all of Central Maui should at least be represented by one Central Maui Representative or Senator.
- Under the current commission proposal, the Legends at Maui Lani – although represented in the Senate by a West/South Maui Senator, they still are represented in the House by a Central Maui representative.
- **Waikapu Gardens under the current proposal does not maintain this Central Maui connection and is completely.**








Adds Waikapu back to District 8 and includes the future development around the Tropical Plantation



Adds Kahakuloa/Waihee/Waiehu Kou Hawaiian Homes/Oceanview Estates to District 10 (Waihee Elementary follows a similar district line)



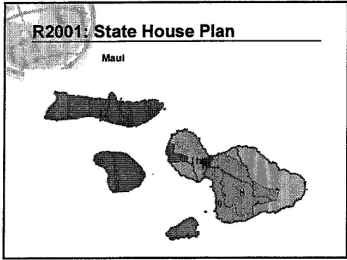
This revision will continue to be a 4.42 island deviation

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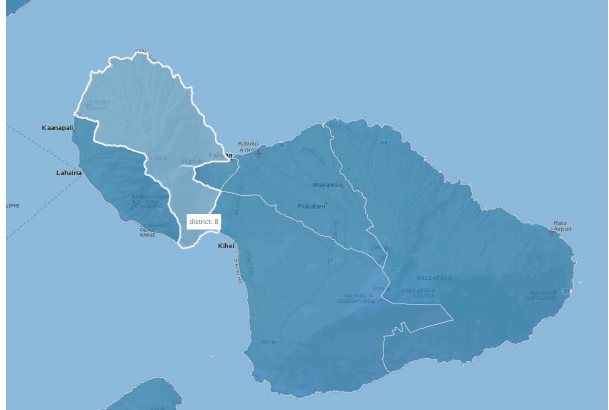
Kahekili Highway connects West Maui to Kahakuloa and Waihee through Highway 340! A misconception exists that Kahakuloa does not connect with West Maui.



Previous Commissions, placed West Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe together – which required the Wailuku member to represent parts of West Maui on the Kahakuloa/Kapalua side.

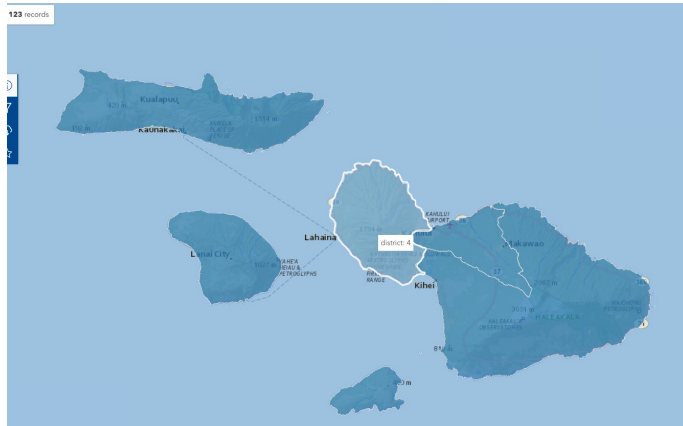


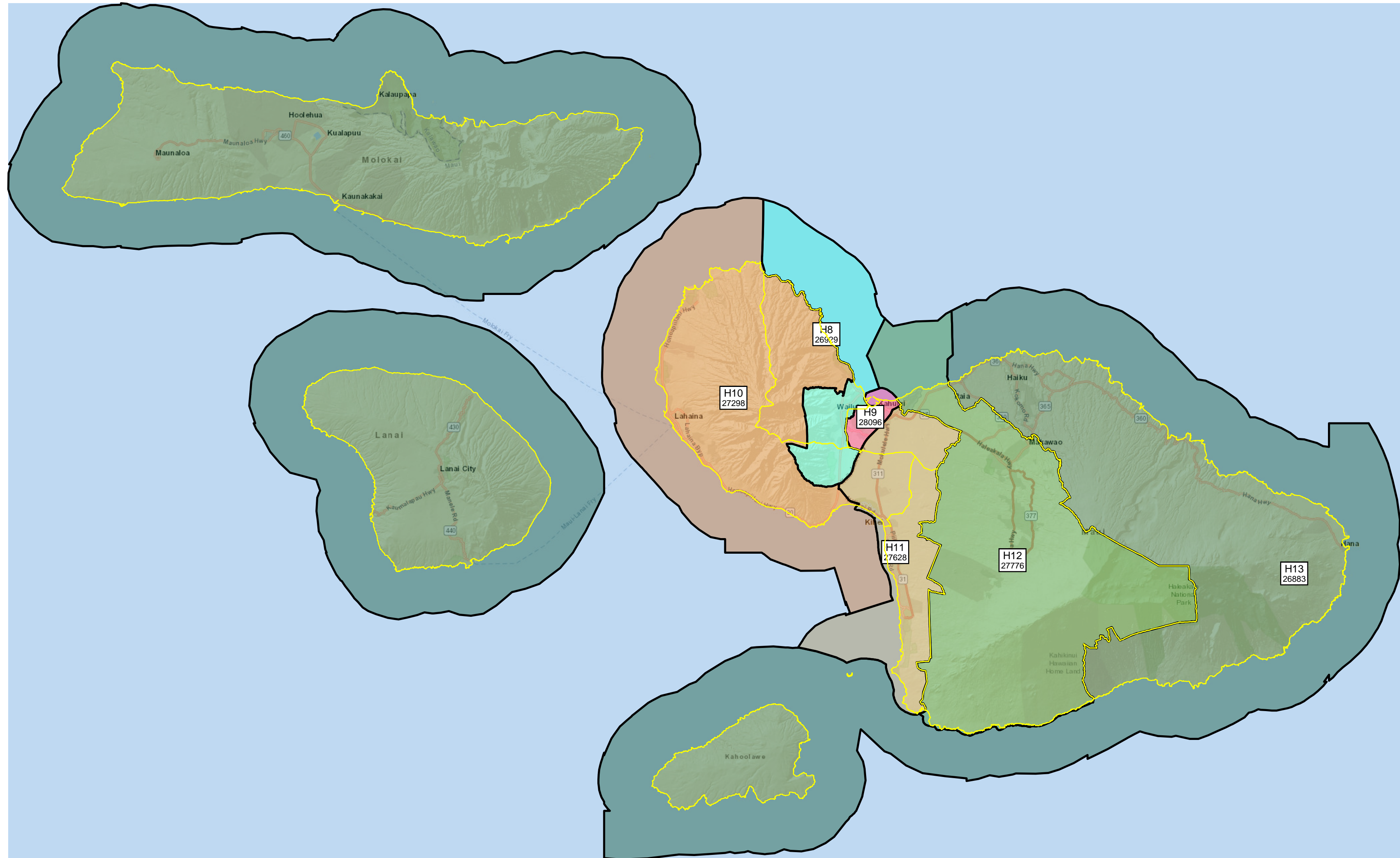
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Previous Commissions, placed West Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe together – which required the West Maui Senate member to represent all portions of West Maui to Waiehu.





From: [Lynette Kumalae](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of the Commission's Current Proposals;
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:15:21 PM

Aloha,

My name is Tracy Nakamoto and I have lived in Kalihi Valley on Aoao Street all of my life.

I ran a towing business for many years and worked hard in my family's service station business.

I am in strong support of the Commission's proposed Redistricting Plan. Keeping our Kalihi Valley District united is very important to me and my neighbors!

Over the years we have come together and worked hard to improve the living conditions of all residents.

One way we have accomplished that is by participating in the Restricted Parking Zone pilot program.

We are currently involved in making the RPZ program into a permanent one which would include Kilohi Street and Piliwai Street as they encounter the same problems as us.

Therefore I would like to keep our Kalihi Valley District whole and united as one, so we can work toward together toward solving problems and in keeping our neighborhood clean and safe.

Again, I strongly support the Commission's proposed Redistricting Plan for Kalihi Valley.

Your attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo,

Tracy Nakamoto
2155 Aoao Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Email Address: nakamotowing@gmail.com

From: [K D](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter Opposing Reapportionment Proposal
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:16:53 PM
Attachments: [Reapportionment Proposal Letter 120821.pdf](#)

Aloha,

please refer to attachment.

Mahalo

Kānehili
Community Association
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Aloha, Reapportionment Commission,

December 08, 2021

My name is Randy Akau, President of the Kānehili Community Association located in East Kapolei. Our homestead community consists of 403 native Hawaiian families, residing in single family homes, on trust lands administered by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We are in opposition of the proposed reapportionment to divide Kapolei and Makakilo into three different House Districts. Currently, Kānehili is located within House District 42, which is well represented by our elected official, Sharon Har. Kapolei has three other Hawaiian homestead communities within a two-mile radius of each other. Our communities are closely knit together and share the same vision, values, culture, traditions, and history. Through patience and understanding we nurture each other which enables our residents to grow, develop and care for each other as our socio-economic, health, and other issues and concerns are very similar.

The Kānehili community is concerned that if this proposal is passed, our priorities, issues, and matters that means most to us, will become submerged and our voices silenced. Our needs are greatly distinct from those communities proposed in District 38.

I humbly request to you that the Kānehili community remain grouped together with the other homestead communities in Kapolei, and the greater Kapolei-Makakilo District as we are better served, represented, and will improve our quality of life.

Aloha and Mahalo,



Randy Akau
President, Kānehili Community Association
East Kapolei

cc: Kānehili Board of Directors
Hawaiiana Management

From: [Claire Tamamoto](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] December 8, 2021 Central O'ahu Region Reapportionment Testimony
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 4:49:32 PM
Attachments: [Reapportionment Map Testimony 12.8.21.docx](#)

Commissioners:

Please accept my written testimony for tonight's meeting. I plan to be there to deliver it in person and also wanted to send a hard copy in also.

Thank you for your time in this matter and listening to my concerns.

Claire J. Tamamoto

December 8, 2021: Central O'ahu Public Hearing

Support for Proposed Commission's Reapportionment Map

Good Evening and thank you for allowing me to speak to you this evening.

I would like to testify in SUPPORT of the proposed Commission's reapportionment map adopted on October 28, 2021

My name is Claire Tamamoto and I am a 69-year resident of 'Aiea. Recently, for the last 40 years, I settled in my childhood hometown of 'Aiea, tried to keep abreast of the policies and actions that have affected my community and its surrounding areas. I have felt it is my responsibility as a community member to speak on matters that impact my community. Although I am speaking in my individual capacity tonight, I feel that as the President of the 'Aiea Community Association, the Friends of the 'Aiea Library, active board member of the Aiea Hongwanji Mission and Director of the Aiea Hongwanji Preschool, Lotus Adult Day Care Center and Aiea Pony Baseball League to name a few: I am a qualified representative of the varying interests of my 'Aiea community.

Upon evaluation of the proposed reapportionment changes, I feel that the Commission's map for the 'Aiea region is a good and fair one. I know there are other communities that are objecting to sharing multiple Representatives and Senators. I would like to make note that 'Aiea's already has experiences with multiple representatives at the State and City levels have found it to be an asset. It was an adjustment and it broadened our perspectives and ultimately our vision. We are an island community, interdependent on each other. It behooves all residents to have knowledgeable and accountable government representation to make the best decisions for us all. I ask the

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Claire J. Tamamoto
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Commissioners to be sensitive and have the resolve to put the needs and wishes of all communities at the forefront of their decisions.

In particular, the House map, divides ‘Aiea along sensible boundaries, using mainly roadways that already divide our community. We need to look beyond localized needs and wants of a particular community to apply a fair and equitable standard for all our communities. It must not be about who is most vocal, who has the most influential contacts, or who has the most time from their working day to craft testimony and speak out. It is a documented fact that the residential and business growth on O’ahu has been in the Leeward areas. These developing areas need equal representation as their residents shape their communities.

‘Aiea is no stranger to having our particular wants and needs, let’s say “put on a back burner”. We realize as the first suburb outside of Honolulu, our community is often the first to feel the ramifications of urban Honolulu push outwards. ‘Aiea’s roots are in our plantation kupunas. Our wishes have often been subordinated to more organized, vocal and wealthier communities. ‘Aiea is a demographically rich region, whose residents range from public housing to upper middle-income suburbs. We are still learning that just as you cannot dissect O’ahu’s needs and wants, you can not divide ‘Aiea’s varying economic needs and wants. Our success as a community will only come from a respect for all that live and benefit from in ‘Aiea.

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As a lifelong 'Aiea community member and leader, I respectfully ask the Commission to consider all communities equally. You must recognize that the O'ahu districts are all intertwined. This fact of interdependence means that what happens in one region of the island will invariably affect the entire island. By indulging only in the wishes of the vocal, organized communities may inherently and adversely impact more working-class regions like 'Aiea. Not to take advantage of a very dire situation, the Red Hill fuel tank and Hawaii aquifer crisis is an example of our island's interdependence on each other. The object of reapportionment is not to pitch communities against each other but to use a standardized and fair method, applicable to all communities so that all our communities can prosper. How nice it would be to have our representatives advocate for their communities while keeping in mind the needs and wants of the entire State?

Again, I support the Commission's proposed maps for the 'Aiea region, the House map, in particular, and urge the Commission to uphold the boundaries drawn in the Commission's proposed draft as it pertains to 'Aiea.

Thank you for your time and opportunity to testify. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire J. Tamamoto
'Aiea resident
claire2164@gmail.com, (808) 429-1282

From: [Brandon Mitsuda](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Brandon Mitsuda
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:04:42 PM

Aloha,

My name is Brandon Mitsuda and I support the original Redistricting map by the Redistricting Commission because it is fair and objective and does not cut Kalihi Valley in half.

Kalihi Valley has always been united together as a district and the valley should not be cut in half as this is unfair to the Kalihi residents, many of whom are immigrants and elderly Kupuna in need of urgent medical care and other critical social services.

As Hawaii faces a global pandemic and is trying to recover economically from the devastating effects of COVID-19 and the emerging variants, it is now more important than ever to keep our valley communities whole so we can all continue to work together to build back better for Hawaii's future. Thank you so very much for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Brandon R. Mitsuda

Sent from MY TECH

From: malamaono744@aol.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony regarding proposed reapportionment for state legislative districts in Ko`olaupoko district
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:19:24 PM
Attachments: [testimony - reapportionment hearing dec 10 2021.pdf](#)

Aloha Reapportionment Commission Members:

Attached is my written testimony for the upcoming hearing.

I would also like to attend and testify at the hearing.

Mahalo,

Mahealani Cypher
District 48-5



Ko`olau Foundation

P. O. Box 4749
Kane`ohe, HI 96744

December 7, 2021

To: Hawaii Legislative Reapportionment Commission

From: Mahealani Cypher, Board Member

Re: Testimony in Support of the Commission's
Proposed Legislative Boundary Changes

Aloha, Members of the State Legislative Reapportionment Commission:

On behalf of the Ko`olau Foundation, I wish to offer our strong support for the legislative reapportionment map proposed by your commission.

We believe the map you are proposing is more faithful to the traditional ahupua`a boundaries that delineated our district boundaries that identified our communities dating back to pre-contact times.

While our ideal map would follow more mauka-makai boundaries, this new map at least is more respectful of the traditional Waimanalo ahupua`a boundaries which ran from the Kailua-Waimanalo boundary that sits just over the ridge past Keolu Hills and continues through Waimanalo into the Maunalua area – which includes the Portlock section of what is now called Hawaii Kai.

About 12 years ago, we worked with the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club on a project to establish contemporary highway signage marking the ahupua`a boundaries in the moku (district) of Ko`olaupoko. That project, which involved members of all the neighborhood boards and Hawaiian Civic Clubs within the district (from Hawaii Kai to Kualoa) as well as Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners, received the concurrence of all of these community groups at the time. That is why a sign with the words “Waimanalo Ahupua`a” was placed at the foot of Kuli`ou`ou ridge as you enter Maunalua coming from Honolulu.

Compared with apportionment maps proposed by other groups, the commission's map more closely aligns with these traditional districts, and we urge that you approve the proposed map that you have offered.

Other proposals would improperly split some of our neighborhoods and we would find ourselves in different districts right across the street from each other.

We concur with your proposed reapportionment, and urge this commission to proceed with approval for this plan. Mahalo for considering our request.

From: [Malama Manoa](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in OPPOSITION to current Reapportionment Plan
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:02:00 PM

Aloha Reapportionment Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in OPPOSITION to the current Reapportionment Plan proposal on behalf of Mālama Mānoa, a local, nonprofit organization with over 4,700 members who are residents of Mānoa.

Since 1992, the mission of Mālama Mānoa has been to promote community; celebrate our cultural diversity and heritage; and preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities of historic Mānoa Valley. Our board of directors UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSES the the arbitrary separation of Mānoa Valley into Eastern (District 20) and Western (District 24) portions, split along East Mānoa Road and University Avenue per page 106. Historically, since the days of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, our valley has been one, cohesive community in the Kona District, ahupua'a of Waikīkī. We wish to remain as such, with one, unified voice to represent the needs and desires of our people.

The natural, geographic borders of the mountains should be used to delineate the State House district in Mānoa. The Alternative Plan, submitted by Kailua Neighborhood Board Chair Bill Hicks, accomplishes this. We implore you to adopt the Hicks' Plan and have the technical group make the necessary changes to keep Mānoa Valley as one district.

Sincerely,
Linda Legrande
President, Mālama Mānoa

From: [Brett Kulbis](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REAPPORTIONMENT - LEEWARD OAHU
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:39:47 PM

Aloha Commissioners,

For full disclosure, I'm Chairman of the Honolulu County Republican Party, but my testimony is as a private citizen and resident of Ewa Beach, HI.

First I'd like to express my sincere appreciation for the work you and the Commissioners are doing. I know it is not an easy task and each of you have many variables to think about.

Having reviewed all other redistricting maps. I have come to the conclusion that the original redistricting map will have the best option for keeping the longstanding commonality in the districts and specifically Ewa Beach. I appreciate Mr. Hick's and his time creating his own renditions of a redistricting map.

If there are any modifications to the original version, I'd ask the Technical Committee to look at recombining Ewa Beach removing the Fort Weaver road split.

v/r
Brett Kulbis

"Through their state legislatures and without regard to the federal government, the people can demand a convention to propose amendments that can and will reverse any trends they see as fatal to true representative government." – Dwight Eisenhower

From: [Lori Teragawachi](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Consideration/Request
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:14:34 PM
Attachments: [211014_AllofWaikapu\(1\).pdf](#)
[Reapportionment Proposal Revisions v4.pdf](#)

Dear Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission:

As a resident of Wailuku, Maui, I oppose the current Hawaii State Reapportionment Commission's proposal to remove Waikapu from Central Maui and place this unique community with West Maui for the State House.

Waikapu is a vibrant community, with a blend of relatively new developments consisting of many working families and a section of long-time residents. The issues faced by the community is very similar to other communities in Central Maui from the schools we attend, to the traffic we face, the stores we shop at, to the development that we see around us, and the people we see daily.

Many within the community are satisfied with the current model of representation with Waikapu being included with the Wailuku State Representative and the Central Maui State Senator, which is how it has been for years. It seems that the reapportionment commission is splitting the community as an ease of convenience rather than looking at ways to keep our community together and districts compact pursuant to the State Constitution.

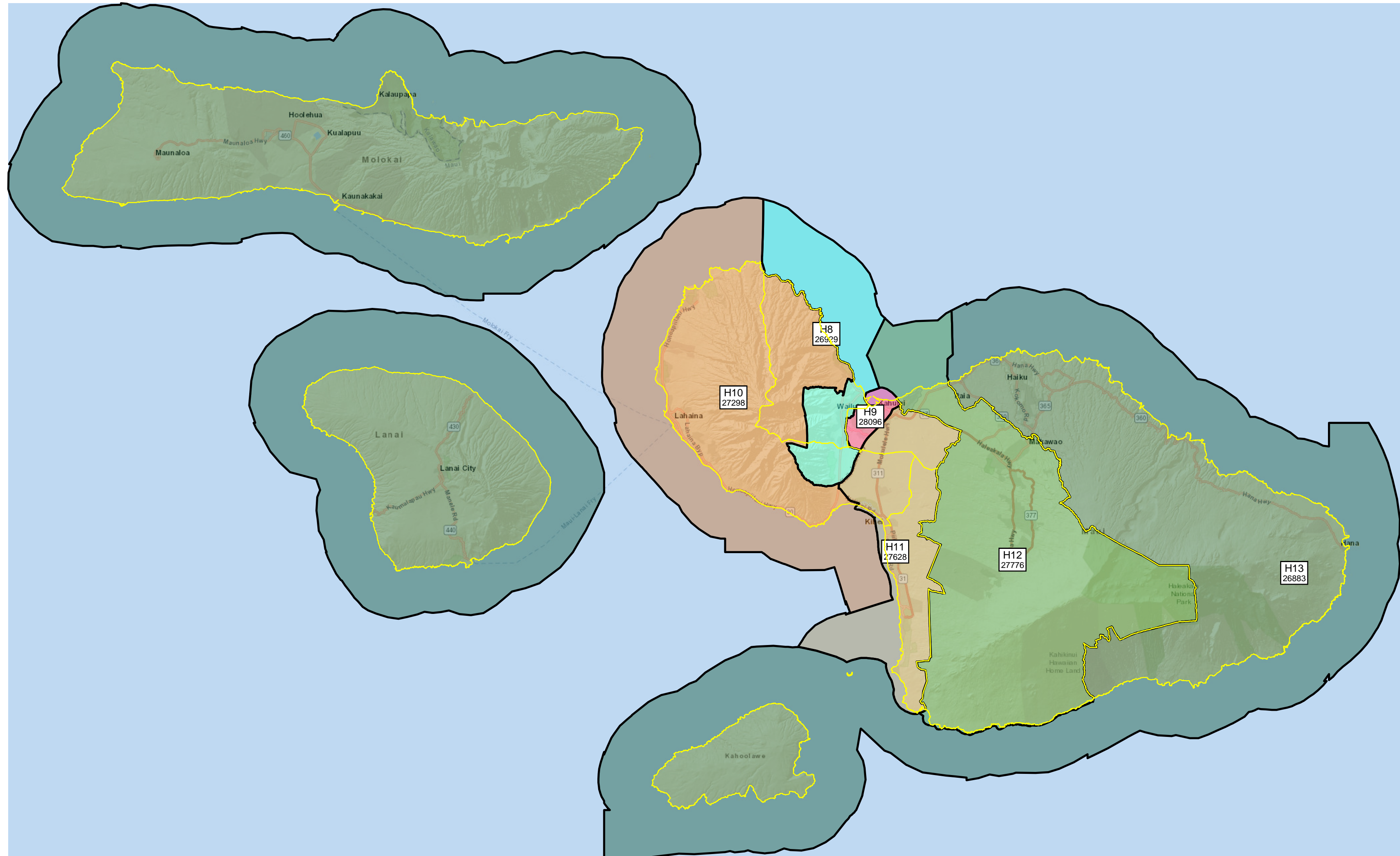
I humbly request that you explore the attached alternative by moving the House District 8 lines to include Waikapu and instead move Waihee/Kahakuloa into West Maui.

I understand every representative district must be equal in population, but at minimum, the entirety of Central Maui should have a connection to the same community. This can be accomplished by having our community represented by at least one dedicated Central Maui representative either in the House or Senate. Under the current commission proposal, there are portions of Waikapu that will be represented entirely by the West Maui Representative and South/West Maui Senator – losing a vital Central Maui connection.








The proposal calls for the Legends at Maui Lani – although represented in the Senate by a West/South Maui Senator, it still will be represented in the House by a Central Maui representative. Waikapu Gardens under the current proposal does not maintain this Central Maui connection. This must change. The attached proposal allows for all of Central Maui to be connected with Central Maui representation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lori Teragawachi



Current proposed island deviation is 4.42

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House 8		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-0.34	-92	27,343
House 9		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.41	661	28,096
House 10		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-2.11	-579	26,856
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House 13		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-2.01	-552	26,883

Proposed revision to commission proposal for Maui

- Removes Kahakuloa/Waihee/Waiehu Kou Hawaiian Homes/Oceanview Estates from District 8 and places it in District 10.
- This area is considered more “rural” and likely would have common issues as West Maui in rural issues. This includes agricultural, Hawaiian Home, and water issues.
- The proposal allows for an entire area to feed into Waihee Elementary School which would be represented by the same Representative. Revised lines follow Waihee schools district lines.
- The area can be described as diverse with some long-time families and farmers in Waihee and Kahakuloa, newer build Hawaiian Homes, and upper middle class in Oceanview Estates.

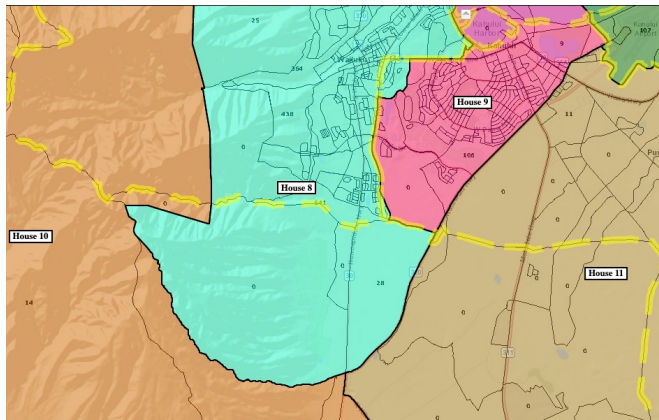
Proposed revision to commission proposal for Maui

- Restores Waikapu to District 8 and assigns the area around Maui Tropical Plantation to District 8 – which is the main future development in Central Maui.

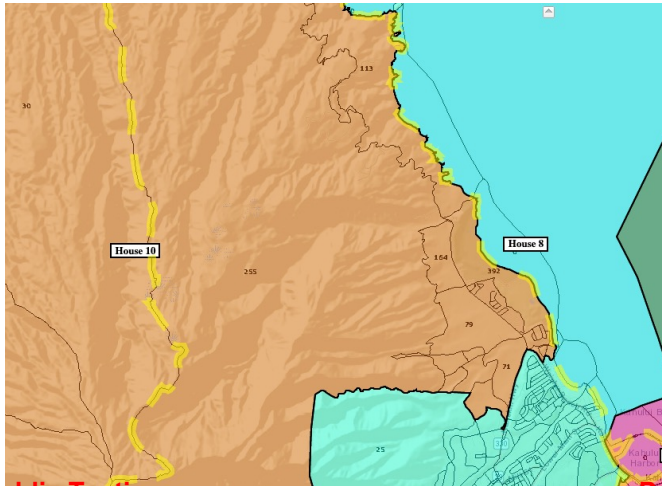
Proposed revision to commission proposal for Maui

- Districts must be proportional, but all of Central Maui should at least be represented by one Central Maui Representative or Senator.
- Under the current commission proposal, the Legends at Maui Lani – although represented in the Senate by a West/South Maui Senator, they still are represented in the House by a Central Maui representative.
- **Waikapu Gardens under the current proposal does not maintain this Central Maui connection and is completely.**








Adds Waikapu back to District 8 and includes the future development around the Tropical Plantation



Adds Kahakuloa/Waihee/Waiehu Kou Hawaiian Homes/Oceanview Estates to District 10 (Waihee Elementary follows a similar district line)



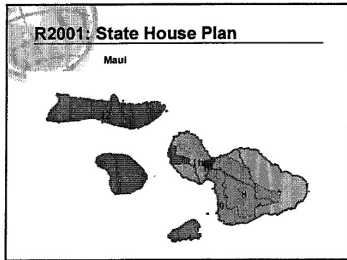
This revision will continue to be a 4.42 island deviation

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House 11		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.7	193	27,628
House 12		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.24	341	27,776
House 13		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-2.01	-552	26,883

Kahekili Highway connects West Maui to Kahakuloa and Waihee through Highway 340! A misconception exists that Kahakuloa does not connect with West Maui.



Previous Commissions, placed West Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe together – which required the Wailuku member to represent parts of West Maui on the Kahakuloa/Kapalua side.

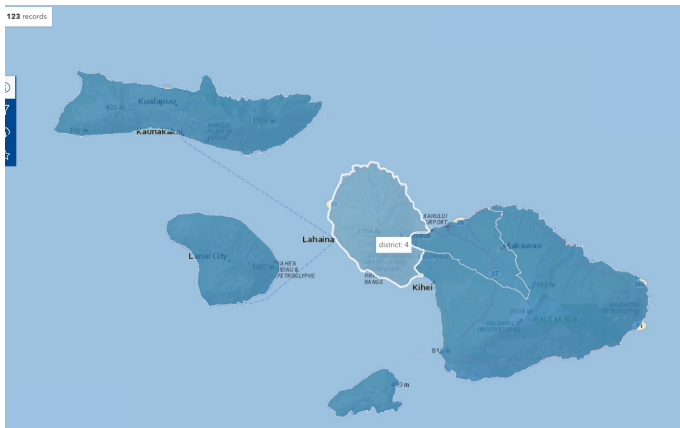


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Previous Commissions, placed West Maui, Molokai, Lanai and Kahoolawe together – which required the West Maui Senate member to represent all portions of West Maui to Waiehu.



From: [Kay Gushiken Jernigan](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony re: Kaneohe Redistricting Maps
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 12:13:43 AM

Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is Kay Gushiken Jernigan and I am submitting testimony in support of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021.

I have lived in Kaneohe for 8 years and is currently raising my family here. I have been living on Oahu for about 18 years, but grew up in Hilo. My husband and I moved to Kaneohe right before our first child was born. While house hunting, Kaneohe felt right and the community made us feel welcomed. I love living in Kaneohe because it reminds me of my childhood and the secure feelings I experienced growing up in Hilo. My parents and siblings are still living in Hilo, but I chose to stay on Oahu to pursue my career and raise my family. The best part of living in Kaneohe is the feeling of community. I feel Kaneohe is peaceful and the people are filled with lots of genuine Aloha, truly making my family and I feel very safe. I also find comfort in the convenience of surrounding businesses, making it very easy to stay in Kaneohe and accomplish our family's weekly errands. But at the same time, I enjoy the easy commute to and from town when needed.

I believe that the Commission's map is good for a town like Kaneohe. I also strongly believe that having two representatives for Kaneohe has worked out well and I feel at ease knowing that there are two qualified and trustworthy individuals advocating for Kaneohe and the community.

Thank you,

Kay Gushiken Jernigan
Kaneohe resident

From: [Ken Kozuma](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kaneohe District 48 and 49
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:08:40 AM

Dear Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is Ken Kozuma and I am submitting testimony in support of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021.

I have lived in Kaneohe for 40 years and I am also raising my family in Kaneohe. My son currently attends Kaneohe Elementary, my daughter who is in college now attended Kaneohe Elementary as well. I am also a proud alumnus of Castle High School. We really appreciate and value the close knit sense of community that we Kaneohe residents share, where we can celebrate holidays together such as covid-safe trick or treating in the park with many of our neighbors.

I believe the Commission's map is good for Kaneohe, it works well for Kanehoe and I believe that having two representatives for Kanehoe is needed to continue to advocate for such a wide reaching region.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ken Kozuma
Kaneohe resident
Castle High School C/O '99

From: [Michael Golojuch, Jr.](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Support for the Reapportionment Commission's Proposed Map RE: HD 42
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 10:04:02 AM

Aloha Commissioners,

My name is Michael Golojuch, Jr. and I am a 40-year resident of Makakilo. This testimony is in my personal capacity and does not reflect the opinion or position of any of the organizations and/or boards I belong to.

I support the current proposed reapportionment map with regards to HD 42.

I also want to thank you all for all of your hard work.

Mahalo,

Michael J. Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)

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From: LVERAY@hawaii.rr.com
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 Testimony by Chair Larry Veray
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 3:46:28 PM
Attachments: [Testimony of Larry Veray - State Reapportionment Commission 12-9-21 V2.pdf](#)

State Reapportionment Commission,

I am not sure my testimony was posted to the Elections Website. I am resubmitting my testimony in support of the Leeward Public Hearing today.

Thank you,

Larry Veray

Chair, PCNB No. 21

(808) 221-2503

TESTIMONY OF

LARRY S VERAY

TO THE STATE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

**OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARY
CHANGES FOR SENATE AND HOUSE DISTRICTS RELATED
TO PEARL CITY**

December 9, 2021

Aloha, Chair Mugiishi and Reapportionment Commissioners. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony to the Commission on this very important matter for our residents and businesses in Pearl City. On November 23, 2021, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 unanimously passed a resolution in opposition to the proposed Commission district boundary changes for the Pearl City area as noted in enclosure (5). As Chair of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, I am requesting your consideration and compromise in addressing our following Board concerns:

Senate Redistricting:

- *Opposition to the proposed extension of District 15 boundary change extending into Aiea and Pearl City Areas West of the Aloha Stadium all the way to Leeward Community College. This is a loss 5,309 residents from District 16/17 just South of Kamehameha Hwy to include Pearl Kai Shopping Center, Aiea Train Station, Best Buy, Blaisdell Park, Aiea and Pearl City Industrial Areas, Public Storage, Home Depot, Highlands Train Station and Leeward Community College. This area also includes the Navy Military Housing areas of McGrew Point and Pearl City Peninsula. Area noted in Enclosure (1)
Compromise: Retain the current Senate District 16 boundary for this area*
- *Opposition to the proposed District 17 extended East over Waimano Home Rd into Momilani residential area that absorbs 2205 residents from District 16. Area noted in Enclosure (2)
Compromise: Retain Waimano Home Road as a natural boundary between Senate Districts 16 and 17.*
- *Opposition to District 22 boundary being extended South from Millilani below Ka Uka Blvd. Area noted in Enclosure (3).
Compromise: The area South of Ka Uka Blvd East of H2 Expressway South to the H2/H1 Merge retain as District 17*

House Redistricting:

- *Opposition to District 32 boundary being extended West of Kaahumanu St. into District 33. Kaahumanu St is a natural boundary between Aiea and Pearl City.*
- *Opposition to District 33 extended West of Waimano Home Rd. into District 34. Waimano Home Rd is a natural boundary.*

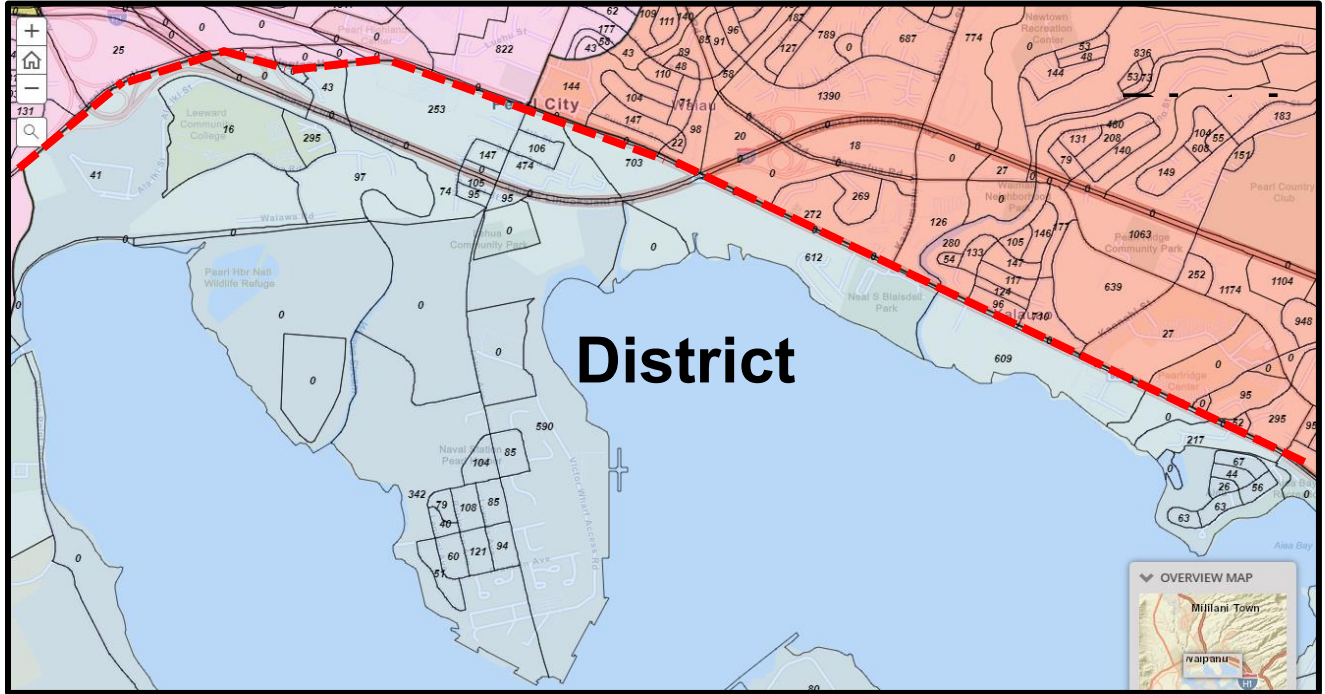
- *Opposition to District 34 being extended North of Ka Uka Blvd to Kapipi Gultch. All three issues noted in Enclosure (4).*
- *Compromise: Kaahumanu St, Waimano Home Rd and Ka Uka Blvd should be the boundaries between these House Districts*

I most strongly request you to accept our Neighborhood Board input to the State Redistricting Plans and not carve up Pearl City into four districts forcing the communities of Central and Leeward Oahu into new political areas that make no sense. Furthermore, with the proposed State Commission district changes, our Neighborhood Board meetings would have to facilitate from four officials to eight officials for our board meetings. Mahalo!

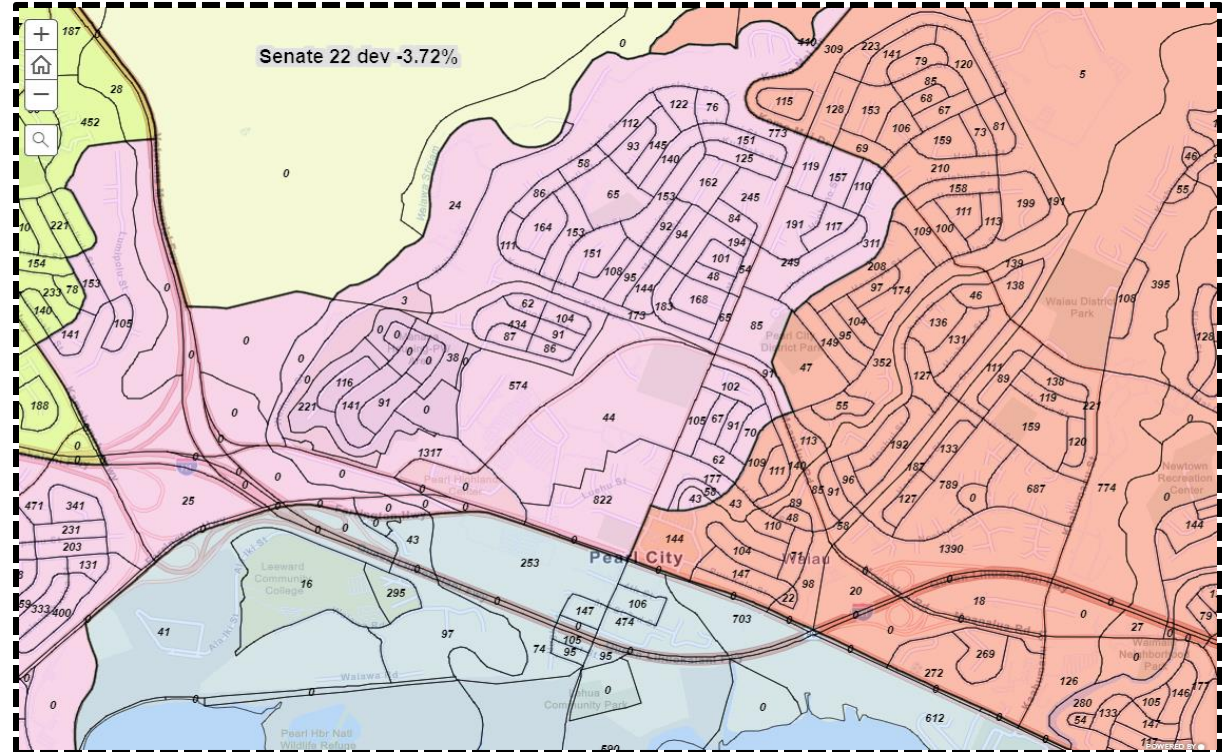
Very respectfully,

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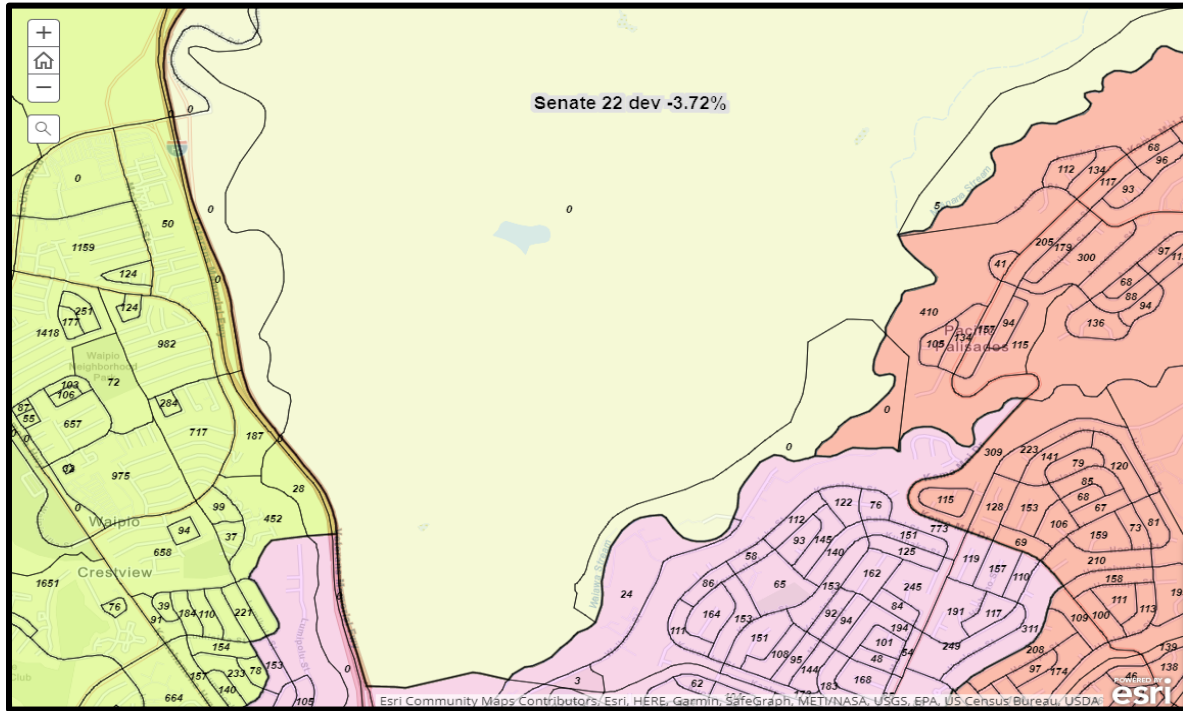
Senate Redistricting Proposal Enclosure (1)
Pearl City Neighborhood Board Opposes District 15 Take Over of Aiea and Pearl City Areas of the loss of 5,309 Citizens South of Kamehameha Hwy New District Line 15/16



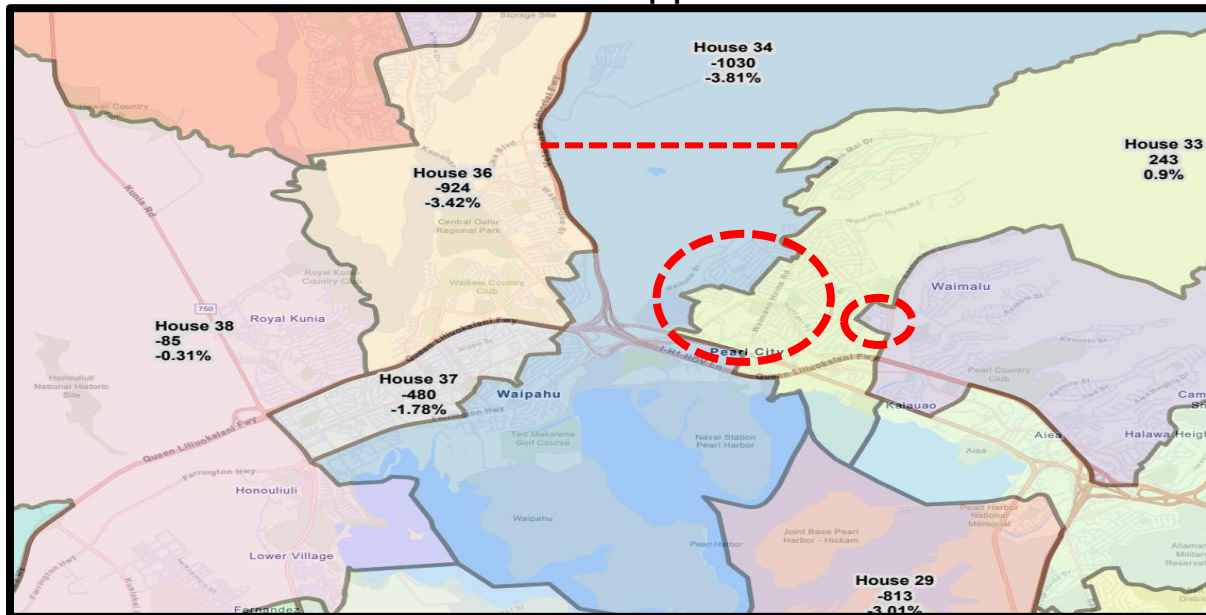
Senate Redistricting Proposal Enclosure (2)
Pearl City Neighborhood Board Opposes District 17 extended East over Waimano Home Rd into Momilani that absorbs 2205 citizens from District 16



Senate Redistricting Proposal (3)
Pearl City Neighborhood Board Opposes District 22 extended South Past Ka Uka Blvd that Should be for District 17



House Redistricting Proposal Enclosure (4)
Pearl City Neighborhood Board Opposes District 33 extended West of Wamano Home Rd into District 34; Oppose District 32 extended West of Kaahumanu St into District 33 and Oppose District 34 Extended North of Ka Uka Blvd to Kapipi Gultch





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A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR PEARL CITY.

WHEREAS, every ten years following the U.S. Census, the State of Hawai'i and the City and County of Honolulu initiate Reapportionment Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Constitution, the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu ("Charter") mandate that reapportionment efforts preserve communities and be contiguous; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu adopted its final maps on October 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission has proposed several maps for adoption for the State Legislative Districts; and

WHEREAS, the City's Reapportionment Commissionⁱ which convened during the current COVID-19 pandemic, adopted its final Reapportionment maps on October 26, 2021 and thereby cutting off the public comment and consideration time much earlier than needed; and

WHEREAS, the City's plan is not really contiguous, separates the Pearl City community from its current neighbors, and expandsⁱⁱ the district immensely; and

WHEREAS, for State electionsⁱⁱⁱ, the proposed plans for Pearl City cuts large segments of our community out and separates us from our contiguous district; and

WHEREAS, clearly redistricting is a difficult process that is further complicated with the political nature of appointments and the decision-making bodies themselves; and

WHEREAS, from the Pearl City perspective, each reapportionment cycle it looks as if the political boundaries in urban Honolulu do not really shift to meet the outer areas which are growing, but instead remain mostly static; and

WHEREAS, in contrast, each reapportionment cycle there is an attempt to force the communities of Central and Leeward Oahu into new political areas that often make no sense; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 State Reapportionment redistricting composition was so disproportionate that it required the Hawai'i Supreme Court to intervene^{iv}; and

WHEREAS, to avoid these same issues, at minimum, the Hawai'i State Legislature should limit terms for Reapportionment Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, further, while other counties have amended their charters to require residency requirements for reapportionment commissioners, the City and County of Honolulu^v has not which is a disservice to the people of Honolulu; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board is opposed to the proposed State and City Reapportionment Plans for the Pearl City District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board believes that both the City and State Reapportionment Plans do need meet governing provisions and do not benefit the people of our district; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Senator Clarence Nishihara, Senator Bennette E. Misalucha, Representative Gregg Takayama, Representative Roy Takumi, Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Council Chair Tommy Waters.

The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 unanimously approved at its November 23, 2021 Regular Board meeting, by 10-0-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Larry S. Veray, Chair
Pearl City Neighborhood Board



Charmaine T. Doran, Chair
Legislative and Capital Improvements
Committee

ⁱ https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/clk/clk_docs/City_Charter_Article_III_Section_3-103.pdf

ⁱⁱ https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1Na1ZydRTXFEExMONkBa05ZTecotV_ZsDk&ll=21.424464482850397%2C-157.94665481249996&z=12

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/Proposed-Oahu-House-Districts.pdf>

^{iv} https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2012ReapportionmentFinalReport_2012_03_30.pdf

^v https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/clk/clk_docs/City_Charter_Article_III_Section_3-103.pdf

From: [DOROTHY SAKAMOTO](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of the draft map proposed
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 4:51:37 PM

My name is Dorothy Sakamoto and I am submitting testimony in support of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021.

I have lived in Kaneohe for 30 years and am/have raised my family here.

I grew up in Kaneohe and attended schools here/graduated from Castle High School.

I love living in Kaneohe. I live in Keapuka and enjoy walking in Hoomaluhia park. The beauty of the Koolau is a paradise in itself. Our community has so much to offer and I do volunteer work at our local DMV. There are many activities for all ages.

I believe the Commission's map is good for Kaneohe.

The Commission draft map for Kaneohe is similar to the current district maps, which works well for Kaneohe.

I believe that having two representatives for Kaneohe has worked out positively/well, as there are two individuals advocating for/helping Kaneohe and the community.

Thank you and this is my testimony.

Sincerely. Dorothy Sakamoto

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From: [Mialisa Otis](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Windward district 51
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:15:16 PM

Aloha,

I strongly oppose the reapportionment of district 51 that is proposed to include Hawaii Kai. I agree with many of the oppositions and that the community's present. For my aspect it would target commercial activity on a state level. Bill 38 will soon pass city council, which prohibits commercial activity, and state DLNR will follow suit shortly after. When this becomes law there is no commercial activity from Makapu'u to Mokapu point (Castle Point Kaneohe) country, aka District 51. The proposed reapportionment will not be consistent with many other current laws that protect Waimanalo. Keep the country country. Also, for the sake of the portion of Hawaii Kai that's proposed to be a part of Waimanalo, this will be a big culture clash to both sides. There is no need to change District 51.

Mahalo,

Mialisa Otis

From: [Angela Medeiros](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oral Testimony request and Written Testimony
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:54:01 PM

Aloha Chair of the 2021 Reapportionment Commission,

I am opposed to the Reapportionment of the Waimānalo District #51

So many times we Waimānalo residents, majority of us Kānaka Maoli, are having to take drastic measures to get our voices heard to solve issues that continue to plague our small Country Community.

This Reapportionment, as planned will negatively impact our Voices being heard...as well as Federal Funding for our Community,

Native Hawaiian Majority of Residents and Hawaiian Homesteaders.

Other Socio and Economic impacts of this Reapportionment will also include

- * the Division of our Keiki that already mostly attend Kailua district schools...
- * Possibly Less funding to create solutions for the already surmounting traffic issues
- *unfair representation of our already unheard voices
- * even less funding to maintain our already lacking Parks and Recreation facilities...
- * The voices and conditions of our Agricultural Community will also be negatively impacted.
- * Our Native Hawaiian Majority of Residents will become a Minority within the Reapportioned District.
- * Hawaii Kai/ Portlock and Waimānalo are two very different Communities with very different Resident Needs, Issues and Concerns. Grouping us all together as one community would Negatively Impact each of our Communities.

Mahalo and Aloha,

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From: [Justin Akagi](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Regarding the Reapportionment Commission's Proposed Map
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 12:02:42 AM

Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is Justin Akagi and I am submitting testimony in support of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021.

I was born and raised in Waimānalo and graduated from Kailua High School. My grandparents moved to Waimānalo from Kāneʻohe in the 1960s; in Waimānalo, they opened a chicken farm and also grew produce (watermelon and corn) for many years. To this day, my parents still grow agriculture on the same land. As someone who grew up and lived in Waimānalo for much of their life, I want to see the Waimānalo community succeed. For too long, Waimānalo has settled with being overshadowed by Kailua's needs, particularly as it relates to political funding and support. (Kailua is already represented by three State House Representatives.) Throughout this reapportionment process, I have heard critics complain about the adopted proposed draft by the Commission; however, I believe there are critical points being left out of the discussion/conversation and because I want to see Waimānalo thrive, I feel compelled to share my testimony.

The Commission's October 28th proposed draft makes several changes to the current legislative district boundaries -- it adds Portlock to House District 51 and changes the amount of Kailua population in the district. And while this makes the district not an entirely Windward one, it is consistent with the traditional Waimānalo ahupua'a, which includes Maunaloa/Portlock (there is a Waimānalo Ahupua'a boundary marker/sign on Kalaniana'ole Highway near Kawaihae Street in Hawai'i Kai). Furthermore, although this may appear to be a dramatic change at first glance, it merely establishes a House District 51 boundary that mirrors the current Senate District 25 boundary. It should be noted that the Waimānalo/Kailua Senate district boundary has included Portlock for the last twenty years.

One of the reasons why I support the proposed House District 51 boundaries is because it better enfranchises my hometown of Waimānalo. In the Commission's proposed draft map, Waimānalo is now the single largest voting block in House District 51. In the proposed map, it represents 40% of the voting population, which is a significant voice for Waimānalo. Furthermore, this proposed draft map also better enfranchises Waimānalo and its residents because the remaining 60% of the population is now spread out across three communities: Keolu Hills, Lanikai, and Portlock, instead of just Kailua, which has overshadowed Waimānalo for decades. (It should be noted that although Kailua represents a smaller percentage of the District 51 population in the proposed map, it is represented by three State House Representatives in both the current and proposed district maps, so the Kailua community will

continue to receive strong political support regardless of the district boundaries.) This means that the District 51 House Representative will need to make Waimānalo a priority because it will be the single most powerful voting block in the district. I feel like this benefit to the Waimānalo community has not been considered by many testimonials; however, the fact is that this proposed draft map is beneficial to Waimānalo, whose residents have been disenfranchised of their political voice for decades.

If we truly want to empower and enfranchise Waimānalo politically and serve its residents better, then I strongly urge for the adoption of the Commission's proposed House District 51 map as drawn, where Waimānalo is the single largest voting block and community.

I also want to address some of the points shared by the supporters of the Hick's plan. Supporters of the Hick's plan claim that it is a better plan because the deviation numbers are lower than the proposed draft map. However, I disagree with that claim; I do not believe that deviation numbers should be a primary factor in deciding which map is the best. While limiting the deviation across districts does ensure that each district is more equally represented based on their populations, trying to define districts with a focus on data and numbers disregards the people in those districts, and ultimately splits up communities and neighborhoods in an effort to get near zero deviation.

In addition, the Hick's plan clearly shows a lack of knowledge and consideration for communities, except for the three areas that it admittedly prioritized, specifically, Kailua, Hawai'i Kai, and Mānoa. The Hick's plan negatively affects many already disadvantaged communities and people, by splitting up their communities, while clearly stating its intent to benefit the three communities of Kailua, Hawai'i Kai, and Mānoa. Supporters of the Hick's plan share how upset and appalled they are that the Commission would suggest splitting up these three communities, however, the Hick's plan does exactly that to other communities throughout the island. This further perpetuates the idea that if your personal circumstances provide you with sufficient free time and resources, you can get what you want, while others who don't have the same resources or available time have to deal with and live with less than ideal situations (like having their communities broken up and split apart).

I believe that the Commission has taken into consideration ALL communities and not just a few communities, which I appreciate. There will never be a map that is perfect and it is inevitable that some communities will not remain whole. I just hope that it is the communities who have been disenfranchised and forgotten about for so many years who will end up with a map that keep them together and allows them to have a stronger voice in the political process.

- Justin Akagi

From: [Vaughn Tokashiki](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Commission Reapportionment Plans
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 8:33:44 AM

Aloha Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission,

My name is Vaughn K. Tokashiki and I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021. As an aside, the date of my 74th birthday!!

I grew up in Kaneohe, attended the Reverend Benjamin Parker Elementary School and graduated from James B. Castle High School in 1965. I have seen many changes come to Kaneohe in the passing years, and am supportive of the efforts of the Commission to continue to address these changes.

I truly believe that the Commission's draft map is good for Kaneohe because it is remarkably similar to the current district maps. I absolutely believe that it is very important for Kaneohe to have two representatives assuring that our voices will be heard in the legislature.

We have always had very excellent representatives and our current representatives continue to do good work for our beloved district.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of the Commission's efforts.

Vaughn K. Tokashiki
Lifelong Kaneohe Resident

From: [Louisa Keawe](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportion of District 51
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 9:37:17 AM

This is my TESTIMONY

There will be problems to join or extend a district into others, other's plans and life style if it's culture or, iwi kupuna burials, sacred places, or business, or even foreign interest.

The DATA or population in both parties is irrelevant because there's no data for homeless people or military veteran's and even staglers who are not United States citizens, living or residing somewhere in each District.

Until the count of every person of person's in there district is counted , District 51 is more then half the 10% for it's data in Waimanalo, Kailua and Kaneohe.

The wrap around by Makapuu to Haunama Bay is to be respectfully kept as is to our na Akua and na kupuna for the future of our keikis.

Thank you, for reading my testimony,

From: Ms. Louisa Keawe

From: [Thal. Manoa](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony in favor of the Hicks plan
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 11:30:31 AM

12/10/21

Dear Reapportionment Committee,

Districts should be as nearly equal in population as practicable so one person's vote in a legislative election is worth as much as another's. The House plan developed by Bill Hicks achieves a total population deviation of only 2.58%. Contrast this with a 2.58% population deviation with 8.54% in the Commission's proposed plan. Why settle for 8.54% population deviation when 2.58% is achievable?

The Hicks plan applies the same process for the Oahu Senate Districts, with the same outcomes. Makapu'u Point is a viable boundary. East Oahu valleys are kept intact. In the Hicks plan, 16 of the 17 Oahu Senate Districts have deviations less than 1%. The total population deviation in the Hicks plan is 2.02%, compared with 7.93% in the Commission's proposed Senate plan.

I urge the Commission to seriously consider the Hicks plan.

Mahalo,

Thalya De Mott

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From: Bishop Ohana

To: State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission

10 December 2021

Aloha Chair Mugiishi and Reapportionment Commission Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to the Commission's Proposed Reapportionment Plans for Oahu's State House and Senate Districts and strong support for the Hicks plans.

The Hawai'i Kai geographic area in its current House District 17 boundaries is an intact community. The Commission's Proposed Plan for House Districts 17 and 51 splits both districts into an illogical shape wrapping around the Kaiwi Coastline. It completely dismisses the fact that the Hawai'i Kai community has served as the primary stewards of the scenic and fragile Kaiwi Coastline for Hawai'i residents and visitors alike for many decades. The Hawai'i Kai community succeeded in obtaining designation of the Kaiwi Coastline as a Hawai'i State Scenic Byway, and has developed a Maunaloa to Makapu'u Corridor Management Plan approved by the State Department of Transportation. It has been instrumental in preserving beaches along the coastline like Sandy Beach and Wawamalu Beach, and has consistently supported the conservation and preservation of Hanauma Bay. Further, the Hawai'i Kai community has promoted conservation of the natural coastal landscape, most recently with a community purchase of 187 acres across from Makapu'u. Districts 17 and 51 are currently clearly demarcated with Makapu'u Point Lighthouse as a natural geographic boundary and dividing line between the Windward and Leeward sides of the Koolau Mountains, and should remain so for the best stewardship of Hawaii's precious Kaiwi Coastline.

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We therefore urge the Commission to reject the Proposed Plans and **adopt the Hick's Oahu House and Senate plans instead.**

Mahalo nui,
Lisa Bishop
Oahu resident, home owner, tax payer, voter

From: Friends of Hanauma Bay

To: State of Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission

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Mahalo nui,
Lisa Bishop
President Friends of Hanauma Bay

From: [Randy Kawamoto](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: East Honolulu Proposed Reapportionment Maps
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 2:30:59 PM
Attachments: [Reapportionment of District 19.pages](#)

To: Reapportionment Commission
Re: East Honolulu Proposed Reapportionment Maps

Mahalo for your efforts on reapportionment. I am a lifelong resident of District 19 and live in the heart of Kaimuki on 11th Avenue. Diamond Head is just a short walk from my house. As you know, Kaimuki is a tight-knit community with shared interests and values that we also share to a large degree with our neighbors in Kapahulu, Diamond Head, and Kahala, who are all a part of our current District 19. My concern is that the proposed redistricting takes our existing district and splits these communities by putting us into four other districts. What currently is a compact and contiguous district will, under your proposal, scatter our communities to the Manoa District and other parts to the McCully District. In addition, two fingers are attached to the proposed map for the Niu Valley/Aina Haina/Kahala District. One of these fingers extends to 6th Avenue and another finger extends around Diamond Head to Diamond Head Beach Park. Also, St. Louis Heights/Palolo/Maunalani Heights crosses H-1 Highway into Waialae/Kahala. The proposed redistricting maps do not seem to meet the criteria for compactness. There are also questions as to whether the proposed districts meet the criteria of contiguity. Please favorably consider the alternative maps submitted by Hicks and the Modified Tech/Hicks13.5 which keep our communities together.

Mahalo for all you do,
Randall Kawamoto Resident of District 19

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 10, 2021, at 2:20 PM, Randy Kawamoto <rkkawamoto@gmail.com> wrote:
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Randall Kawamoto
Resident of District 19

From: [Roberta Mayor](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to the Technical Group's Proposed Maps
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 3:15:41 PM

Aloha. My name is Roberta Mayor, and I am chair of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board. I have sat in on all the Oahu hearings this week, and I'm hopeful that the commission is seriously considering the input of the community, in order to implement a redistricting plan that is mindful of the community's many concerns with the initial draft maps first proposed by the commission's technical group.

Multiple alternate plans have been submitted that provide thoughtful revisions, reflecting the community's input. All of the alternate plans submitted use both Makapu'u point as well as Kaena point as fixed natural Oahu boundaries, indicating the high possibility that the technical group can also use these two fixed points to redraw the districts into more compact units that keep communities intact.

Numerous neighborhood boards across Oahu, representing hundreds of thousands of residents, have indicated their opposition to the initial redistricting maps approved by the commission. Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board is one of them.

I cannot fully describe the extreme distress of the Hawaii Kai community over the commission's initial proposal to fragment the Hawaii Kai community, separating so many neighborhoods from East Honolulu and placing them into House District 51 and Senate District 25.

Please acknowledge the many voices of the community members, and redraw the maps, using Makapu'u point as a fixed boundary to keep our communities whole. Thank you for the opportunity to again provide testimony.

From: [Joy Wasai Nishida](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Support the Commission's Redistricting Plans
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 3:20:23 PM

Chair Mugiishi and the Reapportionment Commission:

My name is Joy Nishida and I am submitting testimony in support of the draft map proposed by the Commission on October 28, 2021.

I have lived in Kaneohe all my life (39 years) and most of my immediate relatives also live in Kaneohe. I attended Kaneohe Elementary, King Intermediate, and graduated from Castle High School. Even though Kaneohe is a large community, it often feels like a "small town" since I often see people I know all over the community. I feel safe in this community and am proud to be born/raised from this side of the island. I feel that our community is special and unique, and that we must work hard to maintain it for future generations. I am also part of a civic organization called the Kiwanis Club of Kaneohe. We are an international service organization that focuses on not only service to our community, but also the servant leadership development of our keiki, as we sponsor and work closely with Key Clubs at Castle High, Kailua High and McKinley High and a Builder's Club at King Intermediate. Our Kiwanis Club has participated and hosted several community-wide events in Kaneohe including our annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at Ben Parker Elementary School and volunteering with the Malama 96744 community group that does bi-annual graffiti clean ups.

I believe that the Commission's map is good for Kaneohe. Since the Commission's draft map for Kaneohe is similar to the current district maps, I believe this will work well for our community. I believe having two representatives for Kaneohe has been wonderful for our community as we have two individuals who are advocating for all of us. Kaneohe has different sub-communities and I believe that having these two representatives ensures that our different sub-communities are recognized and represented equally.

Thank you for receiving my testimony.

Joy Nishida
Kaneohe resident

From: [Levani L](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Opposition to Proposed Reapportionment Plan
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 3:33:37 PM

Dear Chair,

I am opposed to the proposed reapportionment plan that combines District 51 with District 17 and Portlock. The needs of these communities are vastly different and it doesn't make sense to combine them. It would be very difficult for an elected official to truly represent the needs of multiple districts that are so different across many parameters.

I am in favor of using Makapu'u point as a natural boundary point. I respectfully ask that you consider the Hicks plan as well as others submitted by concerned citizens who believe in fair representation.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Levani Lipton

From: [Dale Moana Gilmartin](#)
To: [OE.Elections.Reapportionment](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 4:21:03 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I continue to be dismayed by the current proposed reapportionment plan, particularly as it affects my home in Manoa Valley. Manoa is a tightly-knit community filled with civic-minded citizens that deserve to be represented by some one who has our community's best interests at heart.

We should be represented in government by someone who lives in our valley, which is clearly delineated by mountain ridges on either side. Natural boundaries, according to the reapportionment guidelines, are logical boundaries and should be followed whenever possible.

Manoa is a unique, historic community that would be utterly shattered by the proposed plan. Many alternative plans have been submitted for consideration and I urge the committee to give these alternatives, including the revised "Hicks Plan", serious attention, not just a cursory glance.

I appreciate the hard work of all that have been working on this issue and thank you for listening to our voices-- the voices of the people that put elected representatives in their positions through the power of their votes. Let's not forget we live in a true democracy and make choices accordingly.

With respect and aloha,

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In support of Proposed Reapportionment - House District 31

To the Hawaii Reapportionment Commission:

I am a member of the Moanalua Valley Community Association but submit this testimony as an individual. I have been homeowner and resident of Moanalua Valley since 1989. My daughter attended Moanalua schools from 1st -12th grade. Throughout and beyond those years I was very involved with the PTAs and the high school's school-community council.

I am thrilled to see that that Moanalua Valley is proposed to be joined with its next-door neighbor Moanalua Gardens! At one time these communities were the outer limits of the city of Honolulu. They are Independent but complementary, with each having its own community association but sharing many concerns and the same school complex. The current configuration bisects the Gardens and places Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley in separate districts.

It makes so much sense to reunite Moanalua Gardens and to join the Gardens with Moanalua Valley. Doing so would restore the westward contiguity from the Moanalua Gardens to Pearl Ridge and would more closely align House District 31's boundaries with those of Senate District 14.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide strong support for the proposed configuration of House District 31.

Amy Stone Murai