



The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael K. Simpson
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson:

As you craft the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you support the Honolulu Harbor Modification Feasibility Study.

Hawaii Pacific University, located in downtown Honolulu (and with multiple facilities on the Harbor piers), has been serving the people of the State of Hawaii through education and scholarly research since 1965. We work closely with the community in endeavors ranging from public health to marine science, and we were alarmed to see the projections showing significant portions of Honolulu Harbor completely underwater if infrastructure is not built to respond to sea level rise.

The University fully supports Harbors Division's request to the US Army Corps of Engineers to commence the feasibility study of the Honolulu Harbor Modification Project. Honolulu Harbor is the primary port for the State of Hawaii, and our state is dependent on the food and goods transported through it on a daily basis.

We understand that the Hawaii Department of Transportation has budgeted the local sponsor share of the feasibility study costs in fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023. We are also pleased that your division is committed to actively participating in the feasibility study and identifying a federal plan that can be implemented.

The Hawaii Department of Transportation has requested to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to investigate modifications to Honolulu Harbor to decrease inefficiencies in ship movements caused by limitations in the channels and basins, adapt to new ships and barges, meet maritime growth needs, address safety concerns associated with the single one-way channel, and adapt to anticipated sea level rise.

With ship sizes continuing to increase and sea levels on the rise, significant harbor modifications are required to ensure that maritime commerce can continue in Honolulu Harbor in a safe and efficient manner.

We support this project and hope the Committee will consider this project for the FY22 Energy and Water Development and related Agencies Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

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