



# WAIKĪKĪ BEACH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### BACKGROUND

Waikīkī Beach is a globally recognized icon of Hawai‘i and is the state’s largest tourist destination. Waikīkī Beach also has tremendous cultural significance and is the birthplace of the sport and culture of surfing. The beaches, reef ecosystems, and myriad world-renowned surf breaks are valuable natural resources that support the culture and lifestyle of Hawai‘i, and the idyllic image of Waikīkī.

Waikīkī Beach is a highly engineered urban shoreline with the modern configuration largely the result of past management efforts (e.g., groins, seawall, and sand fill) intended to widen the beach.



Many sections of Waikīkī Beach are substantially narrowed or completely lost due to chronic beach erosion, lack of coordinated management, and insufficient capital investment. Beach loss results in a variety of negative economic, social, cultural, and environmental impacts. Therefore, it is important to fully understand the cumulative effects of shoreline development, recreational activities, and coastal processes (natural and human-induced) that control the movement of sand within the littoral system.

The Waikīkī Beach Community Advisory Committee helps to address the complex issues associated with beach sustainability by building consensus and identifying and resolving conflicts relating to Waikīkī Beach management. The committee provides important guidance for planning and prioritizing future beach management projects at Waikīkī.

The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District Association (WBSIDA), in partnership with the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program (Hawaii Sea Grant), have assembled a small group key stakeholders to advise the State and County on future beach management and maintenance projects in Waikīkī. For the purposes of this project, we define Waikīkī Beach as the beaches and nearshore coastal zone extending from Kaimana Beach (Natatorium) to Fort DeRussy Beach (Hilton Hawaiian Village). The primary purpose of the advisory committee is to identify and prioritize beach management projects in Waikīkī and to help inform these projects.

## Waikīkī Beach Advisory Committee Goals

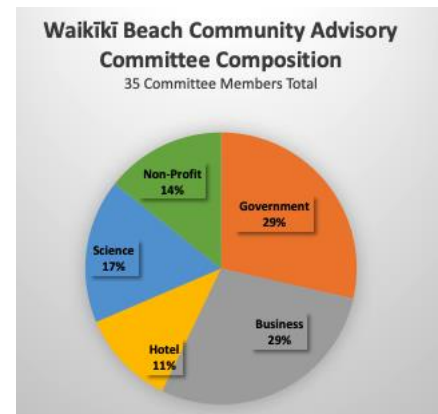
1. Advise the WBSIDA, the DLNR and Hawaii Sea Grant on the development and implementation of a Waikīkī Beach Management Plan.
2. Ensure that future beach management projects address the issues and concerns of the Waikīkī community and local stakeholders.
3. Advise the State, County and stakeholders on beach management projects in Waikīkī.
4. Provide community coordination, education, and outreach efforts about beach management issues and projects in Waikīkī.
5. Provide diverse perspectives and guidance for future beach management and planning activities in Waikīkī.
6. Identify and evaluate alternatives for beach management and maintenance in Waikīkī.

## Specific Committee Activities

1. **Meet** semi-annually for updates or more frequently as needed during projects.
2. **Serve as a sounding board** for proposed projects in Waikīkī Beach.
3. **Provide local knowledge and expertise** about important social, cultural, economic and environmental issues related to Waikīkī Beach.
4. **Provide strategic insights** on Waikīkī Beach management and ideas to overcome obstacles, capitalize on opportunities, and support long-term planning.
5. **Facilitate partnerships** with relevant agencies, organizations and individuals.
6. **Serve as community representatives** for specific beach management issues and concerns.

## Committee Benefits

Members of the Waikīkī Beach Advisory Committee will benefit from hearing about and collaborating on state-of-the-art research and other project plans being conducted by university researchers and government agencies. Members will also benefit from being part of a network of partners with diverse knowledge and perspectives. All stakeholders will benefit from the external perspectives and strategic thinking provided by diverse individuals. The success of the Advisory Committee is of mutual benefit to Advisory Committee members by serving as an example of effective early coordination and education for all members and facilitate the early identification of project concerns.



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