HR 391 and HCR 58
REQUESTING APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE
TO REVIEW THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE
BARBER’S POINT DEEP DRAFT HARBOR PROJECT

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HR 391 and HCR 58 would request that an interim committee be appointed to review the proposed Barber's Point Harbor Project. This statement on the two resolutions has been submitted for review to the legislative subcommittee of the Environmental Center of the University. It does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The Environmental Center, in our function as a coordinator of University review of such projects, has been actively involved in the review of environmental impact studies on this project for the past eleven months.

In our earlier testimony on SR 127 and SR 133 (RL:0205) which dealt with expediting development and release of funds for the Barber's Point Harbor Project, we indicated our concerns that the environmental impacts on this project have not as yet been fully addressed as is required by HRS Chapter 343 or the Federal Department of Defense regulations regarding the content of environmental impact statements. The present federal EIS on the project addresses only the Harbor construction itself with only the briefest mention of the secondary impacts. The consideration of "energy concerns, economic concerns, projections of future growth and need, ecological and environmental needs, and long-term social impact among other pertinent considerations" cited in the resolution are precisely the considerations which we have recommended and which need be addressed in an Environmental Impact Statement. Furthermore, the review of alternative plans, locations, and new types of harbor designs such as a completely offshore port, seems highly desirable to assure that the final harbor project will be in the best interests of the State, and will comply with the requirements of HRS 343. We support the intent of HR 391 and HCR 58.