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SB 18
RELATING TO ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL AREAS

Statement for
House Committees on
Ocean and Marine Resources
Transportation
Water, Land Use and Hawaiian Affairs
Tourism
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SB 18 clarifies existing law to assure that citizens have the right to transit along Hawaii's beaches.

Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Coastal access and the right to transit along the shoreline are integral parts of the "heritage" we all value regardless of our various ethnic backgrounds. SB 18 seeks to resolve a potential restriction of that right by deleting the provision that the right to transit might be interpreted to apply only under special safety conditions.

We strongly concur with the amendments and intent of SB 18.