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NORTH SHORE SENATOR LAUDS TURTLE BAY CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

HONOLULU, Hawaii – State Senator Gil Riviere (Dist. 23 - Kane‘ohe , Ka‘a‘awa, Hau‘ula, La‘ie, Kahuku, Waialua, Hale‘iwa, Wahiawa, Schofield Barracks, Kunia) is calling the Turtle Bay Makai Conservation Easement a huge milestone for voluntary land conservation in Hawai‘i.

Following today’s completed agreement, Sen. Riviere is applauding those who helped deliver what he said is a “positive solution to the long simmering dispute over the future of Kawela Bay, Kahuku Point and miles of pristine coastline.”

“Three contentious decades have passed since the City approved an eight-fold expansion of the Turtle Bay Resort - an expansion that, in retrospect, could not be supported by the market, location, or highway infrastructure, and was strongly opposed by residents throughout Hawaii and visitors from around the world,” said Sen. Riviere.

“The agreement was made possible through an amazing level of collaboration and collective effort by many diverse, and often competing, interests. Special thanks go to Governor Ige and his team for leading the effort that brought together State and City governments, the land owners, hotel workers, US Army, conservation community and many dedicated individuals.

“Preserving open space, enhancing agricultural viability and preventing overdevelopment of Oahu’s North Shore benefits all of Oahu’s residents and visitors by providing rural places to visit and recharge on their days off. Oahu is special because we have the benefits of both Town and Country, each region contributing to a healthy society,” said Sen. Riviere.

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