

Protect shore, skyline vistas

What makes the magic of Hawaii's scenery? What turns a volcanic scar across the ocean's face into a string of "pearls"? What fills our hotels with tourists during summer months?

R and B - ridges and beaches. These "rhythm and blues" of the islands keep cash registers as well as poets singing.

Preserving R and B is vital to our lifestyle and economy. Why then must we year after year battle to save classics among them? In the last six months alone, Waipio Valley rim, Mt. Olomana and Kaiwa Ridge have been threatened with development.

Let us give the Department of Land and Natural Resources a mandate to aggressively protect our most precious natural resource - shore and skyline vistas. Any other policy is financially and environmentally flawed. Hands off the goose that is laying Hawaii's golden egg!

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