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### **Help Keep Ka Iwi Clean -East Oahu Gathers in Honor of Earth Day**

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Honolulu, Hawaii – While concerns rise over global-warming and the destruction of Hawaii's precious ecosystems, the communities of East Oahu are gathering together with Representative Gene Ward to celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up the historic Ka Iwi shoreline on Sunday, April 22nd.

Ka Iwi is the name given to the dramatic unspoiled coastline from Hanauma Bay to Makapu'u. Here, the urban landscape gives way to a coastline sculpted by powerful volcanic forces and pointed with the variegated blues of pristine ocean waters. The Ka Iwi shoreline is one of only two remaining fragments of natural coastline on Oahu. Early Hawaiians used the area extensively for fishing and gathering. It was and still is a popular place for pole fishermen (including Rep. Ward) who frequent this rocky cape.

Rep. Ward and other concerned residents of East Oahu will roll up their sleeves and set off Sunday for an afternoon of clearing debris and trash from the Ka Iwi shoreline. According to Rep. Ward, a lack of community responsibility could lead to the scarring of this special landscape. "So far we have been able to keep the cabins off of Ka Iwi, but we can't seem to keep the trash, glass, and old mattresses off of the Ka Iwi shoreline" he said.

Rep. Ward and his staff will meet beach clean up participants on Sunday, April 22nd at one o'clock in the Ka Iwi parking lot. For more details, or if you wish to participate in the clean up, please contact Rep. Ward's office at 586-6420 or his Community Liaison, Pam Kam at 358-9145.

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