

House Judiciary Committee  
Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair  
Honorable Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair

**LATE TESTIMONY**

Bill Number: HCR 369

Hearing Date: April 1, 2008  
Place: Conference Room 325  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair Waters and Committee Members.

#### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

My name is DeGray Vanderbilt. I am a 30-year resident of Molokai. My last day as Chair of the Molokai Planning Commission was yesterday, March 31, 2008. I am currently a member of the Molokai General Plan Advisory Committee, as well as, a member of the Molokai Water Working Group, which is advisory to the State Commission on Water Resource Management.

Today I am testifying as an individual in support of HCR 369.

I am supportive of this important resolution because Molokai is truly a unique community that has been steadfast in its pro-active efforts at all government levels, and as a result has been fortunate to maintain a sense of balance and sustainability, at a time when the rest of the state has moved away from enjoying a sustained local lifestyle.

Molokai is the last Hawaiian island, a place that has maintained a position to allow us to do things right and be a model of sustainability at a time when our state is threatened by uncontrolled development, and complications stemming from the very real threat of global warming.

Molokai's tough stance in the past has been misconstrued as anti-development. On Molokai residents prefer to characterize their pro-active efforts as "pro-lifestyle" Molokai's continued fight has allowed our community to avoid the complications resulting from an onslaught of overdevelopment that has all but wiped out the local lifestyle elsewhere in the State, a lifestyle that had been a model of balance and sustainability in the 1950s and 1960s.

Those were the times when communities through our State were in balance, when plantation workers could afford a house and fee-simple lot, when mom and pop stores flourished, and when our islands' land and water resources were bountiful and allowed people to supplement their family incomes through subsistence activities.


Molokai has not moved away from that time, and today enjoys many of the sustainable and balanced lifestyle benefits stemming from living the local lifestyle of the 50s and 60s.

Molokai is in the best position of all the islands to meet the goals of Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan that is before the Legislature at this time.

We want to continue down the road that we forged years ago, and see many benefits in store for future generations if our island community continues to be pro-active in its effort to preserve its unique lifestyle and Molokai's natural resources that contribute so much to the perpetuation of our island lifestyle.

For these reason I support the intent of SCR 369 and respectfully request your consideration in passing the Resolution our of Committee

Respectfully submitted

  
DeGray Vanderbilt

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Testimony in Support by Lynn De Coite

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 369. We want Molokai to have its own separate codes, because Molokai makes decisions and Maui continues to override the decision making process most time without explanation. It does not fit the lifestyle and parameters of the Molokai Plan. We already at the Planning Commission level have codes that say Except for Molokai so why not separate out the codes. What would be the reasoning behind another island that has problems that are not the same as Molokai. For these reasons I support the measure.