

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Ken Ito, Chair

Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair

**March 14, 2008, Committee Hearing
Conference Room 312
10:00AM**

Senate Bill 3166**Relating to The Hawaii Community Development Authority**

Chair Ito and Committee Members:

I support the passage of Senate Bill 3166.

I am Jason Suapaia. I represent Pacific Focus Inc. We are located at 1013 Kawaiahao in Kaka'ako.


I was happy to hear that Act252 was passed because I believe that community representation on the HCDA board is so important to the small businesses and small landowners in Kaka'ako. Who better to understand the needs and problems of a community than a community member!

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SB3166 corrects this omission and also provides for a safeguard for DIRECT conflict of interest.

Please pass SB3166.

Thank you.



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I am Linda Holt. I represent 945Q, LLC. We are the owners of property located at 945 Queen St. in Kaka'ako.

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Thank you,

Linda and Larry Holt
945Q, LLC.

House of Representatives
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
Friday, March 14, 2008
10:00 a.m.
Room 312

S.B. 3166

Dear Chairman Ito, Vice Chairman Karamatsu,
and Committee Members:

I am a small business owner and landowner in the Kakaako District and I am in strong support of S.B. 3166.

There are many small businesses in the Kakaako district that are being adversely affected by the rapid development of the area. Rising property taxes, increased density, looming assessments on infrastructure improvements and the impact of mass transit, etc., are just some of the issues that are or will be negatively impacting these businesses.

Recent studies completed by HACBED (Hawaii Alliance for Community Based Economic Development) showed that businesses in the Mauka area, which is comprised of mostly small businesses, contribute 3.9% of the State's economy and employs over 16,000 workers. These figures are a testament of the impact of these businesses to the State of Hawaii.

Therefore, there needs to be a coordination of the State and City to assure that these businesses are not forced to close their doors. The first step is to have representation of community members on the HCDA board that understands the needs of small businesses. Dexter Okada and Paul Kimura are two long-time community members and small business owners. They will fulfill this need of small business representation and should be able to vote on issues that affect Kakaako. Therefore, I urge you to support S.B. 3166, which is the first step in assuring the survival of small businesses in the area.

Thank you.

Christine Kaneshiro
845 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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REP. Ken Ito, Chair

Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair

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I am Linda Kano. I represent Interior Showplace Ltd. We are located at 956 Queen St. In Kaka'ako.

I was happy to hear that Act 252 was passed because I believe that community representation on the HCDA Board is so important to the small businesses and small landowners in Kaka'ako. Who better to understand the needs and problems of a community than a community member!

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Thank you.

Linda Kano

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Dear Chair Ito and Committee Members:

I support the passage of Senate Bill 3166.

My name is Gary Onishi and I'm a small business owner in Kaka'ako. Kaka'ako has been home for my family for many years. A couple of years ago HCDA planned ID-11 a street widening and systematic improvement project. The plan was done with out any community input. Because of the magnitude of the project, small businesses like mine voiced our concern to on the impact it would have on our businesses. HCDA told us, "This is a freight train and you can't stop it."

Last year with the help of concerned legislatures, we were fortunate to have Act 252 passed. This allowed community members to be part of the HCDA's board so they are able to speak on behalf of the community. I was shocked to hear that the two community members on the HCDA board had to rescues themselves from issues dealing with Kaka'ako. Community representation is important. Each member of the legislature represents his community. Likewise, our Kaka'ako board members should be allowed vote and express their opinions on how our community should be like. SB3166 corrects the ambiguity of the law that is preventing them from representing us.

Please pass SB3166.

Thank you,

Gary Onishi

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My name is Gary Tamura. I am the owner of The Converter Factory. I am located at 959 Queen Street in Kaka'ako.

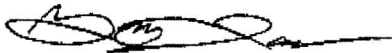
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My name is Neal Tamura. I am the owner of Ray's Transmission Service Center. We are located at 959 Queen Street in Kaka'ako.

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Thank you,

Neal Tamura



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I support the passage of Senate Bill 3166.

I am Michael Macdonald. I represent Macdonald & Porter. We are located at 972 Queen St. in Kaka'ako.

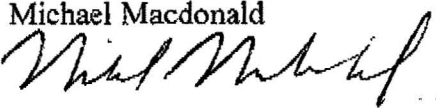
I was happy to hear that Act252 was passed because I believe that community representation on the HCDA board is so important to the small businesses and small landowners in Kaka'ako. We need community member representation to protect the interest of the local business owner. During this time of uncertainty for the small business owners caught in the middle of a 20 year re-development plan, it is imperative that we have a voice.

I was disappointed to hear that the two community members on the HCDA board had to recuse themselves from issues dealing with Kaka'ako. The reasoning sounds like a Catch-22. They are on the HCDA board because they are community members but because they are community members, they cannot participate. The reasoning seems to be that Act252 did not clearly define the community members.

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Thank you,

Michael Macdonald


From: Ronald Iwami [mailto:iwamih001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 5:34 PM
To: WLHtestimony
Subject: Testimony SB 3166 in Support

From: Ronald T. Iwami
President of Friends of Kewalo Basin Park Association
1st Vice Chair for the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council

To: Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs.
Rep. Ken Ito, Chair
Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair

Date: Friday, March 14, 2008
Time: 10 am
Reg: **SB 3166**
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I am in full support of SB 3166. This bill is to correct the bill that was passed in 2006 which added two members to the HCDA Board. The intent of the original bill was to add community members but because the bill did not state that in the language, Dexter Okada was advised not to participate in issues involving Kaka'ako Mauka. I have worked side by side with Dexter and he is community member in good standing and is very passionate of improving conditions for the good of all in Kaka'ako Mauka. That is the reason why he was selected to the HCDA Board. The Board should include members of the community, because their input is invaluable to make the right decisions. He should be able to participate in issues regarding this area. To deny him that right is a big step backward.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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I am Dexter Okada. I am the president of U. Okada & Co., Ltd., a third generation small family business that has been located on Queen Street in Kaka'ako for over fifty years. I also represent the Kaka'ako Business and Landowners Association, a group of small businesses and small landowners.

In the 2006 session, I supported SB2487(Act 252) because I believed that there should be more community representation on the HCDA board. House Speaker Calvin Say knew who I was and knew of my involvement with small business and community issues in Kaka'ako. I believe that for those reasons in 2007, the Speaker placed my name on the list of nominees for the new position on the HCDA board created by Act252. And for those same reasons, the Administration submitted my name for confirmation. The Senate confirmation committee also knew who I was and they confirmed my nomination to the HCDA board. But prior to HCDA's July 2007 board meeting, the Deputy AG assigned to HCDA informed me that I must recuse myself from participating in HCDA's item for actions dealing with the Small Business Task Force and the Mauka Area plan and rules because of financial conflict of interest. It is a paradox. I was selected because I was a community member but because I am a community member I cannot participate. In a letter to HCDA dated October 26, 2007, the AG's office advised against participation "...until and unless Section 206E-3, HRS, is amended or another law is passed..."

I hope that SB3166 resolves this problem and if the Governor selects me to be one of the two small business representatives, I can fulfill my purpose for accepting the nomination to be on HCDA board, to represent the small businesses community.

Thank you,

Dexter Okada

SB 3166: allows two small business owners on HCDA Board (State agency that has jurisdiction over Kaka'ako) to vote on issues regarding Kakaako.

SB3167 provides a short-term GET credit for small businesses in Kaka'ako located on real property designated as an industrial district, provided that the property is in use for light industrial, wholesaling, or service and commercial operations.

We, the undersigned businesses in Kakaako, are in SUPPORT of SB 3167 and SB 3166:

Signature	Business	Address
1. <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Hawaii Automotive Repair Clinic, LLC.</u>	<u>862 Ilaniwai St.</u>
Print name <u>Jon Yamashiro</u>		<u>Honolulu, HI 96813</u>
2. <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>834 ILANIWAI ST</u>	
Print name <u>REGGIE LTON KONG</u>	<u>CAS SERVICE INC</u>	<u>834 ILANIWAI ST</u>
3. <u>MEL AKIYAMA</u>	<u>MAQUE & CRETZ</u>	<u>825 ILANIWAI ST</u>
Print name <u>CURTIS KUWANA</u>	<u>CHIKARA AUTO</u>	<u>814 ILANIWAI ST</u>
4. <u>[Signature]</u>		
Print name <u>CARLTON GOD</u>	<u>825 ILANIWAI ST</u>	<u>825 ILANIWAI ST</u>
5. <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>AUTO AIR + ACCESSORIES</u>	<u>HON HI 96813</u>
Print name <u>Chad Furukawa</u>	<u>LTS Hawaii</u>	<u>825 ILANIWAI ST.</u>
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Print name <u>TUSHAR DUBEY</u>	<u>Hokulani Bakeshop</u>	<u>500 Ala Moana # 413 96813</u>
7. <u>[Signature]</u>		
Print name _____		
8. <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Paufe Adonodino</u>	<u>815 Ilaniwai St</u>
Print name <u>Kenneth Adonodino</u>		
9. _____		
Print name <u>ARON POOLE</u>	<u>VOLK german</u>	<u>812 ILANIWAI</u>
10. <u>[Signature]</u>		
ii. Print name <u>SANDY UYEDA</u>	<u>Sandy Uyeda</u>	<u>Air Hyd-SERV.</u>
		<u>842 ILANIWAI</u>
12. <u>DEREK KALANI PNAO</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>UMLLC / ISPV</u>
		<u>836 Ilaniwai St</u>
13) <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Kapuaka Products</u>	<u>439 Kanihi St.</u>
14) <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Mehi T. & King</u>	<u>449 Kanihi St. 96813</u>
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