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The Senate  
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008

**SUBJECT: Opposition to Senate Bill 2293, Relating to Affordable Housing**  
**Committee: CPH/IGM**  
**Hearing: February 13, 2008 9:00 AM Conference Room 229**

The Kaua'i County Housing Agency (KCHA) opposes Senate Bill 2293.

The KCHA believes this bill would supersede County home rule. SB2293 would be contrary to the intent of Kaua'i County's recently adopted Housing Policy Ordinance, in which substantially longer periods of affordability are required, and the location of affordable housing is spread throughout or in reasonable proximity to the communities generating the need for workforce housing. Housing developed pursuant to affordable housing requirements of a development should comply with County housing policy.

We further believe that housing produced pursuant to exemptions afforded by HRS 201H should maintain the community benefits of shared appreciation and buyback pursuant to existing statute.

We reiterate our opposition to SB 2293. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth N. Rainforth".

**KENNETH N. RAINFORTH**  
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