

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



MICAH A. KANE
CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
KAULANA H. PARK
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRMAN
ROBERT J. HALL
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

P.O. BOX 1879
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96805

TESTIMONY OF MICAH A. KANE, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES

ON HB 1554
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 23, 2009

Chair Ito, Vice-Chair Har and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands support HB 1554, which would allow the Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, as well as the chairperson of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, to each designate a representative to serve as ex officio voting members of HCDA.

This bill offers flexibility to ensure that the perspective of the Commission will be represented to HCDA in times when the Chairman of the Commission is not available. Without this amendment to Chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, important deliberations and decisions may have to be postponed (when quorum cannot be achieved) and/or the community would be deprived of the representation of both the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting.

We respectfully urge these committees to adopt the aforementioned recommended changes and pass HB 1554. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



KAKAAKO
KALAELOA

Linda Lingle
Governor

Jonathan W. Y. Lai
Chairperson

Anthony J. H. Ching
Executive Director

STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Monday, February 23, 2009

9:30 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**H. B. 1554 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

Purpose: This measure allows the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting to designate a representative to serve as a voting member of the Authority.

Position: The Hawaii Community Development Authority ("HCDA") strongly supports the passage of this proposal.

Ex-officio Kakaako members include: the Directors of the Department of Accounting and General Services; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; and the Department of Transportation. The statute currently affords these ex-officio members and their designated representatives as voting members of the HCDA. This housekeeping change to the HCDA's statutes is necessary to afford the Kalaeloa ex-officio members (i.e., Directors of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and City & County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting) the ability to also name designated representatives who count towards quorum and have voting privileges.

Scheduling conflicts and the daily demands of these two ex-officio members sometimes makes attendance at Authority meetings difficult. Providing these ex-officio members with the ability to appoint their alternates will ensure

677 Ala Moana Boulevard
Suite 1001
Honolulu, Hawaii
96813

Telephone
(808) 587-2870

Facsimile
(808) 587-8150

E-Mail
contact@hcdaweb.org

Web site
www.hcdaweb.org

that the critical perspectives of these agencies will be represented in the deliberations of the Authority.

Without this amendment to Chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, important deliberations and decisions may have to be postponed (where quorum cannot be achieved) and/or the community would be deprived of the representation of these two important members of the Kalaeloa Community Development District. As it is my belief that this defect in the construction of the statutory description of the Kalaeloa membership was unintentional, your support for this technical amendment is requested.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the passage of H. B. 1554.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

650 SOUTH KING STREET, 7TH FLOOR • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
PHONE: (808) 768-8000 • FAX: (808) 768-6041
DEPT. WEB SITE: www.honolulu.dpp.org • CITY WEB SITE: www.honolulu.gov

MUFI HANNEMANN
MAYOR



DAVID K. TANOUE
ACTING DIRECTOR
ROBERT M. SUMITOMO
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

February 23, 2009

The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water,
Land, & Ocean Resources
State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ito and Members:

**Subject: House Bill 1554
Relating to the Hawaii Community
Development Authority**

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is pleased to **support** House Bill No. 1554, which clarifies that the department's designated representative on the HCDA Board is a voting member. It makes the same provision for the chair of the Hawaiian homes commission.

While this may sound like a minor issue, this is important to us. Occasionally, the director is not able to attend board meetings. When this happens, the department has always sent an officially designated representative. This representative should be able to participate in board discussions and actions, as do other designated representatives for other board members.


In fact, DPP should be a full member of the board, and able to participate in discussions and voting on Kakaako issues, as well as Kalaehoa matters. Adjacent to downtown and metro Honolulu, any development in Kakaako has significant impacts on the neighboring communities. DPP has the planning and engineering expertise, not to mention regulatory experience, to be a critical resource for HCDA members. In addition, as city planning for transit-oriented development (TOD) continues, it would be good to share the city's TOD plans and strategies with HCDA as there are two critical transit stations in Kakaako. Successful TOD depends on good communication and coordination. Thus, House Bill 1554 should be amended to recognize the director of the department of planning and permitting as a full board member, with provisions for a voting designated representative.

Please adopt House Bill 1554 with the above amendment.

The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water,
Land, & Ocean Resources
State House of Representatives
Re: House Bill 1554
February 23, 2009
Page 2

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David K. Tanoue". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke at the base.

David K. Tanoue, Acting Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

DKT: jmf
hb1554-kst.doc

February 20, 2009

House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources
HB 1554 – Relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority

Aloha Chair Ito and Committee Members:

Your support and passage of HB 1554 is strongly requested.

This Bill will afford the ex-officio Kalaeloa members to name a designate when they are unable to attend our meetings, and all them to vote and meet quorum. This is especially important for me as an HCDA Kalaeloa member whose priority is to have representation at all of our meetings. I believe this provision was an oversight when the ex-officio members were first named to HCDA on behalf of Kalaeloa.

I believe that this is necessary to get the Kalaeloa business done efficiently and in a timely manner.

Please support this housekeeping Bill which requires no funding!

Mahalo,

Maeda C. Timson
Maeda C. Timson
HCDA – Kalaeloa Member
92-684 Nohona St.
Kapolei, Hi. 96707
349-5992