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**Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair**

**February 18, 2009, Committee Hearing
Conference Room 229
3:30PM**

**Senate Bill 721
Relating to District-Wide Improvement Programs**

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Chair Hee and Committee Members:

I am in support of Senate Bill 721. I am a small landowner in Kakaako and formerly had my business at that location but relocated it elsewhere in 2008. I chose to move out of Kakaako because it became more economically feasible to operate my business outside of the area.

I believe that changing the wording in Section 206E-6(B) from "shall" to "may" will give the HCDA some flexibility to work with the landowners in infrastructure improvements. I hope the goal of the legislatures is to support small businesses, which plays a vital role in Hawaii's economy.

Thank you,



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