



H. R. NO. 246
URGING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT HAWAIIAN BUILDING CODES.
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** H.R. No. 246, which urges the various Counties in the State of Hawai'i to adopt Native Hawaiian building codes.

OHA supports the idea of facilitating the design and construction of more traditional Native Hawaiian buildings and structures throughout Hawai'i through enhancement of the current regulations governing design and construction of dwellings and structures. Maui County has already taken a step in this direction and traditional Hawaiian hale are starting to flourish again on that island.

The sense of Hawaiian design and the kauhale, or cluster of related structures in Hawaiian life, has been incorporated into modern designs such as Kamakakūokalani, Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as well as Kulana 'Ōiwi, the multi-purpose Hawaiian service agency complex on the island of Molokai.

H.R. No. 246 would only seek to keep the positive momentum on this important lifestyle issue moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.