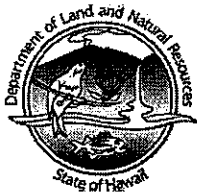


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Friday, February 25, 2011
4:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 331, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS**

House Bill 331, House Draft 1 proposes authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to extend the term of certain public land leases to a maximum aggregate term of sixty-five (65) years. The Department supports the intent of this bill, but recommends a technical amendment to the bill as described below.

Leases of public lands are governed by Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"). In particular, Section 171-36(a)(2), HRS, imposes a maximum term of sixty-five (65) years for leases of public lands.

Section 171-36(b)(3), HRS, allows the Department to extend the term of public land leases in certain situations and subject to certain requirements and restrictions. One of the restrictions is provided in Section 171-36(b)(3)(2), HRS, which provides that the aggregate of the initial term and any extension shall not exceed fifty-five (55) years. The Department does not know why the aggregate term of extended leases is limited to 55 years when the overall maximum term for public land leases is 65 years.

The Department believes House Bill 331, House Draft 1 seeks to amend Section 171-36(b), HRS, to make the maximum term allowed for extended leases to be 65 years, which is the same as the overall maximum term under Section 171-36(a), HRS. However, the bill seeks to accomplish this by amending Section 171-36(b)(2), HRS, rather than Section 171-36(b)(3)(2), HRS. Section 171-36(b)(2), HRS, addresses extensions to the fixed rental period of a lease, not to the overall term of a lease. Therefore, the Department believes the intent of the bill is more appropriately accomplished by amending Section 171-36(b)(3), HRS, rather than Section 171-36(b)(2), HRS.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
INTERIM CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

GUY H. KAULUKUKUI
FIRST DEPUTY

WILLIAM M. TAM
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS



THE HOUSE
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 25, 2011
TIME: 4:00pm
PLACE: Conference Room 308, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: Testimony In Support of HB331 HD1 Relating to Public Lands, with three suggested amendments

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Committee Members,

The Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association supports the concept of HB331 HD1 which would allow the BLNR to extend or modify the fixed rental term of a lease under Section 171. However, we object to the wording that places a finite term on the aggregate sum of the initial term and any extension whereby by a longstanding good tenant and demonstrated steward of the land would be forced off their developed farm in favor of a potentially unknown and problematic tenant and steward of the land, or, potentially in favor of no tenant at all. Is this truly in the best interest of our current State goal of increased food security and what I understand to be our Constitutional mandate to become self sufficient in our food production?

I would therefore request your consideration of the following wording change on p1, lines 10-12: "Extend or modify the fixed rental term of the lease provided that the (aggregate sum of the) initial term and any extension granted shall not exceed 65 years."

Also, I am confused by the apparent discrepancy in maximum lease terms provided between p1, lines 10-12, stating 65 years, and p.2, lines 9 and 10; stating 55 years.

I would therefore request for p.2, lines 9 and 10, delete entire statement (2).

Finally, I worry about future staff interpretation of the intent of p2., lines 11-13 which requires a reopening to be based on "fair market rental". Is this highest and best use whereby a future rental rates will be set according to what the highest agricultural activity of the future can pay vs some lower rate that may be more appropriate for what a row crop, aquaculture, or livestock producer could afford to pay and which would be necessary to encourage a diversity of future food crop production for increased self sufficiency?

As such, could this statement be clarified to state "fair market rental for originally leased purpose"?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Ronald P. Weidenbach

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald P. Weidenbach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'R'.

HAAA President



HB 331, HD 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS
House Committee on Finance

February 25, 2011

4:00 p.m.

Room 308

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offers the following comments on HB 331 HD1, which would allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to extend lease terms for intensive agricultural, aquaculture, commercial, mariculture, special livestock, pasture, or industrial leases for a total of 65 years.

The bulk of the land managed by DLNR is former government and crown land that was ceded by the Republic of Hawai'i to the United States in 1898, "without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii or their sovereign government[.]" P.L. 103-150 (1993).

Long-term leases that exceed the length of a generation are short-sighted and improvident. Encumbering public land with fifty-five year leases ties the hands of the community and future generations of land and resource managers and unduly restricts their ability to make sound decisions. Moreover, long-term leases often lead to a sense of entitlement on the part of the lessee that can and has resulted in alienation of leased land in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



TAKAMINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Chang,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig S. Takamine". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Craig S. Takamine, President

Marie A. Harmon
General Manager
Hilo Hawaii (on Hotel)

Sincerely,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Dear Representative Oshiro,

Representative Marcus Oshiro
Chairman of the House & Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu Hawaii 96813

February 4, 2011

Hilo Hawaiian

NOTE

71 Banyan Drive / Hilo, Hawaii 96720 / Phone (808) 935-9361 / Fax (808) 961-9642



TAKAMINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Chang,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

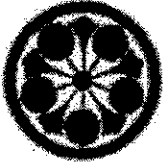
The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig S. Takamine", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Craig S. Takamine, President



GINOZA REALTY

Residential and Vacant Land Brokerage - Property Management - Development Consultant

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the Finance Committee
Hawaii State Capital Room
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Chang,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,



Russell M. Arikawa
Realtor

Hert M Wagatsuma

Certified Public Accountant
(A Limited Liability Company)

Member:
Hawaii Society of
Certified Public Accountants

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,





February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

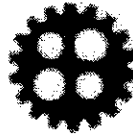
I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

Celine Y. Aina
President
JT Property, Inc.
Dba Pinky's 5 Eight



KONA INDUSTRIAL AREA ASSOCIATION

820 Pūhāni Street, Suite 201 | Hilo, HI 96720

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,



Caleb Yamashita
President

PHONE
808-961-5422

FAX
808-935-9740

WEB
www.kiaahilo.org



BIG ISLAND TOYOTA
CUSTOMERS FIRST SINCE 1962

www.bigislandtoyota.com

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. Our businesses currently have 4 DLNR leases within the Kanoiehuna area and this legislation would allow our businesses the opportunity to invest in our future and continue doing business in Hilo.

These lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by our businesses and our neighboring business in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity:

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. Supporting the passage of this bill will greatly impact our business as well as the other affected Lessees and will allow us the opportunity to be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

David S. De Luz, Jr.
Vice President of Special Projects

HILO

811 Kanoiehuna Avenue • Hilo, HI 96720
Sales: (808) 935-3920 • Service: (808) 969-3112 • Parts: (808) 969-1651
New & Pre-Owned Vehicles • 175 Waiwale Street • (808) 961-3015

KONA

76-5504 Kawai Street • Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
Sales: (808) 329-8517 • Service: (808) 329-4520 • Parts: (808) 329-7724



Hawaii's Finest Macadamia Nuts ~ Chocolates ~ Confections

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
 Chairman of the House Finance Committee
 415 S. Beretania Street
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

Dave Schell
 Dave Schell
 General Manager

Hilo Orchard Operations
 A Division of Purdyco Ltd.
 16-281 Shipman Road Keauhou HI 96749
 Phone: (808) 966-7451 • Fax: (808) 966-8307 • e-mail: info@islandprincesshawaii.com
 Website: www.IslandPrincessHawaii.com



Hilo Mechanical, Inc.
50 Holomua St.
Hilo, HI 96720

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

Russell M Shindo
Vice President



HILO FISH COMPANY, INC.

55 Holomua St. ~ Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: (808) 961-0877 ~ Fax: (808) 934-8783

Email: accounting@hilofish.com ~ Internet: www.hilofish.com



February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

Kerry Umamoto
President



C.W. Maintenance, Inc.

56 Waiwoole Street • Hilo, Hawaii 96720 • Telephone (808) 935-8543 • Fax (808) 941-4433 • cwmaia@hiloafo.net

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,





714 Kanoiehewa Avenue
Hilo, Hawaii 96720
808-934-7321

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

Edwin Hara
President
Instant Sign Centers of Hawaii

Edwin Hara
President

Sincerely,


The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

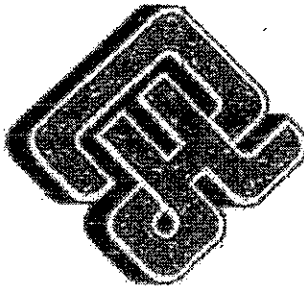
I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Leaders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

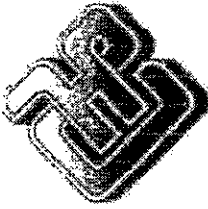
Dear Representative Osburo,

Representative Marcus R. Osburo
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 23, 2011

HAWAII PRINTING
CORPORATION





HPC & Associates

714 Kanoolehua Avenue • Hilo, Hawaii 96720 • Telephone: (808) 951-5551 • Fax: (808) 935-0518

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

Edwin Hara
President



**I. Kitagawa
& Company, Limited**

430 E. KAWILI STREET, HILO, HAWAII 96720, TELEPHONE: (808) 934-5200, FAX: (808) 935-1529

February 23, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,



Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated

Clara M. Takase
Coldwell Banker Day-Lum Properties Inc.

Sincerely,

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

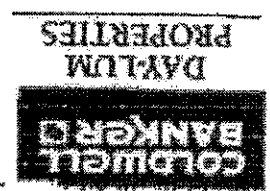
I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HBR-31. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a highland area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Dear Representative Oshiro,

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Berenice Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 23, 2011



2 MA-KI AVENUE
HILO, HI 96720
DL 5 (2008) 931-0399
FL 5 (2008) 951-7199
www.daylum.com



Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii

February 25, 2011

Representative Marcus R. Oshiro
Chairman of the House Finance Committee
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Oshiro,

I am writing in support of the businesses in Hilo Industrial Area future House Bill HB331. This legislation allows businesses who currently lease State land the opportunity to invest in their future and continue doing business in Hilo. As you know lease lands account for the vast majority of Industrial lands in Hilo and an uncertain future with the status of these lands only increases the hardship felt by businesses in this economic recession. Currently the Hilo Industrial Area is a blighted area, with many buildings in disrepair, by extending the current leases, Lenders will be able to lend to these businesses and they will be able to get the much needed funding to make capital improvements.

The recent economic recession has hit the Big Island hard, especially East Hawaii. During these times, it is critical that small business be given opportunities to invest in themselves and to survive. This Bill will provide that opportunity.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Hawaii State Legislature. If it passes, the affected Lessees will be able to plan accordingly. Please convey my wholehearted support to the relevant legislative committees and leaders of each chamber.

Sincerely,

Randall M. Kurohara
President

Michael Kaleikini
VP, GAC Chairperson

714 Kanoelehua Avenue • Hilo, Hawaii 96720-4565
P.O. Box 7436 • Hilo, Hawaii 96720-8981
Phone: (808) 934-0177 • Fax: (808) 934-0178 • E-mail: jccih@jccih.org

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 8:58 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: jwmccully54@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB331 on 2/25/2011 4:00:00 PM

Testimony for FIN 2/25/2011 4:00:00 PM HB331

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James McCully
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jwmccully54@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/24/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chairman Oshiro,
I am in strong support of HB331HD1. This bill will provide needed clarity, both in terms of statutory language and land tenure. It is critical that lessee's of State lands, such as myself, are treated uniformly and fairly. This bill provides fair tenure to all, both lessor and lessee. Please support HB331 Mahalo, James McCully