

HB 680

RELATING TO KAKAAKO.

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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND HOUSING

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011

1:15 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

H.B. 680 - Relating to Kakaako

Purpose: This proposal repeals Section 206E-35 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Position: The HCDA supports the passage of the proposal and offers the following comments and suggestions to illustrate how public participation and input in the development of the Kakaako Makai Area will still be maintained, if not enhanced despite the repeal of §206E-35.

Vision and Guiding Principles. In 2009, after years of work, the Kakaako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) completed and published their Vision and Guiding Principles for the Kakaako Makai Area. That vision has been accepted by the Authority and is now posted at the HCDA website. Those principles will certainly be consulted when considering any development proposals for the Makai Area.

Makai Area Master Plan. In January 2010, the HCDA kicked off a year-long community-based planning process designed to produce a master plan for the Makai Area. The project team that guided that planning process counted as its members: multiple members of CPAC; HCDA staff; and project consultants. After extensive public outreach (utilizing workshops, multiple stakeholder focus groups, an open house and a web portal) reliance on the Vision and Guiding Principles and accounting for existing legislative directions for the area, a master plan for the area has been developed and is scheduled for adoption by the Authority in April 2011.

Acceptance of the Draft Master Plan. Given the widespread support for the plan at our third and final workshop and the inclusive nature that was utilized by the project team to develop the plan, I have every expectation that the Authority will adopt the Makai Area Master Plan at its meeting in April. The only delay in ratifying the plan is due to the Authority's insistence that much opportunity is given for the CPAC and the community at large to provide their comments on the proposed plan. I note that the proposed plan features both park expansion (featuring public promenades, circulation, parking and expansion of the park) as well as the development of public gathering place facilities (e.g., museums, community center, performing arts complex, permanent public market place facilities, some commercial space and adequate parking facilities) that are developed in a "park-like" setting.

Existing Mechanism Used to Collect Comprehensive Public Comment and Promote Participation. During the master planning process, the HCDA established a web portal to solicit public comment, input and to publicize opportunities for face-to-face involvement in the planning process. The Kakako Makai Master Planning process, our administrative rule making programs and master plan permit process all are utilizing this mechanism to promote public review and comment. HCDA's public consultation web portal can be accessed by going to <http://hcda-public-consultation.org>.

Existing Collaboration Program. To ensure ongoing dialogue with the CPAC, HCDA staff has established a public participation protocol. This protocol provides that the CPAC receives staff reports and action proposals relating to operational matters no later than one month prior to the meeting of the Authority convened to act on that proposal. For matters involving developer's proposals for lands in the Makai Area, the CPAC receives briefing materials no less than 2 months prior to the meeting of the Authority when action on the proposal will be taken.

Commitment to Promoting Public Participation and Comment. Should §206E-35 be repealed, to demonstrate the HCDA's commitment to maintaining and promoting opportunities for the public to comment on HCDA projects, I offer the following amendment to §206E-5.5 (a) Community and public notice requirements; posting on the authority's website; required. (deletions are bracketed and struck through while insertions are underlined)

(a) The authority shall adopt a community comment and web portal mechanism and public notice procedures pursuant to chapter 91 that shall include at a minimum:

1. [~~A means~~]Maintaining email address and other contact listing of stakeholders and members of the general community who register with the authority and a web portal to effectively [engage]solicit and receive public comments from the affected community and the community at-large. promote opportunities for public participation in the development review process in which the Authority is planning a development project to ensure that community concerns are received and considered by the Authority;
2. The posting of the authority's proposed plans for development of community development districts, public hearing notices, and minutes of its proceedings on the authority's website; and
3. [~~Any other information~~]Using any and all other means that the affected community and general public may find useful so that it may meaningfully participate in the authority's decision-making processes.

When these amendments are combined with the provisions of §206E-5.6 it is my belief that from the project development stage to the Authority's action hearing on the proposal, there is a clear requirement and specification for the HCDA to promote public participation and comment on the project. The amendments that I proposed to §206E-5.5 require that both internet and any and all other means (e.g., open house, workshops, face-to-face collaboration) already

utilized by the HCDA shall be used to communicate the affected community and the community at-large. §206E-5.6 already requires that action by the Authority on a developer's proposal is taken at two separate hearings, at different times to promote public awareness and additional opportunity for the community to comment on specific projects.

Their Work is Done. The direction provided by the CPAC Vision and Guiding Principles has been established and reflected in the proposed Kakaako Makai Area Master Plan. All that remains is for individual development proposals to be weighed against that plan. It is important to note that the ability for the individual or collective membership of the CPAC to comment on individual development proposals will continue irrespective of the status of §206E-35.

Voices of the Community. In the beginning, it was important to mobilize the community. As the community has spoken, organizing a vision/guiding principles and formulating a master plan, it is now necessary for the various constituencies to now advocate for their own project and activity or responding to the merits/demerits of individual projects. Whereas unity amongst all stakeholders was initially needed to develop the community-based vision and guiding principles and the master plan, it may well be time for the collective voice of the CPAC to give way to the voices of the many stakeholders in our community.

It is my belief that the community is already involved in planning the future of Kakaako Makai and with the specifications of §206E-5.5 and 5.6, the voices of the community will always remain involved. Therefore, it is my belief that the statutory protection afforded by §206E-35 HRS is not necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this proposal.



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Position: While I currently serve as the chairperson of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, this statements represents my own perspective and should not be construed to be the position of the Authority as a whole.

As I am an advocate for maximizing public participation and input in matters relating to development in the Kakaako Makai Area, I support the passage of the proposal and offer the following comments as explanation.

The Work of CPAC is Completed. The Kakaako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) (and its informal predecessor) has been involved since 2007 in the development of a Vision and Guiding Principles for the Makai Area. That document was completed in 2009, has been accepted and is currently being used by the Authority as a guiding document. That document is currently published on the HCDA website.

The CPAC was a member of the project team that has drafted a master plan for the Kakaako Makai Area. That plan is scheduled for acceptance by Authority no later than our meeting in April. Given the widespread support expressed during the last year and especially at our last public workshop and in the comments received since then, I am confident that the plan will be adopted in April and will definitively guide the Authority as it considers any development proposal for the Makai area.

Need for Public Participation From a Base Wider than the CPAC

Represents. While I am grateful for the hard work of the CPAC since 2007, I am clear that in addition to the current constituents of the CPAC, the HCDA needs to continuously solicit the participation and input of those other stakeholders, involved community and the general public who are not active in the CPAC process. It is my belief that these individuals and organizations have their own voice and need to hear separate from the umbrella coverage of CPAC.

CPAC was formed as a byproduct of wide public opposition to the development and sale of residential housing in Kakaako Makai. This issue was resolved absolutely by the legislature with the enactment of §206E-31.5(2) prohibiting residential development in Kakaako Makai. Since then, input from the public has been more diverse than the positions taken by CPAC. For example, at the February 16th HCDA public hearings, representatives of CPAC speaking on their own behalf, for CPAC and for other organizations opposed a project under consideration. At the same meeting, the Authority received testimony from over 100 people speaking in favor of the same project that CPAC had opposed. This divergence in positions may create an impression in the community that CPAC does not represent the broad community or represent all points of view. Furthermore, it may be perceived that CPAC positions receive unfair consideration over other community viewpoints.

The HCDA has an obligation to seek and encourage broad public input. The current structure of collaboration with CPAC by HCDA creates the potential for HCDA to give unfair weight to the perspective of a select group of community over other community members. For example, when considering various rules or projects, HCDA routinely publishes notices to solicit public input.

At this point in the development of the Makai Area and as the Vision and Guiding Principles and the Makai Area Master Plan is at hand, it is my belief that the work of the CPAC is done and should now be replaced by the individual voices of stakeholders who while previously were united in their opposition to the HCDA's plans might now be obliged to speak as a stakeholder interested in realizing the public facilities specified in the Makai Area plan. I believe that there are adequate provisions in place to ensure that those voices will be sought out and heard.

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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Testimony by Wayne Takamine

CPAC Chairman

Testimony in Strong Opposition to HB680 that repeals HRS 206E 35 that requires the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) to be advised by the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC)

Senate WLH Committee:

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I oppose HB680 for the following reasons:

- The present Conceptual Plan falls far short of a Master Plan, so that the mission of the CPAC is by no means complete.
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While there may be some conflict between HCDA and CPAC it is never easy to avoid conflict in the quest to have the public's voice heard and do what is right for the people of Hawaii. I respectfully ask for your support of community planning by opposing HB680 and supporting CPAC's role as community based advisory group for HCDA in the future planning for Kaka'ako Makai.

Mahalo,
Wayne Takamine



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Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

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1:15 p.m.

Room 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **OPPOSES** HB 680, which repeals the requirement that the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) consider recommendations by the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) in developing, accepting and implementing any plans for the Kaka'ako makai area.

OHA has participated in CPAC and has seen council and community members rise to the occasion to provide substantive and important viewpoints and advice to the HCDA that are essential to the community's vision and dreams. These include:

- Expanded shoreline recreational park open space;
- Hawaiian and community cultural facilities in a park setting; and
- Maintaining Kewalo Basin as a commercial small boat harbor

However, we understand there are concerns about CPAC's functional effectiveness and ability to represent "the community." Some of these concerns are valid. Nevertheless, a wholesale deletion of the community's most direct and influential seat at the table is not a prudent way to address the situation.

Democracy can be a difficult, often frustrating and time consuming process at the national, state and community levels. Despite this difficulty, a commitment to refining a more democratic process is at the core of building a more participatory and equitable society. We urge lawmakers, the HCDA and the community to explore alternative ways to make the CPAC more effective.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to HOLD HB 680. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



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Support of HB 680, Relating to Kakaako. (Repeals requirement that HCDA collaborate with and consider recommendations by the Kakaako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council in developing, accepting, and implementing any plans for the Kakaako makai area.)

Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. in CR 225

My name is Dave Arakawa, and I am the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF), a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of HB 680**, which proposes to repeal the requirement that the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) collaborate with and consider the recommendations by the Kakaako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) in the development, acceptance and implementation of the Kakaako Makai area. LURF's support is based on, among other things, the following:

- The laws relating to the planning process for Kakaako **should include all members of the general public, and HCDA must consider the input and comments of all interested stakeholders, including, but not limited to, community groups, organizations and individuals, including CPAC;**
- The current law requires the HCDA to collaborate with, and consider the recommendations of **only one group - the CPAC;**
- The current law could be improperly interpreted to mean that HCDA, a government organization, is **required to give CPAC an unfair advantage over all other members of the public**, interested members of the public, stakeholders, including, but not limited to, community groups, organizations and individuals;
- Using **special legislation to confer special benefits on only one organization** could be unconstitutional violation of, among other things, the equal protection clause, as we have seen in the Hawaii Supreme Court's ruling in the **Super Ferry case** and in the recent Federal Court decision in the **HRPT case**; and
- The HCDA planning process already includes **ample opportunity for public input, collaboration and recommendations**, as well as requirements for public notice and participation pursuant to **Hawaii's Sunshine law**, Section 92-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Based on the above, LURF is in **support** of HB 680, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony regarding this matter.

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Honorable Chairman Donovan Dela Cruz and WLH Committee Members:

The Sierra Club O`ahu Group (SCOG) strongly opposes HB680. This bill seeks to repeal HRS 206E 35 which requires the HCDA to be advised by the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC). The CPAC was created as a working group to channel community input following passage of HCR 30 by the Legislature in 2006.

As a grassroots organization with over 3000 members on the island, the Sierra Club O'ahu Group is committed to encouraging greater citizen participation and transparency in all of the Honolulu Council's deliberative and planning processes. To abolish the CPAC would be a backward step for our democracy and we have to ask what possible justification there can be for this retrograde idea?

The O'ahu Group strongly supports the efforts of the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC). We recognize CPAC as the working group responsible for being the community's voice in all planning in Kaka'ako Makai. We also commend the CPAC for doing an exceptional job in creating the Kaka'ako Makai Vision and Guiding Principles as the guiding document for the Kaka'ako Makai Master Plan.

The O'ahu Group has been concerned with the actions of the HCDA in the planning of Kaka'ako Makai since the 2006 fallout from the HCDA luxury condominium RFP. The public outcry that greeted that proposal was a rebuke of the HCDA's lack of transparency and of its misdirected decision making process for Kaka'ako Makai. The laws passed in 2006 that prohibit residential development (HRS 206E 31.5) and sale of state land in Kaka'ako Makai were fully supported by the O'ahu Group. We also supported HCR 30 and we affirm our support for HRS 206E 35 which provides for CPAC's obligation to

meaningfully participate with HCDA in the planning, approval and implementation of all plans for Kaka'ako Makai.

The O'ahu Group was represented in the Kaka'ako Makai Master Planning process, and participated in all of the Kaka'ako Makai master plan workshops including the second Kaka'ako Makai Master Plan workshop on June 17, 2010. At that meeting we witnessed a breakdown of the planning process. The overwhelming majority of participants found the presentation redundantly and defiantly focused on prohibited high density residential concepts. The presentation was abbreviated due to the public's strongly voiced discontent.

Like many of the participants at Workshop 2, the O'ahu Group members questioned the motives and actions of HCDA and the considerable expenditure of resources that went into preparing the erroneously and prohibited residential concepts. Obviously, HCDA failed to fully collaborate with CPAC as required in HRS 206E 35 in the creation of these plans and the presentation for Workshop 2.

After Workshop 2, it was discovered that \$600,000 had been spent by HCDA and that an additional \$125,000 had been requested and allocated by the authority. It is the O'ahu Group's belief that a large portion of the public funds allocated for the master plan was inappropriately spent on these prohibited residential concept designs and to pay for the mainland consultants to be present for the Workshop 2 presentation. Indeed the O'ahu Group believes the Legislature should undertake a public audit of the HCDA to discern the motives and logic for the presentation of prohibited residential housing plans. HRS 206E 31.5 paragraph (2) clearly prohibits HCDA from approving any plan or proposal for any residential development in Kaka'ako Makai.

The O'ahu Group is also concerned about the John Dominis Site development for the Ocean Investment wedding chapel project. Our understanding is that this project was fast-tracked by HCDA without proper public hearings as required by HRS 206E 5.6. The CPAC has expressed considerable concern that the design for the wedding chapel fails to meet the kama'aina design strictures stipulated by HCDA's Kaka'ako Makai area guidelines for secondary structures and that the proposed structure will prove a blight on this important public space.

The O'ahu Group believes that the problems encountered with the John Dominis site planning process is proof that CPAC's statutory advisory role is still urgently required to ensure adequate community involvement and transparency in ongoing planning of Kaka'ako Makai. The job is not yet done and we do not believe the Legislature would be serving the best interests of the citizens of Honolulu in silencing the voice of the community.

The Sierra Club O'ahu Group urges the committee in the strongest possible terms to retain CPAC's advisory role in the implementation of development plans in Kaka'ako Makai as required by HRS 206E 35.

Respectfully,
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Comments:

Wayne, Please add my name in support of your position, that I would incorporate by reference all and each of your statements as my own in opposition.

JOHN S. CARROLL Former Representative and Senator Waikiki, Moilili, McCully, etc. 1970-1980

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HB 680

RELATING TO KAKA`AKO

Committee Chair and members:

Hawaii's Thousand Friends opposes HB 680 that repeals the requirement that the Hawai'i Community Development Authority consider recommendations by the Kaka`ako makai community planning advisory council in developing, accepting, and implementing any plans for the Kaka`ako makai area.

While no rationale for this bill was given one can only guess that HCDA and others feel threatened by citizen involvement. After all Kaka`ako Makai is public land and who better to help plan the use of public land than – the public.

Because HCDA is a quasi-government entity it operates outside of the normal county zoning and land use laws. The Special Management Area Permit process is even different in that applications do not go before the Department of Planning and Permitting and the City Council for evaluation, public hearings and voting but are processed by the Office of Planning. These quasi-government processes can be confusing and hard to understand.

CPAC helps the public understand and participate in HCDA's quasi-government process and provides a citizen's perspective on how this last open public land in urban Honolulu can best serve the urban community.

Hawaii's Thousand Friends urges you to not silence the public's voice and **hold HB 680** in committee.

~~February 18~~ March 17, 2011 ~~08~~

The Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

~~The Honorable Representative Jerry Chang, Chair~~
~~The Honorable Sharon Har, Vice Chair~~
House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony strongly opposing HB680 Relating to Kakaako

Chair ~~Chang~~ Dela Cruz, Vice Chair ~~Har~~ Solomon and Members of the Committee;

The Outdoor Circle (TOC) appreciates this opportunity to present the testimony opposing HB680.

The State Legislature in 2006, in response to a groundswell of grassroots support, mandated the creation of the Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) as a means of ensuring the community's ability to provide meaningful input into future development plans for Kakaako Makai. CPAC was formed in 2007 and for more than three years volunteers have attended regular monthly meetings to fulfill the role envisioned by the legislature.

Please take a moment to reflect on this: Dozens of committed private citizens giving up three or four hours each month for ~~more than three~~ nearly four years... to meet responsibilities as outlined and directed by the legislature. All of this time was donated to ensure that a community-based voice would be reflected when determining the future of Kakaako Makai.

By 2009, it became apparent to CPAC members that the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) was supporting the CPAC process while conducting business as usual. In one example HCDA staff privately worked for months with commercial interests to develop plans for a waterfront wedding chapel and restaurant that will have long-term impacts on Kakaako Makai. HCDA's actions were so egregious that the legislature passed what is now HRS206E-35 which requires HCDA to collaborate and consider CPAC's recommendations for the future of Kakaako Makai. The bill you are hearing today, HB680, completely guts this existing statute and would release HCDA from the obligations required by HRS206E-35.

As a founding member of CPAC, TOC is stunned that this committee would conduct a hearing on this legislation. Every taxpayer should demand that it be revealed what forces persuaded you to consider hearing this proposal. Why would you entertain the idea to nullify the long, hard work of citizen volunteers who were asked by their State government to

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perform this important function? On whose behalf has this legislation been introduced? At the very least we should be informed as to who is responsible for this perverse legislation.

Shame is a word that has powerful meaning in our islands and it certainly is a word that applies to this proposal that will invalidate more than three years of work already accomplished and leave dedicated citizens feeling cynical yet again.

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As members of this committee you have a choice. You can ~~hold-kill~~ this legislation and affirm that there is a place for public involvement in community planning or you can pass it and know that you are directly undermining the ability to attract citizens and legitimate stakeholders into future participation in projects of this type.

We hope you will stop this from moving forward and ~~hold-kill~~ HB 680.

Respectfully,

Bob Loy
Director of Environmental Programs

March 16, 2011

Good morning Chair Dela Cruz and Vice-Chair Solomon,

I am Lisa Eveleth, representative of the Kaka'ako Community Alliance (KCA), and I would like to comment on House bill 680 which repeals the requirement that the Hawaii community development authority (HCDA) consider recommendations by the Kaka'ako makai community planning advisory council (CPAC) in developing, accepting and implementing any plans for the Kaka'ako makai area.

While KCA neither supports nor opposes HB680, KCA believes in the importance of timely community input and participation. Clear and reasonable deadlines for community input, makai CPAC included, will foster efficiency assisting HCDA in moving matters through its agenda and fulfilling its mission.

The Kaka'ako Community Alliance was formed July 2009 in response to prospective legislative changes affecting area stakeholders. KCA consists of 42 Kaka'ako business owners, small and large landowners and residents with vested interests in the vision for our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Mahalo,



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Aloha,

I strongly oppose HB 680.

I oppose repealing the requirement that HCDA collaborate with CPAC when considering development in the Kaka'ako Makai area.

Since CPAC was established in 2007 they have worked very hard to develop a community consensus on the Vision and Guiding Principles for Kaka'ako Makai area, as well as community consensus on the key features for the Kaka'ako Makai Master Plan.

As a potential stakeholder in the area, I have attended over a dozen CPAC meetings and I believe they provide a critically valuable conduit for stakeholders and the community to help HCDA understand the community's needs and the larger public interest.

It would be the height of folly for the State to ignore the input of its citizens when deciding how to develop the Kaka'ako Makai area.

I urge you to recommend that this bill NOT be passed.

Mahalo,

Bob Miller

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Testimony for WLH 3/17/2011 1:15:00 PM **HB680**

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Comments:

THE VISION FOR KAKA'AKO MAKAI (The Hawaiian Place of Ka'ākaukukui and Kukuāē'o)

Kaka'ako Makai is the community's gathering place. A safe place that welcomes all people, from keiki to kūpuna, with enriching cultural, recreational and educational public uses. A special place that continues the shoreline lei of green with scenic beauty, connects panoramic vistas mauka to makai, and encourages ecological integrity of land, air and sea. Kaka'ako Makai honors, celebrates and preserves its historic sense of place, Hawaiian cultural values and our unique island lifestyle for present families and future generations.

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Comments:

I strongly oppose HB680 and support the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) as the community's voice in Kaka'ako Makai Planning and Implementation. Mahalo!

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Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in opposition to
HB 680. Honolulu needs community input
regarding the activity at Kakaako Makai.
The Community Planning Advisory Council
is that voice for the people of Honolulu.
Kakaako Makai is much too valuable a location for there NOT to have input from
the citizens regarding its future.
Mahalo for your time.
Bill Wise

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Comments:

In opposition to HB680 and in support of the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) as the community's voice in Kaka'ako Makai Planning and Implementation.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2011

Comments:
Aloha Senate Water, Land and Housing Committee.

My testimony is in opposition to HB680 that repeals HCDA's requirement to be advised by CPAC. I have been following the Kaka'ako Makai master plan process and I am very happy with the efforts of the CPAC group. I believe this Kaka'ako Makai should remain a treasured for public use and recreational, historical, Hawaiian cultural, multi-cultural, local small business retail, and educational gathering place.

I am also concerned about HCDA and the lack of transparency in the planning process. I understand the law in Kaka'ako makai prohibits residential housing and I don't understand why HCDA wanted to spend all that money on expensive mainland planning consultants for prohibited residential plans. What were they going to do? It's prohibited! What is going on here!
We need CPAC to keep these guys straight! Please stop this bad bill.

Respectfully,
Stanley Takamine

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Comments:
Aloha Senate Water, Land and Housing Committee.

My testimony is in opposition to HB680 that repeals HCDA's requirement to be advised by CPAC.

I believe the planning process has been moving forward due to the diligent efforts of the CPAC group. I hope this area will become a truly beautiful place for my grandkids and great grandkids.

Respectfully,
Betty Takamine

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Comments:

I am in complete support of the CPAC's efforts to play a major role in the redevelopment of the Kaka'ako makai redevelopment scheme. The community has a vested interest in the future of this area, and allowing the HCDA to make important decisions is like letting the wolves tend the flock of sheep. HCDA has shown that it NEEDS oversight and only the CPAC, with its current leadership and organizational efforts can provide that measure of checks and balances. The CPAC has undergone extensive discussions and fact finding efforts to make the best decisions for the PEOPLE of Hawaii. DO NOT let their efforts go to waste. Kaka'ako Makai should be a GATHERING PLACE for families with cultural activities and educational opportunities for the local people that live here. Therefore, I am in complete opposition to HB680.

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Testifier position: oppose
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Submitted by: Robert H. Richmond
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Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to HB680 which aims to repeal the requirement that the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) consults with the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC). I have attended numerous CPAC meetings, and have been very impressed with the quality and dedication of the members to insuring the future of Kaka'ako Makai includes consideration of community needs, desires and goals. I have also attended various HCDA meetings, and it is very clear that another confrontation between broader community representatives and developers will occur if CPAC input is not meaningfully incorporated into the planning process. I hope the members of the Hawaii State Legislature will consider the vision developed by CPAC, and insure this is the guidance used for this very special and important area of Honolulu.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert H. Richmond

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Comments:

Please continue the "Lei of Green" concept through Kakaako Waterfront Park. Expand the use of the ocean in all themes and concepts. Please include a Surf Museum in the park design. And please keep it near the ocean front.
Thank you

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Testifier position: oppose
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Comments:

Pls. ReOpen Koula St. Entrance before a major catastrophe happens when waves get big and parking gets jammed up their. Pls. note* that vehicles can only enter and exit from 1 entrance which makes it impossible for emergency vehicles like Fire and EMS vehicles to have access into parking area. Also, work to complete new step railings are still not done!

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Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

The HCDA has consistently done everything possible to ignore the recommendations of CPAC. Still, CPAC remains the only voice the public has in the planning process for one of the most valuable pieces of state-owned land. We want to ensure that this treasure is preserved for our future generations. CPAC is our voice to make sure that this happens.

I strongly oppose this bill.

**Committee on Water, Land, and Housing
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair**

**March 17, 2011
Conference Room 225
1:15PM**

**House Bill 680
Relating to Kaka'ako**

Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

I oppose the passage of House Bill 680.

I am Dexter Okada. As a disclosure, I am a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority(HCDA). But I am testifying as an individual who participated in the Save Our Kaka'ako coalition and a current participant of the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council(CPAC).

Much of Kaka'ako Makai is public land and many in the public have shown a great interest in the future of Kaka'ako Makai. CPAC is the public's venue to express their feelings and ideas about the future of Kaka'ako Makai. Membership in CPAC is open to the public; all that is required is participation. CPAC's meetings, agendas, and minutes are on HCDA's website. CPAC meetings are open to everyone. Opinions and ideas are presented and vetted at the meetings. YES, this is a time consuming process but as HCDA's executive director, Anthony Ching, has often said "... measure twice and cut once."

The public can testify at public hearings, but public hearings do not provide the proper venue for back and forth discussions to properly vet ideas for Kaka'ako Makai. HCDA could meet with individuals or groups from the public to get their input about Kaka'ako Makai, but what would be missing is the collaboration between these individuals and groups to come up with ideas for Kaka'ako Makai that benefits the whole public. CPAC is the venue for public input and collaboration and all that is required is participation.

During the A&B controversy, HCDA lost credibility with the public. But through the efforts of Anthony Ching and HCDA to work with the public through CPAC on the Kaka'ako Makai Master Plan, HCDA has been gaining back credibility with the public.

The CPAC process is worth studying and possibly applying to other community efforts where there is a diverse group of participants.

Thank you,

Dexter Okada

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Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose this bill, which is an insult to the community.

I have personally been to many meetings where CPAC members have been involved. These are volunteer, unpaid community members that have spent HUNDREDS of hours in service and dedication to Hawaii's people and the special place that is Kaka'ako Makai. It is only thanks to their selfless efforts and input that the public interest is being served in this situation.

PLEASE do what is right and KILL THIS BILL.

THANK YOU.

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Comments:

Aloha Chair Donovan Dela Cruz and members of the Committee.

I write to express my opposition to HB680

This bill would effectively silence an important community voice in the planning process for Kaka'ako Makai.

Surely it is the goal of the Legislature to encourage community involvement in these planning processes and to create greater transparency in the activities of government agencies?

The business of public participation can be contentious and difficult; democracy can be messy. Taking the measure of public opinion can be time consuming and irritating to developers. But in an open society we do not punish those who participate in these processes by shutting them up – especially not by legislative fiat.

In testimony to the House Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources last month, the HCDA recognized the vital role the CPAC has played in mobilizing the community and in developing the Vision & Guidelines for the Kaka'ako master plan.

In that testimony the HCDA promised to abide by those guidelines. But at the very same time the HCDA was busy ignoring those principles by approving a truly hideous development plan for the John Dominis site that does not match the Vision & Guidelines.

The Design Guidelines deal with requirements for possible iconic ("signature") buildings(s) and for other ("secondary") buildings. According to the guidelines, secondary buildings are to be of a so-called kama'aina architecture (similar to Academy of Arts, Alexander Baldwin Building, C Brewer building, etc.). An iconic or signature building is to be of outstanding design (e.g. Sydney Opera House, Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao Spain, etc.). The design guidelines conceive of the possibility of one or two iconic ("signature") building(s) in Kaka'ako Makai. The rest would be secondary buildings.

The proposed design for the John Dominis site is not a signature/iconic type building. Yet the HCDA has not required the

developers to conform to the secondary design requirement of kama'aina architecture.

The CPAC has repeatedly pointed out this failure. It must be irritating to the HCDA. I can understand their frustration. But being a public servant sometimes requires great forbearance, as the members of this committee must know all too well from their personal experiences – yet none of the members of this committee have proposed shutting down the contentious, messy business of elections!

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Comments:

March 16, 2011

Committee on Water, Land & Housing
In room 225 on Thursday, 17 March 2011 at 1315

Chair Dela Cruz and respected members of the Committee,

My name is Reg White. For the past thirty six years I have worked in our optional tour market for businesses centered in Kewalo Basin in Kakaako Makai.

How soon we forget. It was just a few years ago that an HCDA gone berserk had to be brought to a halt and we the taxpayers had to come up with several millions of dollars to bail them out of ill advised contracts that would have ruined the personality and use of Kakaako Makai for all of us. It was as a result of this very expensive blunder that the CPAC came to be and was mandated by this legislature to come up with a vision and guiding principles and to shepard HCDA in going forward so that this sort of disaster never happens again. Now we have this bill, HB680, to disband this very watchdog group that has so far preserved and directed the planning to allow Kakaako Makai to carry on under HCDA with sensible development to become a valuable asset to serve the people of Hawaii.

This poorly conceived bill is obviously promoted by a frustrated HCDA management that want's the freedom to run amok once again with the public's asset. This is about the last of the valuable waterfront property left in the Waikik/Honolulu area and we will only get the one chance to do this right, so let's keep the safety valve of the CPAC oversight in place as originally intended by this legislature. **Hold this bill!!**

Sincerely,

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