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Testimony for WLO 1/27/2012 9:00:00 AM HB1816

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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Friday, January 27, 2012

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of

**H. B. 1816 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

**Purpose:** Provides for the re-acquisition by the State of certain parcels of land in Kakaako Makai. If re-acquired, the Legislature intends that the parcels be developed for medical or scientific uses that contribute to the synergy created in the area by the John A. Burns School of Medicine ("JABSOM") and the University of Hawaii Cancer Center.

**Position:** The Hawaii Community Development Authority ("HCDA") takes no position on the proposal and provides the following comments.

*Section 2(a) and (b).* The Makai Gateway Park is the primary entry way into the Kakaako Waterfront Park and serves as a green connection between the Mauka and Makai Areas and is considered one of the key recreation resources of the Kakaako Community Development District. However, as the Makai Gateway Park parcel is currently owned by the HCDA no re-acquisition is required.

Similarly, as the Honolulu Ford parcel has never been owned by the State or received consideration as a site for expansion of the Makai Gateway Park, acquisition is not currently contemplated or necessary. Should the State of Hawaii choose to sponsor or cause the development of “parcels into medical or scientific uses that contribute to the synergy created in Kakaako Makai by the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the University of Hawaii Cancer Center” the following options currently are available.

1. Utilize the 5-acre parcel immediately Ewa of JABSOM. The site is currently controlled by the University and the HCDA and functioning as an at-grade parking facility utilized by JABSOM.
2. Secure lands controlled by the Kamehameha Schools (“KS”) in the immediate vicinity. KS has indicated their willingness to discuss any such conveyance.
3. Secure the use of other lands in the Makai Area that is controlled by the HCDA.

As the 2011 Legislature established the Heeia Community Development District and given the strong support within that community for the current community based wetlands restoration and ag-coop activities, transfer of these lands for the purpose enumerated in this proposal has not received any support. Given the number of different funding options and the value of the current initiatives, I would recommend that this option not be given any consideration.

Given this variety of options, legislative action at this time might be premature.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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Comments:

January 26, 2012

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

RE: Testimony opposing HB1816 Relating to HCDA

Chair Chang and Committee members

The Outdoor Circle (TOC) opposes any effort to purchase the Makai Gateway Park in Kaka'ako for any development purposes related to the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM).

This parcel of land is irreplaceable as a recreational access to the Kaka'ako Makai shoreline and as a green conduit from the shoreline to Kaka'ako Mauka and has been incorporated for that purpose into Kamehameha Schools' master plan for that area.

In other words, it is an essential piece to the long-term plans for this critical area, the revitalization of which has become one of the centerpieces of Governor Abercrombie's vision for Hawaii.

The Outdoor Circle spent four years in the legislatively mandated master planning process for Kaka'ako Makai and it would be unacceptable to our constituents for this parcel to be commandeered by HCDA at the behest of the legislature, and handed over to JABSOM for any purpose.

Most other individual and group stakeholders who participated in the long Kaka'ako Makai planning process also expect that the Gateway Park will remain a green pathway to and from Kaka'ako Maki for the benefit of residents, past and future.

In other words, this land is a park and must forever remain a park.

Please don't allow this misguided legislation to advance.

Respectfully,

Bob Loy  
Director of Environmental Programs

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Comments:



# KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

January 26, 2012

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

By

Walter F. Thoemmes, III, Chief of Staff  
Kamehameha Schools

Hearing Date: Friday, January 27, 2012  
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 325

To: Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

RE: **House Bill No. 1816 - Relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority**

Chairman Chang, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the House Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on **H.B. 1816 - Relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority**.

This Bill requires the Hawaii Community Development Authority to engage in efforts to acquire, by condemnation or other means, the parcels of land commonly known as the "makai gateway park" and the "Honolulu Ford parcel" in Kaka'ako makai to be developed for medical and scientific uses.

At Kamehameha Schools, we are supportive of the mission and work of the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the University of Hawai'i Cancer Research Center.

While we would oppose attempts by the State to forcibly take our lands, we would welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with these organizations and the State on land transactions in Kaka'ako that are beneficial to the parties involved and to our broader communities.

We invite the State and these organizations to contact us if there is current interest in pursuing such discussions.