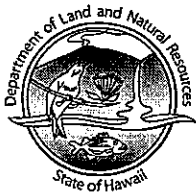


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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012
11:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1893
RELATING TO ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION**

House Bill 1893 proposes to temporarily allow exemptions from the environmental review process under Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, (HRS), for certain narrowly defined state or county construction projects. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this measure as it could expedite the implementation of construction projects to improve or repair our deteriorated facilities and create jobs to improve the economy. However, the Department believes projects deemed exempt should be carefully selected to ensure minimal environmental, historic and cultural impacts.

The Department has concerns with the provisions in SECTION 3, (2)(A) and (2)(B) which would exempt projects that may impact historic sites or the shoreline area if located entirely on state and county lands. The Department believes consultation should still be conducted with our State Historic Preservation Division or Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands as applicable to ensure protection of our historic, cultural and coastline resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

HB 1893, RELATING TO ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

**Testimony of Gary Hooser
Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control**

February 28, 2012

1 **Office's Position:** OPPOSED

2 **Fiscal Implications:** NONE

3 **Purpose and Justification:** HB 1893 - This bill authorizes exempting from the Chapter 343,
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes environmental review process, certain state or county projects. While
5 HB1893 states that exemptions may be granted for only narrowly defined projects that will have
6 environmental impacts that are minimal or acceptable, it appears to include every State or County
7 road, highway, harbor or airport improvement and the construction of all public buildings in the
8 State of Hawaii.

9 The OEQC strongly opposes HB 1893 as it circumvents the fundamental principles of
10 Chapter 343 which is to evaluate and disclose environmental and other impacts of a proposed
11 action prior to the implementation of the action.

12 Existing law under Chapter 343 facilitates the easy exemption of projects which are minor
13 in nature or for other reasons are expected to have no or negligible impacts on the environment.

14 The exemption of narrowly defined projects that will have environmental impacts that are minimal,

1 as proposed by HB 1893, clearly falls under this category. In situations where the proposed action
2 truly has no or a negligible environmental impact, provisions in Chapter 343 allow for an easy and
3 straightforward exemption.

4 We understand the urge to exempt projects when weighed against the speed with which the
5 economic and employment benefits from construction of the projects can be realized. At the same
6 time, OEQC urges the legislature to resist the inclination to trade-off thoughtful planning and
7 project implementation that takes into consideration environmental, social, health and cultural
8 impacts in return for a perceived savings in terms of economic development.

9 Chapter 341 HRS states in part: "The legislature finds that the quality of the environment
10 is as important to the welfare of the people of Hawai'i as is the economy of the State. The
11 legislature further finds that the determination of an optimum balance between economic
12 development and environmental quality deserves the most thought consideration...and most
13 intensive care."

14 For these reasons, the Office of Environmental Quality Control strongly opposes HB1893
15 and urges the committee to not pass this measure forward but encourage agencies to work within
16 the existing Chapter 343, HRS system.

17 On a final note, we encourage the committee not to view the State's environmental
18 protection law as a barrier to economic revitalization but as a tool that can be efficiently utilized to
19 ensure economic revitalization with adequate, substantive environmental protection.

20 Thank you.

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February 27, 2012

**TESTIMONY OF TIM BYNUM
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**H.B. NO. 1893, RELATING TO ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION
Committee on Finance
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
11:00 A.M.
Conference Room 308**

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony for H.B. No. 1893, relating to Economic Revitalization. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as an individual member of the Kaua'i County Council.

H.B. No. 1893 proposes to exempt certain state and county projects from the environmental review process of Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, for the purpose of promoting economic revitalization.

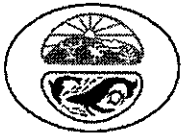
While economic revitalization is important during these times of economic recovery, exempting projects from environmental and local review is a dangerous precedent. This will eliminate the chance for the public to participate in projects that affect their community, as well as the need to properly review projects that may have environmental, social, and economic consequences. Therefore, allowing this to happen sets a precedent for other projects to be exempt in the future as well.

For the reasons stated above, I am in opposition of H.B. No. 1893 and ask that you hold this bill in committee.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

TIM BYNUM
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council



CONSERVATION COUNCIL FOR HAWAII

Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Finance

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308

In Opposition to HB 1893 Relating to Economic Revitalization

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i opposes HB 1893. This bill is not in the public interest. We believe elected officials are misguided by the belief that the environmental review process is a drag on the economy.

Exempting certain state and county construction projects from the environmental review process is not going to revitalize the economy, and in the long term, will likely cost the people of Hawai'i.

We also object to the House leadership re-referring this bill to only the Finance Committee to avoid hearings by the subject committees.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify. Please oppose HB 1893.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Ziegler



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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 308

BILL: HB **1893**

STRONGLY OPPOSE

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

My name is Henry Curtis and I am the Executive Director of Life of the Land, Hawai'i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for four decades. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

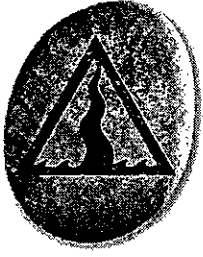
HB 1893 proposes to gut environmental and cultural laws. It would allow the Governor and the Mayors to ram through governmental projects that may be unpopular, uneconomical, and harmful to Hawai'i's future.

The proposed law flies in the face of the State Constitution which stresses the right to a healthy environment and the right of people to protect Hawai'i's environment.

This year the Legislature is debating legislation aimed at increasing gifts and decreasing procurement oversight.

This year the Legislature failed to push HB2263 which would require making public the financial disclosure statements filed annually by commissions on the BLNR, LUC, Water Commission, PUC, PLDC, etc.

All of this gives the appearance that connections are more important than being honest and open with the public.



Hanalei Watershed Hui

February 26, 2012

Testimony in Strong Opposition: HB1893

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Voice Chair Lee and Members,

The Hanalei Watershed Hui implements a community authored Watershed Action Plan that addresses issues ranging from the ecological, cultural and economic resources of Hanalei to the support of community capacity.

HB 1893 is a very bad bill.

We understand you are all being told it is only intended for a very singular use (on Maui) the language as it remains in this bill in fact would allow the Governor or any County's Mayor to exempt many projects from the state's long standing environmental review process over the next two years. Environmental review is the only public process by which the government "looks before it leaps" and requires an examination of the negative consequences of a project before it begins.

The language in this bill disingenuously states the exemption applies to a "narrowly defined" group of projects, but it could amount to every road, bridge, harbor, airport, and public building.

We urge the Finance Committee to kill this bad bill.

Mahalo,

Makaala Kaaumoana
Executive Director

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Rep. Oshiro, Rep. Lee, Members of the Committee on Finance

Re: Strong Opposition to HB 1893

Vicky Holt Takamine
Po'o, 'Īlio'ulaokalani Coalition

Aloha mai kakou,

I am Vicky Holt Takamine, Po'o of 'Īlio'ulaokalani Coalition. I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to HB 1893. This is a horrible bill! It exempts the state from every oversight imaginable. From the environmental review, cultural review, judicial review... It gives a project the open door to develop on historic sites, shorelines and in Waikiki without having to conduct an environmental or cultural impact review.

We've worked too hard to implement and incorporate rules and regulations into the environmental review process to include a cultural impact review to allow the state to exempt at their whim projects that they deem to have minimal or acceptable impact on our environment and cultural resources. The state doesn't know what that means. If it did, we wouldn't have had to labor for six years to get them implemented.

We wouldn't have coqui frogs invading our forests, we would have avoided the Superferry fiasco, we would have water for our agricultural lands and not have to battle with the state to restore our water to our lo'i and our people. Water has been diverted for the sake of development and housing at the expense of agriculture and farm lands.

I have no confidence in the state to allow them to determine which projects will have environmental impacts that are minimal or acceptable.

We urge you to kill this bill.

Kat Brady
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Rep. Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
11 a.m.
Room 308

STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 1893 – THE DESTRUCTION OF HAWAII BILL

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee!

I am in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 1893 that temporarily allows exemptions from the environmental review process under chapter 343, HRS, for certain narrowly defined state or county construction projects.

This bill is truly appalling, especially in light of the Governor's June proclamation that he 'forgot' to tell the public about suspending environmental and land use laws.

Hawai'i's environmental impact statement law has been enacted for almost 40 years and has preserved much of what is unique and precious in Hawai'i. This bill promises long-term destruction for short-term gains. As Bruce Babbitt once said:

"I would argue that practices that destroy ecosystems always destroy jobs."

This bill appears to confirm what the public already believes – that government operates for the sake of large donors.

It saddens me that this session seems more about silencing the public voice than about moving Hawai'i forward in a positive direction.

I respectfully remind you that we live in a representative democracy and your role is the REPRESENT the voice of the people...not only the voices of those who contribute to your campaigns.

Please HOLD this terrible bill and restore the public's faith in democracy and government.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Attention: Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Opposition to HB 1893, Relating To Chapter 343
Hearing: February 28, 2012, 11 a.m.

Aloha kakou:

I write to **OPPOSE HB 1893**. It would do great damage to our state's resources and lawful regulatory system by exempting state/county projects from Ch. 343, environmental review. All of Hawaii's residents should have great concern about the message that passage of such a bill would send – that we no longer care about protecting our precious resources:

- HB 1893 would permit executive exemptions for projects that have “minimal or acceptable” environmental impacts, but it fails to identify who will be responsible for determining whether the environmental impacts associated with the exemption are either “minimal” or “acceptable.”
- This bill is on its face unconstitutional. It is an unconstitutional delegation of **your** legislative authority to the executive (Governor and County Mayors), and if enacted, would be an unconstitutional evisceration of long-standing judicial authority.
- This bill, under the guise of speeding up the “economic and employment benefits from construction,” could have the unintended consequence of putting people out of work, such as those currently employed as planners, archeologists, planning department inspectors, county administrative staff, surveyors, architects, engineers and other consultants and specialists.
- This bill, when coupled with the effects of others proposed this legislative session, such as HB 1813 (amending Chapter 205A Part II to exempt CIP on state/county land funded wholly or in part by state/county funds) and SB 2107 (permitting state to accept private monies to fund CIP and receive “naming” rights) could effectively remove all legislatively enacted authority over, and environmental protections for, CIP. This would potentially place undue power in the hands of wealthy private individuals and corporations, and constitutes a total abdication of the responsibilities you were elected to carry out.

Last summer, Governor Abercrombie issued an “emergency proclamation” suspending several laws, including Chapter 343, in the absence of any emergency. This ill-conceived bill attempts to do the same: circumvent legislatively enacted environmental protections in the absence of a natural disaster or emergency. A “significant public purpose of economic vitalization” or “jobs” creation for the construction industry does not constitute a natural disaster or emergency.

Nothing good ever comes from a suspension of duly enacted laws. We have just to recall the thousands of Japanese-Americans “relocated” at Manzanar and the thousands housed at the Honouliuli “internment” camp on O`ahu – brought to us by a suspension of law. Times of stress are the most susceptible to “fast-tracking” or suspension of laws – and also the most dangerous time to take such actions. To even consider enacting such a bill would be a time of shame for the Legislature and the State of Hawaii.

Please hold this bill.

Sally Kaye, Lana`i City, HI

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Attention: Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Opposition to HB 1893 HD1

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- This bill would permit executive exemptions for “narrowly defined” projects that have “minimal or acceptable” environmental impacts but it fails to identify who will be responsible for determining whether the environmental impacts associated with the exemption are either “minimal” or “acceptable.”
- This bill, under the guise of speeding up the “economic and employment benefits from construction,” could have the unintended consequence putting people out of work, such as those currently employed as planners, archeologists, planning department inspectors, county administrative staff, surveyors, architects, engineers and other consultants and specialists.

Do not suspend our duly enacted laws in the name of haste and mis-directed economic theories. We have just to recall the thousands of Japanese-Americans “relocated” at Manzanar and the thousands housed at the Honouliuli “internment” camp on O`ahu – brought to us by a suspension of law. Times of stress are the most susceptible to “fast-tracking” or suspension of laws – and also the most dangerous time to take such actions. This bill should be killed.

Robin Kaye

Lana`i City, HI

February 26, 2012

House Committee on Finance

Public Hearing: February 28, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., Room 308

Regarding: HB 1893

Dear Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the Committee,

I write in strong opposition to both the intent and the structure of HB 1893.

First, although HB 1893 purports to support economic revitalization, the actual effect of HB 1893 would be to weaken Hawaii's economy by removing safeguards currently in place that protect our environment. Most would agree that it is our environment—the clean air, water, and oceans, the forests and coral reefs that bring so many visitors to Hawaii. By suspending environmental review, State and County projects could move forward at the pleasure of the Governor or County's Mayor without notice of potential environmental harms. The authors of this bill have missed the crucial link between the natural beauty of Hawaii, tourism, and our economy. No job is so important as to warrant the removal of protections of our most valuable economic resource.

Next, HB 1893 may also adversely impact Hawaii's economy by opening the door to potential costs for environmental damage done by State and County projects. Environmental damage is often very costly or simply impossible to remedy. This could saddle the State with the high cost of remediation, an expense that could be avoided by allowing Chapter 343 to stay intact, and by following the spirit of the law which asks that projects are scrutinized before damage is done, not after.

In addition, and perhaps most egregious, is the process by which HB 1893 has been fast-tracked to the House Committee on Finance. HB 1893's suspension of environmental review stands to do irreversible harm to Hawaii's environment, and essentially dismantles years of environmental protections and jurisprudence. Yet the substantive issues facing this bill have not been heard as its re-referral skipped EEP to go direct to FIN. This absence of review by EEP raises serious due process and Public Trust issues. In addition, the bill's severe restrictions on judicial review brings into question whether the bill would pass Constitutional muster as HB 1893 essentially suspends due process.

I therefore respectfully ask the Committee to vote against HB 1893. We can find a better way to both protect the environment and create jobs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Leslie Cole-Brooks

Attorney at Law

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Elaine Dunbar
February 27, 2012

Testimony in strong opposition to **HB1893**.

The unique environment and natural resources of Hawaii are threatened by over-development, fast tracking and especially harmful legislation such as this.

The cover of "Economical Revitalization" and "benefit to the general public" is a ruse. Personally, I thought I had seen it all as to how far some bills will attempt to appease self-serving individuals and businesses but this takes the cake; it is being pushed by Hawaii's governor, allowing no recourse for opposition on projects, has only the governor (in some cases only mayors which will be instructed by the governor) basically as the final say of approval. It is abrasive and dictatorial.

What is particularly repugnant is that the state is requesting exemptions for unfettered and further abuses of Hawaii's finite resources and cultural protections.

HB1893 will also affect **Cultural Impact Assessments** and Statements which are an integral part of the ability to **preserve and protect** as mandated in the Hawaii State Constitution.

For the purpose of this Act:

"Construction" includes grading, grubbing, stockpiling, excavation, foundation laying, pile driving, demolition, building, reconstruction, rehabilitation, renovation, repairing, maintaining, paving, landscaping, and any other improvement of real property.

*(2) Is entirely on state or county land, including a state or county right-of-way, **regardless of whether** the state or county land is within:*

*(A) **A historic site**, as specified under section 343-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes;*

Is **HB1893's lack of disclosure** meant to confuse or deceive the public? Governor Abercrombie's intention to develop public lands with private investment is already constitutionally invalid. **HB1893** as it is written does not even fairly disclose one of the true purposes behind it which is to launch Abercrombie's Public Land Development partnered with private funds. I can

see where he would need to dismantle the EIS laws that mandate private developers using any state or county funds/lands strictly adhere to EIS mandates.

Hawaii and all that needs to be protected stands to lose with this proposal. With all due respect, please do not tamper with the EIS law; this body of legislators does not have the legal expertise needed to do so without inadvertently affecting other sections of the law; it would create an incomplete and inconsistent EIS law or even worse an EIS law that is voided through litigious loopholes. In essence, by pulling one thread, the whole piece of fabric comes apart.

HB1893 undermines the public's ability to provide oversight and input because it bypasses DUE PROCESS leaving the governor as the ultimate authority. There is no reasonable recourse provided:

SECTION 5.

(1) *The **exemption** granted for a project under this Act **shall not be invalidated**; and*

(2) *There **shall not be any retroactive application of chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.***

SECTION 8. Judicial review. (a) *A project granted an exemption under this Act **shall not be subject to the judicial review authorized by section 343-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or any other provision of chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.***

(b) *As an alternative to judicial review under chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a **private person** may petition the circuit court of the county where a project granted an exemption under this Act is located to invalidate the exemption. **Under the petition, the only question before the court shall be whether the exemption for the project was granted in compliance with this Act.***

*A **private person** may also petition the circuit court of the county where a project granted an exemption under this Act is located **to invalidate the governor's or mayor's authorization under section 7 to continue construction** of the project after December 31, 2015. **Under the petition, the only question before the court shall be whether the authorization complies with this Act.***

*The private person **shall file** the petition under this subsection **within ten working days** of the publication of the notice of the grant of the exemption or*

authorization to continue construction after December 31, 2015, as applicable. **The court shall reject a petition that is not properly filed by the deadline.** If the petition is properly filed by the deadline, the court:

(1) Shall order a stay of the exemption or authorization to continue construction until the petition is decided;

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(1) Shall order a stay of the exemption or authorization to continue construction until the petition is decided;

(3) Shall not permit any other private person or public agency to intervene; and

Chapter 343 should remain intact. The law has adequate exemptions and is already weak as it is. Any changes to this law in the future should serve only to **STRENGTHEN** not **DISMANTLE**.

The state of Hawaii is not Governor Abercrombie's personal asset. This bill's intent is that Hawaii is his to with as he pleases as long as he is governor.

HB1893 is a very bad bill. Please kill this bill.

Thorne Abbott

LATE TESTIMONY

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

In **Opposition** to

- **HB 2613**, Exempts commercial harbors from Conservation District permitting
- **HB1813**, Exempts CIP projects from SMA permitting / review
- **HB 1893**, Exempts government projects from environment review
- **HB 530, HD1**, Places SMA permitting authority with the Office of Planning for State projects and annuls and circumvents County and Island home rule

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 11:00 a.m

Dear Honorable Chairs Oshiro and Lees and Members of the Committees:

I strongly **OPPOSE** HB2613, HB1813, HB 1893, and HB530, HD1!

The four bills are intended to create construction jobs by expediting Hawaii's governmental infrastructure improvement projects. While both of these goals are worthwhile, each bill and their culmination will have the exact opposite effect.

As noted by the State Office of Planning (OP) in their testimony on HB 1813 the bill

"...would jeopardize federal approval of the Hawaii CZM Program, and in turn, the State of Hawaii may lose approximately \$2 million of federal funds annually. This loss of federal funding translates to a loss of nine positions at OP, six positions at the planning department of Hawaii County, four positions at the planning department of Kauai County, and four positions at the planning department of Maui County" (Reason #6 of 2/10/2012 written testimony).

Along with 23 jobs and \$2 million in **FEDERAL** funds lost, numerous consultants, surveyors, planners, administrative staff both within government and outside of government will risk job loss. Furthermore, should a government project involve federal funds in any manner, it would require a determination by OP that the project is consistency with the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. As such, OP would experience a substantial increase in workload but have lost staff due to these bills interference with the coastal zone management program and resulting cuts in professional staff levels.

A better solution is to minimize county building permit review through the use of Plan Review Waivers. Expediting historic review by adding staff and capacity to the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) would also streamline projects. More SHPD staff means faster review and approval of projects unlikely to adversely affect cultural artifacts and burials. Before staff cuts, SHPD-approved Inventory Surveys were online. Consultants and developers could glean these surveys to avoid potentially sensitive areas when planning new projects. Presently, one has to drive to Kapolei and hand review archived written documents, thus delaying project planning, implementation, and construction. Environmental and SMA review improves projects, particularly since Hawaii's ecology is a significant draw for visitors, it doesn't delay viable infrastructure improvements.

In summary, HB2613, HB1813, HB1893 and HB530, HD1 are all unlikely to achieve the Legislature's objectives of streamlining permitting and creating jobs. Instead, it risk the loss of valuable, trained professional staff in the government, non-government, and private sector, delay projects, overwhelm government agencies such as OP and SHPD, and annul home rule whereby the individual counties and islands dictate coastal development patterns. I strongly encourage you to vote against the bills and remove them from further consideration.

I oppose the Cutting Environmental or Cultural Review of Projects HB1893 bill. Environmental review is the only public process by which the government "looks before it leaps" and requires an examination of the negative consequences of a project before it begins. This is an important part of the check and balance process which gives notices to communities and environmental impacts which could otherwise be overlooked. The language in this bill disingenuously states the exemption applies to a "narrowly defined" group of projects, but it could amount to every road, bridge, harbor, airport, and public building.

Please reconsider passing this bill.

Sincerely,

Susan Hammer

Honolulu, HI 96816

I strongly oppose HB 1893. What is Hawaii without its environment and culture? Nothing. People come here to see beautiful things, not buildings and developments. They come here because of the allure of the Hawaiian culture, not the allure of Chanel and Gucci stores along Kalakaua Avenue. Environmental review is the only public process by which the government "looks before it leaps" into a decision, and requires an examination of the negative consequences of a project before it begins. It is unfair to locals and tourists to get rid of this checks-and-balances system. We should be doing everything we can to save what we still have as an investment for the future. The developments that would be included in this exemption could include roads, bridges, airports, and public buildings, and these are things that should always be subjected to environmental and cultural review.

Mahalo nui,

Alana Bryant

Jason Gill

I oppose HB 1893! Look at what happened to people of the Marshall Islands. No EIS was done, we tested nuclear weapons, and now people of the Marshall Islands are suffering. If there was an EIS done for nuclear tests, they would not be suffering today. Another aspect of HB: 1893 is that it provides checks and balances for corporations, an important aspect of our government. Don't drop the ball, and vote no to HB: 1893.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEB 28, 2012, 11:00 am
(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1893

Aloha Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

The integrity of Hawaii's environmental health is essential to our State's current and future economic stability. The environmental review processes in place are designed to protect one of our most important resources from damaging activity.

HB 1893 erroneously refers to the state's long standing environmental review process as a "barrier" to economic revitalization and would allow the Governor or any County's Mayor to exempt from the environmental review process virtually any project that would normally be captured under the "use of state or county lands or funds" trigger in Chapter 343 for the next two years. The language in the bill disingenuously calls this a "narrowly defined" group of projects, but it could amount to every road, bridge, harbor, airport, and public building.

Please do not compromise the health future of our natural resource just for speedier and potentially poorly designed projects. Such a move certainly would NOT revitalize our economy in the long run and instead certainly would incur greater and permanent future environmental costs. I respectfully request that you do not advance HB 1893.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Joy Shih

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEB 28, 2012, 11:00 am
(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1893

Aloha Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Joy Shih

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Cc: dickmayer@earthlink.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Prof (Emeritus) Dick Mayer
Organization: Individual
E-mail: dickmayer@earthlink.net
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

Please vite "NO" to HB1893.

Our community plans are the product of hundreds of hours of public input by hundreds of residents of their community. This legislation would over-ride all that thoughtful input.

HB1893 would exempt all state and county projects from Chapter 343 EIS review process regardless whether the state or county land is within (A) a historic site, (B) a shoreline area, or (C) Waikiki. Each project does not (A) require a land use map change of a county general plan, development plan or community plan, (B) reclassification of land by the LUC our county, (C) a zoning variance or (D) an amendment of any rule of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

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Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Pamela WANG
Organization: Individual
E-mail: pamelawang@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: FrankLeary
Organization: Individual
E-mail: fleary2012@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 1:04 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: charlene.felkley@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Charlene Felkley
Organization: Individual
E-mail: charlene.felkley@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 1:06 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: brilana@gmail.com
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brilana Silva
Organization: Individual
E-mail: brilana@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: shawdm@alum.urmc.rochester.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Diana Shaw
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shawdm@alum.urmc.rochester.edu
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Monday, February 27, 2012 1:59 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ssseahorse@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Susan Stone
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ssseahorse@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:
Do not pass this bill.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 1:26 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: Osako@wave.hicv.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Warren Osako
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Osako@wave.hicv.net
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

I oppose abandoning our environmental and cultural a review regulations in order to fast track construction projects.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 8:35 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: genek@lava.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: eugene kawaguchi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: genek@lava.net
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:
This bill bypasses prudent land decisions.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 8:27 PM
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Cc: ddruz@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Druz
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ddruz@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:14 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ndavlantes@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nancy Davlantes
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ndavlantes@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I am truly perplexed why such a bill would not only be introduced but would get a short-cut through the approval process. This bill would allow the Governor or any County's Mayor to exempt many projects from the state's long standing environmental review process over the next two years. Environmental review is the only public process by which the government "looks before it leaps" and requires an examination of the negative consequences of a project before it begins. The language in this bill disingenuously states the exemption applies to a "narrowly defined" group of projects, but it could amount to every road, bridge, harbor, airport, and public building. Why this end around environmental review just when we need it most? If the legislator wants to demonstrate that it has the public's interests at heart and not those of special interests, it wouldn't allow such a blatant affront to transparency and process to continue.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this critical issue.

Nancy Davlantes
Kaneohe

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 8:56 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: sixfootandglassy@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mitchell S. Smith
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sixfootandglassy@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:55 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: thongf001@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Flora Thong
Organization: Individual
E-mail: thongf001@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 12:24 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: phylfrus@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Phyllis Frus
Organization: Individual
E-mail: phylfrus@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

Please do not pass this bill, which would allow the Governor or any County's Mayor to exempt many projects, not just a select few, from the environmental review process that we have had in place and that works. Environmental review is the only public process by which the government "looks before it leaps" and requires an examination of the negative consequences of a project before it begins. The language in this bill disingenuously states the exemption applies to a "narrowly defined" group of projects, but it could amount to every road, bridge, harbor, airport, and public building.

Please oppose this bill.
/s/ Phyllis Frus

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:32 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: sjglenn@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Scott Glenn
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sjglenn@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

This bill undermines critical environmental protections for our state. The reasons to oppose this bill are numerous. To focus on the bigger picture, this bill continues the myth that a strong economy must come at the expense of protecting the environment. The environment and the economy are not opposites. Please do not legitimize this old and backward way of thinking by enacting this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scott Glenn

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 1:48 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: elaloha@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Elli Ward
Organization: Individual
E-mail: elaloha@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

Please do not allow one individual (governor, mayor) to make a decision that will negatively impact present and future generations. Preserving our natural and cultural heritage is vital. Do not omit the environmental review process.
Thank you.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 3:04 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: lance.duncan@live.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lance Duncan
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lance.duncan@live.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

I oppose adoption of HB1893 because it sets a very bad precedent for the role of government in protecting our islands, their historical treasures, and their natural resources for the future. This measure exempts the State and Counties from obtaining Environmental Impact Statements for projects regardless to whether the site is an historic site, whether it is in a shoreline area, or is in Waikiki. Environmental Impact Statements are designed to ensure that any development project has sufficient review and that any foreseeable impacts are understood, mitigated, and that if there are any tradeoffs, these are legal and approved by the communities impacted. Government should be in both the role of safeguarding our environmental and historical treasures for the future generations, should facilitate the general public's inspection analysis and approval of this type of project, as well as setting the best possible example for the community as a whole in these matters. This bill lets our governments behave badly and irresponsibly with respect to resources that cannot be replaced and should not be approved.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 8:06 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: Rick.ck.barboza@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rick Barboza
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Rick.ck.barboza@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: randy ching [oahurandy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 7:28 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: in strong opposition to HB1893 - relating to economic revitalization

HB1893 (strongly opposed)
House Finance Committee
Hearing on Tuesday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. in conference room 308

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the committee,

I strongly oppose HB1893. Please hold this bill in committee. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Randy Ching
Honolulu
oahurandy@yahoo.com

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 7:17 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: shawdm@alum.urmc.rochester.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael Shaw
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shawdm@alum.urmc.rochester.edu
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: FINTestimony
Cc: nrtshrlv@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jessica dos Santos
Organization: Individual
E-mail: nrtshrlv@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 6:16 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: tyandjul@mac.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Julia Devrell
Organization: Individual
E-mail: tyandjul@mac.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

Environmental review should be kept in place to insure oversight concerning the environmental and cultural impacts of various projects.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Monday, February 27, 2012 10:08 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: mahealani@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mahealani
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mahealani@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

How ironic that this bill number is the same year as the overthrow. Please *DO NOT* make it easier to develop our lands without preserving the in depth examination of such development's impact on culture and history, and adequate opportunity for community input. Mahalo.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 12:22 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kitgillette@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: kristin gillette
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kitgillette@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

we need enviornmental rewiw of all projects inpacting the aina. This bill could result in irreparable damage..public comment is needed.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 5:07 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: dearpauline@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Pauline Mac Neil
Organization: Individual
E-mail: dearpauline@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: FINTestimony
Cc: jjinhawaii@aol.com
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeff Jones
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jjinhawaii@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Monday, February 27, 2012 2:44 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: hanahill@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hana
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hanahill@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

This bill would allow the Governor or any County's Mayor to exempt many projects from the state's long standing environmental review process over the next two years. Environmental review is the only public process by which the government "looks before it leaps" and requires an examination of the negative consequences of a project before it begins. The language in this bill disingenuously states the exemption applies to a "narrowly defined" group of projects, but it could amount to every road, bridge, harbor, airport, and public building.

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Cc: helmsman@lava.net
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: mike dixon
Organization: Individual
E-mail: helmsman@lava.net
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:
The public must have time and opportunity to review projects.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 5:56 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kshimata@hawaii.rr.com
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kathy Shimata
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kshimata@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Hawaii is dependent on tourism. Our environment is our most important possession. Please take the long view, no short cuts.

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m: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 2:41 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: we4inkailua@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
ifier position: Oppose
ustifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Alison Rowland-Ciszek
Organization: Individual
E-mail: we4inkailua@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Protections such as we have are imperative to maintaining the health of the environment and the people. These safeguards should not be dismissed, even temporarily. Any expediency gained does not outweigh the value of careful stewardship and the right of the people be involved in the process and comment. Thank you.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 6:48 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: jimiberlin@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Berlin
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jimiberlin@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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m: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 2:59 PM
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Cc: tjdavies@juno.com
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Conference room: 308
Justifier position: Oppose
Justifier will be present: No
Submitted by: T.J. Davies
Organization: Individual
E-mail: tjdavies@juno.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

This legislative effort represent one of the most aggressive attacks on the environment seen in years. Why have certain legislators decided to place the environment squarely in their crosshairs? Auwe

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: FINTestimony
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Victoria Cannon
Organization: Individual
E-mail: vsc@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 9:19 AM
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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jennifer Ungacta
Organization: Individual
E-mail: JenvVo@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

We all know the effects upon our environment are far, far reaching. Special interests, whether private or government, should NOT be able to put their immediate interests or profit margins over the sustainable health and well being of our islands and people. Due process from a neutral third party must be utilized to ensure fairness and forethought.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 8:59 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: barbarageorge40@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Barbara George
Organization: Individual
E-mail: barbarageorge40@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:
OPPOSE!!!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 8:04 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kaimanacd22@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Caren Diamond
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kaimanacd22@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2012
11:00 AM
Conference Room
Committee on

308

Finance

Strong Opposition to HB 1893
RELATING TO ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Aloha Chair Oshiro and Committee Members,

Please oppose this proposal that would temporarily allow exemptions from the environmental review process under chapter 343, HRS.

It has been well recognized that our environment is our economy; creating expediency is the wrong approach to stimulating our economy. Please oppose

Mahalo,
Caren Diamond
P.O. Box 536
Hanalei, Hi. 96714

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 8:05 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: valriegriffith@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: valrie
Organization: Individual
E-mail: valriegriffith@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

we really need to have environmental reviews. pls oppose this bill. thank you.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 8:09 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: jamie.brewer@fsis.usda.gov
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: JAMIE BREWER
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jamie.brewer@fsis.usda.gov
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 8:47 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: deymard@maui.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dennys Eymard
Organization: Individual
E-mail: deymard@maui.net
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:

the environmental review is vital to the planning process to avoid the potential harm of a project being approved without careful consideration of negative consequences.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 11:17 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: rkinslow@my.hpu.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: R. Kinslow
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rkinslow@my.hpu.edu
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

Why would you overthrow the system of checks and balances that serve as a proxy for sustainable decision-making processes in order to facilitate industrial development projects? There is no viable long-term business or governance case for this type of bill. Un-intended consequences and precautionary principle should under-pin our contemplative decision making. I strongly oppose this measure.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 12:51 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: ephro@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ephrosine Daniggelis
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ephro@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB1893. All projects should be required to have an environmental and cultural review in order that they respect our 'aina and the people who live on it and the generations before them. Doing away with environmental and cultural assessments is unacceptable. We need to show respect for our 'aina.

Mahalo for opposing bill HB1893.

Aloha,

Ephrosine Daniggelis, PhD

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 1:04 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: patriciablair@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Patricia Blair
Organization: Individual
E-mail: patriciablair@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:
Absolutely not, and shame on whoever proposed this bill.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 1:23 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: octopus@maui.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rene Umberger
Organization: For the Fishes
E-mail: octopus@maui.net
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 3:26 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: dkkseto@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Daniel K. Seto
Organization: Individual
E-mail: dkkseto@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

I oppose this bill allowing the exemption of projects from the environmental and cultural review process. We need to preserve the 'aina that we inherently hold a tie with as native hawaiians. We are already ship in just about everything from the continent and are wasteful in the emission that this causes. We need to become a self sustaining pae 'āina again. If our lands are turned into concrete how can we support and feed ourselves? I strongly disagree. All new construction should have to be put under close and strict scrutinization here in the islands. Our ecosystems here are a very fragile thing and must be maintained!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 7:51 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: kmuzik@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Katherine Muzik
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kmuzik@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 10:11 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: gentlewave@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Dinner
Organization: Individual
E-mail: gentlewave@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

This bill is an insult to the people of Hawaii and will put unprecedented power in the hands of the Governor and Mayors. What other intentions could the drafters of this bill possess than to develop the rest of Hawaii in a wanton and uncontrolled manner by bypassing the few safeguards the citizens of Hawaii have to prevent turning the entire state into a commodity. Please vote this diabolical bill into oblivion.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 10:41 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: jsacher@kona.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeff Sacher
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jsacher@kona.net
Submitted on: 2/25/2012

Comments:

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:37 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: judie@aloha.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Judie Hoeppner
Organization: Individual
E-mail: judie@aloha.net
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

This is ludicrous - you might just as well delete HR 343 - because that's basically what this bill would do. Our environment is about the most important thing we have - PLEASE let this bill die in committee.

Aloha

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 6:59 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: mrb@hawaiiink.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jose Bulatao, Jr.
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mrb@hawaiiink.net
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

"The land is chief. We are but stewards of the land." This is the essence of
"malama aina" principles and practices that must be protected and preserved! This
must NEVER be compromised. We owe it to our host-culture, the kanaka maoli, to maintain due
diligence in this shared kuleana to be mindful of the ways in which this legacy will live on.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:37 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: shaw.geoff5@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Geoff Shaw
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shaw.geoff5@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I am someone who works in the construction industry and I understand the lack of jobs in this sector but the answer is not more developments at this time. We should be concentrating on rehabbing existing structures making them more environmentally efficient, making adjustments to bring them up to code, and upgrading cesspools to septic or sewers to improve our water quality. These improvements will increase the value of existing communities which will give more individual's equity and create the momentum for more jobs.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:41 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: tsuhyin@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tsuh-Yin Chen
Organization: Individual
E-mail: tsuhyin@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:41 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: BernieStrand_LLC@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bernice Strand
Organization: Individual
E-mail: BernieStrand.LLC@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Aloha.

The vague nature of the language defining the "exceptions" that would be allowed causes me great concern. I respectfully request some parameters be clarified providing examples of exempt projects that would most clearly BE approved under this legislation and examples that would most clearly NOT be approved under this legislation.

Mahalo.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:47 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: feathers03@me.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Margaret Sueoka
Organization: Individual
E-mail: feathers03@me.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

I object to this legislation. In economic times, when counties and the State are looking for quick revenue sources, it will be only too tempting for them to fast track environmentally harmful projects.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:51 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: mfsleh@ulukanu.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michal Stover
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mfsleh@ulukanu.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:59 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: jbautista619@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jerome Bautista
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jbautista619@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

For any significant project that will improve infrastructure, it has to be done right. That's why there are safeguards such as EIS' and cultural reviews to ensure that our environment and important cultural artifacts are not sacrificed and are considered. Having these safeguards help to ensure ethical and responsible growth. We cannot bypass these safeguards for short-term gains, no matter how well-intentioned. While the bill is written for a few projects, it still leaves the floor open to other projects such as roads, bridges, airports, and buildings. We cannot compromise our environment, our cultural heritage, the overall beauty and being of Hawaii. We must do due diligence and continue with EIS'and cultural reviews. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:08 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: evernw@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Evern Williams
Organization: Individual
E-mail: evernw@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Change the wording in this bill to reflect true protection of our environment. This bill does the opposite!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:09 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: sylpartridge@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sylvia Partridge
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sylpartridge@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Strongly oppose cutting the solar tax credit. Encouraging solar energy through solar tax credits is one of the most important things we can do to obtain clean energy.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:15 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: imua-hawaii@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Isaac Harp
Organization: Individual
E-mail: imua-hawaii@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Exempting government activities that may negatively impact Hawaii's cultural and/or natural resources for the sake of temporary economic stimulation is irresponsible. Existing laws designed to protect Hawaii's cultural and natural resources were adopted for good reason. Please act responsibly by not undermining these laws.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:24 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: clk5356@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carolyn L Knoll
Organization: Individual
E-mail: clk5356@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

This bill would allow the Governor or any County's Mayor to exempt many projects from the state's long standing environmental review process over the next two years. Environmental review is the only public process by which the government "looks before it leaps" and requires an examination of the negative consequences of a project before it begins. The language in this bill disingenuously states the exemption applies to a "narrowly defined" group of projects, but it could amount to every road, bridge, harbor, airport, and public building.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:31 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: fleetwoodcad@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: dakota s wolfchild
Organization: Individual
E-mail: fleetwoodcad@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Please do not exempt projects from the review process I like to know every project is checked for safe impact.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:32 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: sacreearth@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Eve Powers
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sacreearth@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

This bill is against the will of almost all Kauaians, who wish to preserve the beauty of our unique island, not to speak of the livability. The bill opens the door wide to corruption & collusion between government officials and developers, with no legal recourse to stop projects while they are being evaluated. It's a clear power-grab and those who propose it should be shame.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:38 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: radbalance@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Teri Holter
Organization: Individual
E-mail: radbalance@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Environmental reviews are essential. It is disgraceful that lawmakers would even consider further eroding due process in a time when corporations are flagrantly buying elections. We are watching to see who is in office to serve the people and who is just a willing and corrupt lackey of special interests. Do what you know is right!

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 10:59 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: konaquatica@mac.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jerome J. Holt
Organization: Individual
E-mail: konaquatica@mac.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

NO ! This bill puts Hawaii's development right where it doesn't belong; with developers and politicians in bed with each other, and politicians having full say in the matter. NO to this bill. The environmental procedures and regulations are there for a reason and must not be circumvented by this travesty of a bill. It is outrageous and thus should cause outrage among Hawaii's voters, although the developers will be drooling over the money they will make at the expense of the aina, nature and precious resources.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:16 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: shivadario@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michael
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shivadario@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:28 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: karen@redwoodgames.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karen Chun
Organization: Individual
E-mail: karen@redwoodgames.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Please do not pass this bill. The EIS process should not be omitted for State projects -- this is one of the most important REASONS for the EIS. To make sure that taxpayer funds are used PROPERLY and that projects are planned with all stakeholders being heard.

It is especially important for the neighbor islands since so often things are designed from Oahu by people who have no clue about our islands.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:39 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: patbak1@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Byron W. Baker
Organization: Individual
E-mail: patbak1@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Eliminating environmental review in the name of efficiency risks removal of important safeguards for a far broader class of projects than the bill may intend to address.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:45 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: dannygr@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Daniel Grantham
Organization: Waipio Bay Benevolent Assoc., LLC
E-mail: dannygr@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

This bill would allow the Governor or any County's Mayor to exempt many projects from the state's long standing environmental review process over the next two years. Environmental review is the only public process by which the government "looks before it leaps" and requires an examination of the negative consequences of a project before it begins. The language in this bill disingenuously states the exemption applies to a "narrowly defined" group of projects, but it could amount to every road, bridge, harbor, airport, and public building.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:25 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: amori@chaminade.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Art Mori
Organization: Individual
E-mail: amori@chaminade.edu
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Many in Hawai`i feel tht the entire stae should be considered a National Park, that it would be the only way to preserve this unique land. There are others who would literally turn this precious land into an "asphalt jungle."

We must, at the very least, try to safeguard the `aina. Please oppose this bill.

Mahalo,

Art Mori

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:27 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: taylorlk021@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ken Taylor
Organization: Individual
E-mail: taylorlk021@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

A home, without a environment, is not worth having.

Paul Hawken put it this way:

We have an economy that tells us that it is cheaper to destroy earth in real time rather than renew, restore, and sustain it. You can print money to bail out a bank but you can't print life to bail out a planet. At present we are stealing the future, selling it in the present, and calling it gross domestic product. We can just as easily have an economy that is based on healing the future instead of stealing it. We can either create assets for the future or take the assets of the future. One is called restoration and the other exploitation. And whenever we exploit the earth we exploit people and cause untold suffering. Working for the earth is not a way to get rich, it is a way to be rich.

Ken

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:31 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: anmevans@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Martha Evans
Organization: Individual
E-mail: anmevans@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
ent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:37 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: bernene@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Berrie Straatman
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bernene@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:41 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: digraziat001@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Thomas DiGrazia
Organization: Individual
E-mail: digranziat001@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

No exemptions. Every project, including government sponsored, needs to be reviewed for its consequences on our environment and Hawaiian way of life.

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 12:46 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: carl.imparato@juno.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carl Imparato
Organization: Individual
E-mail: carl.imparato@juno.com
Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chair and Members,

I strongly oppose HB 1893.

Projects that are sponsored by state and county governments can be just as environmentally destructive as projects sponsored by private developers; and as biased sponsors of such projects, the governor and/or mayors would have strong incentives to subordinate environmental protection in order to advance the projects sponsored by their administrations.

By eliminating the protections of HRS Chapter 343 with regard to state- or county-sponsored projects, HB 1893 would create a lopsided process in which no entity - neither government nor citizens - could prevent serious damage to Hawaii's environmental and cultural resources.

Eliminating the current, balanced mechanisms and checks-and-balances in pursuit of expedited permitting makes no economic sense. The purported "benefits" of expedited permitting can in no way justify the very real costs associated with the potential for long-term, permanent damage due to lack of environmental review.

Please reject this bill in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Carl Imparato

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 1:42 PM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: skoanui@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1893 on 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 2/28/2012 11:00:00 AM HB1893

Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stacie
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Submitted on: 2/26/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 308
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Organization: Individual
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Comments:
Takes away important and necessary controls

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Janet Six
Organization: Sierra Club - Maui
E-mail: sixjanet@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/27/2012

Comments:
Aloha:

As a long time Maui resident, a registered professional archaeologist licensed in Hawaii and an academic, I ask that you please consider all the disastrous outcome(s) prior to approving this bill. We can't expect the construction industry and/or County officials to "self regulate" and do the right thing unless they are compelled to by archaeological monitoring and/or the treat of fines.

Mahalo,
Janet Six, Ph.D.



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RE: LATE Testimony opposing HB1893 relating to Economic Revitalization

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The Outdoor Circle (TOC) opposes this proposed legislation.

Diane Harding
Treasurer

HB1893 is another in a string of ill-advised legislation presented at the Capitol this year, all of which have one common thread—statutorily exempting many state and county projects from undergoing environmental review. This kind of exemption has never been granted in the more than 30 year history of Chapter 343. We see this law as likely leading to the degradation of Hawaii's most valuable resource, our environment.

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If HB1893 becomes law it also will be hailed across the country as one of the truly bonehead legislative moves in America—putting at risk the very attributes that fuel our economy and make our islands the most special place on Earth.

Jo Ann Best
Advisor

We further are extremely troubled by the legislative "end run" by the Speaker of the House in removing HB1893 from its two-committee referral and placing it in only in the Finance committee for consideration. That means the "meat" of the legislation will not be aired within a committee that has expertise in this area, thus severely limiting substantive input.

Paula Riss
Advisor

Marcy Fleming
Bradley Tothorow
Finance

On behalf of thousands of statewide members of The Outdoor Circle we ask you to please hold this toxic legislation.

BRANCHES

East Honolulu (O'ahu)

Respectfully,

Kane'ohe (O'ahu)

Kapolei (O'ahu)

Bob Loy
Director of Environmental Programs

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