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Testimony on SB 682
Relating to Kakaako

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Rep. Jerry L. Chang, Chair

Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

And

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair

Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

March 12, 2012
10:30 am, Room 325

Chair Chang, Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Har, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the committees- The Office of the Governor supports Senate Bill ("SB") 682, Senate Draft ("SD") 1 as the Governor recognizes the role and authority of the Legislature to approve any proposed land transfer, especially as it relates to the potential resolution of the dispute between the State of Hawaii and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs ("OHA"). So long as this proposal reflects the input and will of the Legislature, the Governor will endorse further considerations and terms as reflective of our democratic process. Ultimately, the Governor stands alongside OHA to find approaches and solutions that will help OHA help its beneficiaries.

To that end, the Governor looks forward to working with the Legislature to find any mutually agreeable and comprehensive legislation that has the agreement of OHA. We believe that the provisions in SB682, SD1 are a step in that direction. Therefore, the Governor looks forward to continued dialog with the Legislature and OHA to achieve legislation in the best interests all of the parties and the public interest.

1. The amendment to section 206E-31.5 in section 2 of this bill refer to “lot 4 as shown on the map filed with the bureau of conveyances of the State of Hawaii as file plan 2335” rather than “tax map key (1) 2-1-15-61” to identify the second of two parcels excepted from the prohibition against residential development, and

2. Section 4 of the bill read:as follows:

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect only if the Legislature approves the transfer of lot 1 as shown on the map filed with the bureau of conveyances of the State of Hawaii as file plan 2471 and lot 4 on the map filed with the bureau of conveyances of the State of Hawaii as file plan 2335, to the office of Hawaiian affairs by passing S.B. No. 2783 before the second regular session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature adjourns sine die.

We respectfully recommend that the committees make these suggested amendments.



SB682, SD1

RELATING TO KAKAAKO

House Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 12, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Room: 325

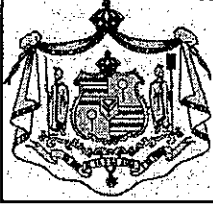
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on SB682, SD1, which would allow two lots in the Kaka'ako Community Development District to be developed as residential properties that are exempt from public facilities fees; provided that at least 20 percent of the units are designated for residents in low- or moderate-income ranges.

OHA appreciates what we understand to be the intent of this measure, which is to add value to two parcels of land that are among the lands in Kaka'ako Makai that another bill, SB2783, would convey to OHA to resolve disputes and controversies relating to OHA's portion of income and proceeds from the public trust lands for the period November 7, 1978 through June 30, 2012.

The two parcels at issue are popularly identified as E and I on the now widely publicized maps of the properties to be conveyed. The right to develop residential structures on these two lots would add significant value. Furthermore, the bill would make it clear that OHA would not be subject to the HCDA charge of between three and four percent of the fair market value of the development as a condition of obtaining the development permit. Subsection (d) of section 15-23-73 of the Makai Area Rules states that the fee does not apply to public projects. The bill would remove any ambiguity as to whether this fee applies to OHA.

While OHA appreciates the effort to give OHA these enhanced entitlements to the two parcels, we respectfully urge your committees to ensure that SB682, SD1 does not impair passage of SB2783. We also note that once OHA becomes the landowner, OHA will be in a position to request entitlements for the SB2783 properties in subsequent legislative sessions. Finally, although OHA acknowledges that potential entitlement benefits will add significant value to parcels E and I, OHA remains committed to the guiding principles of the Conceptual Master Plan and will address these principles in any application for development permits for parcels E and I.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

P. O. Box 1135

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TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENT SOULEE STROUD

RELATING TO KAKAAKO SENATE BILL 682, SD 1(SSCR 2561)

**COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Monday, March 12, 2012; 10:30 a.m.; Room 325

Aloha Chairman Chang, Madam Chair Hanohano and members of the joint committees on Water, Land and Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, here to testify in support of Senate Bill 682SD1, SSCR2561.

This bill makes an exception to the Kakaako Community Development District and allows residential development on two of the nine parcels being conveyed to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. We understand that this will add value to the overall package being conveyed to OHA.

We would caution, however, that the passage of this bill not create any problems with SB 2783, the bill that resolves the portion of income and proceeds due to OHA for the period between November 7, 1978 and June 30, 2012.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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har2-Samantha

From: Ronald [iwamih001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 1:05 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Testimony is OPPOSITION TO SB 682 SD1

Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources
Rep. Jerry L. Chang, Chair
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Rep. Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Rep. Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Monday, March 12, 2012
10:30 am Room 325

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 682 SD1

My name is Ron Iwami. I am the president of Friends of Kewalos, a non-profit 501C3 whose mission is to Protect, Preserve, and Malama the Kewalo Basin Park and the surrounding shoreline area and ocean to ensure that the recreational user will continue to have access the ability to enjoy the area for future generations to come.

I'll share with you a little history:

Back in 2005/2006 we were one of many organizations that participated in the Save Our Kaka'ako people's movement. I know some of you recall that we marched to the Capitol, held numerous rallies, met with the Governor, and testified at the hearings, to stop the Sale of Public Land to build luxury residential high-rises in Kaka'ako Makai.

Long story short, the message was loud and clear that the people do not want any residential in KM, this last public oceanfront land in urban Honolulu should not be sold and used for private residences... It should be used for public purposes.

Our efforts resulted in HB2555 becoming law in July 2006, prohibiting the sale of public land and prohibiting any residential development in KM.

Last month, OHA held an informational meeting regarding the proposed land transfer, inviting all the stakeholders who were part of this movement. They acknowledged our past efforts and told us that they were going to follow the existing HCDA rules and all laws in place including prohibiting residential. They also expressed that they will support the Master Plan and the Vision and Guiding Principles for KM which was recently adopted by HCDA. This document is another product of this people's movement. I brought up the popular Shoreline promenade component of the Plan. I told them that this is very important because this will ensure access to the entire shoreline in KM in perpetuity. Once built, no one will build on it. I asked Chair Machado her feelings on this. She replied, this is a "no brainer" for OHA believes totally in preserving shoreline access.

After hearing all of this, I felt a sense of relief, that as potential new owners of this land, they will respect all the work that was put into this.

I thanked them for it.

Friends of Kewalos is not opposing the land settlement bill because we feel that the issue needs to be resolved.

My greatest fear is that if you allow these 2 exceptions to the no residential law, it will open the door for other exceptions to follow. The next thing you know we have another Waikiki in the making. Imagine how nice Waikiki would be if all the hotels were situated mauka of Kalakaua Ave. It is too late for Waikiki, but it is not too late for Kaka'ako Makai.

In addition, look at all the highrises coming up in Kaka'ako Mauka of Ala Moana Blvd, including the giant glass residential towers across from the Ala Moana Park, General Growth's or now Howard Hughes 20 towers plan by Ward Center, and Kamehameha Schools -7 residential towers plan by Comp USA area, (these plans have been already approved by HCDA) Imagine for a moment a wall of residential highrises running mauka of Ala Moana Blvd. from Piikoi St. to South Street. So much for the mountain or ocean view and infrastructure overload. My question is where are all these people going to recreate? A logical place would be Kaka'ako Makai.

With all of this said, I humbly ask the legislators to give the respect for all the past work that has been done on preserving this area, and keep this last public ocean front land in urban Honolulu, non residential, for all the People to enjoy.

**Mahalo,
Ron Iwami Friends of Kewalos
222-6645**

har2-Samantha

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Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 5:32 PM
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Testimony for WLO/HAW 3/12/2012 10:30:00 AM SB682

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hilary & Clint McKee
Organization: Friends of Kewalos
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Submitted on: 3/10/2012

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March 12, 2012

TO: HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES JERRY CHANG, CHAIR, SHARON HAR,
VICE CHAIR AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER LAND & HOUSING

HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES FAY HANOANO, CHAIR, CHRIS LEE, VICE
CHAIR AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 682, SD1, RELATING TO KAKAAKO.**

Allows two lots in the makai area of the Kakaako community development district to be developed as residential properties that are exempt from public facilities fees; provided that at least twenty per cent of the units are designated for residents in low- or moderate- income ranges. Effective upon conveyance of the two lots to the office of Hawaiian affairs. (SD1)

SUPPORT OF S.B. 2783, RELATING TO PUBLIC TRUST LANDS. Conveys Kakaako Makai lands to Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and resolves all disputes and controversies, and extinguishes, discharges and bars all claims, suits, and actions relating to OHA's portion of income and proceeds from the public trust lands for the period November 7, 1978 through June 30, 2012.

HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2012
TIME: 10:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 325

Dear Chairs Chang and Hanohano, Vice Chairs Har and C. Lee and Members of the Committees:

The General Contractors Association (GCA) is an organization comprised of over six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year; GCA remains the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii whose mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest. GCA is submitting testimony in support of both S.B. 682, SD1, Relating to Kakaako and S.B. 2783, Relating to Public Trust Lands.

S.B. 2783 conveys Kakaako Makai lands to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and resolves all disputes and controversies regarding a portion of the income for claims between 1978 to 2012; While in concert with the previous bill, S.B. 682, SD1 will provide the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with the option to develop the subject two parcels as residential properties and produce a steady revenue stream to fund the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' services to its beneficiaries, while creating much needed rental housing and jobs in the near future.

S.B. 682, SD1 and S.B. 2783 work hand in hand and offer a resolution to the longstanding dispute regarding the settlement to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' longstanding claims to income and proceeds from the ceded lands for claims between 1978 to 2012. This settlement offer was negotiated with the best interest of OHA beneficiaries in mind between Governor Abercrombie and the Chair of OHA.

The Hawaii State Senate describes this as “a resolution of the decades-long dispute that has plagued state government and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will have a positive impact on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' beneficiaries and state government.”

GCA understands the necessity of S.B. 2783, as a start to addressing part of the dispute between OHA and the ceded land claims. GCA also understands the importance and long-term benefits that S.B. 682, SD1 would have, not only for OHA beneficiaries, but for the future of workforce housing and those qualified to live in the affordable units that OHA may develop. Affordable housing in Hawaii is a rare commodity and increasing the inventory of such would benefit many.

For these reasons, GCA supports these measures and respectfully requests that these Committees pass both measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these measures.

har2-Samantha

From: Neal Morisato [nemo180@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 12:11 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Testimony In Opposition of SB 682 Relating to Kakaako

Testimony In Opposition of SB 682, SD1 (SSCR2561)

Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources
Rep. Jerry L. Chang, Chair
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

Rep. Rida T.R. Cabanilla
Rep. Mark M. Nakashima
Rep. Denny Coffman
Rep. Gil Riviere
Rep. Robert N. Herkes
Rep. Cynthia Thielen
Rep. Ken Ito

Date:
March 12, 2012

Time:
10:30 a.m.

Place:
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Conference Room 325

My name is Neal Morisato, Treasurer, Hawaii State Bodysurfing Association. I strongly oppose SB 682 or any measure allowing residential properties in Kakaako Makai. In 2006, we stood with many organizations and individuals to fight for HB2555, prohibiting the sale of land and building of private residences in Kakaako Makai. We continue to stand firm and humbly ask that you honor the efforts and desires of those organizations and concerned citizens.

Mahalo for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Respectfully,

Neal Morisato
Honolulu

har2-Samantha

From: Reid Nishimoto [rnnishimoto@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 9:18 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: SB682 kakaako

Please refrain from building high rises along the kakaako water front makai side. We the people deserve to have full access to our aina!

Sent from my iPhone

har2-Samantha

From: Gary Akiona [gakiona@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 9:38 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: All Senators
Subject: SB682

I oppose SB682, Senators please wake up and see the light. We are over developing our Aina. Honolulu is experiencing an over capacity sewer system and being overcharged with high sewer fee. But yet you (leaders) continue to allow high rise development without any regards to the sewer system. If you continue allowing high rise development, then I believe each dwelling should pay the same amount for using the sewer system. My last water bill was \$34.84 and my sewer fee was \$157.28 my wife and I are both retiree on a fixed income and you continue to allow multiunit development. Maybe it time for these developers to pay for improving our sewer system instead of me.

gary akiona

har2-Samantha

From: Ron & Patti Almonte [almonter001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 9:41 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Opposition of SB682

I oppose the passage of Bill SB 682.

Best regards,

Ron Almonte

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har2-Samantha

From: peter easterling [easterling__peter@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 10:38 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: SB 682

Please do not pass this or any other bill that would allow residential construction on the Kakaako Makai property. It is not too late to do the right thing.

Aloha

Peter Easterling (registered voter)

Sent from my iPhone

har2-Samantha

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for WLO/HAW 3/12/2012 10:30:00 AM SB682

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Amy McCann
Organization: Individual
E-mail: amccann15@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/10/2012

Comments:

I am opposed to two lots in the makai area of the Kakaako community development district to be developed as residential properties. The south coast line is fully developed from Ala Moana beach park all the way to Aina Haina. Please keep this Kaka'ako free from similar development. The community needs access to the ocean and more enjoyment will come from a public area than private residences. Please choose give back to the local community and not take away.

har2-Samantha

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 11:19 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: heath_molly@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB682 on 3/12/2012 10:30:00 AM

Testimony for WLO/HAW 3/12/2012 10:30:00 AM SB682

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Molly Mattson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: heath_molly@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/10/2012

Comments:

har2-Samantha

From: carol nakashima [quixtarqueen@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 11:23 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: SB 682

Just sending this note that I, Carol K. Nakashima
oppose to SB 682. Keep water front free from
more high rises in the Kakaako areas.
Thank You.

har2-Samantha

From: Cecile [ckim0804@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 1:00 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: No to SB 682

To whom it may concern,

Please do not allow SB 682 to pass. Kaka'ako makai is one of the only southern coastlines left on this island that hasn't succumbed completely to highrises so that the people of Hawaii can enjoy full access to the ocean without feeling like they are in Waikiki. I recently biked along Ala Moana and through Kaka'ako park and witnessed many families enjoying the openness and easy access to the beaches and ocean views in the area. Please do not take this away from the people of Hawaii.

Also, the addition of highrises will increase traffic congestion in an area where it is already a big problem. This will deter tourists from visiting this island, since Kaka'ako is between Waikiki and the airport. Please do not allow more highrises in the area.

Sincerely,
Cecile Kim

Testimony on SB 682

I have lived on the in Singapore, Honolulu, North San Diego County, Los Angeles, and most recently near the Hudson River in NYC. Decisions on development have great impacts on the mood and emotions of a city.

Please reserve the irreplaceable open space - Kakaako Makai - for functions that benefit the whole community. All of you have seen good and bad consequences of waterfront development around the world. We have a last chance to do something wonderful here - please use your imagination. Be bold, be strong, and insist that on the best for our community and for the future generations. Plan for all of us, not just for a handful of elite.

Glenn Ishikawa
Resident of One Waterfront Tower, South Street, Kakaako
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har2-Samantha

From: Edith Iwami [edi@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 5:28 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB 682

Honorable Senators of the Hawaii State Legislature:

My name is Edith Iwami, (mother of Ronald Iwami, President of Friends of Kewalos). I am sending this email to you as my testimony in opposition to SB 682. As you probably know, Friends of Kewalos currently is a non-profit organization 501C3. Its mission is to Protect, Preserve, and Malama the Kewalo Basin Park and the surrounding shoreline and ocean area. Initially in 2005/2006, several organizations joined the Friends of Kakaako to stop the sale of this last piece of public land to allow a developer to build 3 towers for residential use. It would have taken away the beach access for park users for the general public. The residential condominiums would take preference over the right of public use for surfers, fisherman, picnic areas, walkers and to allow the elderly on wheel chairs to stroll along the length of the beach park, to breathe the fresh ocean breeze for caregivers and family to give an outing for their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, elderly parents, uncles and aunties, handicapped people on crutches, etc. Several other organizations who believed in the cause to save the public land from being sold joined Friends of Kakaako. It is now a larger group renamed Friends of Kewalos. Since I believed in the cause to save this land, as a member of ABWA, I encouraged our chapter women members who could take time off from work, to wear their red T-shirts to the hearings – we marched and rallied to the capitol with our red T shirts and were nicknamed the “red shirt gang”. It was a community and public effort from every one with support from the Legislators and ultimately the land was saved! But, we have this SB 682 in the horizon.

Nothing is impossible -- I strongly believe that if our caring spirit to save this land for the public good is shown, it would touch the mindset of our friends at the Legislature to listen to the public and make its decision. It is my hope that this land will be preserved for our children and for generations to come. Once the residential units come up, there is no way that we can make any changes. There will be strict regulations for ingress and egress. Ala Moana Beach Park adjacent to Kewalo Basin Park is used and overused. By mid-morning the parking spaces are almost all taken – especially on Saturdays and Sundays. It is so refreshing to see many walking, exercising, stretching, canoe paddling and having the beautiful view of our famous landmark, Diamond Head. More so now, we need to join together to protect, preserve and malama the Kewalo Basin Park and respectfully request your vote to oppose passage of SB 682. Thank you!

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Organizations: American Business Women’s Association, (ABWA) Aikane Chapter
Held leadership roles as President for the Imua Chapter and the Aikane Chapter
Chapter Woman of the Year 30 yr. membership and still an active member

Member: National association of Professional Women (NAPW)
Award: Woman of the Year for 2011/2012

Occupation: Actively licensed as Real Estate Salesperson, affiliated with Herbert K. Horita Realty, Inc. (Independent Contractor)
Previous: University of Hawaii – Manoa Campus Administrative secretary – to Dean of Business Administration, Student Personnel
State of Hawaii - Department of Business & Economic Development
State of Hawaii – Maui Department of Welfare Services
City and County of Honolulu – Finance Department, Liquor Commission, Corporation Counsel
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Submitted on: 3/10/2012

Comments:

House of Representatives
Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, March 12, 2012
10:30 a.m., Conference Room 325
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Testimony in Opposition of SB 682 SD1

Aloha Chairs Chang and Hanohano, and Members of the Committees,

I am opposed to SB 682 SD1, which would allow two lots in the makai area of the Kakaako community development district to be developed as residential properties. Although I support the transfer of Kakaako lands to OHA, I am worried about inappropriate development in this area. If the current value of Kakaako lands do not equal the debt, please consider adding different lands to the deal instead of the right to build residential buildings in Kakaako makai. I participated in the red shirt demonstrations a few years ago, and I believe the community is still opposed to residential buildings on Kakaako makai. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

Christy Martin
Ph: (808) 722-0995

har2-Samantha

From: jack crouse [jlchdsurf@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 10:29 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: testimony in opposition of SB 682

To our elected officials,

I am taking the time as a voting and tax paying citizen of Honolulu to write and send this email as my written testimony in opposition of SB 682.

I am in opposition of this bill because I live and work in Honolulu and enjoy our recreational parks. If any of you as our elected representatives get out to our parks on weekends you then know that parks and recreational areas are in great demand.

Imagine if you will your predecessors of years past who had the foresight to create our parks in the first place. There was a smaller population and yet they still managed to set aside space where the people could get out and enjoy the beauty our island has to offer.

Now days on the other hand our population has grown but our park space/recreational areas have not grown proportionally with it and with this SB 682 there would a good chance of loosing our park space.

I have to ask myself, 'who would benefit from residential developement of this area?'. I'm sure first and foremost all involved in this developement. Then who could afford it? The wealthy and the lucky limited few low income qualifers. Personally, I fall somewhere in the middle, does this mean I am being discrimminated against.

Suffice it to say I can see no good reasons for residential developement of this area. I don't know what kind of pressures our elected officials are under to allow such developement but if you are a public servant please serve the public as a whole and not the elite few.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jack Crouse
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har2-Samantha

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To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB682

Committee on Water, Land, and Housing
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Aloha,

I am Ronin Burke of Waikele and a supporter of Friends of Kewalos. My friends, family, and I have been frequent visitors to the Kakaako Makai area. We particularly enjoy the beaches and the openness that this area offers. In the last 30 years, I have seen Kakaako change dramatically. There have been too many condominiums that have been erected. These condos have altered our once beautiful skyline, and it's lovely views can only be enjoyed by a lucky few.

In addition, residential construction will infringe on our ocean access and I fear that this bill will set a precedent for more development.

SB682 is designed to allow residential development on two parcels of land that will be conveyed to OHA (SB2783) to satisfy a debt owed by the state. I support the land transfer, but I oppose the allowance of any residential development on that land. Hence, I humbly ask that you also oppose SB682.

Residential development, if any, must be done further inland. I feel that Kakaako is on the cusp of becoming another Waikiki. We have a finite amount of shoreline, and I kindly ask that you do your best to preserve it.

Warm wishes,

Ronin Burke

har2-Samantha

From: Brian Shimokawa [shimokawab@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 10:09 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: SB682

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Rep. Jerry L. Chang, Chair
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DATE: Monday, March 12, 2012
TIME: 10:30 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB682

My name is Brian Shimokawa. I am a member of the Friends Of Kewalos and was very active in the peoples' movement to Save Kaka`ako Makai. I am also a very concerned citizen worried about the overdevelopment of the Kaka`ako district.

In July 2006, HB2555 was passed into law prohibiting any residential development in the Kaka`ako Makai Development District. The passing of SB682 will only set a precedent for more residential development in Kaka`ako Makai.

At this time the Hawai Community Development Authority has jurisdiction of Kaka`ako Makai and should OHA receive the lands allotted in their settlement they should abide by the same rules and laws as the HCDA, (NO RESIDENTIAL IN KAKA`AKO MAKAI).

With the existing population of Kaka`ako and it's projected growth the majority of Kaka`ako Makai should be left as open space/park for the community to recreate and enjoy.

Kaka`ako Makai is the largest open space left in downtown Honolulu. Let's keep it that way and make it a people's place not another Waikiki

With all this in mind I humbly ask that SB682 not be passed.

Sincerely,
Brian Shimokawa

har2-Samantha

From: Mark [mw3306@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 10:35 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: BILL SB 682

I oppose bill SB 682 and encourage others to vote against it. I do not agree with this bill, which will allow RESIDENTIAL development on 2 parcels in Kaka'ko Makai. Governor Abercrombie's proposal shows his concern which he had at one time turn to desperation in attempting to help remedy the State's deficit.

Sincerely,

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har2-Samantha

From: Ron Iwami [ronald@kewalo.org]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 11:47 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB 682

Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Monday, March 12, 2012
10:30 am Room 325
State Capitol

Aloha Representatives,

My testimony is in opposition to SB 682 SD1. I do not want to see any residential in Kaka'ako Makai

Mahalo,

Manu Mook

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Monday, March 12, 2012

10:30 AM, Conference Room 325

Senate Bill 682, SD1

Relating to Kaka'ako

Aloha Chair Chang, Chair Hanohano and WLO/HWN Committee Members:

SB 682, SD1 specifies that two State properties in Kaka'ako Makai become **residential developments exempt from public facilities fees**, and is effective upon conveyance of the two properties to the Office of Hawaiian affairs.

This testimony provides comments based on serious concerns and in opposition to SB 682, SD1. This proposed legislation **flies in the face** of the larger public interest by negating the Legislature's intent and Governor's enactment of **HRS 206E-31.5**, which **prohibits residential development in Kaka'ako Makai**. This misdirected measure also flies in the face of the **established community-based Master Plan** for Kaka'ako Makai and the interested and affected larger community's efforts to protect and reserve Kaka'ako Makai, the last Honolulu open shoreline available to the public, as a **community gathering place for recreational, cultural and educational purposes**.

As with similar legislation proposed this year, SB 2927, SD1 is a transparently conscious attempt by certain present legislators, politicians and their backers to promote and achieve massive development by **undermining and eroding present public laws** that protect our **finite island resources and unique environment**. Specifically, this measure is nothing more than a guise for enabling the proliferation of high-density development that will **adversely impact** Kaka'ako Makai's documented significant panoramic public and cultural views from the shoreline to the mountains, and introduce high-density crowding within this shoreline area through residential development. Further, SB682, SD1 proposes enacting a public law for a specific purpose on two specific sites granted to a specific entity, which leads to constitutional questions.

This bill is seen as a precedent to **opening the floodgates** to carte blanche high-density residential development on other Kaka'ako Makai properties, and paving the way for foot-loose, unfettered **vertical sprawl** in this protected shoreline recreational and cultural area with a **"tunnel of towers"** along both sides of Ala Moana Boulevard together with 27 other properties in Kaka'ako Mauka. This Miami Beach mindset portends disaster Honolulu as a visitor destination. **Our island economy is dependent upon and subsidiary to our unique environment, open shoreline resources, and panoramic view planes from the mountains to the sea.**

SB 682, SD1 is the antithesis of all that has gone before in the greater public interest for Kaka'ako Makai on behalf of present and future generations. Please HOLD this bill!

Most sincerely, Michelle S. Matson

har2-Samantha

From: Guy Chang [mimpibesar1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 12:01 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Residential land?

I don't think it is a good idea to have this take place where it is. Why should they be given the opportunity to build residential property on the makai side of Ala moana blvd when it wasn't permitted for other entities. You are sending the wrong signals for more bad things to come. It really does not make any sense. If that was the case then it will be a free for all for anyone to do what they want because they have money. Isn't that what it boils down to in the end.

Concerned resident

har2-Samantha

From: kimchee333@hotmail.com
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 5:11 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Kakaako makai

This letter is to express my total disapproval of any residential housing to be built in kakaako makai. As a member of friends of kakaako I am happy that our past efforts succeeded in keeping this area available to the public as recreational and cultural imperative.

I am against any construction on this last precious space on any form except in compliance with the laws in place, leaving this space for the public use. Nothing private, especially not more high rise I'd low road residential.

Mahalo,

Gregory Marshall

Sent from my HTC Inspire™ 4G on AT&T

har2-Samantha

From: Dave [hawnrippa@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2012 9:48 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Kaka'ako Makia

I am against this development and believe that it should be developed for the benefit of the people and not for private residences.
aloha,

har2-Samantha

From: tammytong2004@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 2:27 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: SB 682

Honorable senators,

I am sending this message to express my opposition to SB 682. As we all know, beachfront properties are scarce throughout our islands. Before dedicating these priceless properties to a limited number of residents, we must develop a 25-, 50-, 100- year vision for our entire populace..

At the same time that beach front properties are becoming scarce, our population is also continuing to increase. We must re-think the needs of our #1 commodity: our families. Will SB 682 help us to establish the overall health of our families of our island state? We cannot afford to satisfy the minority, at the expense of the majority. Please consider who you truly represent as a leader of our Hawaii state government--the residents of Hawaii. I ask you to oppose SB 682.

Have a Miraculous Day!
Tammy Tong
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From: Michael Kirk-Kuwaye [mkirkkuwaye@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 3:32 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB 682

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES and
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

The Honorable Jerry L. Chang, Chair and Faye P. Hanohano, Chair

The Honorable Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair and Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Hawaii State House of Representatives

Date: Monday, March 12, 2012

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

Testimony in Opposition to SB 682

My name is Michael Kirk-Kuwaye and I and my family are long time users of the ocean and park areas of the south shore, in particular Kaka'ako Makai's (KM) Kewalo Basin and Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. I had participated in the early visioning community workshops for the KM/HCDA Master Plan and witnessed first-hand the broad based and strong support of preserving KM for recreational use and not for residential development.

Over the years, I've seen more people using the KM open shore and green space areas, which seems to be an increasingly important recreational outlet for Honolulu's growing population. In addition, open shore and green space is limited. As was discussed at the Master Plan workshops: Waikiki/Kapiolani Park primarily serves visitors; the Ala Wai, golfers; and Ala Moana Park, residents but is at or close to maximum capacity. I believe

that Kaka'ako Makai has become and will increasingly be THE open shore and green space for the many people of the State who live and work in urban Honolulu.

I am in opposition to SB 682 and request that Kaka'ako Makai not be used for residential purposes, which will ultimately benefit all residents. Thank you for reading my testimony.

Respectfully,

Michael Kirk-Kuwaye

har2-Samantha

From: Toby Gmail [tobinhawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 5:10 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: SB 682

This development is not a good idea for our beachfront. Please do not pass SB 682, as there is already too much development and congestion in the kakaako area. Let's keep it the way it is and preserve what we have.

Mahalo
Toby B.