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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kahlil dupuis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sustainable Living Research Bills (SB 361) and (HB111) I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). This is in line with successful building code alternatives already on the books for other counties such as Mendocino's ClassK/Type 2 rural alternative dwellings. It fits in with local methods for the building of Hawaiian-style indigenous architecture. 1. The benefits of this kind of law; * Reduced public housing shortages * Brings buildings into compliance that would not be permitted otherwise, providing revenue to the counties. * Increased local food production and consumption, * Diversification of sources of food and energy production * Meets the need for affordable housing * Allows home builders more freedom and creativity * Allows the use of local building materials * Encourages ecological practices like composting toilets, greywater systems In addition, Hawaii's need to create & support more sustainable paradigms in order to insure a healthy future is obvious...and, in fact, has been mandated by the state goal of becoming more self-reliant & sustainable by the year 2050 Please support this bill. Thank you, Kahlil dupuis

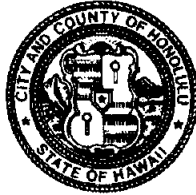
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February 6, 2013

The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Consumer
Protection and Commerce
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative McKelvey and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 111, HD 1
Relating to Sustainable Alternative Building Code

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **does not object** to House Bill No. 111, HD 1 if it **applies only to counties with a population less than 500,000**. The bill would permit the development of "sustainable living research sites" that can be granted exemptions from certain State and County regulations to stimulate research and development of sustainable living ideas, concepts, and innovations.

DPP is an advocate of long-range, sustainable planning, as evidenced by our successful Oahu General Plan and Regional Sustainable Communities Plans. However, this measure is an infringement of home rule and the County's zoning authority established by Section 46-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Moreover, we are not convinced that using a New Mexico model is appropriate for Honolulu. Our topography, economies, and settlement patterns are different. For example, Taos County, which is mentioned in the Bill, has an average population of 15 persons per square mile. In contrast, Honolulu has a density of 1,587 persons per square mile, and as you know, land available for human use is not available in vast amounts. Not only would finding suitable sites for experimental projects be challenging, but to create adequate buffers between them and existing developments may be problematic. Lastly, while we understand that the incentive of regulatory exemptions may be appealing for experimental projects, to be successful in the long run, these projects should comply with regulations at the onset.

The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Consumer
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For the above stated reasons, DPP can only support an amended bill that exempts the City and County of Honolulu from its provisions. In the alternative, please hold House Bill No. 111, HD 1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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Steve Sakala	Root and Rise, non profit	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Angus L.K. McKelvey , Vice Chair Derek S.K. Kawakami and members of the committee, I support this measure for many reasons. I represent at least 20 members in our community that also support this bill. I have listed a few reason why we support this measure. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing. · Increase employment in small business sustainable enterprises. · Help to reverse the disturbing trend of a rapidly aging population of farmers by encouraging the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers. · Provide added protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands. This is a growing concern for many residents. · Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives. · Create alliances for multi-culturism (with other pacific ethnicities) through collaboration on community-based sustainable research and development. · Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Big Mahalo, Steve Sakala Honaunau Farm

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Re: Testimony in Support of Sustainable Living Research Act (SB 361/HB111)

Aloha Chair McKelvey , Vice Chair Kawakami and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to provide testimony in strong support of the Sustainable Living Research Act (SB 361/HB111). I am an environmental attorney in private practice and I served on the City and County of Honolulu's Sustainable Building Task Force from 2010 to 2012. I have also worked with individuals and non-profits operating organic farms and looking to develop sustainable living demonstration sites.

The Sustainable Building Task Force examined the limitations of current building codes and spent a considerable amount of time discussing the need for pilot projects, such as those that would demonstrate the benefits of using local and reused building materials, composting toilets, and greywater systems. This Bill does just that by establishing a permit process to allow people to practice and develop sustainable living methods and technologies while maintaining State and county oversight.

The Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan sets forth a number of goals and strategic actions aimed at creating a sustainable future for Hawaii, including increasing local food production, the reuse and recycling of "waste" materials, and affordable housing, as well as reducing reliance on fossil fuels. Permitting ecologically sound land uses and building methods is key to advancing these goals.

In 2007, New Mexico adopted a similar State law and is now one of the world leaders in sustainable living models. If the State encourages innovation through such measures as the Sustainable Living Research Act, Hawaii, too, can be a world leader.

Thank you for voting in favor of the Sustainable Living Research Act.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Dunne, Esq.