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February 27, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Luke and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 111, HD 2
Relating to Sustainable Alternative Building Code

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **opposes** House Bill No. 111, HD 2, which would mandate a County process to permit the development of "sustainable living research sites". Exemptions from certain State and County regulations would be granted 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 Counties' zoning authority established by Section 46-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes. It details a specific review process, regardless of the differences amongst the counties' land use regulatory frameworks. We see no rationale for why the County Planning Commission should be assigned to review permits for revocation if the permit was issued by the planning department, or be the appellate body should an applicant disagree with adopted rules or conditions imposed by the planning department. In addition, we are deeply concerned that if permit conditions are not met, the only enforcement recourse is to revoke the permit. On Oahu, zoning and other violations can be addressed with civil fines, withholding driver's licenses, and at the extreme, liens on the property. We are concerned about encouraging experimental research projects through an expedited process that makes no provisions for what happens after the project is completed or abandoned.

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

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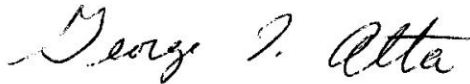
know, land available for human use is not available in vast amounts. Not only would finding suitable sites for experimental projects be challenging, but to create adequate buffers between them and existing developments may be problematic. Lastly, while we understand that the incentive of regulatory exemptions may be appealing for experimental projects, to be successful in the long run, these projects should comply with regulations at the onset.

Finally, we are perplexed by Section 3 of the Bill. It states that the County planning department may (underscoring added for emphasis) adopt rules, but must be done by October 1, 2013. Does this mean we cannot adopt any rules after October 1, 2013? Given our resources, we would be hard-pressed to meet this deadline.

DPP would not be opposed to this Bill if it only applied to counties with populations of less than 500,000 persons. In the alternative, please hold House Bill No. 111, HD 2.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



George I. Atta, FAICP, LEED AP, CEI
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Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Supporting HB 111 Relating to the Sustainable Alternative Building Code
House Committee on Finance

Scheduled for Hearing on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Room 308

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 111, which would authorize the use of certain land for research, development, and testing of sustainable agriculture, development, waste management, and resource management through planned community use.

Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) law firm created to advocate on behalf of low income individuals and families in Hawai'i on civil legal issues of statewide importance. Our core mission is to help our clients gain access to the resources, services, and fair treatment that they need to realize their opportunities for self-achievement and economic security.

In addition to our support for the environmental sustainability component, we believe that this research into sustainable communities has the potential to help address Hawai'i's affordable housing crisis. Hawai'i has the third highest rate of homelessness among the states and a severe shortage of affordable housing. This program could be integrated with a wider social justice initiative that would include individuals transitioning out of homelessness who are capable of contributing to these communities. Over the years, a number of models have been proposed to use small sustainable communities to house homeless individuals. Many individuals experiencing homelessness have work skills that could be utilized for construction, development, and research and provide valuable feedback on the experience of living in a sustainable community.

Testing affordable and sustainable structures under the alternative building code could help us develop models that can be inexpensively replicated elsewhere to increase our affordable housing supply. Researching how to create low-impact infrastructure for utilities such as electricity, water, and sewage could ultimately lower the cost of the creation of affordable housing throughout the state.

Hawai'i is facing both a shortage of affordable housing and an impending shortage of resources. The Sustainable Alternative Building Code provides an important opportunity to develop solutions that have the potential to address both of these pressing problems.

February 26, 2013

RE: HB111

For Wednesday, February 27th, 11:30 AM

Aloha House Finance Committee,

Thank you for hearing HB111, a measure to help strengthen local community and keep economic activity local. We support the ideals presented and see HB111 as a small but very real and important step towards achieving so many of the goals spoken of in general terms by our government, like the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan.

Please amend the effective date back to a reasonable period of discussion, something less than 2 years, not a century, and pass it at your meeting February 27th.

Mahalo!!

Bradley Westervelt
Treasurer HSCA
President Ka'u Hospital Foundation

The Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance was formed in late 2010 to promote, support and advocate for land-based sustainable community living in Hawai'i. Our membership has grown steadily and numbers more than 600 today.

RR 2 Box 4524 Pahoehoe, HI 96778-9756 hawaiisustainablecommunity.org



From : Graham Ellis, Board Chair, Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance

To: Finance committee

Feb. 27th at 11:30 am.

RE: HB 111

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke , Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee,

I represent a Hawaii Advocacy group with more than 600 members whose primary interest is Sustainable Living.

We support this bill for these reasons

- Hawaii Communities of the future will be very different from the ones we live in today because we face a whole new set of socioeconomic, technological, and global forces that require a new set of solutions.
- The new economics of the twenty-first century has a local base and a global focus, renews and maximizes existing businesses and materials, uses job creation to reduce unemployment and underemployment, it seeks to achieve multiple community goals through economic activity.
- Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with a number of national and international organizations, including the President's Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the National Association of Counties, and the United Nations (U.N.).
- Hawaii State Legislature adopted its Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. Since then Communities across the nation--in Washington, Oregon, Texas, Colorado, Illinois, and Tennessee--have implemented programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues.
- Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

Sincerely,

Graham Ellis, Chair, HSCA

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Sheehan	HAIKU AINA PERMACULTURE INITIATIVE	Support	No

Comments: DEAR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE WORKED ON SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS ON MAUI CULMINATING IN THE INCORPORATION OF THE HAIKU AINA PERMACULTURE INITIATIVE THAT IS DEVELOPING A 14 ACRE VALLEY ON THE NORTH SHORE OF MAUI THIS BILL IS EXACTLY THE SUPPORT WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR WORK. SO FAR WE HAVE BUILT FIVE BAMBOO BUILDINGS (WITH PERMITS), TWO OF THEM FULL SIZE HOUSE AND WE ARE REGROWING FOREST USING ADVANCED TECHNIQUES LEARNED FROM WORLD EXPERTS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS BILL WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING AND SHARING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL BE CRITICAL IN HELPING RESTORE DEGRADED LAND. THE ECOVILLAGE ELEMENTS OF THIS BILL WILL ALLOW US TO TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO WANT TO STUDY AGRO-FORESTRY, PERMACULTURE AND LOW COST BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL. IT OFFERS VISIONARIES AND ENTRENEURS WAYS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEW IDEAS.

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Support for HP111

For 38 years Kalani Oceanside Retreat (www.kalani.com) has exemplified the importance of HB111 by demonstrating how Hawai'i can thrive with sustainable living programs and facilities inspired by the collaborative native ahupua'a 'ohana practices of ancient Hawai'i, including, on the Kalani campus, preserved halau and heiau sites. Since Kalani's founding in 1975 over 200,000 unique students have participated, over 2 million nutritious organic local grown meals have been served and a \$100 million economic boost has been generated -- currently supporting 120 staff and over 200 farmers, fishermen, crafts artists and vendors. In the past 6 years Kalani's 50KW solar power system has kept over 166 tons (332,000 lbs.) of carbon emissions out of the atmosphere. Kalani is an example of how Hawai'i communities can have similar collaborative systems that are quiet and free of polluting emissions and excessive unneeded by-products. This and similar ecological social enterprises are important examples of how ecological design, construction and living practices can meet every State 2050 sustainability goal and truly help Hawai'i thrive. See www.kalani.com/HelpHawaiiThrive

Richard Koob

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Krishna Davinci	Citizens for Real Government	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: In our current irresponsible era of environmental desecration for the sake of corporate greed & power & \$... can a majority of you understand the value of nurturing Nature in order to rebalance planet Earth so that life again thrives instead of suffocates within the pollution of technological toxins & bureaucratic boondoggles? We are happiest when we are living simply & in harmony with Mother Nature. Let's start recognizing the source of our own life ~ instead of increasingly destroying Her (& therefore ourselves) in so many apparently fashionable yet ignorant ways. Fresh air, pure water, rich fertile soil, warm sunshine, peaceful silence, shimmering leaves of thick foliage in vast refreshing oxygen-generating forests, musical birds ... all used to be plentiful on our planet before you corporate governments destroyed them out of immature ignorant greed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Bronfman	The Aurora Foundation	Support	No

Comments: DEAR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, IN 2010 I ARRIVED AND BEGAN INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECTS ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI. THIS IS A WORK THAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH SUCCESSFULLY BUILDING COMMUNITIES AND BRINGING FORWARD INITIATIVES WITHIN THESE OBJECTIVES FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. I WAS ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF THIS PROPOSED BILL AND COULD NOT MORE STRONGLY URGE ITS PASSAGE. IN BECOMING LAW THIS BILL WOULD SERVE THE ISLANDS INHABITANTS AND OUR FUTURE HEALTHY PROGRESS IN SO SO SO MANY WAYS. IT WILL DIRECTLY LEAD TO JOB CREATION, GREATER FOOD SELF SUFFICIENCY, LOW COST COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS, MORE EFFICIENT WATER HARVESTING AND UTILIZATION, AND THE PROLIFERATION OF CREATIVE VENTURES THAT WILL DRAMATICALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND WELL BEING OF OUR STATE'S ISLAND COMMUNITIES. RARELY DOES AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENT ITSELF TO DO SO MUCH GOOD, AT SUCH LOW COST, THROUGH SUCH INTELLIGENT AND EFFECTIVE DESIGN. PLEASE JOYFULLY PASS THIS MEASURE INTO LAW FOR THE BENEFIT OF US ALL.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benjamin Marantz	Banyan Tree Farm	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aniko Willoughby	Laakea Community LLC	Support	No

Comments: Finance committee Feb. 27th at 11:30 am. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons This Bill will encourage farmers and local self reliance who want to find sustainable ways of life.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Irene Kral	Village Green Society Inc	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke , Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee, I am a Director of a Hawaii non profit corporation that promotes community development. I support this bill because it will: · 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. · Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii’s position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. · Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. · Help to alleviate the island’s landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. . Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. mahalo for your support Irene Kral RR2 Box 4523 Pahoia Hi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Sakala	Honaunau Farm, Root and Rise	Support	No

Comments: Steve Sakala Sustainability Consultant Owner/Operator Honaunau Farm Finance committee Feb. 27th at 11:30 am. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons This Bill will: · 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. · Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii's position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. · Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. · Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. . Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. Lets make Hawaii a global leader in sustainability! Lets take the lead NOW! Mahalo for your support of this bill, Steve Sakala

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Greenwald	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support house bill 111 because i see a need for more alternative building options in Hawaii to choose from... i am concerned that the current building code system is not designed for a life that is more sustainable, but rather the current building code system i think is quite unsustainable long term because it wastes resources and uses expensive commercial building materials that are not needed by some people, who are interested in a more simple and sustainable natural lifestyle....we do not all need to spend lots of money shipping in foreign materials to build, when we have in nature, right here in Hawaii, many quality natural building materials we need... one size fits all commercial building code simply is not fair and free to those who think and feel differently about how to live more sustainable with the earth, and build our own house to harmonize more with the natural environment...we need more choices, so that we can feel good about ourselves living more sustainable and more non polluting with nature... some of us like the option to choose local natural sustainable building materials close at hand, and for little or no expense, so that we are not paying for years and/or the rest of our life for our house.... we like building more natural also because it allows us to be more creative and individual in our design, rather than conventional building which has few options or choices, and often costs more that many can afford.... approving this bill will also be good for hawaii economy, because many tourists come here to learn and study sustainable natural living permaculture ideas... also these small local sustainable farms produce high quality food that is sold at local farmer's markets so that less food needs to be imported from outside the state...in times of disaster this could be life saving.... this bill will also increase the number of small family farmers living here, which is good for economy and environment... small sustainable farms are good for teaching about our relationship with earth and various natural health solutions that are not being addressed enough elsewhere in society....sustainable farms can be a good example to share in this age of consumerism... this bill will also be good for recycling materials that might otherwise go to landfills, and help educate people about the need for less waste in society, while at the same time these farms could be good examples of how to live in times of disaster or environmental emergencies.... please give us more of choice in building house options, and if government is worried about liability in case of injury on these sustainable building homesteads or farms, put a clause in the bill that allows alternative home owners the right to build alternative structures, provided they put a NOTICE sign at their land entrance that says, "NOTICE, this land and farm are exploring and implementing alternative sustainable natural buliding techniques and materials, and therefore are not subject to, or covered by conventional building code laws"....something like that, and then government code officials need only investigate these sustainable living farms if some neighbor complains of some flesh and blood injury or problem....mahalo and aloha, Wiliam Greenwald, land owner on the big island...

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Soul Dancer
General Delivery
Pahao, HI, 96778

Finance committee
Feb. 27th at 11:30 am.

RE: HB 111

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee,

I support this bill. This Bill will:

- 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.
- Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii's position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living.
- Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society.
- Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency.

Mahalo nui loa for your support this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Soul Dancer", written over a horizontal line.

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Councilmember Don Couch	Individual	Support	No

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Barb Cuttance	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB111, I strongly support this bill. Mahalo Barb Cuttance 14/266 Papaya Farms Road, Pahoia, HI 96778.

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Isla Kral	Individual	Support	No

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Suzanne Wakelin	Individual	Support	No

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gene weaver	Individual	Support	No

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Dick Tran	Individual	Support	No

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donald tran	Individual	Support	No

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gary popkin	Individual	Support	No

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Gysie Lewis	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Lincoln-Rowson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support HB111 for the following reasons - This Bill will: Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing. Increase employment in small businesses 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 opportunities for multi-cultural alliances through collaboration on community-based sustainable research and development. Promote the creation of forward-minded "think tanks" focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii's position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. Educate consumers regarding current practices to promote a healthy society and support the wellness of all living beings. Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. _____ Mahalo for your support of this bill, Rebecca Lincoln-Rowson

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Jamie Schwartz	Individual	Support	No

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John connors	Individual	Support	No

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lieu nguyen	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iolani Deva	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Re:HB111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nisimoto and members of the committee I support this bill for these reasons: * It will be a step in the direction that is much needed now that will help to balance our planet and ourselves * It will help to support our local farmers, economy, and food security * It will help alleviate the IIsand's landfill issues by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dagmar Radashkevich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This will create a more viable healthy future for Hawaii It will create jobs It will revitalize old farm lands It will help the earth and is a model for others and the future

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenna Way	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. It is important to numerous people around the state and especially in the Puna District where I live. Jenna Way Paho, HI

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Anita Mitchell
Mountain View, Hawaii

Finance committee

Feb. 27th at 11:30 am.

RE: HB 111

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee,

I support this bill for these reasons

- * Hawaii is in the perfect location to show the world many facets of sustainable living situations and products. This will encourage a new type of "Green sustainable" tourism that has been ignored. We must allow the visionaries building these communities the freedom to create outside the box of the usual UCC building codes.**

- ⑩ We can help Hawaii's people from every economic status by teaching skills that encourage independent living, while we create new jobs and become less dependent on imported goods.**

- * Hawaii's native culture has always respected the Aina in a way that has almost been forgotten in our modern world. We must share this love and respect of the planet with others in a way that will carry on the spirit of Aloha while fulfilling our 2050 sustainability plan.**

Mahalo for your support of this bill,

Anita Mitchell

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scotty Nishimoto, Members of the Committee

RE HB 111

It is important that this bill pass, to reduce homelessness, indebtedness because of high cost of building a Home.

Sustainable architecture was here before civilized Society as we call it, We have to ask who is really civilized now?

If we do not begin to live sustainably, we will be forced into it as the burden of material and energy usage exceeds the demand, We already cannot afford it, as our National debt is nearly ready to collapse our Economy along with life as we know it.

We as a society must resume a sustainable lifestyle as it was years ago, with using our new technology to our best use for a quality of life.

We have built our own home and grew our food for centuries, We need to make this change while we still have the resources for Technology to improve upon it?

Mahalo, For your support of Passage of HB 111

Joe Bigard, Ocean View, Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaitlin Backlund	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: House Committee on Finance RE: HB 111 Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee: Thank you for scheduling a hearing for HB111. I urge your support of this bill because it will:

- Elevate Hawaii's position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living.
- Increase employment in small business sustainable enterprises.
- Increase "affordable" and sustainable green housing.
- 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.

Thank you for your consideration, Kaitlin Backlund

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Raye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because it will: · 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. · Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii’s position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. · Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. · Help to alleviate the island’s landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. · Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency.

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Lee mertins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pass this bill

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Lisa Kirbin	Individual	Support	No

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Louise Butler	Individual	Support	No

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melissa mina	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amara Karuna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: From Amara Karuna Finance committee Feb. 27th at 11:30 am. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons This Bill will: · 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. Thank you, Amara Karuna

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francis spalluto	H.a.p.i.	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill as our island and our world at large are in need of innovative solutions to food production, energy self sufficiency, environmental healing. We are creating a permaculture and sustainability center at haiku aina permaculture initiative, on the north shore to model methods and technologies that will support healthy living in a sustainable manner. Being able to develop these models with more flexible building codes is a great benefit in our ability to house interns and guests so they can immerse themselves in our environment and take their knowledge into their communities.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support sustainable living communities and diversified agriculture. Please pass this bill. Kerri Marks Hawaii Island

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bernadette Sabath	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because it: · Reduces dependency on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives · Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. . Because it is the right thing to do, and is the Future! thank you for taking the time to read this.

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Lauren	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Bill HB111 , these are some of the many reasons: It will increase affordable housing and it will create sustainable economic opportunities and jobs for many people.

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Moses Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill as a way to help this island be a more ecological place, and to help the people who need affordable ways to live. Moses Walker

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●Testimony for HB 111

By: Paul Raineri, Hawaii Resident

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2013

TIME: 2:30 pm

PLACE: Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE BUILDING CODE.

Enacts the Sustainable Living Research Act, which allows, subject to regulation by the county planning department, the use of certain land for research, development, and testing of promising, innovative practices, designs and technologies for community development, natural resource conservation, soil improvement, food and timber production, water and energy production, conservation and harvesting, material-conserving construction, and on-site waste management.

●Testimony

Having worked as a manager of a 44-acre organic farm on the Big Island, and having lived for 4-1/2 years in the remote area of Lower Puna, I have seen the need for the kind of research and development of sustainable technologies and practices that can come from the passage of bill HB 111.

I have also seen wise and progressive individuals and groups on the Big Island already taking initiative in this area of research and development of sustainable technologies and practices with good success, and hope that their efforts are fully supported by the state and local government offices of Hawaii, and by law in general.

I am currently in the Philippines working with local NGO's and LGU's (Local Government Units – as they are called here) to achieve this same kind of work in this country.

I feel that Hawaii has a great opportunity to become a leader in sustainable technologies and practices that can be used as models for developing countries around the world. This is extremely important as emerging economies like the Philippines and others begin to boom, that they do so in a sustainable way, and that they have great role models, like Hawaii and other States in the U.S., to guide them.

I have seen first hand that the LGUs here in the Philippines do indeed look to the U.S. for guidance and admire what is done there. I hope that the work that comes from the passage of bill HB 111 will not only achieve great things for the state of Hawaii, but also for the world that needs this kind of sustainability work.

Thank you for considering the passage of bill HB 111, and its continued support after passage.

Paul Raineri

Hawaii Resident

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Pua Kamaoa	Individual	Support	No

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RE: HB111

Position: Support

**Aloha Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair, Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair, and committee members**

My name is Robert Petricci

I own a sustainable off grid 10 acre organic farm

I support anything that will help people in Hawaii find ways to improve sustainable and environmentally appropriate living in Hawaii. Those goals are both admirable and necessary. Those goals are obstructed by current zoning regulations, building codes, and infrastructure requirements that inhibit innovation and drive the cost of home ownership out of reach for far too many of our working families. Using guidelines and codes from places like Chicago or other non island environments has led to not only less sustainability, and environmentally responsible development but economically it has but a burden on the vast majority of the working people in the state of

Hawaii. When the majority of family income of working people in this state is needed to service mortgage debts that last 30 years or more, it puts a hardship on our people and our way of life.

That money is sucked out of our economy by what are many times mainland corporate financial institutions. Reducing the cost of homes in Hawaii would keep those savings here. Historically the cost of owning a home has not required the majority of a families income. That is an occurrence that developed over the last hundred years as regulations imposed on homeowners became more and more burdensome and costly. Other states are beginning to recognize this as we see with New Mexico's approval of sustainable building legislation and Colorado's move in that direction. Sustainable projects within our county as proposed in HB111 would not only provide research and experience with new low impact ways of living, it will also provide a positive path to real affordable housing in our rural and agricultural areas. While sustainability, Green, and environmentally friendly are nice buzz words, the reality is in practice the current codes and land use laws prevent implementation of these practices in many ways while greatly adding to the cost of building homes in Hawaii.

Small farms like mine need help, we are the key to food security and HB111, will help as well as the rest of the state

Please support HB111

Robert Petricci

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robert silber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill supports our communities, our economy and our environment. Please pass this bill into law so we can have the freedom to live in ways that are in tune with the earth and traditional wisdom.

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Roy Lozano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: People deserve the right to build homes from other than commercial products. My main want with this bill is that all property taxes are enforced. Right now a lot of people are making money from not paying their share of property taxes on commercial endeavors. I also want ag laws adhered to. I presently have a neighbor on ag land running a commercial bike tour company and think these type of businesses should be kept in business zoned regions.

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Dena Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dena Smith Givens Finance committee Feb. 27th at 11:30 am. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke , Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee, I ask you to support this bill because it will · 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. · Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii’s position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. · Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. · Help to alleviate the island’s landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. . Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. sincerely, Dena Smith Givens

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frederic kotowitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Finance Comm. Feb 26th at 9 am RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair ScottY. Nishimoto and members of the committee I support this bill for these reasons: · Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing. · Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives. · Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. Mahalo for your support of this bill ! Frederic Kotowitz

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Senate Finance Committee
Sylvia Luke, Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the committee,

Re: In Support of HB 111

Aloha,

I am a retired businessman and 29 year resident of the Big Island. I live in Lower Puna, a rural economically challenged community that is blessed with abundant land, sunshine, rain and people willing to grow food and demonstrate that it is possible to be less dependent upon imported food.

Because of the lack of economic opportunity many people are living in unpermitted non-conforming structures. Many of these are sturdy and safe but are not up to California building codes. In my opinion these building standards are not exactly applicable to our mild tropical climate. For economically challenged farmers such expensive overbuilt structures tip over the economic scale to be able to produce food.

Ironically when Capt. Cook 'discovered' the Big Island there were an estimated 1 million people here all living self-sufficiently. Now with less than 20% of that number living here, we import 90% of our food. I believe it time to support our famers and reverse this trend.

Mahalo for your considertion,



Lorn Douglas

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

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Tia Kent	Individual	Support	No

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tj simms	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill for these reasons elp 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.

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Willow Aureala	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill for the following reasons; it will: 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. · Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii's position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. · Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. · Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. · Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency.

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Yasha Gisela Bamberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Finance committee Feb. 27th at 11:30 am. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons: * Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing. * Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives. * Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Mahalo for your support of this bill, Yasha Gisela Bamberg and Peter Zachara

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D. Corcoran	Individual	Support	No

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Alasandra Star	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support this bill to support sustainable living situations.

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Deborah Sevy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and members of the committee, I am in favor of Bill HB 111 because it will have many positive effects for our islands. This Bill will: ·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. ·Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii's position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. ·Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. ·Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. ·Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. Mahalo for your support of this Bill! Deborah Sevy

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Dea Rackley	Individual	Support	No

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Barb Cuttance	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Hawaii offers many possible options for sustainable building however the law currently does not allow many of these materials to be used. The cost of bringing building materials to Hawaii can be prohibitive both financially and with the needless use of the worlds precious resources. Using materials that are sustainably available here in Hawaii is the common sense thing to do. Please pass this bill. Thank you Barb Cuttance 14/266 Papaya Farms Road, Pahoa, Hawaii 96778.

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Bernie Riechelmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Finance committee Feb. 27th at 11:30 am. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons This Bill will: Create alliances for multi-culturism (with other pacific ethnicities) through collaboration on community-based sustainable research and development. · Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii's position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. · Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. · Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. · Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. thank you, Bernie R

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Biko Rob Long	Individual	Support	No

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Brandon Sickbert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Finance committee Feb. 27th at 11:30 am. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons This Bill will help small farms and communities to experiment with sustainable practices. · Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development, as well as elevating Hawaii's position as a pioneer and leader in sustainable living. · Educate consumers regarding current practices in the measure of wellbeing and a healthy society. · Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. . Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. thanks, Brandon Sickbert

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Britta Melom	Individual	Support	No

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Derek Silva	Individual	Support	No

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Dona Willoughby	Individual	Support	No

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Heron Brae	Individual	Support	No

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Lauren Asprooth	Individual	Support	No

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Randy Friesen	Individual	Support	No

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Richard Bidleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pua has so few country roads. As a consequence, Puna is not receiving its share of the revenue from gasoline purchases. We have private roads that need to be maintained for public safety reasons.

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Richard Denholm	Individual	Support	No

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Ruben Guetschow	Individual	Support	No

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Tracy Matfin	Individual	Support	No

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Doug Orton	Individual	Support	No

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Carey Lillis Tinsley	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha!

I am writing to say that i strongly support the Sustainable Living Research Bills (SB361) & (HB111). Hawaii needs initiatives like these to allow people to live in harmony with the land & environment, legally.

**Mahalo for caring!
Sincerely, Carey**

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Beverly Frederick	Individual	Support	No

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- 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.
- Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing.
- Increase employment in small business sustainable enterprises.

thank you, beverly Frederick

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Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No

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Bryce A. Clyne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill for the following reasons: This bill will: * Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing. * Reduce dependence on imports of food & energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives. * Help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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Pamela Palencia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB111. It will provide alternative energy, and build affordable housing

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Scott Middlekauff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill offers flexibility, autonomy, it's affordable for the county and individuals, it's ecologically progressive, and it's popular. This issue won't go away until something is done. I believe it is the right thing to do.

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