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

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in support of HB111. I believe this bill will become an essential piece of our Hawaii's movement toward sustainability. This bill would allow for a community to operate under legal status. As Hawaii make food security a growing priority we will need legislation such as this to address building the communities to work these farms. I hope you will support the peoples desire for more connection to the land.

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Mojo Mustapha	Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance	Support	No

Comments: I am a board member of the HSCA and the founder of a local sustainable community here in Hawaii. Our community pays taxes on our eco-tourism income. According to the Hawaii 2050 plan we doing the right thing by offering new innovative forms of low impact community and agriculture based eco-tourism. Yet rather than receive awards, rewards, incentives or recognition, we are instead having to go through an intensely expensive and bureaucratic process to apply for a Special Use Permit and building permits without which we would be forced to close or be fined out of existence. The requirements and regulations under existing law are financially crippling to our small community and are the opposite of the intentions of the Hawaii 2050 plan. As well, despite the benefits to the local environment and community, existing law does not allow for using recycled or renewable building materials like bamboo or strawberry guava though they are perfectly suitable in our climate. Our social enterprise community literally has to fight for the right to be an eco-friendly tax payer! Instead our tax dollars are used to force us to comply with regulations designed for the mainland not Hawaii and despite the cost to the environment. Please support this bill. It will allow at least some future development in Hawaii to be much more in accordance with nature than the existing building codes are.

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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.

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.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Clive Cheetham

Chair- Koa'e Community Association

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Graham Ellis		Support	No

Comments: I hope that members of our HSCA board can meet with you sometime soon on the Big Island. mahalo

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Dear Chairperson Evans,

My testimony asking for your support of this Sustainable Living Research Bill (HB1111) is written on behalf of the Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance. We are a Hawaii non profit with over 520 members and have been in existence for less than three years. Our mission is to promote legislative solutions to alleviate the legal obstacles that presently exist to the research and development of sustainable living practises in Hawaii.

This problem exists in most other States and steps have been taken and are being taken to adopt similar laws elsewhere across the USA. The State of New Mexico passed it's Sustainable Development Testing Site act in 2008 and this is the model upon which our Bill is based.

We are proposing the establishment of designated sites around the County of Hawai'i that will facilitate unencumbered testing of autonomous and sustainable living systems including but not limited to energy, water, food, sewage, heating and cooling, bio-fuels and building with recycled and renewable materials.

In the coming years, as resource scarcity and population increase continue, these research sites will bring about the emergence of new methods of living that will profoundly affect the quality of life for all members of both the public and private sector.

Currently, no other venue exists that encourages this level of research. Instead, by virtue of the existing paradigm sustainable development is often inhibited.

Sustainable Living Research Sites will cause new systems and inventions to occur at a more rapid rate, thus contending with the rate of resource depletion and population increase. These sites will provide a working template not only for the State of Hawaii but also for the US. The passage of this bill will add to Hawai'i's long history as a pioneer in the area of long-range planning. In the words of State Auditor Marion Higa "The visionary Hawai'i State 2050 Sustainability Plan and its related functional plans were among the first planning documents in the nation that provided integrated, far-reaching policies for the economic, social and environmental future of an entire state." The bill we are proposing will complement this effort.

The purpose of this bill is to allow and encourage privately or publically funded sustainable projects to research new low impact ways of living. This bill will create a "doorway" through the current limitations of traditional codes to support the development of more sustainable methods of living, allowing greater implementation of County and State sustainable living policies.

The potential benefits for the State of Hawai'i, rural and urban areas, and Hawai'i people in general are numerous, including:

- a) Reduced dependence on fossil fuels and the co-generation of renewable energies.
- b) Income generation and the creation of new green jobs.
- c) Stimulation of small family farming and gardening.
- d) Promotion of innovation, entrepreneurship, green industry, and small and micro business.
- e) Strengthened local economies through the attraction of new green businesses and eco-tourism.
- f) Bolstered economic stability and standards of living for residents of host communities and surrounding areas.
- g) Increased tax revenues for the State of Hawai'i.
- h) Decreased dependence on products and services produced outside of the State of Hawai'i. Localization rather than globalization.
- i) Barter and energy-exchange systems.
- j) Conservation of vital natural resources for the benefit of Hawai'i peoples, especially future generations.
- k) Revitalization of natural systems with earth-friendly appropriate technologies.
- l) Greater food self-sufficiency of all Hawai'i people.
- m) Land use that restores health and vitality through small family farming and gardening techniques that efficiently produce high quality, local, organic produce and products.
- n) Resurgence of family values and neighborly cooperation. Celebrations and festivals.
- o) Preservation of permanently affordable housing.
- p) Comparative analysis of healthy, non-polluting housing designs which use only eco-friendly building materials.
- q) Reduced wastes and strategies for achieving zero waste.
- r) Innovative systems for the education of children and the life-long learning of adults.

s) Improved health and well-being of both individuals and communities through education, preventive practice and integrated health centers.

t) Alternative models for collective decision-making and self-governance.

u) Strategic planning methods critical to evolving infinite sustainability including: shared vision, collaborative partnerships, issue analysis, action plans, implementation and monitoring, and evaluation.

v) Leadership in the development of new, cutting-edge sustainable growth strategies.

In the last eighteen months the Hawaii County Council has unanimously passed two Resolutions presented by our Organization and has thereby shown its full support for our initiatives. The Sustainable Habitat Building Res # 167-11 instructs our Dept of Public Works to establish an alternative Building code. The Sustainable Living Research Site Res # 302-12 urges our Hawaii State Legislature to support the passage of this Bill.

We trust that you will honor the wishes of your Big Island constituents and their County representatives and will add your full support also.

Mahalo,

Graham Ellis
Board Chair, Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance.

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Benjamin Marantz	Banyan Tree Farm	Support	No

Comments: This bill would provide a way for people to come into compliance, and be able to learn about new ways of living that are ecological. They could work on how to: conserve and harvest fresh water; conserve and improve topsoil without expensive or toxic inputs; increase local food quality and security using organic methods and local materials; increase biodiversity and protect wildlife; provide onsite waste treatment and recycling with minimal or zero air and surface or ground water pollution, and many other techniques.

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Julie Chen	Buddha Wisdom Garden	Support	No

Comments: We wholeheartedly support this Bill. Thank you for your consideration!

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~ BUDDHA WISDOM GARDEN ~

January 24, 2013

Re: Sustainable Living Research Bills (SB 361) and (HB111)

To Whom It May Concern,

I and my community wholeheartedly support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111).

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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.

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.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Julie Chen

Buddha Wisdom Garden

Testimony in Support of SB 361 and HB111, SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH BILLS

As a teacher and designer of Permaculture systems, a holistic and sustainable design methodology based on the principles of ecological balance and local self-reliance, I lived and worked with communities in Hawaii for a year in 2010.

Currently working in Cambodia, I give hands-on courses in Permaculture Design and facilitate volunteer “service-learning” projects at our Permaculture Demonstration Centers, which are essentially *Sustainable Living Research Centers* complete with off-grid biogas energy systems, ecological sanitation, aquaculture, and agro-forestry. Many of our best projects utilizing renewable building materials would fall outside of standard US building and infrastructure codes, which I know because I specialized in building codes and sustainability in my research at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

At our sustainability centers in rural Cambodia, we host “eco-tourists” from all over the world. This is a growing sector of the tourism economy, attracting travelers who support the conservation of natural habitats and the traditional culture of Cambodia.

The ecotourists I work with come specifically to learn about the innovative strategies we demonstrate including sustainable agriculture, alternative energy, and other ways we can meet our human needs while effectively supporting the future existence of nature and tradition--both of which are the strongest natural assets of Hawaii.

The passage of this bill will make it possible to develop Sustainable Living Research Centers, which we have discovered are *increasingly popular attractions* given the current state of our planet and growing demand for ecological solutions.

Sustainability research, demonstration, learning centers and programs bring *many benefits* to the local communities, including:

1. *International expertise in design and implementation of sustainable systems*
2. *Income from volunteer and participant fees provide a much-needed boost for rural economies*
3. *Environmentally-minded travelers supporting eco-tourism businesses, whose income helps preserve precious remaining forests and natural assets.*

Having lived and worked in Hawaii, I feel it is an ideal place for inter-cultural collaboration and convergence of many skilled individuals on the leading edge of the global movement to shape a sustainable and abundant future for all. Hawaii is fertile ground for the development of innovative sustainable design and strategies and the passage of this bill would be an empowering positive step in this direction.

I voice strong support of this legislation on behalf of myself, my colleagues in the sustainability movement, the vanishing flora and fauna of the Earth, and the future generations who will thank you for making the choice to pass this bill.

With Respect & Gratitude,
Samantha Grace Dowd

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James Patrick Tierney	Individual	Support	No
Nathan Endsley	Individual	Support	No
Amara Karuna	La'akea Permaculture Education Programs	Support	No
Janet Murray	Individual	Support	No
Drew Wilkinson	Individual	Support	No

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James Patrick Tierney	Individual	Support	No

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Isla Ellis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please give your support to this important Bill. We need to be far more proactive in encouraging and promoting sustainable living with actions not just words.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

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Dagmar Radashkevich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support hb111 because it improves the self-sufficiency of the island and the goal for 2050

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Leslie Wingate	Individual	Support	No

Comments: NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING: There are growing numbers of people on the County affordable housing list. This proposal will help people to help themselves to provide their own, adaptable and affordable housing. We don't want to add any more people to the housing subsidy programs. These regulations will facilitate the availability of affordable, owner-built homes which is essential to the continued health and welfare of the residents and rural communities Need to learn to live in harmony with the earth, or we will die Thousands of Big Island residences have been constructed without Hawai'i County building permits particularly in rural areas. The cost of house & outbuilding construction in accordance with current Building Code is out of the financial reach of many residents, especially during these dire economic times. This would provide a way for people to come into compliance, and be able to learn about new ways of living that are ecological. They could work on how to: conserve and harvest fresh water; conserve and improve topsoil without expensive or toxic inputs; increase local food quality and security using organic methods and local materials; increase biodiversity and protect wildlife; provide onsite waste treatment and recycling with minimal or zero air and surface or ground water pollution, and many other techniques. 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. 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. Please support this bill.

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Louise Sausen	Individual	Support	No

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Phyllis Hanson	Individual	Support	No

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D. Corcoran	Individual	Support	No

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Elaine D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HB111 Please state clearly that the references to development of renewable fuel does not include a back door for geothermal. First, it should be noted, this is not New Mexico nor is it Colorado. Hawaii is finite in every respect and what this legislature should be focusing on is population control as provided in Hawaii 's constitution, not a way to allow more residents. This legislature has failed to resolve the traffic impacts which could have been accomplished by a resurrection of the quota that was in effect during Ariyoshi 's time. This proposal looks ripe for abuse. It's gaping with holes for exploiters to walk through. It is too broad and in case no one has noticed, the Planning Commissions and County Councils cannot handle the proposals before them now. I request to put this on hold. Hawaii is not prepared to take on an influx of new project entrepreneurs to test their ideas on these ahupua 'a lands. The state is not even taking care of the aboriginal peoples of these lands. It is arrogant and a dereliction to bring on pipe dreams when most of the Native Hawaiians are living on the beach and in cars. You take care of them first. Because so far, this state has failed in that duty.

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Sylvia Maya Dolena	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Seven years ago, I bought a small farm in the Pahoa area. As a naive transplant from Maui, I purchased the land with a few buildings including a 40 by 28 greenhouse. As it turned out the greenhouse was not permitted. And even though it was a standard greenhouse Kit sold by a local company, the County of Hawaii, made me tear it down. I have the pieces-sitting in the area where it was deconstructed--not having the original plans to gain a permit. Is this how farmers are expected to grow food and sustain an income? I need farm help but have no housing for the farmers to live in--thus my land is somewhat idle and very little income. Governor Abercrombie signed bills last year to allow farmers some accommodations and this is a very good trend. Let's continue the momentum. Thank you for your support. I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). Please support this bill. Thank you, Sylvia Maya Dolena Struggling Farmer

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Dona Willoughby	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Decision makers, I appreciate your time in considering sustainable living sites. I am a 62 year old retired veteran of the US Navy. After serving 21 years keeping people healthy I am not devoted to keeping our environment healthy. I currently live in a sustainable community in Puna where we grow 80- 90% of our food. (12-30 people). Get water from the rain and energy from the sun. Our children and plants are thriving and healthy. Although much of how we live is not legal, we teach permaculture and natural farming to 1000 + people from all over the world. Please support SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). Mahalo, and Namaste, Dona

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hazen komraus	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an alternative builder with a large amount of experience in Puna on the Big Island I have my "Ear to the ground" when it comes to the ways and means of our districts' building needs. We area poor community, a progressive agricultural community, and a highly coherent community when it comes to a desire for affordable, livable, and ecologically sound building in Hawaii. We are a demographic that is HEAVILY invested in cachement, solar, photovoltaics, up-cycling, repurposed materials, and recycled materials. A lot of this is because we don't have a choice! Because of the poor infrastructure and the threat of lava flow most are forced to live to at least some extent off-grid and out of code. The lava flows have kept land prices low compared to most of the state and that has led to large influxes of lower income residents. But all this necessity has led to innovation and a sense of pride in our accomplishments. In many ways we are an example to the rest of the state and a model for cheap, practical solutions to our growing needs and desires to be less reliant on the mainland and more pono with the aina. We as a community strive to be a healthy part of the environment. Please consider this bill and support it, it allows a way forward with little investment and much to gain both individually for some of our more impoverished citizens, and collectively as a citizenry. Thank-you for your time. Hazen Komraus

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Choon James	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Aloha! It's important to vigorously discuss the concepts of sustainable living in the sense that societies should not focus only on cash economy but provide diversified options for its people. It's especially urgent for our island home to talk about true sustainability before we are all cemented over and controlled by international investors. We are the most remote islands from a major land mass in this whole world! We have limited resources and limited land mass. It's important that our government do not become the bully of private property rights or abuser of our finite resources. Private property rights is an integral part of free enterprise and public lands must remain in public hands. The rhetorical idea of concentrating certain population along the rail corridors is "segregation deva ju". Some say it's equality. How could it be equality when it's a concentrated effort to steer the affordable category to live along the noisy and grimy rail track?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abzMGHe3Pc0> I enclose two articles for your consideration.
<http://www.civilbeat.com/voices/2012/11/03/17545-rails-transit-oriented-development-an-assault-on-private-property/> <http://hawaiiindependent.net/story/honolulu-rail-transit-oriented-development-tod-is-an-assault-on-private-pr> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abzMGHe3Pc0> Please discuss and promote planning that support basic democratic values in our society. We must work within these fundamental cornerstones of our democracy and never undermine or circumvent them, lest we become like China. Mahalo! Choon James Kahuku, Hawaii, 96731 ChoonJamesHawaii@gmail.com

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Thousands of Big Island residences have been constructed without Hawai'i County building permits particularly in rural areas. The cost of house outbuilding construction in accordance with current Building Code is out of the financial reach of many residents, especially during these dire economic times.

This would provide a way for people to come into compliance, and be able to learn about new ways of living that are ecological.

They could work on how to:

- conserve and harvest fresh water;
- conserve and improve topsoil without expensive or toxic inputs;
- increase local food quality and security using organic methods and local materials;
- increase biodiversity and protect wildlife;
- provide onsite waste treatment and recycling with minimal or zero air and surface or ground water pollution, and many other techniques.

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.

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.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Ted Banta

A little more info for you:

The County of Hawaii Sustainable Habitat Building Code Resolution #167-11 and the Sustainable Living Research Site Resolution #302-12 were passed previously.

There is support found in many existing initiatives, like the Hawaii 2050 plan. This is in alignment with what the State says it wants.

The benefits of this kind of law;include:

- Reduced public housing shortages
- Natural and organic farming,
- 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

Medical research, energy research, agricultural research etc. are permitted for commercial purposes therefore we need to have sustainable living research permitted for community building purposes.

Hawaii's need to create & support more sustainable paradigms in order to insure a healthy future is obvious...and has been mandated by the state goal of becoming more self-reliant & sustainable by the year 2050.

There are many citizens and organizations of Hawaii willing and able to develop, test, and implement a wide range of innovative methods that increase the productivity, health, and sustainability of Hawaii's economy, ecosystems, people, and culture.

Truly sustainable living frequently involves new and innovative methods, technologies, and holistic systems that:

- conserve, harvest, and produce energy;
- conserve and harvest fresh water;
- conserve and improve topsoil without expensive or toxic inputs;
- increase local food quality and security using organic methods and local materials;
- provide onsite waste treatment and recycling with minimal or zero air and surface or ground water pollution;
- increase the supply of affordable housing by using on-site timber and re-using/recycling discarded/"waste" lumber, windows, plumbing supplies, and other manufactured goods;
- reduce the need for and use of imports from distant places while increasing the use and employment of local materials, labor, skills, and products;
- enrich neighborhood educational, vocational, and cultural opportunities for all ages while enhancing their experience of place and community; reduce the need for expensive public infrastructure and services; stimulate private investments in sustainable development.

These methods for sustainable living frequently require activities and structures that are not permitted on lands designated "agricultural" under state laws.

NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING: There are growing numbers of people on the County affordable housing list. This proposal will help people to help themselves to provide their own, adaptable and affordable housing. We don't want to add any more people to the housing subsidy programs. These regulations will facilitate the availability of affordable, owner-built homes which is essential to the continued health and welfare of the residents and rural communities

RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES: We believe that 'one size does not fit all' with building codes and the diversity of population in this County would be better served with a range of alternatives to existing regulations.

THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION in accordance with current Building Code is out of the financial reach of many residents, especially during these dire economic times.

PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES: We advocate moving towards "educating" and "supporting" the use of ecological methods. The job of civil servants (State and County) is to provide info/educational/support resources to people who want to learn how to shelter themselves safely in any variety of ways (in contrast to enforcing one specific set of rules/codes).

BUILD COMMUNITY: Benefits for those who need these alternatives will be large and more than just economic (like providing self esteem/"I can do it," and community-building through work parties, sharing neighborhood/local skills, enabling more community living, etc.).

MORE ECOLOGICAL TO USE LOCAL MATERIALS: In rural areas of Hawaii Island there are many locally available, underutilized, renewable building materials, such as bamboo, tropical hardwoods, and other tropical wood species. The use of locally-available and minimally processed building materials can reduce overall construction costs and result in a smaller ecological footprint..

WE DON'T NEED TO BUILD LIKE THE MAINLAND: Hawaii Island is blessed with a mild climate that can obviate the need for insulation, artificial heating and cooling, and associated construction materials.

ENCOURAGE RURAL SELF SUFFICIENCY: Establishment and occupation of owner-built sustainable habitat on agricultural land increases food production on that land, contributing to island-wide food sufficiency goals.

OTHERS HAVE DONE THIS: Sustainable Development Testing Site Acts have been adopted by New Mexico and Colorado while Alternative "limited density rural dwelling" building ordinances have been adopted in many other jurisdictions in the United States over the last three decades.

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April Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Henrik Bothe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is time to change the rules and make rules that work for reality. Please support this measure.

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Shannon Taylor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The big island depends on agriculture to provide jobs and economic viability. It is terrible that we import 80% of our produce. We need to get back to being self sustainable here like Hawaii once was and making it easier for small farmers to produce their crops without needless red tape will go a long way to help that happen. We need to cut out the red tape and expensive regulations to streamline innovative methods that should be put into practice without the hurdles which prevent them. I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). And I hope for the good of our community that you will too.

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Richard Koob	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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. Sense 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. 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

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Gail Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Sustainable Living Research Act, which allows 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. This is very important to the Big Island. In particular the clause "subject to regulation by the county planning department" is crucial.

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India Clark	Individual	Support	No

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Lorraine Kohn	Individual	Support	No

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Yasha G. Bamberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Sir/ Madam, 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. The cost of house & outbuilding construction in accordance with current Building Code is out of the financial reach of many residents, especially during these dire economic times. Therefore please support this bill. Thank you, yasha gisela bamberg

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Margaret Zerbe	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony for HB 111

By: Paul Raineri, Hawaii Resident

DATE:Friday, January 25, 2013TIME:8:30amPLACE: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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dena Smith Givens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Note: I tried several times to upload my testimony as a Word document but kept getting error "404 Web page not found." I'm going to attempt to cut and paste into this field: Testimony for HB111 January 23, 2013 Dena Smith Givens veganmom@gmail.com Aloha! I am writing today to express my support of HB111, the "Sustainable Living Research Bill." As a single mother of six children (four of which are still living at home with me), life is both a great joy and an occasional challenge. One of the daunting tasks that I face is properly providing a home for my family with the resources that I currently have. I am incredibly fortunate and grateful to have made a home within an artistic ecovillage, located in lower Puna on the Big Island of Hawaii. I live in a quaint cottage, which is nestled amid several other such modest living structures. There are currently a total of about 20 adults and 10 children living together on our land. My children walk to school every day (which is located onsite) and safely play within the boundaries of our land, knowing that there is always someone there for them nearby. Our ecovillage is based on a desire to live interdependently, rather than independently. It's about caring and sharing, giving and receiving, thriving not just surviving. This revolutionary community structure provides me with invaluable support that I could never duplicate in a traditional neighborhood setting. The problem is that our homes are threatened because what we have created here is so innovative and advanced that our current archaic laws have not caught up with us. This is where we need YOUR help! Please know that we are not alone. There are dozens of such intentional communities sprinkled throughout Hawaii. Most are too fearful of condemnation and retaliation to advocate for themselves. In these times of ecological and political distress and uncertainty, we have a strong need for sustainability pioneers. We are stepping forward into that role. We need support from our local and state government so that we can continue to experiment and innovate vital community building dynamics in order to provide valuable solutions for our future...a sustainable future. Mahalo nui for your consideration & support of HB111. And a bit more food for thought... "Would I a house for happiness erect, Nature alone should be my architect, She'd build it more convenient than great, And doubtless in the country choose her seat." - Horace, 20 B.C. "I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait till oil and coal run out before we tackle that." - Thomas Edison "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." - From The Great Law of The Iroquois Confederacy

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Dana G. Moss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is just what we need in Hawaii to help diversify. To develop other ways of building instead of urban sprawl.

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K. Pos	Individual	Support	No

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Brad Jackson	Individual	Support	No

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Futhermore, I have stayed at an eco-sytle hostel in hawaii,on the big island, in Paho(Hedonisia) and it was beautiful and perfect..just what i was looking for. Personally I would love to start a place in hawaii..it is sucha perfect and easy place to live

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steve harkey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111).

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Binaifer Kadwa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). As a tourist I had the pleasure of staying at one of the sustainable living quarters that would be supported by this bill and I would choose that any day over a fully constructed dwelling such as a hotel. Hawaii is natural and beautiful as is. Please keep it that way.

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Margaret Wille	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this legislation. Margaret Wille, attorney at law County of Hawaii District 9 Councilperson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelsey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The importance in having establishments to sustain a greener Hawaii is dire. A small set of islands cannot possibly stay a lush, beautiful paradise if it continues to build resort towns. Eco-friendly farms offer an affordable alternative for tourism through sustainable practices, broadening the tourist demographic which then offers a positive impact on Hawaii's economy.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Radina Matic	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). Thousands of Big Island residences have been constructed without Hawai'i County building permits particularly in rural areas. The cost of house & outbuilding construction in accordance with current Building Code is out of the financial reach of many residents. Hawaii's need to create & support more sustainable paradigms in order to insure a healthy future. My main reasons for supporting this bills are: 1. Need for affordable housing 2. Necessity for range of alternatives to existing regulations 3. Use of more ecological local materials 4. Encourage rural self sufficiency contributing to island-wide sufficiency goals Please support this bill. Thank you, Radina Matic

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To whom it may concern,

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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.

This is in line with successful building code alternatives already on the books for other counties in America and elsewhere in the world such as Mendocino county's ClassK/Type 2 rural alternative dwellings. It fits in with local methods for the building of Hawaiian-style indigenous architecture.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Aaron Tengberg

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Albert Guo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill must be allowed to pass to create greater resilience against economic swings and food shortages while simultaneously provide many new avenues for economic growth.

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My name is Albert Guo, I own 3 acres of agriculturally zoned land on the Big Island, and I have also been an ecotourist on the Big Island, putting a lot of money into the local economy purely because ecotourism brought me to the big island.

It's important to realize that in a time of such economic chaos, sustainable and alternative living structures makes the community more resilient to the ups and downs of the economy. The population that chooses to build sustainably will never be underwater on their mortgage. I have experience in this, living in Las Vegas, and it's not pretty; ecologically friendly structures using local materials seems like an obvious solution. Sustainable growing of food makes the community far more resilient to any types of food shortages that may occur as well.

Not only will this make the community more resilient, it will provide strongly needed economic growth for the Big Island. It creates a reason for well off individuals of similar mindset to buy land, and contribute to the economy, or at least visit to see what a sustainable community looks like. It creates a local building materials market that would not exist before. Who knows what other types of markets may pop up? The products demanded by sustainable living are broad, and the Big Island has the resources to provide many of them, creating jobs and possibly never before seen industries. Ecotourism is only a small sampling of the economic benefit of allowing this bill to pass.

This makes sense for people of various incomes living on the Big Island. They do not need homes with the same building codes as the mainland. The climate is very mild, there is no need for insulation. There is no need for homes to look anything like the mainland. Homes like many things are not "one size fits all". Homes should be built according to the location for maximum benefit, otherwise it's a uphill battle for no benefit beyond conformity. There are invasive trees on the Big Island which make excellent building material, because of the hardness of the wood and natural resistance to water, but is not useable because building code requires wood imported from the mainland. It simply stifles the economic potential of the Big Island, causing people to move to places like Las Vegas, looking for work, when work could be created on the Big Island.

This would not be the first community to allow such a bill to pass. Taos, New Mexico has allowed a similar bill with great results. You may have heard of Earship's, a new type of housing that was created from this type of bill, that is now popular around the world. The man who builds these houses, pays taxes in New Mexico, it's a brand new industry. I highly support this bill. It makes the community far more resilient and sustainable while providing many avenues of vast economic growth.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christian Josephi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A couple of years ago I had the honor to partake on one of these sustainable "eco-villages" called Belly Acres. Since I am a farmer in Mexico that still uses chemical methods of fertilization, it was an amazing experience to see the positive results of using only organic and sustainable methods of production. Not only the vegetation is nourished, but also and most importantly the soil, by fixing nitrogen, incrementing healthy microorganisms and decomposing dead organic material into fertile topsoil. In addition, community living exemplifies the holistic approach to ecologically sound and sustainable practices and represents a positive lifestyle and a healthy environment. Changes in legislature in favor of sustainability, environmentally friendly practices and community living are signs of progress and prosperity and can benefit not only specific regions, but the whole world. I would be glad to hear that the Island of Hawaii is a pioneer on this matter.

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donna evett	Individual	Support	No

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They could work on how to:

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- * increase biodiversity and protect wildlife;
- * provide onsite waste treatment and recycling with minimal or zero air and surface or ground water pollution, and many other techniques.

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.

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.

Please support this bill. Thank you,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwayne Tarletz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Rep. Evans, I am writing to express my support for the new Sustainable Living Research Sites bills. I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). I have been a resident of lower Puna for 20 years and a property owner for 10 years. To me it is so vital that the people here (or anywhere in Hawaii) are able to pioneer a way of living that is holistic and sustainable. The current laws of Hawaii literally undermine are ability to live simply and close to the aina as ohanas. Citizen's should have the freedom to sincerely and intelligently explore other ways of living than what is allowed by our current building codes. So much of the building code blocks citizens from making huge contributions to the overall well being of our island and our cultures. Being able to live with government consent outside of existing codes could support amazing development in Hawaii's sustainable agriculture systems, holistic cultural systems, local and sustainable building skills and designs, and just overall healthy lifestyle. Hawaii can be a model of sustainable and holistic living for the whole nation and world if we are supported in doing so. Social, agricultural, and building pioneers ought not be criminals, they should be cherished, supported, and celebrated for the gifts they are bringing to the state of Hawaii and the world. Please vote to support the creation of alternative building codes for sustainable living research sites on agriculturally zoned lands. Mahalo, Dwayne "Ano" Tarletz Kapoho, HI

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Courtney Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Rep. Evans, I am writing to express my support for the new Sustainable Living Research Sites bills. I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). I have been a resident of lower Puna for 4 years and a property owner for 3 years. To me it is so vital that the people here (or anywhere in Hawaii) are able to pioneer a way of living that is holistic and sustainable. The current laws of Hawaii literally undermine are ability to live simply and close to the aina as ohanas. Citizen's should have the freedom to sincerely and intelligently explore other ways of living than what is allowed by our current building codes. So much of the building code blocks citizens from making huge contributions to the overall well being of our island and our cultures. Being able to live with government consent outside of existing codes could support amazing development in Hawaii's sustainable agriculture systems, holistic cultural systems, local and sustainable building skills and designs, and just overall healthy lifestyle. Hawaii can be a model of sustainable and holistic living for the whole nation and world if we are supported in doing so. Social, agricultural, and building pioneers ought not be criminals, they should be cherished, supported, and celebrated for the gifts they are bringing to the state of Hawaii and the world. Please vote to support the creation of alternative building codes for sustainable living research sites on agriculturally zoned lands. Mahalo, Courtney Matson Kapoho, HI

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Marjorie Erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I completely support the initiative proposed in the Sustainable Living Research Bills (SB 361 and HB 111). It would enable people to practice and test ways of living that are ecological and sustainable but outside existing codes. Worth a try -- our State needs to figure out how to be much more sustainable!! Mahalo for your consideration.

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Shannon Higgins	Individual	Support	No

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January 24, 2013
HB 111
SB 361

Greetings Sirs and Madam's,

I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111).

I have spent time in a sustainable community for a month a half. This time was incredibly powerful. Without places like these, I would not be able to stay and explore Hawaii.

The costs for residents of Hawaii and travelers to Hawaii are incredibly high. Without the sustainable community, the costs of traveling to Hawaii would have been out of reach for me and many other people.

I found Hawaii to be one of the most beautiful places on Earth, and the building codes in many other countries allow for a more affordable living experience for residents as well as travelers.

Thank you for your support of this bill.

Sincerely,
Amy O. Angell
Portland, OR

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James Higgins	Individual	Support	No

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Mario Seltenheim	Individual	Support	No

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Emily Shaw	Individual	Support	No

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Nicole Goode	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). As a frequent visitor to the islands, I always chose lower cost, alternative accommodations that enable me to make connections to communities and to the land itself. Hawaii has an unique opportunity to support the already existing alternative dwelling economy and encourage more self reliance and sustainability at the same time.

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Mark Spreadborough	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I agree with the intent of this bill, and have reviewed the checks and balances for neighbors and the community, and think there are adequate safeguards in place to encourage sustainable living experimentation.

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Alan Plotkin	Individual	Support	No

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Aileen Wilkie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the research and development of sustainable building practices.

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Carl York	Individual	Support	No

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Bryan Brey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawai'i would really make a difference by supporting this bill. Weather here is mostly great, so it make sense to research sustainable living free of "mainland" building codes.

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Carey Lillis Tinsley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I am writing to say that i strongly support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). Mahalo for helping us live in harmony, Sincerely, Carey Lillis Tinsley

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Re: Sustainable Living Research Bills (SB 361) and (HB111)

I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111).

Dear Legislators~

I serve on the board for Upcountry Sustainability on Maui. I also serve on the Maui Eco-Village Council. I know wonderful projects that would benefit the sustainability of our islands and provide the organic garden communities many people are wanting. There needs to be zoning options that support this type of living.

I agree with the following:

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Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Courtney Bruch

Makawao, HI
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Irene Kral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many of us are ready and able to live more sustainably but certain codes make it very difficult to innovate legally. There is so much that can be done to live more in accordance with the State of Hawaii 2050 Plan. We are trying but this legislation will help us to do it without feeling we are criminals. I've lived off the grid for over 25 years and have lots to share with others who want to be more resourceful.....in so many ways. I want to contribute to improve sustainable living for the sake of my children and other children yet to come. Please support this Bill.

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Brilana Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Eric Marantz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Regarding my support of HB111, The reasons are so numerous and critical, I will not list them here. Here is an opportunity to proactively promote what a sustainable future can look like. We can be on that cutting edge of evolution, or a part of the anchor that will inevitable sink us. Respectfully hoping you will support this act fully, Eric Marantz Kehena, HI 96778

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Marian Hsieh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Pamela Palencia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB111 & SB361. They will reduce housijng shortages, diversify energy and food production, and help natural farming. Sincerely, Pamela Palencia

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mika Kiburz	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). Many people on the Hawaiian Islands have been constructing their living structures for hundreds of years, and there is a certain resurgence of ecologically sustainable living and utilizing local resources and knowledge to best live in our environments right now in the whole world. It is important to note that Hawaii is leading the world in terms of methods for healthy sustainable living where we respect and work with our natural resources. This includes knowledge and expertise in water catchment, organic topsoil cultivation, Permaculture practices, which increases our ability to produce wholesome nutritious food for each other, and being innovative with the use of locally available lumber source. We are truly leading the way for the rest of the world to see that it is possible to change the ways we live in order to be more in harmony with the Earth ensuring us a healthy future for the next generations. Let's truly teach each other. It is obvious that we all want this as we've seen the implementation of the Hawaii goal of becoming more self-reliant & sustainable by the year 2050. This is the world I want to live in. Please support this bill. Thank you, Mika Kiburz

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Lauren	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB111 and SB361

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gustavo Flores	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). Making affordable living for residents without means.

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Mary Sky Schoolcraft	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is so timely!

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Jeffrey Hass	Individual	Support	No

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I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). Two years ago, I visited Hedonesia Hawaii Eco Hostel and saw for myself how a self-sufficient, nature based approach to living can make a visit to Hawaii much more richer than if I had only stayed in a conventional hotel. Wherever possible, native materials were used, and multiple projects were being implemented to grow food on the premises and restore/improve the ecology on the site. I slept in a simple bamboo hut, and listening to the animals, birds and frogs during the night outside was very interesting and fun.

Due to Hawaii's mild climate and abundance of sun, it is so easy to be able to live without air conditioning and to construct buildings using alternative sources of power like solar, biomass, etc. It's time for our society to be much more self-sufficient (especially in rural areas) and to use land much more productively. The bonus in doing so not only can solve our energy/environmental problems, but can give a more beautiful world to our children and grandchildren.

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L. C.	Individual	Support	No

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william Greenwald	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support an alternative more sustainable building code for hawaii, that demonstrates a more sustainable natural option to the standard building code system.... reasons for this include:
1.sustainable living in all ways is good for the earth, less pollution and less ratrace for money for expensive housing... 2. this bill offers low income people an alternative to expensive codes and expensive building materials 3. alternative codes offer more opportunity to be creative in relation to housing... 4. this bill is a good example and model for all states to implement, to show respect and caring for our natural environment...hawaii can be a beacon of hope for a more sustainable future...

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Please support House Bill 111 (HB111): The Sustainable Living Research Act

Last year I moved to the rural Puna coast of Hawaii with my 12 year old son and our puppy from Santa Cruz, CA to live amongst people who are engaged in sustainable living practices. I am presently a board member of the Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance (HSCA), and I am attending graduate school (on-line) at Hawaii Pacific University for a Masters program in Global Leadership and Sustainable Development. I have a Masters in Environmental Planning from San Jose State University and I previously worked for UC Santa Cruz managing the Institute for International Economics.

I am an enthusiastic supporter of HB111 as it may be instrumental in not only allowing people to create innovative sustainable living environments such as eco-villages, but it may encourage sustainable living technologies that could be embraced globally, and bring in research grants from government sources and NGO's.

Many U.S. communities are aiming to make sustainable development and alternative building codes legal, which would benefit people, our economy, and the environment.

In a sustainable economy, investment would be mainly for replacement and qualitative improvement. Sustainable living practices can replace conventional practices, which have environmentally harmful lifecycles.

Some of the advantages of supporting HB 111 are:

- Reduced public housing shortages and meeting the need for affordable housing
- Increased local food production of natural and organic crops
- Diversification of energy production with the use of solar, wind, and other renewable technologies
- Allows home builders more freedom and creativity, and allows the use of local building materials
- Encourages ecological innovative technologies such as grey-water systems and composting toilets

Hawaii's need to create and support more sustainable paradigms in order to insure a healthy future is obvious...and has been mandated by the state goal of becoming more self-reliant and sustainable by the year 2050.

An important and often overlooked aspect of sustainable living is that it **BUILDS COMMUNITY**: through work parties, sharing neighborhood/local skills, enabling more community living, etc.

The HSCA has been instrumental in two County of Hawaii Resolutions: The Sustainable Habitat Building Code Resolution #167-11 and The Sustainable Living Research Site Resolution #302-12. Please NOW support HB111

Mahalo for your time and support,
Michele David

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

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.