

# TESTIMONY

## HB 111

### [HB111 HD2](#)

**Measure Title:** RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE BUILDING CODE.

**Report Title:** Sustainable Living Research Act; Counties; Development

**Description:** Authorizes the use of certain land, subject to county approval and oversight, for research, development, and testing of sustainable agriculture, development, waste management, and resource management through planned community use. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB111 HD2)

**Companion:**

**Package:** None

**Current Referral:** WTL/PSM, WAM

**Introducer(s):** HANOHANO, Evans, Tsuji

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3/7/2013	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 174).
3/7/2013	S	Passed First Reading.
3/7/2013	S	Referred to WTL/PSM, WAM.
3/18/2013	S	The committee(s) on WTL/PSM has scheduled a public hearing on 03-21-13 1:30PM in conference room 225

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March 19, 2013

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair  
Committee on Water and Land  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 210  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair  
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Solomon and Espero:

Subject: H.B. 111, H.D. 2 Relating to Sustainable Alternative Building Code

I am Robert Westerman, Vice Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD opposes H.B. 111, H.D. 2, which seeks to authorize the use of certain land, subject to county approval and oversight, for research, development, and testing of sustainable agriculture, development, waste management, and resource management through planned community use.

The SFC is not opposed to sustainable living projects; however, the language in this bill is overly broad and appears to include any number of buildings of any size. The building permit process involves several agencies that review and ensure that newly constructed buildings meet minimum safety and health standards. A thorough review for the various components of a building, including structural, electrical, plumbing, wastewater, etc., minimizes risk to owners and occupants. Without building code compliance a potential danger to occupants and personnel who respond to life safety and property protection incidents is created.

The SFC would offer the following questions for your consideration:

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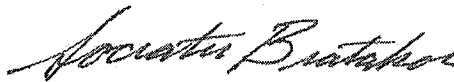
1. If structures are built without a county permit, would public utility companies allow connections to electrical, water and sewer supplies?
2. Without a county permit would insurance companies insure a structure and its owner from liability, fire, or other natural disaster?
3. Would an on-site energy source not be required to meet minimum safety standards?
4. Would a mortgage lender allow the purchase of buildings, structures, or facilities without an approved building permit?

The SFC believes there needs to be reasonable balance of safety, cost and risk. This balance is achieved by the national building code consensus process. Factors such as building size and separation, fire fighting water supply and emergency vehicle access, and structural stability to name a few, remain a compelling public interest in order to maximize the safety of citizens and property, including fire fighters who are called to respond to emergencies.

The SFC and the KFD urge your committee's deferral on the passage of H.B. 111, H.D. 2.

Should you have any questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7151 or [sbratakos@honolulu.gov](mailto:sbratakos@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,



ROBERT WESTERMAN  
Vice Chair

RW/LR:cc



**HB111 HD2**  
**RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE BUILDING CODE**  
Senate Committees on Water and Land and  
Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

March 21, 2013

1:30 p.m.

Room 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** to HB111 HD2, which seeks to allow the experimental exploration of sustainable, alternative building and living approaches that may be currently restricted by building codes and other county regulations.

This bill provides a measured approach to allowing the exploration of alternative building and living practices that may move Hawai'i forward in attaining its goals of environmental sustainability and economic stability, while retaining the basic protections and guidance of existing county codes and rules. To ensure that this bill can better achieve its intended purpose, while also minimizing the potential for unintended harms from any experimental project, OHA offers the following comments:

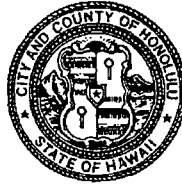
1. Page 6, lines 20-22, page 7, lines 1-16 and 21-22, and page 8, lines 1-3, refer to the Department of Health's role in reviewing proposed projects for impacts to the environment. However, OHA notes that the Department of Health is not the only agency with responsibilities or expertise relating to environmental protection, and that other agencies (such as the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs) may have additional expertise or insight regarding the broader range of environmental and cultural impacts of any potential project.
2. Page 5, line 13, formerly referred to a "notice of public hearing" in the context of applications for a sustainable living research permit. This reference has been removed in the HD2 draft; the only public hearing reference now provided in this measure is in the revocation of a sustainable living permit after it has been issued (see page 11, lines 8-14). Given that permits under this bill may exempt projects from county land use and zoning laws and their established mechanisms for identifying and mitigating impacts to cultural rights and practices, OHA believes it prudent to expressly provide for a public hearing to address local community concerns **prior** to the issuance of a sustainable living research permit. Such a hearing may be particularly important to ensure that impacts to cultural resources and sites are fully considered and mitigated, and may facilitate the review and issuance of permits by addressing any potential detrimental impacts prior to the approval of a permit application.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Hawaii State Senate  
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Dear Chairs Solomon, Espero and Members:

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

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **opposes** House Bill No. 111, H.D. 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.

Rest assured that if we believed this type of permitting is needed for Oahu, we would adopt a process to meet Oahu needs. We do not require enabling legislation such as House Bill No. 111 to do so. Moreover, while we understand the desire to encourage pilot sustainable projects, the bill provisions are so overly broad that almost any kind of project could be promoted as a sustainability project. This bill would encourage projects to circumvent county zoning by labeling themselves as sustainability projects. For example, a homeowner illegally builds a home in his back yard out of used building materials, in the name of affordable housing. This project could make a case that it is eligible and allowed under this bill.

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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 license renewals, 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 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.

We are puzzled about why the bill mandates a county process, but makes no accommodation for a State process for lands under the State Agricultural and Conservation Districts. Certainly, these districts have more open land available for experimental projects.

Finally, we are perplexed by Section 3 of the bill. It states that the County planning department may (under scoring 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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Subject: House Bill No. 111 HD2, Relating to Sustainable Alternative Building Code

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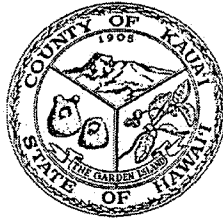
I am Douglas Haigh, Building Division Chief, County of Kaua'i Department of Public Works. The County of Kaua'i's Department of Public Works opposes House Bill No. 111, HD2 because the bill does not allow any review or approval process of the applicants' proposed deviations from building codes. Building codes provide the minimum standards for life and safety. Exempting structures from specific building code requirements without any review or approval by the Building Division could result in life and safety hazards.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in opposition to HB 111 HD2.

Sincerely,

Douglas Haigh, P.E.  
Building Division Chief

**Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.**  
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**TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL A. DAHILIG**  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND**  
**AND PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**HOUSE BILL 111 (HD 2)**  
**RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE BUILDING CODE**

Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 225

Honorable Chairs Solomon and Espero , and Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 111, House Draft 2 relating to a Sustainable Alternative Building Code. I testify in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the proposed measure.

Our County has been faced with persistent and widespread misuse of agricultural lands, and we believe the proposed legislation would provide an avenue fraught for abuse and further erode the purpose of these lands. We are especially concerned with how "research" would be evaluated, validated as legitimate and enforced, and what defines "sustainability."

We have firsthand experience enforcing on squatters within agricultural lands who claim their structures are "farm worker housing" or "agricultural structures" when in fact they are using the dwellings as cheap housing and have no virtual intent to do any agriculture. We believe that although the bill is well intended, the broadness of "research" could open the door to misrepresentation by landowners seeking economic gain without sticking to the intent of the proposed law or the current land use regulations.

We would propose that the following amendment be added to section 3(a):

A person desiring a sustainable living research permit shall submit to the planning department [~~for the county~~] **in counties whose population is larger than 100,000 residents** ...

Mahalo again for considering our testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the proposed draft bill.



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Submitted on: 3/19/2013

Testimony for WTL/PSM on Mar 21, 2013 13:30PM in Conference Room 225

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Tracy Matfin	Laakea Educational Programs	Support	No
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Comments: Water and Land committee March 21st at 1:30 pm. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons \* State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. \* Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Mahalo Tracy Matfin

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Jeffrey Bronfman	The Aurora Foundation	Support	No
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Comments: HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES, 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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Biko Rob Long	Laakea Community LLC	Support	No
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Amara Karuna	Laakea Permaculture Community	Support	No
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Yasha Gisela Bamberg	VGS	Support	No
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Comments: Dear Sirs/ Madams, Sustainability is so important on our ecologically fragile island. Therefore I hope and trust that you will be with me on this bill. I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). It helps to conserve water and topsoil, allows builders to use local materials, supports diversity and creativity and provides affordable and earth-friendly housing on the Big Island. It seems to me like a win-win all around. Thank you for supporting this bill, Yasha Gisela Bamberg

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Eric Marantz	Village Green Society	Support	No

Comments: RE: HB 111 Chair, Senator Malama Soloman; Vice Chair, Senator Maile Shimabukuro; Members of the committee, I support this bill wholeheartedly. It will allow thousands of otherwise law abiding Hawaii citizen to live with dignity and self respect. It is an essential step forward towards the goals put forth in the 2050 sustainability act. Respectfully, Eric Marantz President, Village Green Society Kalapana Seaview Estates 96778

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Benjamin Marantz	Banyan Tree Farm	Support	No
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Comments: Please support HB 111

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Randy Rupar	Sanctuary of Mana Ke`a Gardens	Support	No
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**SUPPORT HB111 Sustainable Living Research Bills**  
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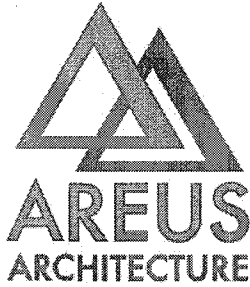
Aloha Honorable Chairman and Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am in alignment with the following which makes sense to me:

- Support sustainable practices in Hawaii for all of these reasons:
- 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
- It fits in with local methods for the building of Hawaiian-style indigenous architecture.
- Encourages ecological practices like composting toilets, greywater systems as long as it meets standard sanitation practice standards
- Reduced public housing shortages
- Brings buildings into compliance that would not be permitted otherwise, providing revenue to the counties.
- Increased local food production and consumption,
- Diversification of sources of food and energy production
- Meets the need for affordable housing
- Allows the use of local building materials.
- Any recycling of materials shall be of the same strength and caliber as new materials in the building of "non-primary structures" and treated to avoid rot, pests and unhealthy microbes as long as there are no laws prohibiting this such as could occur in some homeowner associations with stricter laws on this.

Please support this bill changing the date from 2112 to a reasonable date.  
Mahalo Nui Loa,

Unmani Cynthia Groves  
Health Care Practice Mgmt. Consultant since 1985  
Speaking as a member of the:  
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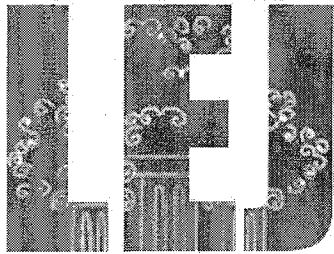
Regarding: HB 111 Sustainable Living Research Act

To whom it may concern,

I am submitting written testimony in support of HB 111 the Sustainable Living Research Act. As a registered Architect in the state of Hawaii, I have a professional goal to assist with development & implementation of sustainable building technologies & designs. In reviewing the text and intent of HB 111, I believe that it will help the state of Hawaii realize this goal. This legislation appears to set up a clear pathway for landowners and organizations who wish to conduct research in a broad range of beneficial fields of sustainability to apply for a sustainable living research permit. I commend the Hawaii State Legislature for drafting & considering this legislation and encourage passage of HB 111.

Sincerely,

Paul Areus, AIA



Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice  
Supporting HB 111 Relating to the Sustainable Alternative Building Code  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Scheduled for Hearing Thursday, March 21, 2013, 1:30 PM, Room 225

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*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.*

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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.

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.

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Re: Testimony in Support of Sustainable Living Research Act (HB 111 HD 2)  
Hearing Date: 3/21 at 1:30 p.m.; Conference Room 225, WTL/PSM

Aloha Chair Solomon, Chair Espero, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committees:

I am writing to provide testimony in strong support of the Sustainable Living Research Act (HB 111 HD 2). 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 Bill, for instance, gives the counties the power to permit additional uses within agricultural and rural districts so long as the applicant meets the criteria for a sustainable living research site permit.

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.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leslie Wingate	Hawaii Sustainable Community Allianc	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons: • Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with an increasing number of national and international organizations, • State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. • Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. • it will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development. • Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values. • 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, Leslie Wingate

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Courtney Matson	GaiaYoga Gardens	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB111 which is really important for creating sustainable practices. thank you Courtney Matson, Owner GaiaYoga Gardens

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Dwayne Tarletz	Owner GaiaYoga Nursery	Support	No
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Comments: I strongly support HB111 and ask you to also. thank you Dwayne Tarletz, Owner GaiaYoga Nursery

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donna Fischer	Amazon Power Plus	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB111 to increase sustainable practices in Hawaii. thank you Donna Fischer

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Bodhitara Searles	Polestar Gardens	Support	No

Comments:

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## Positive Energetics Foundation Inc.

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Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Aloha Senator Solomon,

I was wondering if it's possible to help from you on HB111. In the past few years, special organizations like Positive Energetics Foundation and Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance have been working hard to help communities to guide people to alternate living thru reducing carbon foot prints, grow organic foods and live a health lifestyles. Recently, the bill HB111 has been flying thru the approval process but there seem to be a hold up to schedule toe bill to be heard. I was wondering if there way anyway you can actually help and get this on the books?

The reason for the urgency is that we want to ability to hire about 50 people from a federal grant. The alternative living research we do isn't OK with the state, and we can't move forward on the grant until HB111 is passed. We have to be OK in the eyes of the state before we can get a Yes or No from the federal grant. We are active in grants.gov and have our DUNS and grant ability in already in place, were just wanting on the bill to get heard and hopefully passed before we can complete grants on the federal level.

That's where you come in, if there is anything that you can do to help us and other organizations whom share the same vision for a sustainable Hawaii, then please help.

I do believe that Cindy Evans has been in contact with you about this matter and if there is anything that we can do please don't hesitate to call us.

If you would like to come up here to the North Shore and see what we have been doing it would be great. We're here for you 24x7

I do thank you for all your support and I do appreciate you taking the time to help if you can.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Sincerely,

**Nathan Toler**

**Managing Director**

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TESTIMONY: HB111 HD2

OPPOSE

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE BUILDING CODE.

Sustainable Living Research Act; Counties; Development

Authorizes the use of certain land, subject to county approval and oversight, for research, development, and testing of sustainable agriculture, development, waste management, and resource management through planned community use. Effective July 1, 2112. (HB111 HD2)

Aloha,  
Chair Espero  
Vice Chair Baker  
Committee Members: Senators Galuteria, Slom and Green.

I remember several Native Hawaiians built houses in their traditional and customary way, with no nails. Somehow this state/legislature deemed that NOT to be a good idea and tore them down. But, now, all of a sudden we have the hippies, the migrant worker importers, the gentleman estate/ slave quarters, and the basic "I don't want to get permits" proponents and that by passage of this bill discriminate against na kanaka's traditional and customary building.

HB111 is also a slap in the face of people that have followed the rules at great expense to them and their families. With this proposal all a builder has to do to qualify is declare that he uses 'green' energy light bulbs.

No where in this 'sustainable living' proposal does it mention the source of building materials. Perhaps these folks are planning to strip the forests for their re-usable/scrap building supplies because as far I know, there is not a whole lot of leftover, unused or unwanted building material lying around on these islands. Who will enforce the 'au-naturelle' /scrap building regimen as it adds another layer of oversight for DLNR when these people proceed to strip the finite resources of the forests?

On its face HB111 looks like a creative idea for sustainability. This bill is a farce. It is creative though in other ways. It's a trick to pull the wool over lawmakers' eyes but nothing more than a PLDC-like proposal. This is the year for attempted exemptions. Everyone wants to be free of laws, codes, rules and regulations but at a time when these islands are past carrying capacity, the regulations are needed even more. "Green energy" or "sustainable" are just buzz words for a free pass.

I see that a lot of testimony has come in support for this measure and also that a lot of energy has been focused on its passage but please don't. It has a lot of room for abuse and it most definitely will be applied for unintended purposes. A non-lawyer could rip through this in two minutes. County attorneys hands will be tied; Planning Commissions and County Councils cannot handle the proposals before them now and will be faced with numerous additional hearings due to complaints being filed pertaining to water, as well as building impacts. Hawaii is not prepared to take on an influx of new project entrepreneurs to test their ideas on these ahupua'a lands nor the loophole applicants. Voting NO is far less worrisome than the damage control that will be necessary.

What HB111 does do, is enable a select few (farmers, maybe) to build additional and/or sub-standard unconventional living quarters: without county codes, ordinances, rules, permits or... even hearings. It's a set-up that will effectively shield and house a great number of illegal immigrant farm workers. Hawaii's own people don't need any more competition for jobs and an influx of illegal workers contribute little to nothing to the economy as far as taxes because they are off the books.

Contrary to what is stated, basically how this presents is to AVOID the requirement to get standard building permits, AVOID county codes, ordinances and rules to build shantys or more elaborate structures as rentals, as done on Kauai. On closer examination this is nothing more than slick terminology to skirt the laws.

Passage of this scheme opens a PANDORA'S BOX for all government agencies, lawsuits, health and safety especially fire hazards.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Al Inoue	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Drew Robertson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: • Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with an increasing number of national and international organizations, • State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. • Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. • it will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development. • Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values. • Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
geoffrey Wells	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Sirs, One important issue is the limbo in which some community associations in the Puna area of the Big Island have fallen vis a vis zoning use. The county (re:Hawaiian Acres Community Association) applies Ag zoning to the Association property thereby limiting the ability of the association to promote any Ag-related issues, or community issues for that matter, without expensive and time consuming applications for special permits. Counties should possibly issue variances pro forma to encourage more local action as regards agriculture/sustainability/community development. Mahalo

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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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joe Bigard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need, as a Society Allow individuals to become responsible for their lives, be able to Build their own shelter and grow their own food for their family, before we all become a ward of the state?

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jeff berk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with an increasing number of national and international organizations, • State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. • Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. • it will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development. • Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values. • Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency

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Frederic Kotowitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Water and Land committee March 21st at 1:30 pm. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons \* State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. \* Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. thank you, Fred K

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Randy Friesen	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons \* State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. \* Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. thank you Randy Friesen

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joanne Streeter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Joanne Streeter To: Senate Committee on Water and Land March 21st at 1:30 pm. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman [sensolomon@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:sensolomon@capitol.hawaii.gov) Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for this main reason: To give our next 7 generations HOPE for their future, which is sorely lacking in our current state of affairs. I am certain that most of the rest of the testimonies details/explain why I feel this reason is WHY we must continue in our forward progression in the preservation of our island life for our future generations. Mahalo for your support of this bill, Most sincerely, Joanne Saito-Streeter

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Bernie Riechelmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons: \* Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with an increasing number of national and international organizations, \* State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. \* Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values. thank you Bernd

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Janeel Hew	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Greetings, Thank you for your time and consideration of HB111. I stand in support and strongly urge you to pass HB111. In the passing of this Bill, you will be making a positive statement, in that not only is sustainable living the way in which Hawaii should be headed, but also that it can be done responsibly. HB111, includes appropriate wording to ensure permitting and approval process be required, while allowing for sustainable research to explore untapped possibilities. And keeping the five principles of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan at it's forefront of priorities. Please pass HB111. Thank you in advance, Janeel Hew

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Ruben Guetschow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons \* it will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development. \* Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values. \* Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. thanks Rubin G

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Aileen Wilkie	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support HB111. I believe this is essential legislation for the health and well being of Big Island residents, many of whom live below the poverty line. This bill will allow communities to provide affordable and sustainable homes and infra structure at no cost to the state. Thank you for your consideration and time. sincerely Aileen Wilkie

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Steve Hirakami	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: I am in support of this bill to promote, encourage, and sustain agricultural activities for community involvement. Going a step further, these programs could and should be instituted at all rural schools so that the youth can have a preview to sustainable practices that they might pursue after high school or college. Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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Timothy Furst	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I am a part-time resident of the Big Island where I own a home, and I also am a member of the Village Green Society. I strongly support this bill, as it will make it possible for groups such as ours to explore and promote sustainable solutions to our island's problems, and at the same time help to strengthen the economy. Mahalo for your support of this bill, - Timothy Furst

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
peter zachara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Peter Zachara Finance committee March 21st at 1:30 pm. RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman [sensolomon@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:sensolomon@capitol.hawaii.gov) Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for the following reason: Its time to put into use all the knowledge and ideas that are available today to make Hawaii a better place- for the people that live there.

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Tavis Tucker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Members of Legislature, Please support this bill. Show the rest of the country and world that Hawai'i is making a difference in sustainable living. If you are opposed to the measure, you should ask yourself, "What is there to lose?" but perhaps more importantly, "What can we gain?" from exploring these ideas.

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Danny H.C. Li	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB111. It's very important for Hawaii to encourage concerned citizens who are committed to experiment with sustainable practices--on their own lands--and help all our islands to contribute to resource & energy conservation measures. Mahalo for your ecological foresight & kokua. Peace & Aloha, Danny Li(Keaau, Hawaii)

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Jenna Way	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. It is very important to the state and especially to my home district, Puna, on the Big Island. Jenna Way Paho, HI

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Luana Jones	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Ua Mau Ke 'Ea o ka 'Aina i ka Pono! MAHA\_LO

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kirk Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill and would like to see alternative housing research included.

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Aniko Willoughby	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Please support this important bill that will help sustainable living become legal. thank you Aniko Willoughby

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Prasad Ditman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support this bill thank you Prasad

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Julia Sauve	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: I support Sustainable objectives and projects in Hawai'i!

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Doug Orton	Individual	Support	No
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Dona Willoughby	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. thank you Dona Willoughby

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Rosemarie Patronette	Individual	Support	No
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Chris Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support this important reform. Thanks Chris Walker

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William Belcher	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No
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Brian Lehmann	Individual	Support	No
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**Kelly Kuchman**

Water and Land committee  
March 21st at 1:30 pm.

**RE: HB 111**

Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman,  
Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee,

**I support this bill for these reasons**

\*Our organization of more than 600 members statewide supports HB111 for these reasons:

- Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with an increasing number of national and international organizations,
- State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability.
- Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- it will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development.
- Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values.

- Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency.

Let's amazing people come together in amazing ways and creates a stronger community – stronger city – stronger island

Allows us to use our God given gifts, talents and aptitudes to live in a way that is closer to living a happy, healthy and wealthy life

**Mahalo for your support of this bill,**

**(Signed)**

Kelly Kuchman

Jack Kiburz  
6105 Washington St.  
Downers Grove, IL 60516

TO: Water and Land Committee

March 21 at 1:30 p.m.

**RE: HB 111**

Aloha Chair Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro and members of the committee,

I support this bill for these reasons:

- Hawaii provides a unique environment to introduce and teach sustainable living skills that are urgently needed to support the life of our planet and people for generations. We will come to rely on local efforts as our climate changes and we become more community focused. It is essential that we all have the opportunity to explore and learn.
- My daughter is part of the community in lower Puna and is a wonderful example of the enthusiasm of her generation to create community and conserve and ensure the precious beauty and resources of Hawaii. On a recent visit, I experienced firsthand the wonderful results of sustainable living.
- I support these efforts as a steward of natural areas who devotes significant volunteer time to preserving our natural heritage at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL, where this kind of sustainable research is ongoing and taught to the next generations. .

I hope that passing this legislation will open a fuller dialogue and allow a wider community to benefit. Mahalo for your support of this bill,

Jack Kiburz

Joie Pascual

Senate Committee on Water and Land

March 21st at 1:30 pm.

RE: HB 111

Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee,

I support this bill for these reasons

1. Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with an increasing number of national and international organizations,
2. State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability.
3. Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
4. it will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development.
5. Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values.
6. 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,

Joie Pascual

3/20/13

To: Senate Committee on Water and Land and Senate Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

RE: HB 111

Chairs Solomon and Espero, Vice Chairs Shimabukuro and Baker, and Members of the  
Committees:

Thank you for scheduling a hearing for HB111. I urge your **support** of this bill because it  
will:

- Elevate Hawaii's position as a leader in sustainable living. The State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. This bill keeps Hawaii moving forward towards a sustainable future.
- Increase employment in small business sustainable enterprises from farming to green architectural design.
- Increase the availability of "affordable" and sustainable green housing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kaitlin Backlund

Water and Land committee  
March 21st at 1:30 pm.

RE: HB 111

Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee,

I, Soul Dancer, a member of the Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance (an organization of more than 600 members statewide) supports HB111 for these reasons:

- over the past five years, sustainable development is favored with an increasing number of national and international organizations,
- our State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability.
- benefits from sustainable living research will include:
  - an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing
  - increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises
  - the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers
  - additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands
  - reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives
  - an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- it promotes the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development.

Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values. This bill improves 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,

Soul Dancer

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

808-896-6890

**From: Abbie Rabinowitz, property owner ~ Pahoia, Big Island, HI**

**Finance committee**

**March 21st at 1:30 pm.**

**RE: HB 111**

**Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman [sensolomon@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:sensolomon@capitol.hawaii.gov) Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee,**

**I support this bill for these reasons**

- Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with an increasing number of national and international organizations,
- State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability.
- Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- it will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development.

**•Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values.**

- Improve our State disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

**Mahalo for your support of this bill,**

**~ Abbie Rabinowitz**

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Lyn Howe	Individual	Support	No

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Comments: I support this bill for these reasons: \* Benefits from sustainable living research will include an increase in real "affordable" and sustainable green housing, the growth of small locally owned farms, reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives and help to alleviate the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values.

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Natividad M. Webb	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Please support HB111 Natividad M. Webb

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David L. Webb	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: HB111 Please support this important bill. David L. Webb

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Kiani Pualani	Individual	Support	No

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Barb Cuttance	Individual	Support	No
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Trayce Pjirrou	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill for Hawaii. Please pass this important bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ariya Lorenz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this very important effort to bring sustainable practices to Hawaii in a legal way. thank you Ariya Lorenz

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Richard Denholm	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: I support this bill strongly as a way to make sustainable practices legal. Please vote for it.  
Thank you, Richard Denholm

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Cathrine A. Grace	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. thank you for supporting this bill. Cathrine A. Grace

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Kaleopono	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, Please support this bill which will help keep Hawaii a clean and beautiful place to live. State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. thank you  
Kaleopono

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Molly Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. \* it will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development. \* Now is the time to bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values. \* 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, Molly miller.

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Kanoelani Puuhau	Individual	Support	No

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Barbara Leonard, PhD	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Please support HB111. It will help Hawaii meet the goals of the 2050 Plan. thank you, Barbara Leonard, PhD

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deborah painchaud	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Living in Puna and working for 9 years in Agriculture I have had the opportunity to see many types of "off grid" housing structures. The sheer clever ingenuity of many of these structures deserves reflection and the use of materials that present a sustainable and carbon free foot print is really quite unique. We here in Hawaii could be forward thinking and do the right thing by incorporating those structures that include safe and sustainable elements into our coding structures. I hope you do the right thing here. Many of your voting residence live a life style that might not currently conform to these codes so lets keep these people in their homes and on their land adding value to the Ania ..... Mahalo Deborah Painchaud a concerned citizen.... p.s. I live in a legal coded structure and therefore have no personal interest but rather a community interest.

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Ellen Levine	Individual	Support	No
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Comments: Please support this really important bill for moving toward a sustainable Hawaii. Thank you Ellen Levine

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Jack Adam Weber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: HB 111 Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee, I support this bill for these reasons \* Over the past five years, sustainable development has found favor with an increasing number of national and international organizations, \* State Legislature adopted the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. We now need more tools to implement and to experiment in sustainability. \* Benefits from sustainable living research will include: an increase in real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing, Increases in employment in small business sustainable enterprises, the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers, additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands, reduced dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, an improvement in the island's landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. thank you, Jack Weber

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Kristen O'Guin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Land and Water committee, This is a bill with a spirit of innovation, AND common sense. Please support this bill. Mahalo, Kristen O'Guin

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Aloha Chair Senator Malama Soloman, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and members of the committee,

I strongly support SB 361 and HB111 for the following reasons: As a teacher and designer of Permaculture, 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 the year of 2010.

Currently working sustainable development projects in Cambodia, I give hands-on courses in Permaculture Design. I also 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,  
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