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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Kobsa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a great idea and I hope it passes!

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Charles Brown	Individual	Support	No

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1/23/2013

Dear representative,

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

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

The cost of house & outbuilding construction in accordance with current Building Code is out of the financial reach of many residents, and mainland codes are unnecessary in a subtropical environment such as Hawai'i. This initiative would provide a way for people to be able to learn about new ways of living that are ecological / sustainable and would actively develop means for the Hawai'i 2050 plan as mandated by the State.

There are many ways in which this would benefit the people and the environment:

- * Minimize the exploitation of natural resources;
- * Reduce public housing shortages;
- * Meets the need for affordable housing;
- * Allow home builders more freedom and creativity;
- * Allow the use of local building materials;
- * Reduce the need for and use of imports from distant places while increasing the use and employment of local materials, labor, skills, and products;
- * Increase local food quality and security using organic methods and local materials;
- * Increase biodiversity and protect wildlife;
- * Support natural and organic farming,
- * Increase local food production and consumption;
- * Diversify sources of food and energy production;
- * Conserve, harvest, and produce energy;
- * Conserve and harvest fresh water;
- * Conserve and improve topsoil without expensive or toxic inputs;
- * Encourages ecological practices like composting toilets, greywater systems;
- * Provide onsite waste treatment and recycling with minimal or zero air and surface or ground water pollution, and many other techniques.

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.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,
Cindy Dupuis

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David M. Johnston	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr Sally Boyd	Hawaii Integrative Community Clinic	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB111. Our low income patients need more support in keeping affordable housing that is in harmony with our unique tropical environment. mahalo Dr Boyd

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Another step forward for the critical future of Hawai'i ! I support the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bills (SB 361) and (HB111). Great work and have a great session!

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Jasmin McCracken	Individual	Support	No

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Jenna Way	Individual	Support	No

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Kaitlin Backlund	Individual	Support	No

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Laura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel it is very important to allow people and communities to brainstorm, test and create new, better, more environmentally sustainable housing, ways of living, and ways of providing for themselves and the island as well

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Meleana Judd-Cox	Waihuena Farm	Support	No

Comments: Aloha chairs and members of the committee, I am writing in support of hb111. As the manager of a small organic farm I would love to participate in a demonstration project to set guidelines that better fit our needs than the what are currently in place. I want to create a sustainable living site and want to facilitate others doing the same but the rules need to change in order for 'sustainable' to be feasible on agricultural land. I hope to have time next hearing to submit more of substance. Meleana Judd-Cox Waihuena farm 59-414 Kamehameha hwy

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To: Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair
Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair
Other Honorable Members of the House Committee on Water & Land

Date: January 24, 2013

Aloha,

Recycle Hawaii is a 501(c) 3 educational organization incorporated in 1992 and active as a grassroots effort since 1989. Our mission is to promote resource management and recycling throughout the state by educating and informing the people of Hawaii about environmentally sound resource management and recycling opportunities.

We support HB111 and the intention behind it, which is to create areas where innovative sustainable practices can flourish and serve as models for less polluting lifestyles. While there is a common expectation that government is responsible for preventing pollution, we believe that the responsibility rests with the individual and we are in constant contact with people who have a strong interest in creating solutions at the grassroots level. This bill empowers these same people while creating a pathway for their successes to become part of the status quo.

Our one concern is that requirements for unlimited site visits and progress reports present enough of a burden on Sustainable Living Research Act permit holders. We support passage of the bill but ask that the permit fee be set at a very modest level, no more than \$50.00 per permit.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Buklarewicz
Executive Director
Recycle Hawai'i

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Robert Petricci		Support	No

Comments: Re: Sustainable Living Research Bill and (HB111) Aloha my name is Robert Petricci, I am representing Puna Pono Alliance Puna Pono Alliance supports the initiative proposed in the SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH Bill(HB111). Up to a third of the buildings in Hawaii county are not currently in compliance with the existing building codes. Particularly in the more economically challenged areas of the island. The cost of home construction under current codes prevents many landowners from building a home that can meet the building code requirements, making many landowners criminals when all they are doing is trying to put a roof over their families heads. It has become common in Hawaii for families to be working one, two, or more jobs only to give the lion share of their income to a bank for 30 years just to put a roof over their heads. Is this what we call progress, what are the implications to our traditional lifestyles in Hawaii?. Is this trend in the best interest of our people? It certainly has other impacts as well such as taking that money out of our community and economy. The prohibitive cost to build a home under current codes has other unintended impacts as well. It means less new houses are built or many are built with out permits. This results in a loss in to the county in permit fees and collections as well as in property values and taxes as well. This legislation would provide a way for people to come into compliance while living more sustainably, and at the same time boost the local economy and tax base of the state and county. Hawaii should grab this opportunity to become a leader in championing sustainable lifestyles, for the economic, environmental, and social benefits it will produce. It really is a win win. Other progressive and proactive communities have enacted successful building code alternatives already in places like in Mendocino California. Hawaii should also strive to allow or even promote the more cost effective, and sustainable, building of Hawaiian-style indigenous architecture. The more building materials we can produce and use locally the more money that will stay here in our economy. Please support this bill. Thank you, Robert Petricci President Puna Pono Alliance

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