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February 9, 2013

To: Committee on Water and Land
Committee on Finance

From: Jeanne Ohta, Board Member

RE: HB 1134 Relating to PLDC
Hearing: Saturday, February 9, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Auditorium

Position: Opposed

The Board of Directors of the ‘Āina Haina Community Association writes in opposition to this measure.

We oppose the PLDC and suggest that the PLDC be repealed before we consider legislation such as this one which amends the statute that created it.

AHCA opposes any effort to bypass public input, public hearings, and transparency on issues that will affect the immediate neighbors and the character of the surrounding communities. We also oppose all measures that would provide agencies with exemptions to land use, zoning, building code, and environmental requirements.

AHCA is also concerned that the process of transforming public or state lands must be transparent and the optimal use of land does not necessarily mean “the highest revenue-generating centers.” In fact, recreation and enjoyment of green space and land designated for public use by residents of Hawai‘i is not something that can be measured monetarily.

We urge the committee to hold this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 6:39 PM
To: waltestimony
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Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1134 on Feb 9, 2013 09:00AM

HB1134

Submitted on: 2/8/2013

Testimony for WAL/FIN on Feb 9, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room Auditorium

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Chair, WAL/FIN Committees I oppose HB 1134 on principle. Measure appears to combine all the cumbersome components that have been official and unofficial stakeholders during the past year. A pilot project per se is not a bad idea, but the actual PLDC law has to be revamped before we engage in any more adventures of this kind. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide written testimony. Arvid Tadao Youngquist Kalihi Valley Feb. 8, 2013

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From: Blake D. McElheny [blakemcelheny@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 5:05 PM
To: waltestimony; EDNtestimony; FINTestimony
Subject: Please support HB 1133 and HB 589

Aloha.

The PLDC has got to go. It is an insult to the people of Hawaii.

Please support HB 1133 and HB 589.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Blake McElheny

Hal ei wa

PS

I also oppose HB 942, HB 219, HB 593 and HB 1134 because they do not repeal the PLDC.

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From: Christian Giardina [christian.giardina@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 7:03 PM
To: waltestimony
Subject: Act 55

I'm writing in support of [HB 1133](#) and [HB 589](#) as the two bills that would repeal the PLDC. I'm also opposing [HB 942](#), [HB 219](#), [HB 593](#), and [HB 1134](#) because they don't repeal the PLDC.

I am also writing because I am very concern about the future of our forests and believe the PLDC is not the best solution to our land management problems.

Aloha

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evan Tector	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Committee Members, I support the full repeal of the PLDC legislation as there is no value to abridging the public input of oversight process regarding public lands. That means I'm supporting HB 1133 and HB 589 as the two bills that would repeal the PLDC. I'm also opposing HB 942, HB 219, HB 593, and HB 1134 because they don't repeal the PLDC. Proper funding and staffing and best management of the full public land use procedures is the best way to achieve efficiency in decision making and development. Any time or money gains made via the PLDC model will be lost to do the divisiveness, fallout, law suits and resultant delays from the lack of inclusion of the public and safeguard of the public interest in these matters. Further, there will be an erosion of trust by the public in the legislative and government leaders who permit and implement such a short-cut system. Our land trust and public parks are a multi-generational heritage that require long term thinking and stewardship of which the legislature, administration, state departments, public and private entities are all a part. But not under any circumstances where the public is circumvented and years of carefully built up law and process are swept aside by privately governed public-private development schemes which risk the public land stake and natural legacy of Hawaii. Additionally, I oppose any redrafting or shuffling of the powers of PLDC in any name or form this session without careful and timely public illumination and debate until next year. Mahalo for your understanding and support. Evan

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Michael Reed Gach	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE on WATER & LAND
HOUSE COMMITTEE on FINANCE**

**February 9, 2013 Public Hearing
Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium
9:00 AM**

**HOUSE BILL 1134
RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Testimony in OPPOSITION by Michelle S. Matson

House Bill 1134 is yet another Dela Cruz bill introduced in the House which attempts to dress the PLDC wolf in sheep's clothing and place the HCDA fox in the hen house. A rose by any other name is still a rose, and the PLDC by any other name is still the thorny, undesirable and unwanted PLDC.

This measure retains PLDC exemptions to statutes, ordinances and building standards, but while retaining this superseding exemption language specifically excepts HRS 343 (environmental review) and HRS 6E (historic preservation) from PLDC exemption – yet curiously overlooks HRS 205 and HRS 205-A (Land Use Commission, agricultural lands and coastal zone management) protections.

HB 1134 also requires PLDC coordination with the HCDA and the LUC “where appropriate.” Who determines “appropriate”? Would such coordination be determined arbitrarily to be more “appropriate” with the HCDA and not “appropriate” with the LUC?

HB 1134 further adds the mysterious Wahiawa pilot project on Senator Dela Cruz's turf to the PLDC “to do” list - to be completed before any other. This pilot project was seriously questioned in previous testimony relating to HB 593.

Repeal the PLDC, Act 55, 2011 and Act 282, 2012.