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**HB481**

Submitted on: 2/4/2013

Testimony for AGR/WAL on Feb 4, 2013 08:30AM in Conference Room Auditorium

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Breene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: AGR and WAL Committee Hearing 2/4/13 8:30 a.m. Regarding Support for HB481 Aloha Representatives, I am writing in support of HB481 to allow construction of Hawaiian Hale on farm operation land without a building permit. As someone who lives and works on a small organic farm on the North Shore of Oahu, I can appreciate the advantages of constructing a hale out of sustainable materials and traditional building practices. This is a cost-effective and eco-friendly way to have usable work space, gathering space, etc for small farmers. Please pass HB481 it's a good bill for farmers. Mahalo, Angela Breene [angelavideotron@gmail.com](mailto:angelavideotron@gmail.com) Haleiwa, Hi 96712

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**HB481**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bobbie becker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Maui coffee farmer I support this bill.

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February 3, 2013

Dear Elected Representatives of the House:

Bill: HB481  
Measure  
Title: RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LAND USE.

Committee: AGR/WAL

Description: Allows for the construction of certain traditional Hawaiian hale on land that is used for farming operations without a building permit. Effective July 1, 2013.

**Hearing Date:** Monday, February 4, 2013  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

This letter is written in support of passing HB No. 481 which allows for the construction of certain traditional Hawaiian hale on land that is used for farming operations without a building permit. Effective July 1, 2013.

Though the construction cost limit is not specified, which gives needed flexibility, nor is the limit on the amount of cubic feet of concrete quantified, I recommend passing this bill since the maximum size of the structure has already been defined (not more than five hundred square feet) which will directly affect the amount of cubic feet of concrete applied to the land.

The erecting of traditional Hawaiian hale (structures) for traditional cultural practices including but not limited to the preparation of medicines, religious purposes, etc., has been a traditional and customary right of the ahupua'a tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778 and as such should continue to be able to exercise this inherent right.

This bill will also be a big help to all the small farmers interested in building such a structure who would most likely have trouble being able to afford the building permit process in order to have a shed or greenhouse. Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important issue.

With aloha,  
L. Kamakanoe Paikuli-Stride

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**HB481**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Penny Levin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha; I support this measure. Maui County building codes have provided for the construction of Indigenous Hawaiian Architecture (Building code 16.26.3600; Chpt 36)for several years and exempt them from standard housing code requirements (16.08). A traditional Hawaiian hale makes sense for farmers during this economically challenging time, particularly when permitting processes are both onerous and expensive. This bill also encourages those training in the Hawaiian art of traditional house structures to continue to practice. mahalo for this opportunity to testify. Penny Levin Wailuku, Maui.

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