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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, AND WATER AND LAND
Monday, April 1, 2013
10:20 A.M.
Room 312**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56
URGING THE PRESERVATION OF HOOPILI LANDS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE**

Chairpersons Wooley and Evans and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution No. 72 and House Resolution No. 56. These resolutions request the owner of the 1,497 Hoopili development in Ewa, Oahu to not develop their property and to preserve these lands for agricultural use. The Department of Agriculture provides comments.

The Department of Agriculture has known for many years that the City designated the Hoopili site and the balance of the Ewa plain for urban growth. We believe efforts to protect agricultural land for agricultural production now and into the future should focus on those lands designated as "Agricultural Land Preservation" in the City and County of Honolulu's Ewa Development Plan and Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adam Bensley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HCR72 and keep the land for the proposed Ho'opili development in agricultural production forever. Having food is more important than houses that we don't need. Mahalo, Adam Bensley 1610 Wilhelmina Rise Honolulu, 96816

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Alan Gottlieb	Second City Property Mgt	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Alan Gottlieb. I am the manager of Second City property Management. We currently manage the agriculture land and water systems at Ho'opili, on behalf of the farmers. I think it's important for people to understand why there are plans to develop the land at Ho'opili. In the mid to late 1990's, there was a conscious decision made by the State and County to preserve over 12,000 acres of some of Hawai'i's best agriculture lands Mauka of H-1 Freeway in Kunia, and to designate the land below the Freeway for urban growth. Those Mauka lands will always be protected and are home to many farmers. We also manage 2700 acres in Kunia on the old Del Monte plantation which is now being intensively farmed. Fat Law, one of the sub-lessees at Ho'opili, is an owner in upper Kunia, growing his basil and other crops very successfully. Very much in line with this Ewa Development Plan is the current development of UH West Oahu, several thousand Homes on Hawaiian Home Lands, the Kroc Center, a planned shopping center, and just last year, DLNR at their monthly Board meeting had on their agenda an item for an RFP on 175 of State agricultural lands, surrounding the Horton Property, and now farmed by Aloun and Sugarland Farms. DLNR Staff's submittal stated on page 5 "The subject property is located in East Kapolei and has excellent development and income potential. Development of the subject property is consistent with State and County long range plans, including the underlying State Land Use Commission's Urban District classification and the City's Ewa Development Plan." The same farmers have farmed the State lands adjacent to Ho'opili for the past 17 years, but have lost their State leases for the above mentioned State developments. It seems that there was no outcry when the State evicted these same farmers, with no compensation or any other mitigation. UH West Oahu has evicted these farmers long before much of their lands have been developed. The State has the power to set a strong example by setting aside their land for ag, but has not done so in this area. Why would the State ask a private landowner to do what they will not do?

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Alana Bryant	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Hawaii Laborers' Union

In **STRONG OPPOSITION**

To HCR 72/HR76 URGING THE PRESERVATION OF HOOPILI LANDS
FOR AGRICULTURAL USE.

To the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Water and Land.

Monday, April 1, 2013, 10:20 a.m., Room 312

State Capitol

Chair Jessica Wooley, Vice Chair Richard Onishi; Chair Cindy Evans,
Vice Chair Nicole Lowen; and members of the committee:

The Land Use Commission voted 8 to 1 on June 8, 2012 to reclassify
some 1500 acres for the Hoopili development of about 11,000
homes over the next 20 years.

The land in question has been in the Ewa Development Plan since the
1970s. The decision makers at that time had the foresight that a
second city would be necessary to provide housing, employment,
recreational and business opportunities for our growing population.
And recently, the Hoopili project was unanimously approved after
vigorous discussion by three neighborhood boards in the region.
These boards are elected by their respective community and
therefore, represent substantially the interests of the each related
community.

We believe that the LUC has made balanced decisions in preserving agricultural lands with its duty to consider economic development and employment opportunities with housing for all income groups.

There are important government agencies that support the Hoopili project including the Department of Agriculture, the Office of Planning, the City Department of Planning and Permitting which testified that the Hoopili project is in the Urban Growth Boundary Line; the Board of Water Supply, the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; the current farming operators Alouen Farms, and the massive number of construction workers and their families who live in the region on Oahu. And there are those community members who want to live, play, and enjoy their lives with their families in a well-planned community such as Hoopili.

Economic development and employment are stated goals of the legislature and administration to pull the state out of the recession. The Hoopili project will fulfill these goals: 1) Some 27,000 construction, professional and related support jobs will be created over the life of the project; 2) about 7,000 direct permanent jobs will be created; 3) Hoopili is unique in that it will be the first community to include small farms and community gardens; 4) there will be transportation alternatives to allow residents to not use their autos; 5) there will be open space; and importantly, the project will provide for 6) educational and 7) housing that is needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii has lost 50% of our best farmland since statehood. We rely on imports for more than 90% of our food. Ho'opili produces at least 25% of the food we grow in Hawai'i. Koa Ridge produces at least 15% of the food we grow in Hawai'i. Please support this important Bill to help preserve Hawaii's future.

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Barbara Cooney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do what you can to preserve our ag land. More than 25% of our local produce comes from this area, and we need to become MORE sustainable, not less. Please help to free us from dependence on imported food. Mahalo!

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Ben Shafer	Individual	Support	No

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Bonnie Bonse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident of Maui. i write to urge support of HCR72. The people of Hawai'i have lost 50% of our best farmland since statehood, which has contributed to the need for 90% of our foods to be imported. Ho'opili produces at least 25% of the food we grow in Hawai'i. What we need is to strengthen and insure food security, not build more housing where food is grown. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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Testimony of Cindy McMillan
The Pacific Resource Partnership

House Committee on Agriculture
Representative Jessica Wooley, Chair
Representative Richard H.K. Onishi, Vice Chair

House Committee on Water and Land
Representative Cindy Evans, Chair
Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair

HCR 72/HR 56 – URGING THE PRESERVATION OF HOOPILI LANDS FOR
AGRICULTURAL USE

April 1, 2013

10:20 am

Conference Room 312

Aloha Chairs Wooley and Evans, Vice Chairs Onishi and Lowen, and members of the Committees:

The Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters.

PRP **opposes** HCR 72/HR 56, Urging the Preservation of Hoopili Lands for Agricultural Use.

There is no doubt that Hawaii can and should produce more locally grown produce. There is also an irrefutable need for housing at all price ranges and economic opportunity for Honolulu's residents. As our population grows, strategies to meet both needs must be developed and implemented by the state and counties.

The State Constitution as amended in 1978 recognizes the inevitability of population growth and directs the state and counties to plan for and manage that growth:

The State and its political subdivisions, as provided by general law, *shall plan and manage the growth* of the population to protect and preserve the public health and welfare; except that each political subdivision, as provided by general law, may plan and manage the growth of its population in a more restrictive manner than the State (ARTICLE IX Section 6, emphasis added).

Based on official state and county population growth forecasts, Honolulu will need 104,500 new dwelling units by the year 2050 to accommodate the anticipated increase in the number of residents. This includes local families whose children and grandchildren want to live, work and play on Oahu. It also includes those who move to Honolulu to pursue their hopes and dreams.

Since the 1970s, the City and County of Honolulu has directed growth to the Ewa Plain and Kapolei as documented in the Ewa Development Plan and the Kapolei Area Long Range Master Plan. The Long Range Master Plan describes growth in the area that will include community building – not just project development – to create neighborhoods designed to enhance lives, reduce automobile dependency and connect to one another through a network of greenways. Hoopili is consistent with these long-term plans.

The state Land Use Commission (LUC) has agreed. After a thorough review of all aspects of the proposed project, the LUC voted to approve the reclassification of agricultural land to the urban district.

Hoopili's agricultural history will be honored as part of the developer's urban agriculture initiative, which will integrate the production of organic agriculture in well-located community areas. Ultimately, Hoopili will transition to a more sustainable, "method-intensive" farming community, using less land and water. Residents will benefit by getting fresh produce from community garden sites and farmers' markets throughout the community.

Hawaii has more than 280,000 acres of high-quality land reserved for agriculture. Hoopili has 1,375 acres of farmable land which represents about 0.5% of this total. The farming operations currently located on the site can be relocated to other prime ag lands. On the other hand, the Hoopili development cannot be relocated to less-than-prime ag lands without serious negative consequences to the environment and quality of life.

The county's growth plans have included a transit line since their inception decades ago. Now that the rail system is a reality, development must be focused along this infrastructure investment in order to achieve a future in which we have ample farm land and open space. We must encourage development – like Hoopili – around the transit stations. This will reduce the development footprint and preserve prime ag lands. Additionally, it will reduce the number of vehicle miles driven, which lessens our dependence on foreign oil, lowers greenhouse gas emissions and improves our quality of life.

The rail system allows us to commit to a land-use pattern that provides housing and job opportunities while preserving our environment and natural resources. Hoopili is exactly the type of development that will help us meet our long-term agricultural, housing and economic objectives.

It's time to move forward with this project without further delay.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views on these Resolutions.

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Dennis Egge	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: In one rather long sentence: I firmly believe we can have the housing we need, continue to preserve the proven productive Hoopili farmland for its intended purpose, and develop a transit oriented culture pilot project, by establishing a high-density commercial/residential subdivision within easy walking distance of the end of the rail transit line's UH West Oahu Campus station, right now! I offer the Wheaton Maryland Metro Station, as a perfect example: Those who reside in this truly dynamic DC Metro Transit Oriented Development, thrive on the ample resources provided; possessing a privately owned vehicle is patently unnecessary. Mahalo for allowing me to participate in this extremely important hearing, Dennis Egge; 2920 Ala Ilima Apartment 703, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. and Mrs. Mark Nokes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representatives: We have lost more than 50% of our best farmland land since statehood, and import more than 90% of the food we eat in Hawai'i. Ho'opili produces 25% of the food we grow here, and must be preserved as agricultural land in perpetuity. Besides destroying a large portion of our remaining farmland, opening this area to development would exacerbate our already deplorable traffic situation here on O'ahu. Tourists come to Hawai'i to get away from traffic and suburban sprawl, not just see more of it. The islands that have preserved their desirability as tourist destinations are ones like Bermuda that have avoided reckless development and maintained their paradisiacal character. Please preserve Ho'opili as farmland and O'ahu as a tourist destination. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Harvey Arkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please support HCR72 to help keep Ho'opili farm land growing food for the islands. Thank you

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Ikaika Pestana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please keep Hoopili as agriculture land for Hawaii's people. We don't need more urban sprawl.

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please protect lands critical to future generations by approving this bill. mahalo

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please kōkua. Do not allow our precious farmland to be used to grow houses instead of food. Mahalo!

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Laura Horigan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to preserve agricultural land.we can't eat houses!

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I support the preservation of Ho'opili for agricultural use in perpetuity.

The arguments have been clearly presented expressing the value of this land for food production; Hawaii's vulnerability to food shortages if ports should ever be closed due to hurricane, earthquake, etc.; the expense of creating a water infrastructure in order to develop agricultural lands elsewhere; and the exacerbation of traffic and transportation problems that developing housing in this area would create.

Please pass bill HCR 72 to keep this important agricultural area in agriculture and do a swap enabling D.R. Horton to build housing in the urban core instead.

Mary Spadaro
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MS Matson	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's no secret that Hawaii has lost half of its best farmland since statehood. And, considering that we import 90% of our food, it makes no sense to transform some of Oahu's most productive farmland at Ho'opili into residential development, with all the traffic and congestion it would bring. D.R. Horton must be urged to consider the interests of Hawaii's sustainable future. Thank you for chance to submit this testimony.

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Neil Frazer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this resolution, which I strongly support. Mahalo for your unselfish service to the people of Hawaii.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013

TESTIMONY BY PETER LEE OF HAWAII LECET
FOR HCR 72 / HR 56

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rep. Jessica Wooley, Chair
Rep. Richard H. K. Onishi, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair
Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2013
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PLACE: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TO THE HONORABLE JESSICA WOOLEY, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE:
TO THE HONORABLE CINDY EVANS, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE WATER AND LAND COMMITTEE:

Good Morning,

My name is Peter Lee, and I am the Construction Compliance Officer for Hawaii Laborers Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is the labor-management trust fund between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

Hawaii LECET **STRONGLY OPPOSES** House Concurrent Resolution No. 72 / House Resolution No. 56.

Ho'opili is the first community in Hawai'i to integrate food production – including small farms, community gardens and home gardens — as part of its design. Ho'opili's innovative Urban Agriculture Program calls for more than 250 acres of land to be dedicated to food production, fully integrating these farms and gardens throughout the community. This program creates beautiful green landscapes for residents to enjoy and provides a source of fresh and healthy, locally-produced food for their consumption.

In addition, Hawai'i has more than 280,000 acres of arable, high-quality land reserved for agriculture. Ho'opili's 1,375 acres of arable land represents about 0.5% of this total. According to a source, Hawai'i farmers produce over 30% of the fruits and vegetables we consume, and there are over 170,000 acres of fallow prime agriculture land available Statewide and 30,000 acres on O'ahu.

Lastly, the state Land Use Commission voted in support of Ho'opili, and the introduction of this resolution ignores the process that has lasted many years through countless hearings and community input.

For these reasons, we **strongly oppose of HCR 72 / HR 56** and respectfully ask that it be held.

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION
URGING THE PRESERVATION OF HOOPILI LANDS FOR
AGRICULTURAL USE.

HCR 72

Aloha:

I support HCR 72.

I am Poka Laenui, a resident of the Wai`anae community for over 60 years. I was raised in a farm environment in Lualualei Valley and I know the importance of agricultural lands for the basic needs for every community. I know this as a result of common sense.

I believe that it is our responsibility to make every effort within our means to preserve what remaining agricultural lands we have, both on the island of O`ahu and on every neighbor island of Hawai`i.

I ask that you support this resolution.

Mahalo,

Poka Laenui (Hayden F. Burgess)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ricky Tamashiro	Masons Union Local 1 & 630	Oppose	No

Comments: The Masons Union oppose the intent and purpose of this bill. The Masons Union Local 1 & 630 represents 1800 members of the following construction trades, Bricklayers, Stone Masons, Ceramic Tile Setters, Marble Masons, Pointer Caulker, Cement Finishers and Plasterers. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a testimony on this bill

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to preserve and protect our vanishing agricultural lands. Please pass this resolution.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

April 1, 2013, 10:20 A.M.
(Testimony is 2 pages long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 72/HR 56

Aloha Chair Wooley, Chair Evans, and members of the Committees:

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, with over 10,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, respectfully **supports** HCR 72/HR 56. This resolution urges the preservation of the lands called by some Ho'opili for continued agricultural use.

D.R. Horton's proposed Ho'opili mega-development which would plant 11,750 housing units on some of the most productive farmland in the state – the place where an incredible 20% of our local produce is grown.

We have a practical, as well as a moral obligation, to resist the rush to exhaust precious limited resources in the pursuit of short-term gain. Over the last 50 years Oahu's preferred planning model has been suburban sprawl. In that time, we paved 50 percent of our prime farmland: the land with the best soil, the best water access, the best capacity for growing food.

Tens of thousands of suburban single-family homes now cover much of central and leeward Oahu, all connected by a limited freeway system. Tens of thousands more homes are already zoned and entitled in new suburbs with names like Makaiwa Hills, Royal Kunia, Waiawa Ridge and Kapolei West.

As a result, at rush hour, H1 is now one of the most congested freeways in the nation. Commuters on O'ahu lose an average 26 hours every year stuck in traffic, which means less time with our families and tons of CO2 every year, needlessly pumped into the air.

Rampant sprawl has made our lifestyle dangerously dependent on imports, sucking money out of state while hurting our economic and physical health.

Half a century ago, we grew more than 50 percent of our own food. Today we grow less than 15 percent. As fresh local produce was replaced by imported processed foods, we witnessed an explosion of diet-related diseases like diabetes and obesity, which in Hawai'i now claims nearly one in four adults, according to the Centers for Disease Control. These diet-related diseases have, in turn, placed enormous strains on our healthcare system.

Meanwhile, the car-reliant suburban model makes us increasingly dependent on imported oil. Last year visitors to Hawai'i spent \$11.6 billion: this money flew straight back out the door to pay for imports – roughly \$7 billion to import energy and perhaps as much as \$3 to 4 billion for food and other imported goods. We hand this money to giant out-of-state energy corporations and agribusinesses that reinvest little in our economy.

So what is the answer?

Hawaii is blessed with some of the most fertile land and benign growing weather on the planet. This gives us the chance to grow substantial quantities of our own food and bio-fuels. Growing more of our own food and energy would not only help protect us from disruption, inflation and scarcity; it would boost our economy and create jobs – both entry level and skilled. In 2008, the Department of Agriculture concluded that replacing just 10% of imported food with locally grown produce would generate nearly \$200 million in sales and create more than 2,300 new jobs.

Oahu's nascent agriculture revolution is bearing fruit. It takes time to recover from the death of the plantation monoculture, yet already the acreage devoted to growing vegetables increased 475% between 1990 and 2004. Led by top restaurants and hotels, the demand for locally grown and organic produce is exploding. We could be witnessing the revitalization of Hawaii's agricultural sector, and a return to a more sustainable island system.

Meanwhile, by redirecting growth back to the city, we have a golden chance to steer currently unemployed construction workers into the burgeoning green jobs market. Here's one example: federal statistics show that if we made 1% of the homes on Oahu more energy efficient, we'd create 800 to 900 new construction jobs. Already in the past five years, our solar industry has grown leaps and bounds, employing hundreds of new people while helping wean Hawaii off dirty fossil fuels. Taller city buildings demand more-skilled, better paid workers. These should be the future of Hawaii's construction industry. That would be pono.

But for that scenario to have any hope of coming to pass we cannot permit any more huge tracts of prime farmland to be swallowed by more urban sprawl.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Sally Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Shawn James Leavey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: mahalo!

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Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ear Representatives, I respectfully urge you to help save some of Hawaii's best farm land from development. In this uncertain world where we may find the supply ships unable to reach us, it is a crime to think of letting prime agricultural land be developed. Please vote to pass this resolution.
Best Regards, Susan Stayton

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support passage of this bill to stimulate local farms and increase more tourisms in the islands.

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March 31, 2013

The Honorable Jessica Wooley, Chair
The Honorable Richard Onishi, Vice Chair
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The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
The Honorable Nicole Lowen, Vice Chair
House Committee on Water and Land
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Dear Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi, Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen and members of the committees:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is **strongly opposed to HCR72/HR56**, urging the preservation of Ho'opili lands for agricultural use.

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Hawai'i Masons Union, Local 1 and Local 630; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local 3. Together, the four member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the four basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

This bill would have negative effects on the availability of housing – particularly affordable housing – on O'ahu. A total of 11,750 homes have been proposed at Ho'opili, which represents a significant step toward addressing our island's severe housing shortage. Of these 11,750 homes, 30%, or over 3,500 will be in the affordable range, it possible for families across the income spectrum to own their own homes. Without the creation of further housing options for our local residents, we face the prospect of further economic and social problems due to the rising cost of housing here on O'ahu.

This bill would also harm Hawai'i's construction industry, which, after the recent economic recession, is beginning to see positive signs once again. Ho'opili is estimated to create approximately 27,000 jobs in construction and consultation throughout its multi-decade build-out. In addition, Ho'opili is estimated to sustain 7,000 permanent jobs in its industrial,

commercial, and mixed-use areas. HCR72/HR56 would stunt job growth in both the immediate- and long-term, harming our nascent economic recovery.

We urge you to defer or hold HCR72/HR56.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Dos Santos-Tam". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Wynnie Hee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing this piteous cry on behalf of the people of Hawaii who hate to buy food that had to be shipped thousands of miles, who would like to eat fresh, locally grown produce, especially organic produce. It's a sympathetic gesture, but I think a futile one. DR Horton Schuler has battled for years to achieve the rezoning of Ho'opili to urban use, and the Land Use Commission, in a mindboggling decision last summer, IGNORED all the experts who testified ("best ag land IN THE WORLD") in favor of the argument, "it's already in the urban plan" (or something to that effect). Times change and plans can change too, right? But no, LUC agreed with Horton Schuler experts. I don't understand how a HCR now could deter Horton Schuller from following through on their transit oriented development around rail station no. 1, already under constuction now on the ag lands of Ho'opili. Horton Schuler is a for- profit corporate creature; its only goal is its bottom line. Only attaching a billion dollar incentive to this resolution would make them walk away. But thank you for considering this belated resolution to save ag land... it's a nice gesture.

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