

Testimony of
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Before the
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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In Support of HR 171/HCR 219, Requesting OHA to conduct itself in an open and transparent manner by providing documentation of its actions regarding lands received pursuant to Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, and Urging OHA to conduct its actions with regard to the lands received in an open and transparent manner

Chair Faye Hanohano and Vice Chair Ty Cullen and Members,

My name is Sharon Moriwaki. I am a resident of Kakaako and president of Kakaako United, an organization of citizens concerned about Kakaako's future.

We oppose OHA's actions and its efforts to persuade the Legislature to pass HB 2554, HD1 and/or SB 3122, which will allow it to build residential developments in Kaka'ako Makai in violation of explicit current law established in 2006.

In 2012, SB 2783 became law (Act 15). It stated that OHA accepted the Kaka'ako makai parcels "as is, where is," after completing all due diligence, to satisfy all claims relating to income and proceeds from the public land trust. Act 15 (2012) also stated that the property was to remain under the jurisdiction and authority of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), and specifically with respect to zoning and land use conditions. Under the law governing HCDA, Section 206E-31.5(2), HRS, specifically prohibits it -- the steward of the Kaka'ako Community Development District-- from "approving any plan or proposal for any residential development in that portion of the Kaka'ako community development district makai of Ala Moana Boulevard..."

In hearings before the Legislature, OHA representatives have stated that the state promised that OHA could return for further entitlements; yet, Act 15 states otherwise. Therefore, OHA should provide the documentation for these claims. If it cannot show that the agreement allowed for the renegotiation of entitlements then it should abide by Act 15. If OHA has documentation showing that the state had given it the right to return for further entitlements, then OHA should be allowed to renegotiate the previous agreement so long as it does not violate the governing law of Chapter 206E, HRS.

Based on the foregoing, we support HR 171/HCR 219 and urge the adoption of these resolutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Requesting the OHA to conduct itself in an open and transparent manner by providing documentation of its actions regarding lands received pursuant to Act 15

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“Unfolded by the water are the faces of the flowers”

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My name is Wayne Takamine and I participated in the creation and approval of the Kaka’ako Makai Master Plan as the Chair of the Kaka’ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC). My background in Kaka’ako Makai goes back to 2005 when the HCDA presented its condominium development RFP. Public outcry strongly opposed residential development and in 2006, the legislature approved the prohibition of residential planning and implementation in Kaka’ako Makai and the sale of state land in Kaka’ako.

On the July 30, 2013 I participated in the OHA Kaka’ako Makai charette that was facilitated by a local consultants and I felt the primary goal for the workshop from the onset was to create a strategy for residential development entitlements. The charette for the most part did not revisit the Kaka’ako Makai Master Plan including the Vision and Guiding Principles approved by the HCDA in 2011 or consider a Hawaiian Community Cultural Center.

HR 171 / HCR 219; would allow OHA a larger and more diverse forum to conduct open and transparent planning in a manner by providing documentation of its actions regarding lands received pursuant to Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. HR 71 / HCR 219 could create viable alternatives that may further augment the current OHA settlement.

OHA and its communities can gain by considering concepts included in the HCDA approved Kaka'ako Makai Conceptual Master Plan that was created by the community planning process beginning in 2006 and approved by the HCDA Board in 2011. As landowners OHA's should strongly consider the concepts provided for use by its Hawaiian Communities. The Master plan includes projects like the Museum for Hawaiian Music and Dance (\$35MM), Community Center (\$10MM), Performing Arts Venue (\$55MM). If these 3 projects were implemented by OHA they could have an "at cost" value of \$100 million according to the master plan. OHA could seek federal and state subsidies and grant money to plan and develop projects related to a Hawaiian Community Cultural Center to augment any fundraising activities.

If OHA were to move forward in developing these master plan concepts for the benefit of the Hawaiian Communities, these projects could help strengthen its communities by presenting project goals that will generate synergies within their communities to overcome challenges in the creation of these facilities and programs. OHA could then seek commercial partnerships with businesses that can manage the facilities to make them financially sustainable. The Hawaiian communities would benefit by perpetually owning these facilities and having access to surrounding areas for cultural practices and community gathering during non-business hours. The public will also benefit by being able to rent the facilities for special occasions or attend special events and productions.

Respectfully,

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Kaka'ako Makai CPAC Chair

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Comments: I strongly support this resolution.

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