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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**

8:45 A.M.

Room 325

**SENATE BILL NO. 2274, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING**

Chairperson Evan and Members of the Committee:

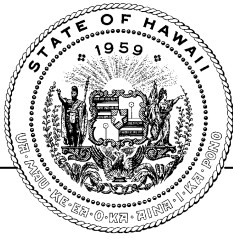
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2274, Senate Draft 1. This measure requires the counties of Maui and the Big Island to establish permits for sustainable living research sites on areas less than 15 acres. The Department of Agriculture has comments.

This bill seeks to create a new permit at the county level to establish what appears to be permanent "sustainable living research sites" that promote a live-in environment that emphasizes conservation, waste re-use, organic foods, renewable energy, and shared living. These sites are to be subject to State and Federal laws, rules and regulations and are to be permitted uses within the Agricultural District.

The Department of Agriculture supports efforts to increase food production and promote agricultural education. However, we feel that agricultural production should be the primary activity on agricultural lands

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.





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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Monday, March 10, 2014
8:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
SB 2274 SD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING.

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land.

SB 2274, SD1 adds a chapter to the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) entitled, *Sustainable Living Research Act*, which authorizes counties to issue a permit that designates an area as a sustainable living research site. HRS §§ 205-2 and 205-4.5 are also amended to add sustainable living research sites as permissible uses in the rural and agricultural districts.

We provide the following comments for your consideration:

- There are existing and well-used processes in place to permit uses such as sustainable living research sites in appropriate areas in the rural and agricultural districts such that the bill is not necessary. In particular, the Special Permit process in HRS § 205-6 authorizes county planning commissions to “permit certain unusual and reasonable uses within the agricultural and rural districts other than those for which the district is classified” in accordance with county special use permit rules and the guidelines set forth in Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 15-15-95.

- The counties and the State have not completed the process of identifying important agricultural lands (IAL) to the State of Hawaii. The intent of the IAL law is to “conser[ve] the State's agricultural land resource base and assur[e] the long-term availability of agricultural lands for agricultural use[.]”¹ The IAL law, passed in 2005, implements Article XI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, which directs the State to “conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.”
- Allowing non-agricultural uses in the State Agricultural District may contribute to the impermanence syndrome, whereby agricultural use declines due to farmers’ disinvestment in their farm operations in anticipation of development. This has been observed to occur where competing uses are allowed in areas designed for agricultural uses.²

Accordingly, we believe the current county regulatory processes and the provisions of HRS Chapter 205 and HAR Chapter 15-15 adequately address the intent of the proposed bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

¹ HRS § 205-41.

² *Impermanence Syndrome – Have you got it?*, Rutgers, at <http://njsustainingfarms.rutgers.edu/farmlandissues.html> (last visited, Feb. 3, 2014).



House Water and Land Committee
Meeting: March 10th 8.45am

RE: SB 2274

Aloha Chair Rep. Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Rep. Nicole Lowen, and Members of the Committee,

Our statewide organization with more than 650 members supported a similar bill (HB111) in 2013. It passed all three House committees. There is strong support statewide for bringing zoning and land use codes into compliance with the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. SB2274 will make Sustainable Living Research Sites a permitted use on agricultural and rural land by amending HRS Section 205-2. It will only apply to Maui and Hawaii Counties.

We strongly support SB 2274 because sustainable living research will:

- Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005
- support Gov. Neil Abercrombie, 2014 State of the State Address
“Today’s climate changes are warning bells signaling the necessity for preparedness now ... The Hawaiian Islands are a learning laboratory for scalable, innovative mitigation, adaptation policies and techniques, and providing a model on local and regional collaboration.”
- Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
 - Increase employment in small business sustainable enterprises
 - Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that will educate and employ a new breed of young farmers
 - Reduce dependence on imports of food by promoting locally sustainable alternatives
 - Provide additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands
 - Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate
 - Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing

We also fully support amending this bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Smith	Go Green Culture	Support	No

Comments: I believe that the SB2274 is of the greatest possible importance for the future of our beloved Hawaiian Culture and Home; that we may test out and achieve new levels of innovation and experimentation on key survival issues of sustainability. The issues of food sovereignty, energy sustainability and self-sufficiency, electric vehicle transportation, a new Green Economy that creates new Green Collar Jobs, and new collaborative community systems are now essential for the very survival of our fragile economic and ecological societal systems. There are thousands of new strategies and action plans for sustainability that are being demonstrated and proven around the world by forward thinking communities. These are the communities that will thrive competitively in the decades ahead and through the rest of this century. Hawaii needs the opportunity to try out and test these proven sustainability strategies and programs here in our communities. The future of our Keiki and our culture hangs in the balance. We can no longer do the same old things the same old ways. The future is now. Please support this bill to promote innovation and experimentation in our communities. We can all learn a lot. This ain't the mainland and this is a new day calling for new actions. Malama Pono, Deborah Smith, Educational Director for Go Green Culture ~ Mahalo and Aloha ~

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Eric Marantz	Village Green Society	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Senator David Ige, Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani, and Members of the Committee, I support SB 2274 for many reasons, including: It addresses most of the priority action steps for the year 2020 as defined by the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force. It will promote think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development. It will increase affordable and sustainable green housing, It will bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values. Please support this bill and make it legal to live sustainably and in community. I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Respectfully, Eric Marantz
President Village Green Society

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House Water and Land Committee

Meeting: March 10, 2014 @ 10:30am

RE: SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

Please support SB2274 and amend it to be applicable to lots greater than one acre. For example Kalani educational retreat, on 120 acres of revitalized ahupua'a, has been modeling sustainable living and nature, culture, wellness education for 40 years. SB2274 is very important and long overdue. It will greatly help Hawai'i attain the State's 2050 Sustainability Goals. See www.kalani.com/HelpHawaiiThrive for 466 signers of letters of support for sustainable living legislation.

I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

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12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Bronfman	The Aurora Foundation	Support	No

Comments: Aloha respected Representatives and Members of the House Water and Land Committee, I would strongly ask you to support SB2274. Rarely does such an opportunity come along to accomplish so much good at SO LITTLE cost to the State and the taxpayers. Through the passage of this law the legislators would be freeing communities to find sustainable, place specific, local solutions for the greatest challenges that our island community is facing. The Aurora Foundation, of which I am President has made substantial private sector contributions to improving the quality of life and environmental health of islands residents. The passage of this bill into law would allow us to accomplish so much more AT NO COST to the taxpayer; Just from freeing us from regulatory restrictions and impositions that are not needed and serve only to inhibit or delay the beneficial works we are seeking to develop on the island. Mahalo doing the right thing with a vision for the future; Jeffrey Bronfman President, The Aurora Foundation

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Dear House Water and Land Committee:

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I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Sincerely,

Paul Garrett Hugel
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Richard Koob	non-profit educational Kalani retreat	Support	No

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Beth McCormick	Permaculture Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: We are involved in establishing a permaculture farm in Puna, Hawaii, in an effort, in our own small way, to increase the overall food security of the State of Hawaii. This helps to establish self-sufficiency for an economically depressed area, and will eventually offer good jobs and economic opportunity, as well as self-reliance in case of a natural disaster or long term economic downturn. We want to operate within established rules of the state and county, in offering sustainable and affordable housing and food production. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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Tracy Matfin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: House Water and Land Committee Meeting: March 10, 2014 RE: SB 2274 Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of Bill SB2274. This bill has a significant impact on my life. I conduct daily research by living and growing food in a sustainable living research community called La'akea Community, LLC. You can learn more about us at www.permaculture-hawaii.com. We have been learning and growing towards increased sustainability for the last nine years. Our research would greatly benefit from this bill by increasing our sense of security and contribution. I support SB 2274 for these reasons: Sustainable living research will: 1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005 2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency 3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate 5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises 6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers 7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing 8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity. 9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues. 10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives 11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Sincerely, Tracy Matfin La'akea Community, LLC 808-443-4076 Pahoehoe, Hawaii 96778

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Luana Jones	Na Kanaka Maoli 'O Hawai'i	Support	No

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Mark Sheehan	Haiku Ainia Permaculture Initiative	Support	No

Comments: There are many reasons to pass this bill. Here are a few: Sustainable living research will:
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Gerry	Go Green Culture Foundation	Support	No

Comments: The SB2274 is a crucial and valuable step forward for our Hawaiian culture to test out and achieve new levels of innovation and experimentation on the key survival issues of sustainability for our island cultures. The issues of food sovereignty, energy sustainability and self sufficiency, electric vehicle transportation, a new Green Economy that creates new Green Collar Jobs, and new collaborative community systems are essential for the very survival of our fragile economic and ecological societal systems. There are thousands of new strategies and action plans for sustainability that are being demonstrated and proven around the world by forward thinking communities. These are the communities that will thrive competitively through the rest of this century. Hawaii needs the opportunity to try out and test these proven sustainability strategies and programs here in our communities. The future of our Keiki and our culture hangs in the balance. We can no longer do the same old things the same old ways. The future is now. Please support this bill to promote innovation and experimentation in our communities. We can all learn a lot. This ain't the mainland and this is a new day calling for new actions. Aloha aina.

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Robert Palmer	Belly Acres	Comments Only	No

Comments: I fully support this bill to allow communities such as Belly Acres to continue to thrive and contribute to the Arts and Culture of Hawai'i.

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Robert Petricci	Puna Pono Alliance	Support	No

Comments: WAL rm 325 3/14 8:45 AM RE: SWB2274 SD1 Robert Petricci representing Puna Pono Alliance Position: Strong support Aloha Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair and committee members PPA support the bill as written. Robert Petricci President Puna Pono Alliance

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This bill is very important to me. It is common sense and I support it totally.

I am not a resident of Hawaii, but I plan to be in the near future. Sustainable farming is good for everyone.

House Water and Land Committee

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Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

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Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

This is a very important step toward sustainability and fair land use! I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

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4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate
5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises

thanks, Amara Karuna

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"There are only two ways to live your life:
as though nothing is a miracle, or as though everything is a miracle."

--Albert Einstein

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber Ternus	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this legislation in order to support regional economic development.

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12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

thank you,
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Ano Hanamana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is currently in many ways illegal to live sustainably and in community. This is antithetical to the spirit of Hawaii, the goals of our Governor, the 2050 plan, and just plain common sense. Sustainable living research sites need to be supported, protected, and honored. They are the key to our future. More suburban sprawl is not going to make Hawaii a great place to live. We need the spread of true sustainability, which starts with how we live on the land and with each other. I strongly support this bill, including the addendum to make it for all properties of 1 acre in size. Aloha, Ano Hanamana

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barb Cuttance	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for this bill. Barbara Cuttance
14/266 Papaya Farms Road, Pahoehoe, HI 96778

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bernadette sabth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ALOha, I would like to point out a few reasons of why I am in favor of you passing SB2274. - I live in a community on the Big Island where we promote the development of people living together in a sustainable way where we reuse as much as we can, we recycle as much as we can, we take care of our own refuse and we teach how to live in this way to all those who visit. We are constantly looking for ways and promoting ways in which we can find small cottage businesses to help those stay off federal and state programs for aid. We teach others to grow their own food. We also educate a local school (grades 9 to 12, Hawaiian Arts and Academy School) every other Friday. The young adults come here and learn how to garden and harvest their own lunches. Please help bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with my community values. You have to believe me when I tell you, by helping us (by passing this measure), you are helping yourselves by helping the youth who come here to learn how to fend for themselves. They are the future.

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House Water and Land Committee

Meeting: March 10, 2014 @10:30am

RE: SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

I support SB 2274 !

This is super important as we in Hawaii strive to implement Hawaii 2050 sustainability goals. We need to encourage people as they try to live using local and sustainable resources, this bill will help with this.

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I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Robert long

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Thank You,

Christy Ceraso
Big Island Resident

Aloha Representative,

I am writing in strong opposition to SB2274. I am a 20 year resident of one of the coastal areas that will be adversely affected by this piece of legislation. I live in a subdivision called Seaview Estates that literally sits between two unpermitted entertainment complexes, Belly Acres and Kalani Honua, and both have been a continual nuisance to our community. For years these two groups have throw musical/dance party events where hundreds of people from outside the community would come creating noise and traffic congestion in an area with very little infrastructure. The planning department finally shut them both down but it took a long time.

Each complex has publicly admitted that if this legislation passes they will be applying for these so called "sustainable living research sites" which to me has a lot of loop holes, and will allow them to do pretty much what they haven't been able to do. In my opinion they are really trying to skirt the special use process and take the power from the community and put it in the hands of the Politician i.e. the county council, planning commission or planning director. We would like to preserve our home rule and ability to decide within reason what happens in our community.

What is also very concerning to me and many of my neighbors is that SB2274 has language around geothermal along with a nicely place "or" Sustainable Living Research. There are all ready places on the mainland that are doing what they call "sustainable geothermal research." The Puna Pono Alliance had an attorney look at the bill and their president sent an email which said that "It is remotely possible that a geothermal developer could try to use a sustainable living site as a hoax to do geothermal research (i.e., exploratory drilling) under the guise of sustainable research,..." Please protect us from this terrible piece of legislation.

Please vote to kill this bill or at least consider amending it to say that it must be 10 miles from any subdivision.

Mahalo for your time,

Sheryle Sultan

808-965-7270

It is remotely possible that a geothermal developer could try to use a sustainable living site as a hoax to do geothermal research (i.e., exploratory drilling) under the guise of sustainable research, **but it seems unlikely as it would be much simpler just to do exploratory drilling without the extra trimmings (and their preference probably would be for a site larger than 15 acres.)** I think the bill was misread at

one point and the idea of SB2274 as a backdoor for geothermal resulted. In reading the bill our opinion is that possibility does not seem to be well-founded at this time. We will continue to watch the bill for any changes.

If this legislation passes and both of these sites are selected this will but they really seeking to undermine the special permit process and deprive the community a voice in what happens in there very back yard. They each throw musical/dance party events where of people from outside our community creating noise and traffic congestion that ruin our peaceful tranquil environment we presently have. cannot have any more good ideas on that road. Also when Graham was asked - many times - how will this benefit "you" SPACE and/or the other non-profit organizations represented on the land adjacent to Sea View - Not a quote but he round about stated that It's to get around the Special Use Permit and use the new bill guidelines - they can use special new Sustainability "research" guidelines in the bill to get around existing building violations and uses on the property that the Special Use Permit revisions was also trying to fix. If this bill passes - Senate/House - by filing permits under "Sustainability Research" which to me has a lot of loop holes, will allow them to do pretty much what they haven't been able to do - is what I heard. that ruin the peaceful tranquil environment that presently exists.

But lucky for everyone someone taped the 2hour plus meeting so there is a lot of information sharing and interesting sound bites that should concern folks. Hopefully that person can post online or make available. Unpleasant meeting but opposition to things is never pretty.

Bigger Picture and what concerns me the most is that SB2274 has language around geothermal along with a nicely place "or" Sustainable Living Research - seems there are many new loopholes in the revisions to put things under "research" all on 1+ acres.

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Diane Searles	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill for the Puna district to develop sustainable practices and education as a community that exemplifies a new way of living on the planet that is loving, sustainable, and culturally supportive and progressive.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elisabeth Werthwim	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in favor of this bill moving quickly through the process because it will support local small farmers, increase the sustainability of Hawaii, add employment to small business and generally be a forward moving measure. Measures like this are spreading across the globe. This is an idea whose time has come. Sincerely, Elisabeth Wertheim, homesteader on Maui 35 years

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francis spalluto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill as it increases our islands ability to be self sustaining int the areas of food production and energy self sufficiency. As an island community in the modern world it might seem that we are seamlessly connected to the outer islands, to the mainland us and the world at large, but this connection is fragile in many ways. This bill that i am supporting encourages innovation and community resource sharing. I am especially interested in the way it can simplify farming communities to be able to provide lodging for farm workers aside from single family dwellings.

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fred hofer	Individual	Support	No

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Galaxy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency 3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate 5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises 6. Promote the growth of small locally- owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers 7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing 8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity. 9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues. 10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives 11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community value.

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Geoffrey Shaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is counterproductive to criminalize or punish people who are trying to find ways co- exist with themselves and the environment more efficiently.

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Daniel Grantham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is vital for us and our descendants to examine and analyze the outcomes of our current and projected practices to determine if they enhance or damage our life support relationships with nature. It is only common sense to sustain the positive ones and eliminate the negative. Understanding and practicing measures to continue living in cooperation with nature and to increase sustainability will be our only real long term security. To be in conflict with natural processes which support our lives and culture is nothing more than slow suicide.

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David Snover	Individual	Oppose	No

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OPPOSE SB2274

Under the guise of 'Sustainability' this bill:

- allows commercial and de-facto commercial development in agriculturally zoned areas with wholly inadequate controls and overly vague definitions.
- allows an applicant to bypass the "Special Use Permit" process whenever they find it expedient to do so.
- places the burden of both its anticipated and its unanticipated effects on the people living on neighboring parcels, along access roads or within subdivisions affected by allowed 'Research' experiments.
- combines complex and controversial issues that should be carefully considered, discussed and voted upon individually, into a Pandora's Box .

For example, while a major aim of this bill is to allow changes in the materials approved for use in home construction, that goal should not be combined with a provision that allows a commercial wind farm to be constructed and operated next door to someone's home. Each of these very distinct interests should be examined in separate bills.

Lumping diverse special interests together in one bill, both the good and the bad, poisons it, just as a statement is judged false if even a single element of it is untrue no matter the truth of the other elements.

Without strict controls and well defined and limited objectives this bill, as written , can be used just as easily by the self serving as by those whose interests are more community based.

It will be easy to misuse this bill to get around existing restrictions that better protect the land and the people of Hawaii.

In its present form, I cannot support SB227 and urge you to vote "NO".

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thank you, Clive Cheetham (Chair of Koa'e Community Association)

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Dona Willoughby	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee I am a retired Cdr. from the US Navy who wants to benefit the world and Hawaii. I currently live in a sustainable community and would like more people to decrease their ecological footprint by doing the same thing. Please make this easier by supporting Bill 2274. I support SB 2274 for these reasons: Sustainable living research will: 1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005 2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency 3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate 5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises 6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers 7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing 8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity. 9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues. 10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives 11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values thank you, Dona M. Willoughby, Retired, USN

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3. Help eliminate crooked politicians like MALAMA SOLOMON.
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Perhaps most important ... you politicians will become better educated about the perils of GM0, chemtrails, Big Pharma, military misuse, rampant federal corruption, the fraudulent Federal Reserve banksters, free zero-point energy generators, megalithic corporate destruction of Planet Earth, & electronic mind-control antennae ... for starters.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Witt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need this research to decrease our dependence on the mainland, to renew soils depleted by unsustainable farming practices, and to assure breathable air, drinkable water and healthy food.

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House Committee on Water and Land

Meeting: March 10 10:45 am
RE: SB 2274

Aloha Members of the Committee,

I support SB 2274 for these reasons

We don't need to build like California. Let's take advantage of what the aina has to offer as long as everyone's safety is a priority.

If/when there is a conflict isolating us from the mainland we will be happy that we already have taken the first steps towards becoming self-sufficient.

This will help save precious materials. Not only in the building process costing far less in fuel shipping to the island but also once the life span has been reached there will be a lot less to get rid of.

It will also support small local farmers that at present cant afford to build to code and don't need to build to code which again will lead to less dependency of imported food.

I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Henrik Bothe

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To: House Water and Land Committee
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Aloha,

Please support SB 2274/ Sustainable Living Research.

Mahalo,
Jahnava Baldassarre
Pahoa HI 96778

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James Raschick	Individual	Support	No

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I am heartily in favor of SB2274. I believe the bill will:

1. Provide essential data for the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005
2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency
3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
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5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises
6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate new farmers
7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing
8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity.
9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues.
10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy with sustainable alternatives
11. Promote think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

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fonville	Individual	Oppose	No

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Testimony for SB2274

1: The idea of some group communities is good, but the behavior of these groups to neighbors is the BIG problem. For example: Open Space/Seaview

A group can feel entitled to do as it pleases....power in numbers. A community might not realize or want to believe that they are harming their neighborhood, especially if their intention is to be good and do good. A less intentional group might care even less about their neighbors.

2: How many people are allowed to live on one acre? What is the minimum area for a group?

What kinds of physical buffers (geography, plantings, walls, fences) has the group community provided for the safety and quiet of the neighborhood?

3: What noise level are they allowed? What are consequences for sound nuisance?

How are consequences enforced?

4:) Like with subdividing, groups need to get permission from their neighbors to be there in the first place. Clear sound and nuisance boundaries need to be set and adhered to.

It's very important for a permissions process to be in place and followed before noises become a nuisance. Like with subdividing, neighbors need to have some say, especially for public events and other large noisy group events.

5: Group needs a clearly defined spokesperson to deal promptly with communication, nuisance and other neighbor issues.

The spokesperson would be readily available by email and phone.

6: Group is NOT a concert hall, or factory etc.

Resolve noise problems at their place of origin.

Nuisance sounds need to take place in closed soundproof quarters.

Don't bring sound problems to neighbors. Don't expect them to soundproof their homes.

A 100-acre property is very different from a 10 or 20 acre with its sound nuisance.

If the group is making unreasonable noise, or endangering the safety of their neighbors by holding public events, the group must deal with the problem, not just expect the neighbors to suck it up.

7: Groups have parties, events, music, workshops, waaaaaaay more than the normal households have.....how will this be dealt with? What is the maximum for group events? Are there guidelines as to number and kind allowed?

A spokesperson for the group community would make sure that the neighborhood understands what an upcoming event would entail, and then either get neighborhood permission. If permission isn't given, the community must agree to modify their intended activities.

8: What right does a property owner have, who bought the large piece of land to be in peace and quiet and hearing the wind, rain, insects, birds etc.?

Instead, neighbors have to endure events that involve, for example, 3 days in a row of all-day drumming.

--- These are.... hawaiian island and the spirits and beings on this amazing land have lived in peace and within the spirit of aloha----This is the reason that many people came here to live. aloha-aina!!

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

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Jessica Hirst	Individual	Support	No

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Jim Gordon	Individual	Oppose	No

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kiani boutin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: i time for a change, i believe that this is a good and healthily for a tropical live style

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Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

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To: House Water and Land Committee

Meeting: [March 10, 2014 @10:30am](#)

RE: Please support SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans,
Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and
Members of the Committee,

I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

Sustainable Living Research will:

1. **Provide essential data** for implementation of the **Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005**
2. Improve our state **disaster preparedness** by researching and developing **Best Practices** to alleviate impacts due to a (possibly) protracted State of Emergency
3. Promote the **development of think tanks** focusing on **Sustainable Research and Development**
4. **Alleviate landfill problems** by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate
5. **Increase employment** in small, sustainable business enterprises
6. Promote the **growth of small locally-owned farms** that educate and **employ a new breed of young farmers**, plus the associated template for doing so, which in itself is Another **revenue stream for the whole community**

7. **Increase** Really 'affordable' and 'sustainable' **Green-Housing and associated local jobs**
8. Achieve multiple community goals through **economic activity**
9. **Implement programs** in sustainable development **to resolve problems** of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues
10. **Reduce dependence on imports** of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives, and associated businesses.
11. Promote the **development of think tanks** focusing on Sustainable Research and Development
12. *Bring current zoning and land use codes into **compliance** with local community values*

Thank you for your time and attention.

I look forward to Hawaii becoming a recognized, world-wide Role Model for the utilization of Appropriate Technology and Sustainable Living Standards.

Aloha,
Keri Dickie-Clark
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly Lowery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear ONES who are suppose to be working FOR the People and who are paid BY the people: Corporations are literally RUINING Culture and sustain-Ability. These actions MUST be supported on behalf of Humanity. Currently I am a vendor at the SPACE market which is my income and it supports local farmers and I teach nutrition to the public just by being there! WE always have tourist who are just blown away by the Color of the life at SPACE. Communities MUST be supported because the opposite of COME-Unity is Separation. Separation creates sadness for most humans. Why would we not want to lift each other up so we can ALL flourish and not just a few corporations. PLEASE PLEASE make it easier for all of these BE YOUtyFull souls to receive their education, have markets and events that are beneficial to ALL...MaHalo

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Kooan Paik	Individual	Support	No

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Lehn Huff	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Colter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Families and neighborhoods of professionals and students, retirees and residents of all ages are creating a more sustainable way of living on the Big Island. Citizens are trying to abide by the rules or change them when they no longer serve the people living here & the local community needs. I support SB2274

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House Water and Land Committee

Meeting: March 10, 2014 @10:30am

RE: SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

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1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005
2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency
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5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises
6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers
7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing
8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity.
9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues.
10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives
11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Deborah Sevy

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LJ Bates III	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge the passing of this bill. It allows for the innovative leaders in the field of sustainability research to lead our community in a new direction and teach us evolutionary systems for living together and in harmony with our environment. This bill allows for a new way of looking at our processes...which we now know have not worked in concert with our planet. Please pass this bill. Mahalo nui loa for your kokua!

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Lorn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this progressive measure! In our paradise, its time to set an example for the rest of the world on how to live sustainably with our environment. We are strangled by mainland building codes which in many ways are not appropriate for a small set of islands isolated by 1,000's of miles. When Captain Cook 'discovered' Hawaii there were 1,000,000 people living sustainably on our natural resources. Its time to move back in that direction.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark MacInnis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is being lobbied by special interest groups who our 501c3 that should not be lobbying. This bill amounts to allowing these groups to bypass current zoning laws and permitting restrictions that protect surrounding home owners from the wide range of exceptions to "research" on only 1 acre without concern to neighbors and the increase bodies who will be living on the property in what basically amounts to communes with substandard buildings. This will increase noise to the neighbours, increase traffic and bring down property values. Even to do work arounds for geothermal "research" under this bill. This bill is not about creating food/energy for the masses that will make us independent to the mainland by 2050. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.

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Mary Groode	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee, I support SB 2274 for these reasons: Sustainable living research will: 1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005 2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency 3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate 5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises 6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers 7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing 8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity. 9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues. 10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives 11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

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thank you,
Sylvia Dolena
Farmer, Pahoia 96778

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Playford	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I grew up and live in a K class dwelling off grid in California. In California you can put in your own plumbing and electrical, and then have it inspected, unlike Hawaii, where you're not allowed to talk to an inspector without a contractor's license. I've lived in my house for 40 years, and it is still a safe dwelling. PLEASE pass this new bill, for the good of all. Sincerely Mike Playford

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MSUchida	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is innovation for our future. Please support.

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COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair
Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 10, 2014
TIME: 8:45 am
PLACE: Conference Room 325
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SB2274

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Farris Etterlee	Private Land Owner	OPPOSE	No

Comments:

OPPOSE SB2274

SB2274 will adversely affect my community by allowing someone who has at minimum a **1 acre lot** to file a "Sustainability Reach Permit" under the section of the bill called "(2) Sustainable living research sites pursuant to chapter (d) Agricultural districts shall include as permissible uses:" State of House of Representatives in 2013 drafted their own bill HB111 and it was not passed due to concerns: On March 21, 2013, the Senate Water and Land and Public Safety Committees held a joint hearing on the Sustainable Living Research Act bill. They voted to defer it. While the House legislators supported the concept, they were ultimately concerned about a number of issues raised by the counties who testified in opposition. County of Hawaii's Planning Director, who testified in person against the bill, cited concerns about enforcement and liability and questioned whether the planning department was the best entity to administer the permit process.

The same concerns are valid today for the following reasons:

1: The "permissible uses" break existing State and Federal laws, permitting guidelines already in existence as stated in written testimony by the following Chairpersons who shared their "Concerns" to the Senate review committees, and should be again reviewed by the Houses Representatives and House Committee Chairs reviewing this bill.

**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND, AND PUBLIC
SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014 1:00 P.M. Room 225
SENATE BILL NO. 2274 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING**

AND

*Testimony of Gary Gill Deputy Director, Environmental Health Administration
Before SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
S.B. 2274, RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING
February 26, 2014 10:30 a.m.*

Further as written in the 3rd paragraph of the bill, (first sentence) "Similarly, this Act allows and encourages privately or otherwise funded sustainable projects within a county to research new low-impact ways of living without the limitations imposed by traditional codes and Ordinances." Would allow:

a) To point out - it clearly states: "encourages" - "privately or otherwise funded" - "new low-impact ways of living without the limitations imposed by traditional codes and Ordinances"

This clearly is in conflict with existing county codes and state and federal laws as indicated by the above State Officials.

2) 3rd paragraph of the bill, (third sentence): "Under this Act, applicants for permits must provide detailed description of the research to be conducted at the sites as well as annual status reports of research activities".

The Planning Department - one stated to be issuing the Sustainability Permit and conducting annual reviews, does NOT have the knowledgeable experts on its staff to handle the review of what is allowed as "permissible" in Rural or Agricultural areas

3) This bill has taken on many new definitions of Sustainable Living that don't benefit the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. This bill allows for anything and everything to be done under a very vague "research" category within Rural and Agriculture classified land on only 1 acre of land. This bill does NOT address where/what the plot of land might be next to as being un-permissible areas to locate and/or at least give separation boundaries. Concerns should be given for at least the following: school, church, playground, park, ocean, water runoff into water supply, lakes and ocean, adjacent to subdivisions or how access to the property would be granted which could be through an existing subdivision.

*4) Under the new Chapter" not yet numbered but titled "**CHAPTER SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH ACT**" section -8 Rules. Section 3. Section 205-2, Hawaii Revised Statues, is amended by amending subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows: This section revises and adds "permissible uses" to include*

(1) Geothermal resources exploration and geothermal resources development, as defined under section 182-1 ; and

(2) Sustainable living research sites pursuant to chapter

(d) Agricultural districts shall include as permissible uses::

Under this new section of "permissible uses", again on 1 acres + lots, the following is allowed which CAN NOT be regulated by the Planning Department nor is it their expertise in regulate and will BE HARMFULL to the surrounding community

(4) Wind generated energy production for public, private and commercial use;

(8) Wind machines and wind farms

(14) Geothermal resources exploration and geothermal resources development, as defined under section 182-1

(16) Sustainable living research sites pursuant to chapter - Agricultural districts

Section 4

(7) Public, private, and quasi-public utility lines and roadways, transformer stations, communications equipment buildings, solid waste transfer stations, major water storage tanks, and appurtenant small buildings such as booster pumping stations, but not including offices or yards for equipment, material, vehicle storage, repair or maintenance, treatment plants, corporation yards, or other similar structures;

(16) Biofuel processing facilities, including the appurtenances associated with the production and refining of biofuels that is normally considered directly accessory and secondary to the growing of the energy feedstock; provided that biofuels processing facilities and appurtenances do not adversely impact agricultural land and other agricultural uses in the vicinity.

(18) Construction and operation of wireless communication antennas; provided that, for the purposes of this paragraph, "wireless communication antenna" means communications equipment that is either freestanding or placed upon or attached to an already existing structure and that transmits and receives electromagnetic radio signals used in the provision of all types of wireless communications services; provided further that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit the construction of any new structure that is not deemed a permitted use under this subsection;

(21) Geothermal resources exploration and geothermal resources development, as defined under section 182-1[.]; or

I believe....

This bill is being pushed by special interest groups who have FAILED to get special use permits through the planning department and/or have their special use permits taken away "ceases and desist" letters issued by the planning department because of not meeting building codes, improper use of the land in the zone and the numerous other code violations that the Planning Department has stated in their ceases and desist letters. This bill will allow a "work around" and in essence allow for rules and laws to be circumvented in order to get a permit WITHOUT no protection of surrounding home owners. This will have a direct impact to property values and with that will come lower tax revenue to the county. Also these special interest groups are usually non-profits and pay no taxes. This bill puts full burden on the surround property owners to report violations and issue new complaints to the county and state.

The Planning department has failed to enforce special use permits in the pass and clearly the issuance of Special Use permits and their use is broken and does not protect the surrounding property owners. This will add yet another classification of permitting "Sustainable Research" that the Planning Department would not have the experts on staff to understand the research to begin with nor the experts on staff for the annual reviews that need to happen as part of this bill.

It takes it out of the hands of the community in the HOPES that the Planning Department will regulate something that they do not expertise in regulating as noted by their testimony.

I want to stop this bill from going further because on closer inspection you will see the loop holes introduced in SB2274 violate Federal, State and more importantly Environmental laws as they pertain to land use and what is allowed. The definition of "research" is very open for interpretation and misuse by property owners and businesses who will use to their benefit. bill will result in further development of our peaceful pristine coast along Hawaii island Puna District coast line mainly zoned Agricultural Land

This is nothing but legislature to get around current building codes by groups who have visions of filling up lands with sub standard buildings they use to co-habit with many non-family members in great numbers all in the name of "sustainable research." creating new subdivisions.

Please vote NO on SB2274!

Aloha Representative,

They say the time of absolute certainty never comes it is interrupted by things called decision. After having read all 29 pages of SB2274 I find myself scratching my head and wondering if you intelligent people are going to see thru the subterfuge and jargon that is put forth in this bill. The word "green" and "sustainability" are very positive words and there are many people living sustainably on their piece of property, it is a life style choice but whether or not I want to live right next to a research community in the middle of our establish community where people are obeying the laws, paying their taxes and contributing to the general welfare of this island, I do not and I don't want anything experimental around me!

I just want to let you know that this bill was authored by a nonprofit organization with a 501c3 status and according to the IRS website; them handing Sen. Ruderman this piece of legislation is a total violation of the IRS codes as they are not allowed to do direct lobbying for specific legislation that is even worst in case cause they admit to authoring the bill and they stand to financially benefit greatly. Will you please save my community from this out of control nonprofit and their legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

RJ Hampton

Resident of Seaview Estates

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SB2274

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Testimony for WAL on Mar 10, 2014 08:45AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Kuykendall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee, I support SB 2274 for these reasons: Sustainable living research will: 1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005 2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency 3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate 5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises 6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers 7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing 8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity. 9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues. 10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives 11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development 12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Shipp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. But why should it be limited to low density residential? Sustainable living research should go on in high medium and low density uses in commercial and residential areas alike. Many cities across the United States have proved, that when people are allowed into the process of choosing how they like to live, such as in “form-based zoning”, previously ugly and unlivable cityscapes have, in a very short time, blossomed into the places that everyone wants to be. Property values skyrocket, crime plummets and people are attracted into these newly open zoned areas even from other states. I know it’s hard, as these types of open zoning are more people friendly than commercially friendly. I personally worked, hand in hand, with zoning officials in Clark County Washington. At first they had much fear of change. But soon found that their fear was only a mindset and actually started to enjoy the creative process that this new type of zoning created. Simply stated, to a halt urban sprawl and lower the state’s costs for infrastructure, people need jobs and goods close to where they live. The passing of this bill and possibly others like it will automatically do this with little or no cost to the state. In my business I specialize in the design and manufacture of housing 350 ft.² or less. These houses are always of very high quality, aesthetically pleasing, healthy to live in and loved by their owners and neighbors alike. Today, they are often used for infill and many cities across the United States but there is no reason entire communities cannot be constructed using these designs and principles. Changes or revisions I would like to see in this bill page 6 line 5) (5) Subject to federal laws and regulations. Remove this line. page 21 line 6) Replace dragetrips with racetracks and racecourses page 29 line11) replace 1/2 acre with 1/4 acre

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Subject: SB2274 support

Dear Persons ,
I support this bill , and see opportunities for building service oriented employment for Puna especially. Many alternative communities host visitors from the mainland and are a significant draw to young people.
Please vote for this measure.
Randy Friesen
Po 1071 Pahoia

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Rob Tarver	Individual	Support	No

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From: Ruben Guetschow <guetschow@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2014 9:10 AM
To: waltestimony
Subject: Letter Supporting SB 2274

I am a new resident of Hawaii (1.5 years) and I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

Sustainable living research will:

1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005
2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency
3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate
5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises
6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers
7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing
8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity.
9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues.
10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives
11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Ruben Guetschow

From: Sally Skanderup <sallyskanderup@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2014 5:01 PM
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Subject: SB 2274

March 8, 2014

House Water and Land Committee
Meeting: March 10, 2014 @10:30am

RE: SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

This is a great list of specific, positive plans for improving our future and our ability to withstand the effects of an emergency or disaster. This bill will make a difference! Please support SB 2274 for these reasons, as sustainable living research will:

1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005
2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency
3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
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I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Sally Skanderup

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SB2274

Submitted on: 3/8/2014

Testimony for WAL on Mar 10, 2014 08:45AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Steiner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, Please support this bill, it is perfect for areas of the Big Island as an alternative to city consumerism. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Testimony of Tobi Sznajderman,

To: House Water and Land Committee

March 10, 2014, 8:45 am

RE: SB 2274- Relating to Sustainable Living Research

**To Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen
and Members of the Committee,**

I strongly urge you to support SB 2274 for these reasons:

Sustainable living research sites are an important step in a direction that is not only logical, but also crucial for improving our environment, our health

Sustainability is beneficial in that it helps us to:

- Reduce our dependence on non-renewable energy resources while helping reduce green house gasses.
- Reduce our waste to landfills
- Encourage farming and thereby increase employment opportunities
- Reduce our dependence on automobiles
- Increase our chance to receive federal grants
- Encourage healthy lifestyles

This is just a partial list, but I hope that you can see the benefits of supporting SB 2274 now, not later, so that research can begin.

I also support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Thank you so much for your consideration,
Tobi Sznajderman
Part-time resident of the Island of Hawaii

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Submitted on: 3/9/2014

Testimony for WAL on Mar 10, 2014 08:45AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Middlekauff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB2274. This issue will not go away. It needs to be addressed. This bill is economically feasible, ecologically beneficial, and has popular support. It will likely increase property tax revenue, and save money in building department.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support

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sherrian witt	Individual	Support	No

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Subject: RE: Please support SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

I am a 35 year resident of Hawaii I LOVE Hawaii and the AINA
I want to see ALL people and THE AINA Prosper
For THIS reason this Bill should be supported

I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

Sustainable living research will:

1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005
2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency
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11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

Blessings and thank you, Albert J Sikirdji

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Swami Om	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB2274 for these reasons: It will: 1. alleviate landfill problems by increasing-reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate 2. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises 3. Promote the growth of small locally- owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Mahalo for your support of this important bill.

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Wakelin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please include lots greater than one acre. This Bill will provide much-needed legal framework to many here on the Big Island to develop sustainable living research projects. It will reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives. Please SUPPORT this bill. Mahalo.

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March 8, 2014

Attn: Water and Land Committee
 Strong Support for SB2274

Dear Members of the Committee:

Real water conservation is currently illegal in Hawaii; SB2274, in providing experimental sustainability sites, would legalize it.

Hawaii's health codes – like those of most jurisdictions in the United States – require either a septic tank or a sewer connection. Such codes, though well-meaning, have led to a waste disposal paradigm that is water-intensive, money-intensive, energy-intensive and – worst of all – unnecessary. In my testimony a month ago to the Senate Water and Land Committee, I wrote in text how home builders are discouraged by current codes to conserve water; it might be simpler to express it as follows:

Water Conservation Attempt			Standing Under Current Law			Summary of Ability to Conserve		
	Water Type	Goal	Legal Status	Reason for Legal Status	Reason for Legal Status - #2	Under Current Law		With SB 2274
1	Output of bathroom sinks, tubs, showers	Return immediately to land	Legal	This water is considered Greywater by the State of Hawaii			→ If SB 2274 passes and local officials are friendly and willing to provide exemptions →	
2	Toilet Output	Eliminate entirely in favor of composting	Discouraged and made expensive by current law	Current law requires a cesspool or sewer or septic connection for all residences regardless of how water is used. This costs thousands of dollars and destroys a large potential incentive to install a more eco-friendly composting paradigm.	If a builder installs composting toilets, he cannot build his own affordable toilets; he must use pre-approved models. These are about 15 times more expensive than water toilets. Here again is incentive to use a water-based system.			
3	Kitchen Sink Output	Return immediately to land	Illegal	This water is considered Blackwater by the State of Hawaii				

It's unclear why Hawaii considers kitchen sink water to be blackwater. Other states, like Oregon, consider it greywater. (Greywater can be returned directly to land.) Food scraps can easily be filtered and composted, if that is the concern, and most soaps actually provide nutrients to plants. The point is often moot, however, since people, especially on agricultural lots, wouldn't output anything they suspect would harm the health of their plants.

On behalf of myself and people like me who want a better, more affordable and more sustainable future, I plead that you pass SB2274.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Francis Howell
 Landowner, Hawaii County

Testimony of Megan Blazak

House Committee on Water and Land

Meeting: March 10, 2014 at 8:45 am

RE: SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

1. Promote the growth of more locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers.
2. Reduce landfill costs by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, recycle commercial waste that comprises the majority of the landfill.
3. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts following a state of emergency.

I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Megan Blazak

Testimony of John Davis

House Committee on Water and Land

Meeting: March 10, 2014 at 8:45 am

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3. Promote the growth of more locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers.

I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

John Davis

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tj simms	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tristan Graham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: House Water and Land Committee Meeting: March 10, 2014 @10:30am RE: SB 2274
Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee, I support Bill SB2274. I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Mahalo for your support of this important bill, Tristan Graham

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ursula Snover	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I agree with some of the intent of this bill. However, as a whole, I find it unacceptable. It seems to eliminate public involvement and the voice of individuals and communities who might be impacted by its allowed activities. It seems to be open to possible exploitation, favoritism and uncontrolled growth and industry. I believe that zoning laws were implemented not to hinder us but to protect us from having residential communities become business/industrial zones or worse. Let's strive to preserve the precious few strips of state lands and forests we have (especially along coastal corridors). For the sake of wild life habitats and future generations let's try to make some good sense of the tax key maps drawn on paper before we cut new ones out of stone and etch them in asphalt.

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House Water and Land Committee

Meeting: March 10, 2014 @10:30am

RE: SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge your support for SB 2274, a bill that will add Sustainable Living Research sites as a permitted use on agricultural and rural land in Maui and Hawaii Counties.

Sustainable Living Research may include looking at new ways to build affordably, provide alternative energy, conserve and harvest fresh water, conserve and improve topsoil, increase local food production and provide onsite waste treatment and recycling. All of which could further emergency preparedness development.

This bill is a step forward in implementing the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and I urge your support.

Mahalo,

Kaitlin Backlund

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Submitted on: 3/8/2014

Testimony for WAL on Mar 10, 2014 08:45AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenna Way	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill and I urge you to act on it. It is important for our community to test out practices that will enable us to be more prepared for disasters. Much of this type of work is being done and has been done for years. It's time for the laws to reflect community values. Please help make it happen. I fully support the amending the bill to include lots greater than one acre. Mahalo for your service to our state, Jenna Way

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joe Bigard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support sustainable living legislation as it is the only way for the planet to survive? The American Indians lived off the land and preserved their natural habitat. It was not before White Man with his so called progress that nature began to be destroyed. Going back to living with nature and not destroying it can we survive as a species? Our future and life depends upon it. Stop wasting our resources by legalizing sensible living for the everyone instead of increasing the wealth of a few by destroying and wasting our resources, as has happened the last 100 years. Let's go back to the real world living off the land without commercialization. Make it legal again to live with responsibility of the Individual not to destroy our habitat instead of forced destruction. Our highly regulated Society has nearly destroyed our habitat. This may be our last chance to begin preserving it. Thank You

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana G. Moss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need more programs like this that explores new ways of creating jobs living spaces sustained AG and to increase local AG by being more flexible and potentially less expensive.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
clare loprinzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello legislators, Please support innovative approaches to sustainable living. mahalo, Cory Harden

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Sakala	Kona Chapter Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee Members, Thank you for hearing SB2274. I am writing you today in strong support of this bill. As a full time farmer and concerned citizen I think it is extremely important that the state prioritizes sustainability research. This bill would allow for certain exemptions that allow for this research to move forward. As president of the Kona Chapter of HFUU many of the farmers I speak to are asking for bills such as this. I hope you will support this bill. Respectfully Submitted, Steve Sakala

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carey Lillis Tinsley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes please, because this will open great opportunities for Hawaii to become a healthier place to live, mahalo! Sincerely, Carey Lillis Tinsley

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I add my voice for support of this bill. It is only common sense for the longevity and growth of sustainable community on the Hawaiian islands. Furthermore it could a lesson and example to be adopted by other states in an effort to help create a better place to live for ourselves and our children. It is a bill whose time has come, please support it. I thank you for your time. Sincerely, Charles H Brown Jr

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nicolle0jones@gmail.com	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for choosing to support the progressive action which will allow Hawaii to create a better future. Sincerely Nicolle Theresa-anna Jones

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House Water and Land Committee

Meeting: March 10, 2014 @10:30am

RE: SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

Sustainable living research will:

1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005
2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency
3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate
5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises
6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers
7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing
8. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues.
9. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives
10. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

Although i steward 89 acres, I support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Elisabeth Green, M.S., Agent for Service of Process, Managing Member

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. We need it to develop models and actions for sustainable living.

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Paul A. komara, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Antonia Agbannawag	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Simon Russell	Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for advancing this measure, it is important to decrease dependance on imports, and part of the solution is to become self sustaining here.

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Good afternoon Chairwoman Evans and members of the committee,

My name is Brian McMaster. I am a political science student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and I am writing to urge your support on SB 2274. This bill is a huge step in the right direction when we look at ways to improve our environment and planet.

Population growth is a global issue we must deal with. Put simply, the planet cannot sustain the sure number of people (upwards of seven billion) in the manner we continue to live. SB 2274 is especially important for Hawaii – mainly the island of Oahu. Over 975 thousand people living in an area less than 600 square miles, Oahu is one of the densest places in the United States today.

HB 2274 recognizes this serious issue facing Hawaii today and takes steps to address it. HB 2274 also understands that many innovations that would promote a more sustainable life can only be achieved outside the confines of the State apparatus, and takes steps to allow for the achievement of such innovations.

With this Act, people granted a permit still must operate with strict governmental oversight. This is key. This Act allows for the potential of important sustainable innovation, while at the same time holding the researchers in check by requiring annual status updates, as well as a detailed description of the project before any permit will be issued.

As of now we are continuing to see rapid and irresponsible growth and urbanization. Governor Abercrombie sees this. Just days ago the Governor stated that if we are to combat the increasing urban sprawl that is continuing to plague this island, we must provide for increased density in the urban core. This Act could provide us with ways of achieving that in the near future.

Ladies and gentlemen of the committee, please do what's best for Hawaii. It is time this legislature takes a stand and fights for our aina. I urge you, please move SB 2274 forward with a do pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

Brian McMaster

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To: House Water and Land Committee

Meeting: March 10, 2014 @10:30am

RE: Please support SB 2274

Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee,

I support SB 2274 for these reasons:

Sustainable living research will:

1. Provide essential data for implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, Act 8, 2005
2. Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing best practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of long emergency
3. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
4. Alleviate landfill problems by increasing- reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and re-educate
5. Increase employment in small sustainable business enterprises
6. Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers
7. Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing
8. Achieve multiple community goals through economic activity.

9. Implement programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues.
10. Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives
11. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development
12. Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mara Hisiger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: House Water and Land Committee Meeting: Monday March 10th RE: SB 2274 Aloha Chair Representative Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Representative Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee, I support SB 2274 for these reasons: The Sustainable Living Research Bill will promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development. A great start! We need more of this! It would improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency. It promotes the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ young farmers thus helping to reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives. I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Mahalo for your support of this important bill, Mara Hisiger

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