

SCR178

Measure Title: URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND CASTLE & COOKE HOMES HAWAII, INC., TO ENTER INTO A LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.

Report Title: Land Exchange Agreement

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: WTL/PSM, EGH/WAM

Introducer(s): DELA CRUZ, KIDANI, NISHIHARA, Espero, Ige

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Monday, April 01, 2013
3:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 16**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 178/SENATE RESOLUTION 134
URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND CASTLE &
COOKE HOMES HAWAII, INC., TO ENTER INTO A LAND EXCHANGE
AGREEMENT**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 178/Senate Resolution 1534 urges the State, City and County of Honolulu ("City"), and Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. ("Castle"), to enter into a land exchange agreement. These resolutions do not identify any particular parcel for an exchange but generally refers to the West Oahu area. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The Department is always willing to engage in discussions and negotiations with other governmental agencies and private parties regarding potential transactions that would benefit each entity and enhance each entity's ability to fulfill their respective missions and responsibilities. For example, the Department is responsible for the management of over 1.3 million acres of public lands, including, but not limited to, lands used for parks, forest reserves, public beaches, hiking trails, aquatic and marine resources, public boating facilities, and conservation lands, as well as a variety of public programs (e.g., beach nourishment, conservation programs, educational programs, etcetera).

As the manager of the public land trust, the Department has a fiduciary duty to manage and use these public lands in a manner that best benefits the beneficiaries of the trust. The Department's management philosophy also calls for the Department to utilize certain public lands with income producing potential (which comprise a relatively small percentage of the total inventory of public lands) to generate revenues to support and fund the purposes set forth in the Admissions Act.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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The Department has several parcels of land in the West Oahu area, some of which may already be encumbered or tied up with development rights, and others of which the Department has plans for. At this time, the Department does not contemplate exchanging any public lands in West Oahu, nor is the Department aware of any particular parcels owned by Castle that Castle wishes to exchange. However, the Department is open to considering and evaluating any proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.



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Harry A. Saunders
PRESIDENT

Testimony by Harry Saunders
President, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i
March 29, 2013

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND
and
**PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

April 1, 2013
3:30 p.m.
Room 16

OPPOSITION TO:

SCR 178/SR 134
Urging the State, City and County of Honolulu
and Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc.
to enter into a land exchange agreement

Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro; Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and
Members of the SENATE COMMITTEES on WATER AND LAND and PUBLIC
SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS:

I am Harry Saunders, President of Castle & Cooke Hawai'i. We are strongly
opposed to SCR 178 and SR 134 and respectfully request that SCR 178 and
SR 134 be deferred or held.

We have not participated in any discussion with any State or County agencies
on this resolution or any related land exchange agreement.

Castle & Cooke has invested substantial efforts towards planning and entitling
Koa Ridge for over ten years. While Castle & Cooke generally looks favorably
upon private public partnerships to achieve synergies and benefits for Hawai'i,
we are unaware of any discussions or other real basis for this resolution which
appears to contradict our past and current efforts and commitments.

Therefore, this resolution would greatly hamper our current entitlement efforts at the City rezoning process. The implication that a land exchange is being considered jeopardizes our efforts and incorrectly and unfairly casts doubt on our commitment at Koa Ridge. We are focused on the completion of the Koa Ridge entitlement process; to put people back to work and to provide much needed housing opportunities for our island residents.

Koa Ridge will be a unique master planned community offering housing choices, employment opportunities and tax revenue generation with a development plan that we can build-out within a timeframe that will sustain our operations on O'ahu. While we also support development in urban Honolulu and along the rail line corridors, Koa Ridge can provide more housing choices for varying lifestyles, life cycles and incomes.

Therefore, I respectfully request that SCR 178 and SR 134 be deferred or held.

Castle & Cooke Hawai'i continues to invest in Hawai'i as we diversify to sustain our operation in the areas of housing, commercial, renewable energy and agriculture. Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us:

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Testimony of Cindy McMillan
The Pacific Resource Partnership

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

SCR 178/SR 134 – Urging the State, City and County of Honolulu, and Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., to Enter into a Land Exchange Agreement
Monday, April 1, 2013
3:30 p.m.
Conference Room 16

Aloha Chairs Solomon and Espero, Vice Chairs Shimabukuro and Baker, and members of the Committees:

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

PRP **opposes** SCR 178/SR 134 urging the state, city and county of Honolulu, and Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., to enter into a land exchange agreement for these reasons:

- It is not feasible to assume that the city and county of Honolulu can assist Castle & Cooke by providing infrastructure financing.
- Given the current level of public scrutiny on any development project, especially those involving public land, it is highly unlikely that the city would waive zoning and permitting processes.
- The state is unlikely to be able to offset any difference in value between parcels.

PRP respectfully asks the Committees to hold these Resolutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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

TESTIMONY BY PETER LEE OF HAWAII LECET
FOR SCR 178 / SR 134

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Sen. Malama Solomon, Chair
Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Sen. Will Espero, Chair
Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 1, 2013
TIME: 3:30 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 16
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TO THE HONORABLE MALAMA SOLOMAN, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE WATER AND LAND COMMITTEE:

TO THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Good Morning,

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

Hawaii LECET **STRONGLY OPPOSES** SCR 178/SR 134, which urges the State, City and County of Honolulu, and Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., to enter into a land exchange agreement.

We understand that no discussion on this issue has ever occurred between the parties identified in this resolution. At this point in time, Castle and Cooke have received final approval from the Land Use Commission for reclassification of their lands for Koa Ridge, and is now pursuing entitlement at the City with rezoning. This resolution will impede and obstruct this process.

The master planned community of Koa Ridge will provide our island with much needed housing options, employment opportunities, and economic development, allowing our children and grandchildren to have a better quality of life.

For these reasons, we **strongly oppose of SCR 178 /S R 134** and respectfully ask that it be held.

Hawai'i Construction Alliance

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March 31, 2013

The Honorable Malama Solomon, Chair
The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land
415 South Beretania Street
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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and members of the committee:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is strongly opposed to SCR178/SR134, urging the State, City and County of Honolulu, and Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. to enter into a land exchange agreement.

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

We are highly concerned that this bill would impede the entitlement efforts of Koa Ridge as the project proceeds through the City rezoning process. The current proposal for Koa Ridge has been informed by many years of careful planning, studies, and community meetings with interested stakeholders, and has also been approved by the State Land Use Commission. SCR178/SR134 would cast these years of planning, studies, meetings, and approvals aside, casting a cloud over the future of Koa Ridge.

Koa Ridge will offer Oahu residents with new housing opportunities within walking distance of jobs, healthcare options, churches, parks, retail, and other amenities. Koa Ridge will expand our island's stock of affordable housing by introducing over 1,000 new affordable units to the market; create 1,000 direct and 1,600 indirect construction jobs; and sustain 2,300 permanent jobs upon full build-out.

Having invested substantial efforts and resources in the planning and entitlement of this project, we believe that Castle & Cooke deserves the opportunity to proceed with Koa Ridge without being impeded by the land swap agreement proposed in SCR178/SR134.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Aloha,

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

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Water and Land and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Monday, April 1, 2013

3:30 p.m.

State Capitol - Conference Room 016

RE: SCR 178/ SR 134 URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND CASTLE & COOKE HOMES HAWAII, INC., TO ENTER INTO A LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Chairs Solomon and Espero, Vice Chairs Shimabukuro and Baker, and members of the Committees:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the voice of the construction industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **strongly opposes** SCR 178/SR 134, which urges the State, City and County of Honolulu, and Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., to enter into a land exchange agreement.

We understand that no discussion on this issue has ever occurred between the parties identified in this resolution. At this point in time, Castle and Cooke has received final approval from the Land Use Commission for reclassification of their lands for Koa Ridge, and is now pursuing entitlement at the City with rezoning. This resolution will impede and obstruct this process.

The master planned community of Koa Ridge will provide our island with much needed housing options, employment opportunities, and economic development, allowing our children and grandchildren to have a better quality of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you our views.

The Senate
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature
Committees on Water and Land and
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
April 1, 2013, 3:30 p.m.
Room 16

Statement of the Hawaii Carpenters Union on SCR 178, SR 134
Urging a Land and Incentive Exchange

The potential clouding of major decisions causes us to oppose SCR 178, SR 134.

While our union continues its long support for Transit Oriented Development (TOD), it is in combination with, not in place of, other alternatives within our urban boundaries. The resolution is unclear as to its basis and objectives.

At the same time, the resolution places a cloud over the planned Castle & Cooke development it refers to, just as it enters the City deliberation process. That planned development is entering this critical and final stage after a long and in-depth process of studies, public input, EIS, legal and other scrutiny.

This legally mandated process stands to be compromised by the concept in the resolution being attributed to the planned development at hand. While the proposed development must advance on its own merits through each step of the process, it brings with it housing, commercial and service projects that, together with TOD, are needed to provide our community with the needed range of alternatives for the next generation. It will also utilize types of construction that puts people to work, generating work hours and not just dollar volumes.

While there may be positive intentions leading to the resolutions, there are all too apparent negative uses for them.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pane Meatoga Jr.	Oppering Engineers Local Union #3	Oppose	No

Comments: We stronly oppose this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ricky Tamashiro		Oppose	No

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

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

April 1, 2013, 3:30 P.M.
(Testimony is 2 pages long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 178/SR 134

Aloha Chair Solomon, Chair Espero, and members of the Committees:

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, with over 10,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, respectfully *supports* SCR 178/SR 134. This resolution urges the administration to pursue a land exchange of prime agricultural lands currently called Koa Ridge for public land within the urban core.

Castle & Cooke's proposed development at Koa Ridge will splurge 5,000 homes, a hotel, and commercial development on some of our best remaining farmland while making many of Oahu's most glaring problems even worse: traffic congestion, pollution, over-dependence on ever-more expensive imported energy, mounting food insecurity. Moreover, this project would do little for affordable housing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

So what is the answer?

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

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

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

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Senate Committees on Water & Land and Public Safety Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

April 1st 2013, 10:20am

Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR178

Urging the State, City & County of Honolulu and Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., to Enter Into A Land Exchange Agreement.

Aloha Chairs Solomon and Espero and members of the committees.

I write to urge you to pass this resolution.

Through the General Excise Tax the state is helping the City and County of Honolulu raise billions of dollars to finance the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation rail project, which gives the Legislature a compelling interest in this matter.

The purpose of the HART project is to alleviate the anticipated worsening of traffic on freeways which are already amongst the most congested in the nation and to put a stop to the suburban sprawl which has consumed 10 square miles of farmland since 1996, destroying the beauty of the 'aina which underpins our most valuable industry, tourism and paving our best agricultural land making us ever-more reliant on imported food.

Yet the Koa Ridge project is nowhere near this five billion dollar investment. It would sprawl 3500 suburban homes and 500,000 square feet of commercial space on the more than 750 acres of farmland which currently compose the second most productive food-growing area in the state. It would add at least 3500 and perhaps as many as 7000 cars to H2 and H1, reducing traffic at the 'Merge' to permanent gridlock. It would erase the last remaining green corridor between Honolulu and Mililani, creating a single, sprawling conurbation. In other words this project is the total antithesis of the rationale for the multi-billion dollar investment taxpayers are making in HART. As such it is an insult to taxpayers.

By finding city and/or state land in the urban corridor near the rail route as a location for the housing that Castle & Cooke is proposing to build on the Koa Ridge farmlands, you will be affirming the argument that our development pattern must and can change.

This resolution does not propose to block the new housing that is so sorely needed on this island – it relocates it to where it belongs in the urban core.

Please approve this resolution.

Mahalo

Anthony Aalto

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stuart Coleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Stuart Coleman, and I am a writer, teacher and environmental consultant who is very concerned about Hawaii's food security. I support SCR 178 and the resolution to preserve Koa Ridge as agricultural lands in exchange for another area for the proposed housing development. This is some of the most productive ag land in the state and in the country, and it would be a crime to convert it into housing when there are plenty of other areas in the urban core that would be better suited for this kind of development. Because we import over 90% of our food and have less than two weeks' worth to feed Hawaii's people, we have to preserve prime ag land like Koa Ridge for our most basic food security needs. Thanks for doing the right thing and voting to preserve this land to help feed our people and future generations. Aloha, Stuart

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

Comments: Dear Senators: We have lost more than 50% of our best farmland since statehood, and import more than 90% of the food we eat in Hawai'i. Koa Ridge produces 15% of the food we grow here, and must be preserved as agricultural land in perpetuity. The State of Hawai'i and the City and County of Honolulu should work together to swap the proposed development at Koa Ridge for access to a development project in the urban core, so that Koa Ridge can remain a food farm forever. Besides destroying a large portion of our remaining farmland, opening this area to development would exacerbate our already deplorable traffic situation here on O'ahu. Tourists come to Hawai'i to get away from traffic and suburban sprawl, not just see more of it. The trend now is to avoid suburban sprawl, and instead to develop a lively and vital urban core where people can live, work, and shop. The islands that have preserved their desirability as tourist destinations are ones like Bermuda that have avoided reckless development and maintained their paradisiacal character. Please preserve Koa Ridge as farmland and O'ahu as a tourist destination. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Horigan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the land swap to preserve the agricultural land at Koa Ridge.we can't esat houses!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's no secret that Hawaii has lost half of its best farmland since statehood. And, considering that we import 90% of our food, it makes no sense to transform some of Oahu's most productive farmland at Koa Ridge into residential development, with all the traffic and congestion it would bring. Since we are investing so much money into the rail project, wouldn't it make sense to encourage residential development as part of the transit-oriented development that's being touted as central to rail's success? Castle & Cooke must be urged to consider a land swap so that its interests, together with the interests of Hawaii's sustainable future, can be met. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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MS Matson	Individual	Support	No

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this resolution; let's save all our precious and threatened agricultural lands.

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Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators, I respectfully urge you to support this resolution. We need to preserve our best agricultural lands from development. This measure would help do that. Best Regards, Susan

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Harvey Arkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, Please support SCR 187 and keep Koa Ridge as farm land. Thank you,

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Shawn James Leavey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: mahalo!

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Ben Shafer	Individual	Support	No

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I support the preservation of Koa Ridge for agricultural use in perpetuity.

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

Please pass bill SCR 178 to keep this important agricultural area in agriculture and do a swap enabling the developer to build housing in the urban core instead.

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