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### **HB2554**

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heather Mcvay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: OHA should be able to consider residential development as part of its mission to use its resources best to benefit Hawaiian people and in turn Hawaii at large. OHA deserves the best opportunity at self determination and stewardship of its properties. As a non-Hawaiian I support this bill for the betterment of us all. Aloha

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March 18, 2014

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
 Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair]  
 Wednesday March 19, 2014  
 3:00 pm. Rm 224  
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Senator Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB. 2554

My name is Edith T. Iwami, mother of Ronald Iwami, President of Friends of Kewalos.. In 2005/2006 Friends of Kewaloa were successful to save the this land for the People. Friends rallied to the State Capitol with Save our Kaka'ko red T-shirts and together showed our wish to save the public land for the People

This was a grass roots endeavor, no budget but just pure determination to save Kaka'ako Makai. Hard work accomplished our goal and a joyous celebration for all!

To show appreciating Friends of Kewalos have set up clean up days to keep Park green and clean -- bags of rubbish were hauled away by a human chain. It was voluntary and men, women, and keikis all turned out for this event.

Reasons in Opposition to HB 2554 are:

1. OHA now has the exact same desire to build Residential Homes by HB 2554 now before you for your approval.
2. It is my belief that Friends of Kewalos should not interfere with OHA's plans for growth -- every property owner has a right to utilize his property for its best use, but knowing the sentiment of the People -- OHA should reconsider its decision to develop residential homes on this prime ocean front land. I speak for myself as I am a licensed realtor to assist anyone desiring to own a place to live and have no objection to growth; however there are shortcomings to think about seriously before it's too late.
3. This land should be preserved for generations to come -- Many have children and grandchildren who must have a place to relax and enjoy the open air, if they currently reside in a condominium, it's all the more important that Legislators who are empowered to serve the needs of the people are aware of this important legislation for the health and safety of the people. For this reason, Kaka'ako Makai land must be kept open for easy access for ingress and egress to the people -- young and old -- surfers, caregivers to stroll their patients to breathe the fresh ocean air, picnickers, fishermen, walkers and others who frequent the park for exercise.

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4. Currently Ala Moana Park is utilized heavily. I know this to be a fact as I leave home between 6:00 – 6:30 a.m. on Saturdays to be sure to find parking space for my walking exercise. Spaces are filled up quickly and on a nice morning, it's such a thrill to see our famous Diamond Head landmark with lights showing hotels and high rises along the beach. You'll see tourists taking photos at this early time of morning. It gives you an uplifting feeling to appreciate the ocean and the mountains. Early morning activities keep everyone happy and ready for action and activities for the rest of the day.
5. Lastly, request your assistance to keep Kaka'ako Makai Ocean front land open for all the People of Hawaii. I am positive that present and future generations will thank you to save our Kaka'ako .

Respectfully submitted:

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Comments:

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