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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
A Wilkie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senate Ways and Means Committee, thank you for hearing this Bill. I support this Bill. Let's have laws that work for our local communities and recognize the needs of our diverse population and infrastructure. Thank you for your service. Mahalo, Aileen

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Bryan Brey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I missed the deadline, but I still very much support this bill. I believe it is so important for us to try out new and different ways of building. We are resourceful people and don't require electricians and plumbers and licensed contractors to do the right thing. Trying out new technologies will be a boon for eco-tourism as well.

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Clive Cheetham	Koa'e Community Association	Support	No

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Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello legislators, Please support exploring innovative ways to preserve the environment and resources of this special place through sustainable living. mahalo, Cory

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Diane Brucato-Thomas	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Marantz	Village Green Society	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Senator David Ige, Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani and Members of the Committee, Please support SB 2274. We need new ideas and better ways to build affordably, provide renewable power, harvest fresh water, improve topsoil, increase local food production and recycling. This bill is essential in implementing the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. I strongly urge your support. Respectfully, Eric Marantz President Village Green Society RR2 Box 4523 Pahoa, HI 96778

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**Testimony of Graham Ellis,**

**Board Chair, Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance**

**To: Senate Ways and Means Committee      Feb. 26th at 10:30 am.**

**RE: SB 2274- Relating to Sustainable Living**

**Aloha Chair Senator David Ige , Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani and members of the committee,**

I represent a Hawaii Advocacy group with more than 660 members whose primary interest is promoting Sustainable Living. We authored Resolution 302-12 passed by the Hawaii County Council on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 requesting our State Legislature “pass a bill permitting SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH SITES”.

**We strongly support this bill because sustainable living research sites will:**

- Increase employment in small and large agricultural enterprises
  - Promote the growth of more locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers.
  - Expand the 'affordable' and sustainable green housing industry
  - Align Hawaii State with national and international organizations, including the President's Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the National Association of Counties, and the United Nations (U.N.), making Hawaii State and County organizations eligible for grant funding
  - Research locally sustainable food and energy alternatives to reduce Hawaii's trade imbalance of food and energy.
  - Reduce landfill costs by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, recycle commercial waste that comprises the majority of the landfill.
  - Implement research programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues.
  - Support the establishment of professional “think tanks” focusing on sustainable research and development
  - Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts following a state of emergency
  - Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values
  - Develop sustainable economic activities to achieve community goals

**Thank you for this opportunity to testify. We ask you to support this bill.**

Sincerely,

Graham Ellis, Chair, HSCA



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Julie Chen	Paradise Action Womens Alliance	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Senator David Ige, Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani, and Members of the Committee, I support SB 2274. I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Mahalo for your support of this important bill, Julie Chen

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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*Senate Water and Land Committee Meeting: February 7<sup>th</sup>  
1pm RE: SB 2274*

*Aloha Chair Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee,*

*I support SB 2274 for these reasons:*

- 1. We need to grow more food on island and educate younger people so they don't move off island for jobs*
- 2. Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development*
- 3. Increase employment in small business sustainable enterprises*

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

*Laurel White*

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Margaret Zerbe	Individual	Support	No

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michael swerdlow	Individual	Support	No

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Michele David	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha State Representatives, Please support Senate Bill 2274: Relating to Sustainable Living I am currently attending graduate school at Hawaii Pacific University for a Masters in Global Leadership and Sustainable Development. I am also a board member of the Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance (HSCA). SB2274 encourages sustainable living practices and technologies in Hawaii, which will further stimulate the sustainable economy in Hawaii. In a sustainable economy, investment is mainly for replacement and qualitative improvement. Sustainable living practices replace conventional practices, which have environmentally harmful life-cycles. Sustainability is the NEW ECONOMY that BUILDS COMMUNITY! Some advantages of supporting SB 2274 are: -Reduced public housing shortages and meeting the need for affordable housing -Increased local food production of natural and organic crops -Diversification of energy production with the use of solar, wind, and other renewable technologies -Allows home builders more freedom and creativity, and allows the use of local building materials -Encourages ecological innovative technologies such as grey-water systems and composting toilets - Increased employment in small business sustainable enterprises -Helps to reverse the disturbing trend of a rapidly aging population of farmers by encouraging the growth of small locally owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers -Provides added protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands. This is a growing concern for many residents. Hawaii's need to create and support more sustainable paradigms in order to insure a healthy future is obvious...and has been mandated by the state goal of becoming more self-reliant and sustainable by the year 2050. Please NOW support SB2274 so we can be on our way to a truly sustainable future. Mahalo for your time and support, Michele David

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Paul A. komara, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Senator Russell Ruderman's Bill, SB 2274, Exemptions for sustainable living. This is an area where we must allow people to gather in community for the greatest good of all. The mainland food supply has diminished do to the drought in California, and the winter weather in the mid West. Food prices for some items has doubled in the last 18 months. The Island of Hawaii alone has a dozen or more growing zones with fertile land and water. I encourage you to support and pass this Bill SB 2274, to provide sustainability for the Hawaii Islands. We will no longer be dependent on corporations to supply our food from unknown countries where contamination is possible. Aloha, Paul

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Peter deVries	Individual	Support	No

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Randall Shipp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senate Ways and Means Committee Meeting: February 26th 10.30am  
RE: SB 2274 Aloha Chair Senator David Ige, Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani, and Members of the Committee, I support SB 2274 for these reasons: 1. Passing this into law has the potential to make Hawaii the sustainability research capital of the world. This is no small thing indeed. 2. Engineers Inventors and venture capitalists, passionate on sustainability, will come here bringing there invention and capital. 3. A low impact way to generate greater income for the people and the state. I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Mahalo for your support of this important bill, (Signed) Randall Jay Shipp

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Rev. Cathrine A. Grace	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support passing bill #SB2274. It would align Hawaii with practices of national and international organizations, including the President's Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the National Association of Counties, and the United Nations (U.N.). Sincerely, Cathrine A. Grace, a registered voter in Hawaii.  
 Senate Ways and Means Committee Meeting: February 26th 10.30am RE: SB 2274 Aloha Chair Senator David Ige, Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani, and Members of the Committee, I support SB 2274 for these reasons: It align Hawaii with practices of national and international organizations, including the President's Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the National Association of Counties, and the United Nations (U.N.). Sincerely, Cathrine A. Grace, a registered voter On Big Island

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

Comments: Aloha Chairman Ige and Committee Members, I am writing you in strong support of SB 2274 relating to Sustainable Communities. Please commit to helping Hawaii progress towards our goal of a Sustainable Hawaii by 2050. In reality we must move even quicker than this time frame to make a difference in the next generations lives. Lets become the model for a healthy sustainable state now. Thank you for hearing this bill and I urge the committee to fully support this bill with an amendment to include all agriculture lots over one acre. Mahalo! Respectfully Submitted, Steve Sakala President Kona Chapter HFUU

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Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

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Suzanne Wakelin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend this Bill to include all 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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Terra Ann Pracht	Hawaiian Sanctuary, Inc., a non-profit organizatio	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Travis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I think bills like this one,when added with others,provide a legal structure that will allow for more sustainable living in Hawaii.

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Tristan Graham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senate Ways and Means Committee Meeting: February 26th 10.30am  
RE: SB 2274 Aloha Chair Senator David Ige, Vice Chair Senator Michelle Kidani, and Members of the Committee, I support SB 2274. I also fully support amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Mahalo for your support of this important bill, Sincerely Tristan Graham

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Valerie Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to urge your support for SB2274, as well as for amending this Bill to include all lots greater than one acre. Research in sustainable living is critically important for the health of our island communities and future generations. We very much need new ways of living that reduce the adverse impacts of humans on the a'ina, lead to sustainable and local food supplies, and improve the possibilities for young farmers to have access to land and the flexibility to learn the best ways in which to prosper. Thank you for consideration of this innovative approach to meeting our communities' needs.

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