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February 12, 2014

Honorable Donovan DeLa Cruz, Chair  
Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Economic Development  
Government Operations & Housing

**LATE**

RE: **SB2697** Relating to the Kakaako Community Development Authority  
February 12, 2014, 3:15p.m., room 016

Dear Chair Delacruz, Vice Chair Slom and members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union strongly opposes SB2697 for the following reasons:  
The HCDA administers its development permit process hearing in accordance with section 206E-5.5 and 5.6. The bill allows any person "adversely" affected by an action or decision of the HCDA may petition for a contested case hearing. We believe that the appeal should go to the circuit court which is an objective body to determine the merits of the process conducted by HCDA and whether the appeal has standing and merit.

Bill SB2697 allows the HCDA to adopt and amend the community development plan only as authorized by the Legislature. This could delay any project for at least one year and will be a disincentive for investors and developers because market timing is an important element of sales.

We request that an investigative committee by the Legislature be established to review the performance of the HCDA and to not diminish or cease the operations of the HCDA midstream. We respectfully request that the bill be held to create and allow a Legislative investigative committee do its work.

Thank your for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

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**SB2697**

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John Kobelansky Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Comments: HCDA has been like a PUPPET on a string for certain FAVORED developers, which is all of them with only one exception. YES, IMPLEMENT ALL these Important elements: Establish a contested case process. Authorize only the legislature to adopt community development plans, NOT the governor-appointed HCDA board. Require informative and timely posting of public hearing notices and working with residents and landowners in the community in which the proposed project is located. Require that all members of the legislature and appropriate city or county council members in a district be notified of the location of a proposed project. Require HCDA to respond orally to all concerns raised by the public at the decision-making hearing before the board makes a decision. Requires HCDA to respond orally and in writing as to why modifications recommended by residents were not incorporated before approving the project. Requires the same floor area ratio, height limit and infrastructure capacity studies as HB 1860.

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Eva Gallegos	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: The "Master Plan" is a term I recently learned about in September, 2013. I was unaware of the magnitude of this project until that time. I was unaware of how the urbanization of Kaka'ako until I heard other residents reveal the poor decision-making happening at the HCDA. I believe it is important for the HCDA to bring other community leaders to the table when trying to build a healthy and thriving community. After all, we do live on an island, and despite what the rest of Oahu thinks, the development of Kaka'ako is not only a concern of it's residents, but the entire island. I urge you to help in changing the process by which HCDA notifies the public about the changes happening in Kaka'ako and invite community leaders to join in the discussion. Community leader such as those of social services, health care, fire, police and ems, department of education, Safeway, restaurant businesses, just to name a few.

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