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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB3122, RELATING TO HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Hearing, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 3:30 p.m., Room 224

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing

Aloha mai kākou

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i is in support of HB2554, to require the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to conduct a public hearing on any plan or proposal for any residential development in Kaka‘ako prior to submission of the plan or proposal to the HCDA.

In 2012, the State of Hawaii by Senate Bill 2783, enacted into law as Act 015, resolved claims of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for income and proceeds from public land trust lands from Nov 7, 1978 up to and including June 30, 2012. The settlement included certain parcels of land situated in Kaka‘ako makai.

A review of committee reports, especially that of the Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means, indicates that the legislature recognized that, **“The property identified in this measure is virtually contiguous, suited for master planning, and located in an area of Honolulu that is already experiencing significant redevelopment.** Your Committees recognize the value of these properties and believe that **property values could be enhanced by certain entitlements that, while not specifically provided for in this measure, could be obtained at a future date.**” The committee report further recognized that, **“The lands identified in this measure will provide a revenue stream to fund the Office of Hawaiian Affairs’ services to its beneficiaries, while creating jobs and funding valuable programs in every corner of the State.”**

Accordingly, allowing development by OHA in the Kaka'ako lands belonging to it was always envisioned by the legislature. The requirement for OHA to conduct a public hearing on any plan or proposal for any residential development in Kaka'ako prior to submission of the plan or proposal to the HCDA is reasonable and allows a forum for the public and OHA beneficiaries to voice any concerns for their consideration.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify. Please support HB2554.

Respectfully

/s/ Leimomi Khan via on-line testimony

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To: Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Committee on Economic Development, Government
Operations and Housing
Committee Members

From: Michelle Kauhane, CNHA President & CEO

Re: SB 3122 – Relating to Hawaii Community Development Authority
HCDA; Office of Hawaiian Affairs - **SUPPORT**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB3122, authorizing the Hawaii Community Development Authority to approve any plan or proposal for residential development of OHA lands in Kakaako after meeting a public hearing prerequisite.

CNHA is a member based nonprofit network of over 160 community organizations governed by a 21 member board. Our mission is to enhance the well-being of Hawaii through the cultural, economic and community development of Native Hawaiians. We administer the *Native Hawaiian Policy Center*, along with our coalition partners. Throughout the year, we convene our respective members of small business owners, nonprofit executives, housing advocates and homestead leaders to identify our annual policy priorities. Access to affordable housing is a priority for CNHA as we understand the need for sufficient housing stock to meet the unmet demands of Hawaii residents.

CNHA is also a HUD-certified housing counseling agency and a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). We have engaged in the development of affordable housing through the implementation of a modified self-help program and have witnessed first hand through our programs the high demand for housing options throughout the state.

CNHA encourages passage of SB3122 to provide OHA with residential entitlements that support the development of housing on its Kakaako Makai parcels. Development of OHA's Kakaako Makai lands will allow OHA to better address its statutory responsibility to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians.

The state legislature has an incredible opportunity to advance economic stimulus, create jobs in the construction trades, shepherd in valuable infrastructure development in the state, and open the pathway for increasing housing stock to meet the unmet need for housing in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to support SB 3122.

MON, JAN. 10, '14, 3:40pm

Dear Sen. Shimabukuro -
Via Andrea -

I wish to present a short verbal
testimony against SB 3122 presently to
be heard Wed, 1/12/14 @ 3:30 pm.

Aloha & Mahalo,
Tek Yoon

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Autumn Rose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: NO EXEMPTION FOR O H A ! A'OLE!

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Herman Hoi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am a supporter of OHA's ability to generate a strong revenue stream for OHA's community-based programs to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiian today and tomorrow. I am a supporter of the development of the kakaako properties that were returned to OHA for the benefit of our keiki's future. Mahalo

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John Kobelansky Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

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To the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing:

Aloha mai,

I give my support to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as they are the assembly which would act in the best interest of the Hawaiian people in the use and management of the Kaka'ako lands. Their decision to provide access to the waterfront means that they are doing just that, insuring the solicitous inclusion of their benefactors in decisions regarding the Kaka'ao land use.

Karen Kamalu Poepoe

Po'o- 'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i

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As an active participant in the original Save Our Kakaako coalition, I strongly oppose SB 3122. Please do not soften the restriction against residential housing in Kaka'ako Makai. Exceptions to the law prohibiting condos in Kaka'ako Makai, which thousands of citizens (voters) fought long and hard to have passed in 2006, will open a Pandora's box of lawsuits and eventually condominium development on the last remaining open undeveloped space on the South shore of Oahu. Keep Kaka'ako Makai as land that all citizens of Hawaii can use and benefit from, not just a wealthy few.

Nothing will be more precious and valuable to a far greater number of people (voters) than to develop Kaka'ako Makai predominantly as parks and community spaces that are attractive to all citizens. The residents of the thousands of condo units sprouting up from Waikiki to downtown Honolulu, with 13 towers and counting planned for Kaka'ako Mauka alone, will benefit tremendously from the open space and low profile development espoused in the community development plans drawn up for Kaka'ako Makai. It is perfectly reasonable to use revenue from new and existing condominiums to develop and maintain parks and open spaces. How many citizens of Hawaii could honestly say that Kapiolani Park or Ala Moana Beach Park are bad investments for the state of Hawaii, or the city and county of Honolulu? The answer is few to none.

In making your decision about SB 3122 please remember the depth of passion and support, ironically from some of the same individuals now seeking an exception, that Hawaii's people have showed in the Save Our Kaka'ako movement. Please do what is right for all of the people of Hawaii by voting no on SB 3122.

Thank you,
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