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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Friday, February 26, 2016  
1:00 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2036, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

House Bill 2036, House Draft 1 proposes to extend the one hundred and eighty day processing period for Conservation District Use Applications under Chapter 183C, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), an additional ninety days beyond the time necessary to complete the requirements of Chapter 343 or Chapter 91, HRS. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure.**

Section 183C-6, HRS, requires the Board of Land Natural Resources (Board) to make a final decision on a Conservation District Use Permit within 180 days of the application being received and accepted as complete. If the Board fails to do so, the applicant may “automatically” put the land to the use requested, unless the applicant requests a time extension.

The proposed measure ensures that adequate time will be automatically granted if a contested case hearing or environmental impact statement is required in order to avoid an automatic default approval of a Conservation District Use Application.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony to the  
House Committee on Finance  
1:00 p.m., Friday, 26 February 2016  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 2036 Relating to Conservation Districts

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jacqui Hoover and I have the privilege of serving as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB), a private, member-based 501(c)3 organization incorporated in 1984 to help strengthen and diversify Hawaii Island's economy.

HIEDB strongly supports the intent of HB2036 and requests an amendment to delete on page 1, lines 15 and 16, the following language "... beyond the time necessary to complete the requirements of chapter 343 or chapter 91."

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB2036.

Sincerely,

Jacqui L. Hoover  
Executive Director and COO



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Re: HB 2036 Relating to Conservation Districts

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this testimony on behalf of Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference (HLPC) a private, member-based 501(c)3 organization incorporated in 1974 by a group of forward-looking individuals who saw the need for an organization which would work with government and the community to promote sound planning decisions for West Hawaii. The 100+members and affiliates of HLPC support the intent of HB 2036 relating to Conservation Districts.

My name is Jacqui Hoover and I have the privilege of serving as President of HLPC (and concurrently as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Hawaii Island Economic Development Board).

We request that an amendment be made to delete on page 1, lines 15 and 16, the following language "... beyond the time necessary to complete the requirements of chapter 343 or chapter 91."

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB2036.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui L. Hoover". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jacqui L. Hoover  
President



# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance  
Friday, February 26, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 2036 HD 1 RELATING TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 2036 HD 1, which requires a ninety day extension of the conservation district permit decision deadline beyond the time necessary to complete an environmental impact statement or contested case hearing.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber supports this bill as it provides the applicant time to complete requirements of HRS Chapter 341 and 91 and continue its use. We believe that this is helpful both for the applicant and the department in the management of conservations areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**HB2036**

Submitted on: 2/25/2016

Testimony for FIN on Feb 26, 2016 13:00PM in Conference Room 308

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ross Wilson Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support the intent and request an amendment to delete the following language on page 1 lines 15 and 16: "beyond the time necessary to complete the requirements of chapter 343 or chapter 91."

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February 25, 2016

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance  
Friday, February 26, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 2036, HD1 RELATING TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Finance Committee,

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce (KKCC) ***strongly supports HB 2036, HD1.***

The KKCC is West Hawai'i Island's leading business organization, representing over 540 businesses. Over 70% of our members represent small businesses. As the largest business organization on Hawai'i Island and fourth largest chamber in the State, the KKCC exists to provide leadership and advocacy for a successful business environment in West Hawai'i.

Time is often the key to successful business and community development in Hawaii and all too often the State of Hawaii misses out on tremendous economic opportunities because of the lengthy permitting process.

While I understand that the permit process needs to be fair, it also needs to be efficient. HB 2036 HD1 would improve the process and timely decision making at the start of a contested case or an environmental impact statement instead of allowing decision making to potentially go on for years. Businesses need to have a structured timeline in order to financial prepare for this process.

I support the intent of the bill but would like to ***request an amendment to delete the following language on page 1, lines 15 and 16: "beyond the time necessary to complete the requirements of chapter 343 or chapter 91."***

The positive outcomes of this bill, besides attracting more business and community development are the following:

- More jobs equals the ability for citizens to be able to afford to live in our state
- Increased GE Tax revenue
- Potential to attract more sustainable industries outside of tourism

On behalf of over 540 businesses on the Hawaii Island, I urge you to pass HB 2036 HD1.

Sincerely,

Kirstin Kahaloa  
Executive Director  
Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce