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February 17, 2016

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 324
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 533, Senate Draft (SD) 1, Relating to Emergency Management

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD strongly oppose SB 533, SD 1, which proposes to allow media, under supervision of emergency management agency personnel, to access areas that are closed pursuant to emergency management powers of the governor and mayor.

Many times fire departments respond with other first responders to incidents that are hazardous, dangerous, or require removing nonessential personnel to ensure their safety and security. Resources and personnel at each scene are carefully accounted for and are needed to mitigate and stabilize operations to a successful conclusion. Many emergencies are of a prolonged nature, dynamic, and time sensitive. Media personnel are informed of the incident's progress and allowed access in a designated, safe location. They can be used to warn the public of potential risks and to avoid the area.

Allowing media free access into restricted areas places responders and media personnel in potential danger. Diverting emergency personnel to provide rescue assistance in preventable situations should be avoided.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's deferral of SB 533, SD 1.

Should you have questions, please contact Assistant Chief Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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MANUEL P. NEVES
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 533 SD1
A BILL RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
February 18, 2016

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the House Committee on Public Safety.

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying to **support the intent** of Senate Bill 533 SD1.

The news media always plays a role in our community's response to major disasters. The media provides critical information that informs our citizens, tourists, and military members of the pending disaster, its impacts, what is required to properly prepare for and recover from, and where the shelters are. This information will prepare our State to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters more quickly.

This measure as written proposes to require news media representatives to enter any area State and County emergency management officials have declared off limits to non-residents. This requirement could make it very difficult for emergency management officials to perform their official duties, such as, planning, preparing, responding, and mitigating a disaster's impacts to our citizens, visitors, and military members, and property.

I am not asking to reduce the access our media needs to provide the most current information and provide it through its appropriate outlets to the public.

Emergency management officials may order evacuations from likely disaster impact sites to ensure public safety in accordance with HRS127A. Once these evacuations are in place the incident commander, law enforcement, or emergency management officials are responsible for the ingress and egress and may have limited personnel to ensure the safety for media and/or other responders from debris filled areas.

The measure should reflect that county or state emergency management will determine the availability of access.

This proposed measure provides a very broad definition of media. I ask that the following text from SB 1344 SD1 (2015) be inserted in the bill to clearly define media with reference to this measure.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prevent a journalist or newscaster, under the supervision of emergency management agency personnel, from covering the mitigation of hazardous situations or entering an area closed pursuant to this section; provided that the State and counties and any employee of the state or county shall not be held liable for any injury or

damage to person or property arising from covering the mitigation of hazardous situations and entering of the area; provided further that chapter 137 shall apply to any and all costs associated with a search or rescue operation for the purpose of searching for or rescuing the journalist or newscaster. Journalists and newscasters shall be given all reasonable access and assistance in covering the mitigation of hazardous situations and accessing the area close pursuant to this section. When full access cannot be reasonably granted, a pool writer, pool photographer, and pool videographer shall be designated to gather and disseminate information; provided that the pool writer, pool photographer, and pool videographer shall be deemed to be a "journalist" or "newscaster" as the term is used in this section.

For the purpose of this section, a "journalist" or "newscaster" means an individual who has regularly and materially participated in the reporting or publishing of news or information of substantial public interest for the purpose of dissemination to the general public by means of tangible or electronic media.

The news media has the job to keep the public informed about emergencies and are part of the response team. Emergency management deals with the requirement to provide safety and security from when the evacuation notice is given through the recovery process.

Thank you for allowing me to testify to **support the intent** of Senate Bill 533 SD1.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 533 SD1
A BILL RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

BY
VERN T. MIYAGI
ADMINISTRATOR
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (HI-EMA)
February 18, 2016

Chair Takayama, Vice Chair Yamashita and Members of the House Committee on Public Safety:

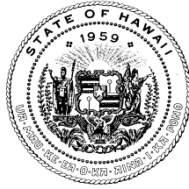
I am Vern T. Miyagi, Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). I am testifying in **OPPOSITION** of Senate Bill 533 SD1 as currently written.

Our media, with their timely reporting and messaging, is an important partner in preparing our citizens for impending and actual disasters. This has been true since Hurricane Iniki hit Kauai in September 1992 and for our more recent disasters with Tropical Storm Iselle and Pahoia Lava in 2014-2015. One of our primary functions at HI-EMA and the county Emergency Management Agencies is to ensure that our media is provided with timely and accurate information, so that they can prepare and inform our citizens. However, their safety and the safety of our emergency management personnel and our affected citizens are also primary concerns.

SB 533 SD1 (P. 15 Lines 18-21; P. 16 Lines 1-4), with the words, "Nothing in this section shall prevent a duly authorized representative of any news service, newspaper, radio station, television station, or on-line news distribution network, under the supervision of emergency management agency personnel, from entering an area closed pursuant to this section", appears to provide a blanket access policy to media personnel. As every incident is unique, we as emergency managers and first responders, cannot commit to media access nor to providing appropriate supervised access in all cases. This pulls emergency personnel away from their primary duties and responsibilities. My reservation also considers the safety of first responders, emergency management personnel and the affected residents. The language in SB 533 SD1 (P. 16 Lines 4-8), "News media shall be given all reasonable access and assistance in accessing the area closed pursuant to this section. When full access cannot be reasonably granted, a pool writer, pool photographer, and pool videographer shall be designated to gather and disseminate information," is more in line with our understanding of how this should work.

During emergency periods, the appropriate emergency management authority should have discretion as to media access into the closed disaster area.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **OPPOSITION** of Senate Bill 533 SD1, as currently written.



Testimony by:
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S.B. 533, S.D. 1
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

House Committee on Public Safety

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **opposes** Senate Bill No. 533 relating to emergency management. This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 127A-12, to allow “a duly authorized representative of any news service, newspaper, radio station, television station, or online news distribution network from entering an area closed pursuant to this section. News media shall be given all reasonable access and assistance in accessing the area closed pursuant to this section.”

The language of this measure is overly broad and does not fully define the parameters of “any news service, newspaper, radio station, television station or online news distribution network.” During major civil emergencies, such as tsunamis, hurricanes or lava flows, state departments receive dozens of access requests for potentially-restricted and secured areas, such as harbors, airports, affected highways or other state properties, which have been closed to minimize risks to public safety. With the rise of internet blogs, chatrooms, and online “news” sources, the broad language of SB 533 may open location access to any party with a Facebook or Twitter account. In emergency situations it may not be safe for anyone other than trained personnel to be in an area.

The granting of “all reasonable access and assistance” into restricted areas is also broadly defined. Emergency crews may be diverted from response and clean-up activities to provide “all reasonable access and assistance” into closed areas, slowing response times. This broadly defined requirement is open to interpretation and creates a gray area which will increase the State’s liability in ensuring the safety of media representatives. Given the 24-hour news cycle common in large-scale natural disasters, this broad access policy will also create a significant burden on limited staff dedicated to other emergency priorities.

Allowing journalists access into secured areas would greatly increase the chances sensitive information could be released to the general public before the appropriate

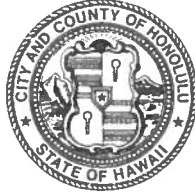
time. For example, the identity of a victim could be revealed before authorities have the chance to notify next of kin.

The bill references using a “pool” system when “full access cannot be reasonably granted.” This type of pool system would pose an unfair advantage to the selected pool journalist. The one pool crew would have an advantage by being able to obtain the information much faster and update its websites and social media accounts before the other journalists. Making copies of the video and information could also prove logistically difficult as news stations use different editing formats. The language does not specify who is responsible for providing equipment to copy the pool information to the journalists or the means of sharing the information and photographs/video with the journalists. In addition, it should be specified who is part of the pool media group that will be granted access to the shared content. For example, a pool system is often used in courtrooms where one photographer and one videographer is allowed to record the proceedings. However, if the judge calls the attorneys to the bench, media is not allowed to listen to those conversations. There are also documentation restrictions, for example, jurors are not allowed to be photographed. At the end of the hearing the media members meet in a separate room within the courthouse to make copies of the video, however only media agencies with a representative in attendance are allowed a copy. The pool information is only shared with media outlets that were present and in the courtroom the entire time. Similar guidelines should be established for events where a media pool system would be utilized.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

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February 18, 2016

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capital
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 533, S.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Management

I am Joseph A. Trinidad, Captain of the Major Events Division, Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD strongly opposes Senate Bill No. 533, S.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Management.

This bill proposes to allow all media representatives access into areas closed to the public, due to a declared emergency or disaster. If this bill passes, the results would present significant safety concerns for media personnel and therefore, hinder first responders' ability to perform their duties. Media personnel may gain access into evacuated or restricted areas through prearranged coordination with the established Emergency Operations Center.

Once again, the HPD stands in firm opposition to Senate Bill No. 533, S.D. 1, Relating to Emergency Management.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Trinidad, Captain
Major Events Division

APPROVED BY:

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Louis M. Kealoha
Chief of Police

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Committee on Public Safety
House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street, Room 324
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Dear Representative Takayama and Members:

SUBJECT: S.B. 533, SD1, Relating to Emergency Management

I am Melvin Kaku, Director of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu (City).

DEM strongly opposes S.B. 533, SD1 which proposes to allow "a duly authorized representative of any news service, newspaper, radio station, television station, or online news distribution network" to enter any area that local emergency management officials have placed off limits for public health and safety reasons in accordance with HRS 127A-12.

Ordering an evacuation and establishing a restricted area ensures public safety and welfare by removing people from the path or impacts of a hazard. We would not issue such an order without a confirmed danger and without serious deliberations following well established protocols. On the other hand, allowing news media free access to these restricted areas puts them at risk and it puts first responders at risk; first responders who should be allocating their resources to assisting residents who may be in imminent danger.

DEM feels strongly that allowing media to enter any area that local emergency management officials have placed off-limits will have a negative and dampening effect on critical, time sensitive emergency operations. Media can currently access evacuated or restricted areas with prior coordination and following the protocols of the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

I urge your committee to defer S.B. 533, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Melvin N. Kaku
Director

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February 16, 2016

The Honorable Gregg Takayama, Chair
Committee on Public Safety
The House of Representatives,
State Capitol, Room 309
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Takayama:

Subject: SB 533, SD1 Relating to Emergency Management

I am Robert F. Westerman, Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The KFD strongly opposes SB 533, SD1, which proposes to allow a duly authorized representative of any news service, newspaper, radio station, television station, or online news distribution network to enter any area that has been placed off-limits pursuant to H.R.S. §127A-12.

Allowing media access to restricted areas (stricken, dangerous or under dangerous conditions) poses risks to the media, emergency management staff tasked with supervising them and first responders who may need to assist them.

More importantly, this would pose a risk to the general public, as the proposed language would strain our limited staffing resources, competing with and/or disrupting emergency operations by creating the additional burdens of emergency management having to escort or track the media assets and first responders potentially needing to assist. This would not be in the best interest of our first responders, the emergency management personnel and the people we serve.

We feel that our established Public Information Officer (PIO) functions, frequent press-releases, along with our practices of reasonable media access at the discretion of emergency management and/or public safety officials more than adequately addresses media needs.

Please call me at (808) 241-4975 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Westerman
Fire Chief, County of Kaua'i

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P.O. Box 3141
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Feb. 18, 2016

House Committee on Public Safety
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Senate Bill 533, S.D. 1

Chairman Takayama and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Hawaii Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, I wish to give full support to SB 533. It would alleviate a big gap in disaster restrictions that were passed last year by the Legislature. Although that measure was patterned after the California law, the Hawaii version did not include the exemption for the news media that the California law grants.

This bill would add a section that allows for pool reporting in emergency situations.

The media believe the Hawaii law may prevent reporting on certain emergency situations in a timely manner, thoroughly and accurately.

The recent lava flow on the Big Island gives a good example of how the law slows down the flow of information. When the lava crossed Apaa Street in Pahoa, the media were not allowed to interview or photograph the residents who lived nearby and to tell their stories. The media were also shunted from Kaohe Homesteads. In both cases, lava did not impact any structures. The media were also not allowed to get photographs or interview the resident whose house was burnt down by the lava flow. This caused deadline pressures for many to get the story out.

We hope you will find SB 533, SD1 worth of passage as is.

Sincerely,

Stirling Morita
President
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To: State House of Representatives, Committee on Public Safety
RE: **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB533, SD1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**
Hearing Date: 11 a.m., Feb. 18, 2016

Dear Committee on Public Safety:

The Big Island Press Club membership supports SB533, SD1, relating to emergency management, which enables the news media, under the supervision of emergency management agency personnel, to access areas that are closed pursuant to emergency management powers of the governor or mayor. Such access ensures that news media can independently report on emergency situations across Hawaii.

We agree and support the wording within SB533, SD1 that news media shall be given all reasonable access and assistance in accessing the area closed pursuant to this section. We understand that when full access cannot be reasonably granted, a pool writer, pool photographer, and pool videographer shall be designated to gather and disseminate information.

It is the role of the media to bear witness and be the eyes and ears of the public. Independent reporting is critical to providing the public necessary information so that they may make informed decisions, rather than react based on misinformation or ignorance. Timely information, reported by on-scene professional journalists, can help reduce the stress and anxiety that comes along with emergency situations, thus providing a community service that is of benefit to first responders. This is especially important in today's society that relies heavily on social media, where rumors and misinformation can spread quickly. Indeed, the media can serve to squelch those rumors and serve as the conduit between government officials and the public.

Up-to-date news reporting from journalists alerts and protects residents and emergency management personnel alike to dangers and hazards. It also is vital as a historical record as journalists provide eyewitness accounts of pivotal events impacting our islands.



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A free press is the cornerstone of democracy, and reporters have a duty to provide the public with timely information through independent reporting instead of relying on government agencies to provide information that cannot be verified. Independent reporting and the ability to provide timely information of emergency situations enables journalists to support transparency and honesty in government, ensuring government officials are carrying out the wishes of taxpayers.

We, the board of directors of the Big Island Press Club, **firmly support** SB 533, SD1, relating to emergency management and strongly urge its passage.

Denise Laitinen
President
Big Island Press Club



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February 17, 2016

Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Public Safety
Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Senate Bill S533, SD1, Relating to Emergency Management

Hearing Date: 11 a.m., Feb. 18, 2016

Dear Committee on Public Safety:

As a journalist and owner of a Hawaii Island media company, I **FIRMLY SUPPORT** SB 533, SD1, providing media access to disaster areas in times of emergency.

Accurate and thorough reporting of disasters provides timely information to the public who can then adjust their preparations and expectations of emergency response accordingly. For example, when the Kilauea lava flow impacted the Puna district last year, thousands of area residents made life-altering decisions about selling their homes and uprooting their families based on what they learned about the status of the lava. As a long-time Puna resident, I know first-hand of many families that moved to other parts of the island or moved to the mainland as a result of the lava flow.

Providing access to disaster areas enables journalists to inform the general public of the actual situation, promoting truth and transparency in government, thus reducing the possibility of abuse of power. It also enables people make informed decisions best suited to their needs and considerably reduces area residents' stress and anxiety of the unknown.

Contrary to statements made by opponents of SB 533, media personnel, at least those on Hawaii Island, were NOT allowed access to evacuated or restricted areas through prearranged coordination with the Emergency Operations Center.

As a Puna resident, I saw the lava flow's voluminous plume of smoke from my front door for months, yet was not allowed access to report on the biggest news story in decades as it occurred in my community. Unlike my fellow island journalists, I've spent 15 years working in the fire service and emergency management industries and have extensive experience in disaster management, mitigation, and prevention. I understand the need for safety, as do my fellow journalists.

Denying access to emergency zones and disaster areas does not reduce or minimize the risk to area residents. It DOES however dramatically increase the fears and concerns of the impacted residents, as well as their loved ones who may be on the mainland or in other countries.

Media personnel CAN and DO access disaster zones around the world on a daily basis. For years, journalists have imbedded with combat troops in war zones in combat-ravaged areas, such as Afghanistan and Iraq, yet in Hawaii were not allowed to view a slow-moving lava flow.

As the owner of a Hawaii Island media company, I firmly support Senate Bill No. 533, SD 1, relating to emergency management.

Denise Laitinen
DLC Hawaii Media, Owner
Big Island Press Club, President

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Submitted on: 2/17/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ROBERT DUERR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a member of the Board of Directors of the Big Island Press Club, I encourage you to FULLY SUPPORT "SB 533 SD1 111: RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT." SB 533 allows media access to emergency areas declared under Act 111. Act 11 was signed into law by Gov. Abercrombie. It confers "upon the governor and upon the mayors of the counties of the State the emergency powers necessary to prepare for and respond to emergencies or disasters." Only the Governor need declare an emergency. Once declared, the Governor and the Mayor rule all in the emergency area. Why is it critical that the Senate approve SB 533? There is no provision in Act 111 for the Hawaii Senate or Legislature to be consulted or informed by the Governor or the Mayor during declared emergencies. The Press has the job to inform. The Hawaii Constitution deserves more. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which insures the right of a free press to inform demands more. Act 111 emergency powers supersede Hawaii laws, budget process and legislative overview. It is critical that independent journalists have access to emergency areas to report on conditions, talk to citizens and question officials. As President John Kennedy once said of the task of those who support journalists: "I am asking your help in the tremendous task of informing and alerting the American people. For I have complete confidence in the response and dedication of our citizens whenever they are fully informed... Without debate, without criticism no administration and no country can succeed, and no republic can survive..." Vote to approve SB 533. Mahalo, Robert Duerr Hilo, Hawaii

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Elton Ushio	County of Kauai Civil Defense Agency	Oppose	No

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Sharron Cushman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB533.

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Colin M. Stewart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a newspaper reporter and I have covered multiple natural disasters on the Big Island. I feel that barring reporters from scenes of natural disasters does a disservice to the general public by preventing them from hearing and seeing firsthand information, while allowing government agencies to operate under a cloak of virtual invisibility at a time when they should be most closely scrutinized. I strongly support SB 533 relating to Emergency Management.

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February 18, 2016

House Committee on Public Safety

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 533, SD1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

All Hawaii News, a state government and political news aggregate blog covering Hawaii for almost seven years, is strongly in support of SB 533, SD1, allowing the news media, under the supervision of emergency management agency personnel, to access areas that are closed pursuant to emergency management powers of the governor and mayor.

The ability of the media to independently collect and report news is a cornerstone of our democracy.

As written, SB 533, SD1, allows that when full access cannot be reasonably granted, a pool writer, pool photographer and pool videographer shall be designated to gather and disseminate information.

Please pass this bill so that the public can continue to have access to independent reporting on disasters and other emergencies.

Mahalo nui!

Nancy Cook Lauer, publisher
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Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, If reporters can be embedded with troops in combat, surely they can go to emergency zones accompanied by emergency personnel. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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Tom Lodge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A Free Press is most vital to the security of the people, the transparency of activity, and necessary for people to be able make up their own minds by being INFORMED. Much Aloha, Tom Lodge...

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sharon willeford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to know what's going on!

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Jamie Moana Kawauchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB533 SD1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; Emergency Management; News Media Access which allows the news media, under the supervision of emergency management agency personnel, to access areas that are closed pursuant to emergency management powers of the governor and mayor. Mahalo nui loa for your "YES" vote, it is very much appreciate! Jamie M. Kawauchi POB 573 Naalehu, HI 96772 (808) 929-9076 jami.kawa@gmail.com

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