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SENATE BILL 1307 Relating to Neighborhood Revitalization Boards

February 14, 2017 at 1:15 PM
Senate Conference Room 229

By Michael A. Dahilig
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Honorable Senators:

The Kauai Planning Department **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 1307 that allows County Councils to establish Neighborhood Revitalization Boards to be administered by the Counties for the purpose of developing neighborhood revitalization plans for areas.

The establishment of these boards and their ability to request funding from the State Legislature (with matching County funds) will further the revitalization measures the County of Kauai is pursuing in its various town core areas. The County of Kauai has adopted many zoning ordinances for economic revitalization purposes; however, government investment into the infrastructure of a respective area is necessary to enable private sector investment in that area's redevelopment.

Infill development is often an expensive and cost prohibitive venture. However, infill development of our existing town cores is paramount in our efforts to limit suburban sprawl and preserve our rural and agricultural spaces. A Neighborhood Revitalization Board's dual function of plan creation and fund allocation will promote infill development not just on paper but physically on the ground with actual capital improvements

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Senate Committee on Housing

1:15 p.m.

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters – SUPPORTS SB 1307 Relating to Land Use

Dear Chair Nishihara, Espero and Members of the Committee:

The purpose of this bill provides a County to establish a neighborhood revitalization board that would work with the community to develop a neighborhood revitalization plan. For rural, small town communities, the County and State lack the resources to invest in revitalization projects, thus in some cases, a community losing its sense of place. There are many places across the State of Hawaii who could benefit from local community stakeholders driving improvements to blighted areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

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Darin Uesugi	Wahiawa Community Based Development Organization	Support	No

Comments: As the community organization built specifically to work within Wahiawa's NRSA, the Wahiawa Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) is in support of SB 1307. We are confident that a Neighborhood Revitalization Board within our NRSA would consolidate continued support around our developed neighborhood plan, increase community input by our residents, and build an effective and efficient process for community-based economic development projects.

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Damien J Morales	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB1307, I believe that this Bill would support and provide resources to a community that would like to engage their neighborhood and community to become a better place to live, work, and play.

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