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Testimony of
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Before the House Committee on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

Wednesday, February 1, 2017
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 873
RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING

House Bill 873 proposes to establish permit that exempts sustainable living research and sites from certain county codes, ordinances, and rules. **While the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) generally supports sustainable living research and defers to the other agencies on specific amendments that fall under their purview, the Department nonetheless has concerns with changes to the permitting requirements of new hydroelectric facilities that were enacted by the 2016 Legislature by way of Act 173.**

Act 173 amended Section 205-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and in its current form, may place undue burdens on existing agricultural operations which are already legally allowed to divert water for agricultural purposes. As written, the addition of a hydroelectric facility over five hundred kilowatts in hydroelectric generating capacity, to an existing irrigation system, would require an amendment to existing instream flow standards despite no increases to the amount of surface water currently diverted. In this case, the addition of a hydroelectric facility is adding value to an existing agricultural operation without increasing the impact to instream uses, making the requirement for a new instream flow standard burdensome and unnecessary.

To address this issue, the Department proposes an additional amendment to SECTION 4 amending Section 205-4.5(a)(23)(A), HRS, on line 2 of page 32 to read as follows:

- (C) Shall, if over five hundred kilowatts in hydroelectric generating capacity, have the approval of the commission on water resource management, including a new instream flow standard established for any new hydroelectric facility[;] that requires new or expanded surface water diversions; and...

The construction of any new stream diversion works structures would already require an amendment to the interim instream flow standards established under these rules. Conversely, if a hydroelectric facility were added onto an existing surface water system (i.e., irrigation ditch), without modification to the existing stream diversion works structure or diversion of additional amounts of water, no amendment to the interim instream flow standard would be required.

The Department recognizes the importance and benefit of hydroelectric energy-generating facilities towards energy security and sustainable living and respectfully requests your consideration of our proposed amendment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support innovative solutions

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Beth McCormick	Permaculture Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: I support HB873 because it will help us to create sustainable communities, create new economic development, train a new generation of farmers, and build a local food production network. Young people come to the Big Island from around the world to learn Permaculture and methods of tropical agriculture. This bill will assist a number of groups to meet that demand.

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Testimony of Graham Ellis,

Board Chair, Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance

To: House Economic Development and Business Committee.

Wednesday February 1st 9 am.

RE: HB873- Relating to Sustainable Living

Aloha Chair, Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair, Rep. Jarrett K. Keohokalole, Committee Members:

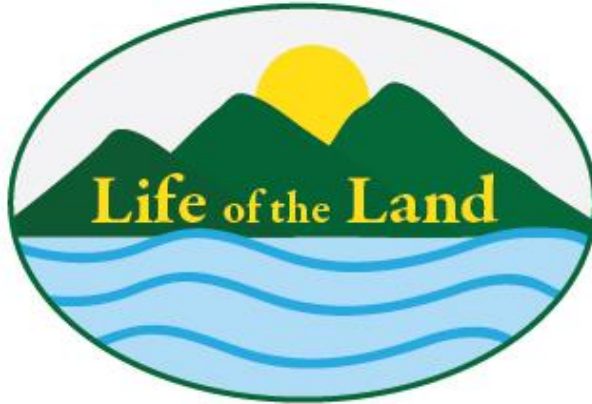
I represent a Hawaii Advocacy group with more than 660 members whose primary interest is promoting Sustainable Living. We authored Resolution 302-12 passed by the Hawaii County Council on October 2nd 2012 requesting our State Legislature “pass a bill permitting SUSTAINABLE LIVING RESEARCH SITES”. Please note that this bill does NOT apply to Oahu.

We strongly support this bill because sustainable living research sites will:

- Increase employment in small agricultural enterprises
- Promote the growth of more locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers.
- Expand the 'affordable' and sustainable green housing industry
- Align Hawaii State with national and international organizations, including the President's Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the National Association of Counties, and the United Nations (U.N.). making Hawaii State and County organizations eligible for grant funding
- Research locally sustainable food and energy alternatives to reduce Hawaii's trade imbalance of food and energy.
- Reduce landfill costs by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, recycle commercial waste that comprises the majority of the landfill.
- Implement research programs in sustainable development to resolve problems of public transportation, recycling, energy conservation, natural hazard mitigation, and other social issues.
- Support the establishment of professional “think tanks” focusing on sustainable research and development
- Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts following a state of emergency
- Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values
- Develop sustainable economic activities to achieve community goals

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. We ask you to support this bill.

Sincerely, Graham Ellis, Chair, HSCA



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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Rep. Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2017
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 309

re: HB 873 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING

COMMENTS

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee

Life of the Land is Hawai`i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for 47 years. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

HB 873 has a catchy title: "Relating to Sustainable Living". HB 873 is based on the "New Mexico Sustainable Development Testing Site Act of 2007".¹ However, it appears that the full New Mexico law was not pasted into the Hawai`i version. Therefore, if the bill advances, the safeguards provided in the New Mexico law should be included in the Hawai`i bill.

The New Mexico proposal is for new communities to be able to not comply with existing county regulations while giving the public an opportunity to express their thoughts, and for adequate monitoring by county and state regulators. The second page includes a comparison table.

¹ <http://earthship.com/blogs/2012/03/sustainable-development-testing-site-act/>

	New Mexico	Hawai`i
Permit Approval Process	Planning Commission	Planning Department
Speed	Regular	Streamlined
Public Hearing	Yes	No
Permit Term	5-years with 5-year renewal	10 years
County Population	Less than 35,000	Less than 500,000
Sustainable Community	Less than 2 acres	Greater than 1 acre
Renewable Energy	100 %	30 %
Grid	Off-grid	
Sewage	Zero Discharge	Sustainable Goals
Monitoring	Board of county commissioners, info shared with State	None
Annual Reports Filed With	(1) Planning Commission, (2) Department of Environment, (3) State Engineer, (4) Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, (5) Construction Industries Division of the Regulation and Licensing Department	Planning Department

If the bill is passed, please include the appropriate safeguards.

Mahalo,

Henry Curtis
Executive Director



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House Committee on Labor and Public Employment

HB873 “RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING”

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 9:00 am State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Submitted on Behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawaii

The Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports HB873 “RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LIVING” the intent of which is to allow for the development of “eco-villages” in agricultural and rural zones that would allow housing shelter to be constructed that would otherwise not be permitted under Hawaii Law. **The intent of this legislation supports one of the Democratic Party of Hawaii’s legislative priorities for the 2017 legislative session: to expand the availability of affordable housing and provide more housing for those who are homeless.** Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Tim Vandever* (tim@hawaiidemocrats.org)
Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i
/s/ *Marie (Dolly) Strazar* (hilomds@gmail.com)
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HB873

Submitted on: 1/27/2017

Testimony for EDB on Feb 1, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frank	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, I own land in Puna and intend to build there one day. My wish is to do it in the least intrusive way possible; I want to use materials that are most locally common -- like pumice and scoria -- instead of ones that are energy-intensive, like imported wood and concrete. The method I want to use, superadobe, is labor-intensive and low-skill, meaning I could divert my money from expensive, useless frills commanded by the current code and instead spend it employing the people who need employment most. In short, the way I want to build and live is the kind that yields the most for the local economy while least harming the local environment. But the current code criminalizes this type of efficiency. Please help us help Hawai'i. Thank you, Frank

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House Economic Development & Business Committee
Meeting: February 1, 2017 at 9am
RE: HB873

Aloha mai kakou!

Chair, Rep. Mark M. Nakashima,
Vice Chair, Rep. Jarrett K. Keohokalole,
Committee Members:
Rep. Daniel K. Holt
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson
Rep. Roy M. Takumi
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
Rep. Lauren K. Matsumoto

I write to you today in support HB873 for these reasons:

1. It will allow for NEW business and NEW economic development
2. It will allow Sustainable Living Research to share innovation that will work to save our environment, impact homeless statistics and increase local food production and access.
3. It will create a leadership position for Hawaii as a Sustainable Living State.

It's time we allow the sustainable living innovations, which will not only foster new business and new economic development, but ultimately save our Communities, Counties and our State, to be an integral part of our permitting procedures.

Please allow HB873 to further the goals inspired by Hawaii's Aloha Challenge and meet the vision set forth by 2030.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,
LJ Bates III

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Submitted on: 1/28/2017

Testimony for EDB on Feb 1, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marian	Individual	Support	No

Comments: House Economic Development & Business Committee Meeting: February 1, 2017 at 9am
RE: HB873 Aloha mai kakou! Chair, Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair, Rep. Jarrett K. Keohokalole, Committee Members: Rep. Daniel K. Holt Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson Rep. Roy M. Takumi Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita Rep. Lauren K. Matsumoto I write to you today in support HB873 for these reasons: 1. It will allow for NEW business and NEW economic development 2. It will allow Sustainable Living Research to share innovation that will work to save our environment, impact homeless statistics and increase local food production and access. 3. It will create a leadership position for Hawaii as a Sustainable Living State. It's time we allow the sustainable living innovations, which will not only foster new business and new economic development, but ultimately save our Communities, Counties and our State, to be an integral part of our permitting procedures. Please allow HB873 to further the goals inspired by Hawaii's Aloha Challenge and meet the vision set forth by 2030. Mahalo for your support of this important bill, Marian

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Megan Blazak	Individual	Support	No

Comments: House Economic Development & Business Committee Meeting: February 1, 2017 at 9am
RE: In support of HB873 Aloha ē Esteemed Members of the Committee: Chair, Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair, Rep. Jarrett K. Keohokalole, Committee Members: Rep. Daniel K. Holt Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson R ep. Roy M. Takumi Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita Rep. Lauren K. Matsumoto I write to you today in strong support HB873 for these reasons: 1. It will allow for NEW business and NEW economic development 2. It will allow Sustainable Living Research to share innovation that will work to save our environment, impact homeless statistics and increase local food production and access. 3. It will create a leadership position for Hawaii as a Sustainable Living State. It's time we allow the sustainable living innovations, which will not only foster new business and economic development, but ultimately save our Communities, Counties and our State, to be an integral part of our permitting procedures. Please allow HB873 to further the goals inspired by Hawaii's Aloha Challenge and meet the vision set forth by 2030. Mahalo for your support of this important bill. Respectfully, Megan Blazak Hawaii County resident State House District 2 State Senate District 1

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Jan 28, 2017

Members, House Economic and Business Development Committees

re: HB 873, Sustainable Living

Aloha Legislators,

I have been supporting this legislation the two previous attempts through the legislature. We were so close last time and I am hoping the third time is a charm. Your serious consideration on this is warranted, especially your Committee.

I am 70 and it was my generation that talked about the environment but did very little to protect it. We are assaulted in many directions here in Hawaii and we have a unique opportunity to be a model for the rest of the world. Imagine there were 100's of 1,000's of Hawaiian's here when Capt. Cook supposedly discovered us. These Hawaiian were 100% sustainable. Now we import 90% of our food.

Personally, I have done something about this. I currently grow about 80 different fruits and vegetables and am eating over 50% from my small 1 acre here in Puna on the Big Island. I also generate my power and drive 2 electric cars without a drop of imported oil. I teach neighbors gardening and advise them on solar power and electric cars.

Growing food in Hawaii is difficult because of the cost of living and cost of housing. This Bill gives us a chance to experiment in adjusting that economics. There is nothing to lose here and I don't see any risks either.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and hopefully your support.

Mahalo,



Lorn Douglas

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha kakou! Chair, Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair, Rep. Jarrett K. Keohokalole, Committee Members: Rep. Daniel K. Holt Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson Rep. Roy M. Takumi Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita Rep. Lauren K. Matsumoto I would like you to know I support HB873 for these reasons: We can not weather a disaster if we continue to rely on shipping containers to survive. We are Blessed with a beautiful land that provides for our citizens with a higher quality of food and nourishment than can be bought at the retail grocery stores AND at a cost that will level out our cost of living here, so more our children can also making enough from the jobs that are available to live here healthily with lots less stress & a higher standard of living. It will allow for business development by many of us born and raised in Ha waii. It will allow Sustainable Living Research to share innovation that will work to save our environment, help our homeless and increase jobs in local food production and access. It will create a natural haven for Hawaii as more people will want to come and enjoy the healthy environment and food in their latter years when these mean more to their quality of life. It's time we served our keiki a higher nutrition every day...giving their brains the power to excel intellectually and at the same time supporting local business. Please allow HB873 to further the goals inspired by Hawaii's Aloha Challenge and meet the vision set forth by 2030. Mahalo for reading this and considering my beliefs, April Lee, born Honolulu, 1950

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Deborah Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! Please support HB873. 1. It will allow for NEW business and NEW economic development 2. It will allow Sustainable Living Research to share innovation that will work to save our environment, impact homeless statistics and increase local food production and access. 3. It will create a leadership position for Hawaii as a Sustainable Living State. 4. It simply makes good common sense. Thank you!

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Ano Hanamana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: House Economic Development & Business Committee Meeting: February 1, 2017 at 9am
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Aloha mai kakou!

Chair, Rep. Mark M. Nakashima,
Vice Chair, Rep. Jarrett K. Keohokalole,
Committee Members:
Rep. Daniel K. Holt
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson
Rep. Roy M. Takumi
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
Rep. Lauren K. Matsumoto

I write to you today in support HB873 for these reasons:

It will enable us to build the kind of structures that will help set a new standard. Since the 50's housing has been following a mass production model. Consequently, things like craftsmanship, artistry, and creativity have gone by the wayside. The home we build will be an example of what can be accomplished when every aspect of the structure is given loving attention, where nothing is taken for granted, and where we select materials for their intrinsic beauty.

We don't want to build a ramshackle shack, MacHouse, or even a MacMansion from lowest-common-denominator materials. Sustainable housing is about more than getting by, it is about a lifestyle that is more consonant with Hawaiian values and reflecting those values in everything, especially where you dwell.

Structures such as those this bill will enable will only add to Hawaii's prosperity.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Stephen Ocean

Julia Peleiholani

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Meeting: February 1, 2017 at 9am
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It's time we allow the sustainable living innovations, which will not only foster new business and new economic development, but ultimately save our Communities, Counties and our State, to be an integral part of our permitting procedures.

Please allow HB873 to further the goals inspired by Hawaii's Aloha Challenge and meet the vision set forth by 2030.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

Sincerely

Leonard Sussman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mojo Mustapha	Hedonisia Hawaii Sustainable Community	Support	No

Comments: House Economic Development & Business Committee Meeting: February 1, 2017 at 9am
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Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I realize many of you on the other districts on other islands (and even our own) view Puna as nothing more than a bunch of fruits, nuts and flakes; however, that demographic is largely transformed into something you may not recognize, but you want desperately to hold on to the past, although we do have a hippy kid infestation that's a bit of a nuisance at times. We see a definite need for sustainability, as our position in the middle of the Specific Ocean (you would have had to have watched Beanie and Cecil to understand that) puts us in an untenable position should our links to the outside world collapse for any length of time. People believe they must go off to work to put food on the table, but if your community can grow their own food, that is working to put food on their tables without having to clog the roads with thousand of cars while burning millions of gallons of petroleum products, by keeping things local. You would still need services, but not to the degree we do today. We wouldn't need pesticide corporations, as most here prefer their food toxin free. Ever since that stuff hit the market, there has been a hideous upswing in cancers, although they don't want to admit they are probably one of the causes. Entire countries are doing it, so why can't a garden spot like Hawai'i? When I throw an avocado pit into the jungle, an avocado tree starts. It may take 5 years or more to bear fruit, but someone will have avocados later. Why is sustainable living something government finds disreputable? Personally I find government disreputable, but that's beside the point! Why should we need a permit to sustain ourselves?

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Jennifer Rodwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, I am a resident of Palolo and a part time teacher in our public and charter schools. In addition to wanting to see Hawaii be more self sustaining in the hear and I now, I want to know that the amazing young kids I get to work with will have a Hawaii that I am fortunate to have and that I believe without attention to creating more self sustaining systems and attitudes, they may not have and appropriating funds to research the best possible practices in sustainability is needed for Hawaii to move in the direction of becoming a sustainable state.

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and thank you for hearing this Bill! Please support this bill to help achieve the important State goals we have ahead. We need all the support possible to craft a more sustainable way of living and set an example to other communities too. Many thanks, James Mccay 2957 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu HI 96815 & supported by Elizabeth Dunne ESQ also

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Allan Reaves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB873. We need to encourage self- sustainable living, growing organic food, and going green. I care about future generations on this planet! There are many reasons to support this bill. It will: Increase real 'affordable' and sustainable green housing Increase employment in small business sustainable enterprises Promote the growth of small locally-owned farms that educate and employ a new breed of young farmers Provide additional protection for consumers from the disruptions in transport of supplies to Hawaii islands Reduce dependence on imports of food and energy by promoting locally sustainable alternatives Alleviate landfill problems by increasing ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle Promote the development of think tanks focusing on sustainable research and development Bring current zoning and land use codes into compliance with local community values

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House Economic Development & Business Committee
Meeting: February 1, 2017 at 9am
RE: HB873

Aloha mai kakou!

Chair, Rep. Mark M. Nakashima,
Vice Chair, Rep. Jarrett K. Keohokalole,
Committee Members:
Rep. Daniel K. Holt
Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson
Rep. Roy M. Takumi
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita
Rep. Lauren K. Matsumoto

I write to you today in support HB873 for these reasons:

1. It will allow for NEW business and NEW economic development
2. It will allow Sustainable Living Research to share innovation that will work to save our environment, impact homeless statistics and increase local food production and access.
3. It will create a leadership position for Hawaii as a Sustainable Living State.

It's time we allow the sustainable living innovations, which will not only foster new business and new economic development, but ultimately save our Communities, Counties and our State, to be an integral part of our permitting procedures.

Please allow HB873 to further the goals inspired by Hawaii's Aloha Challenge and meet the vision set forth by 2030.

Mahalo for your support of this important bill,

E malama pono

Clive Cheetham

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee, This is so needed in Hawaii where our resources are limited. Big yea for this measure. Mahalo, Ms. Barbara Barry

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tim finn	Individual	Comments Only	No

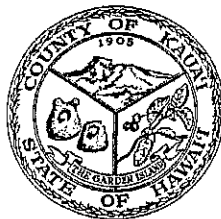
Comments: Aloha. I am a registered voter living on the Big Island. I am a licensed structural engineer and retired builder. I believe strongly in allowing an approach for local sustainable building concepts and approaches. Our current system of codes does not easily provide a path for considering alternative methods of construction that are successful and acceptable to our climate and geography here in Hawaii. Many methods that might be used that are sustainable both environmentally and economically are currently unavailable due to the existing codes, laws and statues. I strongly believe this bill would be a significant change to our current culture of "can't do", and open the door to a more "can do" approach. Thank you for this opportunity.

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**Testimony Relating to Sustainable Living
HB 873
By Michael A. Dahilig
Director of Planning, County of Kauai**

The Kauai Planning Department **OPPOSES** House Bill 873 relating to Sustainable Living.

Although the intent of this Bill is understood and appreciated, prior to taking legislative action the following should be vetted:

The County of Kauai recognizes that the sustainable living is a must in the State. However, conflicting issues arise for establishing a farm dwelling on the property. Due to House Bill 873 proposal on Agriculture and Rural lands. Present and Future applicants will exploit this bill to be exempt from Kauai County Code and create residential uses upon important Agriculture Lands. The County of Kauai has been establishing Agriculture master plans within the applicants conditions list to further concur that the parcel owner is actually utilizing the land for agriculture use not just a residence.

Additionally, a detailed and comprehensive plan should be considered prior to that adoption of this bill.

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January 30, 2017

House Committee on Economic Development & Business
House Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Meeting: Feb. 1, 2017 @ 9:00 am RE: HB873

Aloha Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair; Rep. Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair; Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Chair; Rep. Daniel Holt, Vice Chair and Members of the Committees,

I am writing today in support of HB873, "Sustainable Living Research Bill."

This bill is a revision to a similar bill that was introduced in 2013 (HB111), which passed all three House committees that year, and SB2274 in 2014, which passed through both the House and Senate and then tragically died with many other bills in Conference Committee that weren't given a chance to be heard one last time.

The intention of HB873 is to add "Sustainable Living Research Sites" as permitted use activities under Agriculture in State land use statutes. This will only apply to Hawaii and Maui counties.

As a board officer of the Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance, I **support** this bill, as it will:

- Promote community development through innovative sustainable research and implementation
- Update zoning and land use codes to reflect community, corporate, and government sustainable living goals and initiatives
- Meet seven out of the nine priority action steps for the year 2020 as defined by the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force

As a former resident of two different ecovillages in the Puna District of the Big Island, I **support** this bill as it addresses the need to:

- Create accessibility to much-needed affordable "green" housing (which may also positively contribute to creating solutions for our homelessness crisis)
- Increase employment for small businesses and cottage industries that promote sustainability
- Promote employment and self-sufficiency to a new generation of young farmers
- Create innovative waste management solutions through reducing, repairing, reusing, and recycling
- Provide additional water conservation, alternative energy use, and sustainable living options for home owners and ecovillages

And finally, as a mother of six children ranging in age from 25 down to seven-year-old twins, I have a

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great concern about the future quality of life for children in Hawaii. I strongly **support** HB873, as I believe it will:

- Provide opportunities for single parent households to create “the village to raise the child” by allowing multi-family, multi-generational groups to share housing and resources, thus decreasing the strain on governmental food and housing assistance for those families
- Improve our state disaster preparedness by researching and developing practices to alleviate impacts due to a state of emergency
- Increase opportunities for food and energy production by promoting locally produced sustainable alternatives

Mahalo nui loa for supporting HB873!

Dena Smith Ellis
Secretary, Hawaii Sustainable Community Alliance
Organization Lead for Blue Zones Project North Hawaii
Member of Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce

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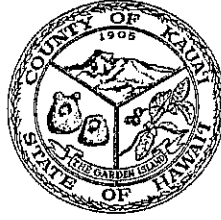
Comments: 2/1/17 EDB, rm 309: Feb. 1, 2017 at 9am RE: HB873 Strong support Aloha, Chair, Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair, Rep. Jarrett K. Keohokalole, and Committee Members. I support HB873 - We need real affordable housing to help stem the ever growing homeless problem and loss our family members leaving Hawaii because they can never hope to own a home here. It should not take a family working 2 or more jobs for 30 years just to put a roof over their heads. Current building codes have contributed to driving up the cost of housing to unmanageable heights. There are alternatives that work. To many of our local families are being priced out of the housing market by the extremely high cost of homes here. It's time for innovations, and this bill is a step in the right direction. Please support our local families hopes and dreams of reasonably priced housing alternatives. Mahalo Robert Petricci

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