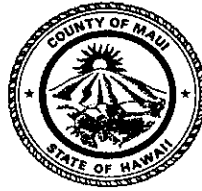


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LATE TESTIMONY

February 8, 2017

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA
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COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, February 9, 2017, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225

SB1266 Relating to Affordable Housing

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT OF SB1266**.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) or any entity of the State to initiate negotiations to keep the units of the Front Street Apartments on the island of Maui affordable or to acquire the Front Street Apartments property.

On behalf of the County of Maui, I support this bill for the following reasons:

- The current residents of the apartments are comprised of below 60% & below 50% of the Area Median Income for Maui County. Some are disabled and/or elderly. They represent our most vulnerable population.
- Maui County has a dire need for additional affordable housing. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study indicates a need for 12,000 housing units on Maui for 2015-2025. There are very little affordable rental options in Maui County. If the current residents were to lose their units, there are virtually no other affordable rental units for them to move to. Many could become homeless.
- Maui County has a limited number of shelters which are typically at full capacity. There is no adequate shelter space to accommodate displaced residents of the Front Street Apartment project.

We are hopeful that the State will be able to negotiate to acquire the property so that the 142 very low income individuals and families are able to remain in their units.

I urge you to strongly support SB1266.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui

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Lori Ann Koyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of SB1266. We need affordable housing! We are getting priced out of our homes. The people that live at Front Street Apartments are working class families that work hard for every penny they earn. These apartments provide them a home at a rate that they can afford without worrying about how to pay for other utilities. Families need a place to call home. They need a dwelling that houses just their family and not a place where multiple families have to live just to pay the rent or lease. Please you must approve this bill so that these families dont get priced out of paradise like so many already have.

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Sharon Watari	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Born and raised Lahaina and with the cost of living here, our kids needs affordable housing here. My son resides at the Front Stret apartments and is barely making ends meet. Working as a food runner at \$10 an hour, he won't be able to pay the market cost. Please, please don't take away the roof over our children's heads. We actually need more affordable housing for the local people on Maui! Mahalo for your time!

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Arika Rains	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill will help hundreds of families who are very involved in our small community stay in a safe and affordable rent housing which is extremely needed here in Lahaina. There are so many measures trying to be taken to fix the expensive rents here in Lahaina how could you even think of taking one large one away??? This is outrageous and ridiculous that these people will basically have to move to another city or state to get the help they need to survive on our small incomes here. Please pass this bill to protect them.

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George Burnette	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing as a concerned citizen in support of this bill SB1266. Any action that will help keep our local families in homes, sheltered and safe to me should be a priority. Thank you for considering my testimony and supporting bill SB1266.

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