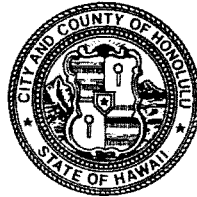


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March 1, 2017

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways
and Means
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 1307, SD 1
Relating to Land Use

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **supports** Senate Bill No. 1307, SD 1, which would allow county councils to establish Neighborhood Revitalization Boards (NRB) to foster advocacy and grass roots planning and project implementation.

While the City already has well-established neighborhood boards, they are, at once, both limited in their powers and very broad in their issues. The proposed NRBs would depend on local stakeholders to develop geographic boundaries based on revitalization issues and desires. The NRBs would focus on moving forward specific improvements geared towards physical and economic improvements to their neighborhoods.

We see this Bill as bringing together government, the public and members of the business community in an innovative way to help revitalize our neighborhoods. Please pass Senate Bill No. 1307, SD 1.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy K. Sokugawa".

Kathy K. Sokugawa
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February 10, 2017



To:
Chair Jill N. Tokuda
Vice Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Daven Ruggles

Subject: Support of Senate Bill 1307, Relating to Land Use

My name is Daven Ruggles, I am a student attending Kalaheo High School in Kailua. I strongly support SB 1307 which allows county councils to establish Neighborhood Revitalization Boards to be administered by the counties for the purpose of developing neighborhood revitalization plans for areas in each county.

Poverty should not be inflicted on any of the nation's citizens. Yet, according to Shirley Franklin, the Former Mayor of Atlanta, "Every 29 seconds another child is born into poverty, costing our country some \$500 billion per year." This is something that should not occur, especially in the state of Hawai'i. Yet, neighborhood revitalization may help alleviate such poverty.

Neighborhood revitalization has had past success in curbing poverty. For example, Atlanta's most violent neighborhood, East Lake Meadows, which had been rampant with poverty, saw their conditions improve when, according to Franklin, "Philanthropist Tom Cousins partnered with resident leader and Atlanta Housing Authority President Eva Davis and CEO Renée Glover and local business leaders," worked together to revitalize the neighborhood (Huffington post). If similar programs are implemented in Hawai'i, the quality of life may improve in many different neighborhoods. Thus it is in the best interest of the government to support any incentive that will allow for the development of neighborhood revitalization plans for areas in each county.

I sincerely hope you will be in agreement to support Senate Bill 1307. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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SB1307, SD1 Relating to Land Use
Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing: March 1, 2017 9:30 A.M.

I, Calvin Hulihee (Aka Kaumualii III) (I self-proclaim the authority of my people of the Island of Kauai and Niihau) approve this bill with amendments.

1. Kuleana, Malama and Pono (Responsibility, Caring and Doing Good)
2. To have this bill, first of all, to make sure the neighborhood board members in their communities have a town hall discussion solving, decision-making or by calling in, texting, mailing, etc. To get the issues out to all of the people who live in those communities, especially our Kupuna, who have lived there the longest of all the residents in that community. And of course everyone, all, else too who lives in that community. Also by my spiritual feelings of Ali'i, [a Hawaiian King, Chief, servant to the Hawaiian people by the simple, basic, moral, ethical understanding of the people's life and culture and so with this inspirational mana, (feelings)/(thinking)], I try to walk with aloha always on my mind. It is the chain of command of our Queen Liliuokalani down to our Kupuna and Keiki.

Mahalo
Aloha Life Matters