

SB 2951

Measure Title:	RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
Report Title:	Hawaii Community Development Authority; Small Business; County Council; Nomination; Heeia; Kalaeloa; Kakaako
Description:	Clarifies the interests that must be represented by members of the HCDA representing community development districts. Requires the senate president and the speaker of the house of representatives to nominate representatives of the several community development districts to the HCDA, and requires those representatives to be nominated only as a resident representative or a small business owner or nonprofit organization representative, but not both.
Companion:	HB2122
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HOU/PSM, WAM
Introducer(s):	GALUTERIA, INOUYE, Baker, Dela Cruz, Kim, Nishihara, Taniguchi, Wakai

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Testimony for HOU on 2/6/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Miyashiro	Hawaii Energy Policy Forum	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB2951. See attached testimony. Since it appears that it did not get uploaded, see below:

In Support of SB 2951, Relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority

Dear Chairpersons Espero, Nishihara and Members

My name is Sharon Y Moriwaki. I have been a resident of Kakaako for the past 10 years and am president of Kaka'ako United, a voluntary citizen group working to ensure quality development in the Kaka'ako Community Development District. We strongly support SB2951 to ensure fair and responsive representation of the community district.

SB 2951 corrects the current nomination process for our community district representative members for the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). It clarifies the criteria of small business and non-profit representatives and returns the nomination authority to the state rather than the city council.

The members representing three community development districts – Kaka'ako, Kalaeloa, and Heeia—make major decisions affecting development in their respective districts. They should come from amongst our residents and small businesses or non-profit organizations that are physically located in our districts so they know first-hand the needs and concerns of the district. Members should understand, respect and represent the land and people --those living, working and serving the respective community development districts.

We in the Kaka'ako Community Development District experienced a frustrated process under the current law which directs the city council to submit a list of three nominees for each community representative, two residents and one small business or non-profit agency, in the district. Names were placed on the list which were not properly noticed or vetted by the community nor was the nominee that the community supported placed on the nomination list. The process disregarded the intent of the law.

SB 2951 clarifies and makes explicit the intent of the law to select nominees for appointment who understand and represent the interests of residents, small businesses

and/or non-profit agencies that reside or are *located in the physical boundaries* of the district. It thus returns rightfully to the state the responsibility to receive and vet nominees for appointment who are physically in the district who know first-hand the needs, concerns and interests of those who will be impacted by the HCDA decisions.

Based on the foregoing, I and my fellow residents respectfully urge you to pass SB2951.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John & Rita Shockley	FREE ACCESS COALITION	Support	No

Comments:

The Free Access Coalition supports this Bill that will clarify who can represent the people in the Kaka'ako district. It gives fair access to the residents and stake-holders of businesses in the area.

Mahalo for your time.

John & Rita Shockley www.freeaccesscoalition.weebly.com

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Testimony for HOU on 2/6/2018 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bernard Nunies		Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chairpersons Espero, Nishihara and Members:

As a resident of Kakaako for the past 10 years , I strongly support SB2951 to ensure fair and responsive representation of the community district.

SB 2951 corrects the current nomination process for our community district representative members for the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). It clarifies the criteria of small business and non-profit representatives and returns the nomination authority to the state rather than the city council.

This is a needed bill that makes explicit the intent of the law to select nominees for appointment who understand and represent the interests of residents, small businesses and/or non-profit agencies that reside or are located in the physical boundaries of the district. It returns rightfully to the state the responsibility to receive and vet nominees for appointment who are physically in the district who know first-hand the needs, concerns and interests of those who will be impacted by the HCDA decisions.

I respectfully urge you to pass SB2951.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.