



SCR134
APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

April 3, 2018

10:20 a.m.

Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SCR134, which seeks legislative approval for a potential sale of Parcel I (tax map key no. (1) 2-1-015:061) located in Kaka'ako Makai, to the City and County of Honolulu (C&C Honolulu) for use as a site for a wastewater pump station to service most of urban Honolulu. Parcel I is located on Ala Moana Boulevard and Forest Avenue, adjacent to the existing Ala Moana wastewater pump station and the Nā Kūpuna Makamae center.

SCR134 has been offered for consideration by the Legislature in accordance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) section 171-64.7. Among other things, HRS §171-64.7 requires a two-thirds approval by both houses of the Legislature before any specific lands controlled by a state department or agency can be sold (including, but not limited to, "ceded" lands). Although there is some uncertainty as to this law's applicability to OHA, OHA is nevertheless seeking legislative approval for this potential transaction. The final terms and approval of sale are still subject to a vote of the OHA Board of Trustees.

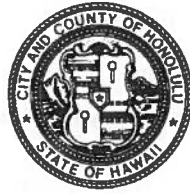
In general, sales of "ceded" lands raise significant concerns for OHA and its beneficiaries, because the Native Hawaiian people's unrelinquished claims to "ceded" lands have yet to be resolved. While SCR134 proposes the sale of former government lands of the Kingdom of Hawai'i, Parcel I will remain a part of the ceded lands corpus because the purchaser, C&C Honolulu, is a political subdivision of the State of Hawai'i. Further, the proposed use of the parcel by the C&C Honolulu for a municipal wastewater pump station makes it highly unlikely that the parcel will be sold or transferred to a non-government entity in the future.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to pass this measure. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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WAS 18-159

March 22, 2018

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
State Senate
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members:

Subject: SCR 134: Approving the Sale of Certain Land Owned by the Office of
Hawaiian Affairs to the City and County of Honolulu

The City and County of Honolulu and its Department of Environmental Services, strongly support SCR 134 and the proposed sale of Parcel I located on Forrest Avenue and Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii, to the City and County of Honolulu.

The Department of Environmental Services acquisition of this land, adjacent to our current Ala Moana 1 and 2 Wastewater Pumping Stations (WWPS), is essential to provide for future flow capacity to service areas in urban Honolulu and to further reduce the potential of future wastewater spills as the terminus for a large sewer tunnel from the Waikiki end of Ala Moana Park. This is a limited opportunity and an important investment in the future of our island and in the protection of our environment for the next 100 years.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori M.K. Kahikina", is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lori M.K. Kahikina, P.E.
Director

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Submitted on: 4/2/2018 10:19:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/3/2018 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: