

# Kaka'ako Ūnited

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Date: January 27, 2020

To: House of Representatives Thirteenth Legislature 2020

Scott Saiki House Speaker

From: Doug Valenta President, Klaus Radtke, Vice-President

Subject: HB Number 1820: Amending the nominating authority of the representatives of the Heeia, Kalaeloa and Kakaako community districts of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA)

Kaka'ako Ūnited, a voluntary community group working together to ensure a quality Kaka'ako community from Mauka to Makai.

Kaka'ako Ūnited is in support of the proposed amendment that allows for the sole authority of the HCDA to appoint members to the board of the HCDA.

In the past, Honolulu city council members who were not representatives of our Kaka'ako district had the ability influence the removal of and selection of HCDA board member(s). Since Kakaako development is under the direction of the HCDA, a community development agency enacted on behalf of the state, the authority to conduct business should rest within this state agency.

City council members, and others who are not designated official representatives of our Kaka'ako community should be void of influences upon the HCDA

Respectfully submitted in written testimony

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*Ensuring the quality of life for an integrated Kaka'ako community from mauka to makai.*

**HB-1820**

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 3:34:40 PM

Testimony for WLH on 1/29/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Galen Fox	Kakaako United	Support	No

Comments:

Brings board closer to communities board represents -- city councilmembers represent much larger area than senators, reps.



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Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair

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HB 1820

RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that growth is reasonable and responsible and that planning and land use decisions protect natural and cultural resources and human health and are implemented in conformity with the law, supports HB 1820.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority is a state agency with jurisdiction over various community development districts – Kaka`ako, Heeia, Kalaeloa and the Stadium district. All presently on Oahu but a community development district can be created on any island in the state.

HB 1820 correctly clarifies that the governor, senate president and speaker of the house and *not the county councils* should nominate state agency community development district board members.

**HB-1820**

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 9:44:36 AM

Testimony for WLH on 1/29/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gordon B. Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB1820 because this is State of Hawaii and authority should not be passed on to the City.

**HB-1820**

Submitted on: 1/26/2020 6:44:27 PM

Testimony for WLH on 1/29/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB1820 which clarifies the language of the nominating authority of the representatives of the Heeia community development district, Kalaeloa community development district, and Kakaako community development district on the Hawaii community development authority.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 2:38:59 AM

Testimony for WLH on 1/29/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Casey Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2020 6:02:22 PM

Testimony for WLH on 1/29/2020 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bernard Nunies	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1820 as this bill seeks to address issues with the City Council when the city zoning committee disregarded community input and testimony, resulting in the displacement of an HCDA board member that was truly representing Kakaako and the interest of its residents and business owners.

**HB-1820**

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 9:20:42 PM

Testimony for WLH on 1/29/2020 10:00:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clara K Morikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB1820 because HCDA is a state agency and as such the Board members should be nominated by the state legislature and certainly not by the city council. This matter must be corrected immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara K Morikawa



**HB-1820**

Submitted on: 1/29/2020 6:51:34 AM

Testimony for WLH on 1/29/2020 10:00:00 AM



<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne Takamine	Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council	Support	No

Comments:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 325 State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HB 1820

Status RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

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WLH, FIN

Aloha Chair Ryan I. Yamane, Vice Chair Chris Todd, Sharon Har, Tuna Wildberger, Nicole Lowen , Gene Ward and David Tarnas,

CPAC strongly supports House Speaker Scott Saiki's HB1820 that refines the HCDA Board nomination process. This would avoid the debacle last years when the HCDA

Vice Chair was replaced by a controversial board member with an obscure history of community service and a convoluted city council process ending with a non-productive member on the HCDA Kaka'ako Community board. This year the new member challenged and lost to HCDA Board Chair John Whalen to lead the HCDA Board. Over the years, CPAC has recognized John Whalen's work as Chair of the HCDA Board as extemporary.

Respectfully,

Wayne Takamine

Chair

Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC)