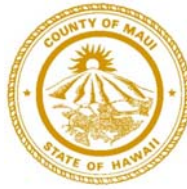


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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND and Housing
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 415

SB2620 RELATING TO LAND USE

Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Honorable members of the Committee on Water and Land
Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Honorable Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Honorable members of the Committee on Housing

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **FULL SUPPORT** of SB2620.

This bill authorizes county land use decision-making authorities to amend district boundaries involving land areas greater than fifteen but no more than thirty acres to the urban district without consideration of the land use commission if at least sixty per cent of the land is used to develop affordable housing.

With the urgent need for more affordable housing, allowing the counties' land use decision-making authority the opportunity to grant district boundary amendments (DBAs) for up to thirty acres, instead of fifteen acres, would greatly improve the speed of the regulatory process. In Maui County, the Maui County Planning Commission is the decision-making body for DBAs. The commission also hears the affordable housing projects and passes their recommendations to the Maui County Council who makes the final decision on land use. If the Planning Commission grants the DBA at the same time as hearing the project, that will save a tremendous amount of time and money for the project. Thus allowing for more affordability and more timeliness of the completion of the units..

I strongly urge you to pass this measure, SB2620.

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TO: The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB 2620, RELATING TO LAND USE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** to this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to provide solutions to authorize county authorities to amend district boundaries involving land areas up to 30 acres if at least 60 percent of the land is used to develop affordable housing.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. This measure would expedite decision-making in land use cases where the majority of the land is being used to develop affordable housing, thereby expediting the provision of much-needed affordable housing in Maui County.
2. Preventing delays in the approval process for developments results in cost savings, encouraging more development of affordable housing.
3. Land use decision-making involving lands greater than 30 acres, and lands greater than 15 acres that are not primarily for affordable housing, would still remain within the authority of the State Land Use Commission.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

SB-2620

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 7:08:23 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Likeke Scheuer	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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