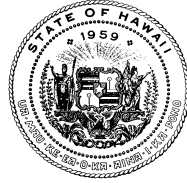


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Testimony COMMENTING on SB0455
RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Hearing Date: January 30, 2019 Room Number: CR 224

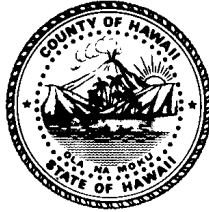
- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure may impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
- 2 Executive Budget Request for the Department's appropriations and personnel priorities.

- 3 **Department Testimony:** While the Department of Health regulates wastewater systems in
- 4 Hawaii, it is not the appropriate agency to fund a study, design, engineering, and land acquisition
- 5 for a wastewater treatment plant for Pahoehoe, Hawaii. The law instead authorizes each county to
- 6 construct, manage and maintain sewers. Hawaii Revised Statutes §§46-1.5(19)(A) and (23).
- 7 Therefore, the County of Hawaii would be the appropriate agency to implement this measure.

- 8 **Offered Amendments:** None.

- 9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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January 28, 2019

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Honorable Senator Russel E. Ruderman, Vice Chair
Submission via online testimony

RE: **Support of SB 455**
Hearing Date/Time: January 30, 2019 at 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senators:

As the Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, Water, Energy, and Environmental Management for the Hawai'i County Council, I thank you for the opportunity to submit **testimony in SUPPORT of SB 455**. It is important that an appropriation is made for the study, design, engineering, and land acquisition for a wastewater treatment plant for Pahoehoe, Hawai'i.

Please feel free to contact me should you need to discuss my position and knowledge of this matter further.

Sincerely,

HERBERT M. "TIM" RICHARDS, III
Hawai'i County Council, District 9

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Submitted on: 1/29/2019 3:13:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/30/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
andy levin	Testifying for county of hawaii, Mayor's office	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2019 10:38:17 AM

Testimony for AEN on 1/30/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amedeo Markoff	Testifying for Mainstreet Pahoia Association	Support	No

Comments:

To whome it may concern,

I am writing as a business owner and Board Member of Mainstreet Pahoia Association in support of bill SB455.

The Main-street Pahoia Association is our local chamber of commerce and we fully support this bill. We are a 501-6C and our purpose is to support the Economic Vitality of Pahoia town.

Pahoia needs help now more then ever. As you are aware our town suffered a terrible blow with the recent volcanic activity and our community has been impacted in many ways. What you may not be aware of is how catastrophic the impact to the towns economy has been. Many businsses have been closed and many more will follow. We need as much help here in Pahoia as the State can muster.

That being said Pahoia town can not grow without proper infrastruture. We are the new gate way to the volcano and we will be the number one tourist destination in Hawaii moving forward. We will need to accomadate the growing number of visitors or we will be a victim of our own success. There are many issues facing Pahoia but lack of infrastruture is the primary problem. Help us grow in a responsible and pono way by providing us with the financial power to revitalize our town and the surronding communities. We aren't going anywhere and we are the fastest growing population in the State. We beleive that the future of the town depends upon what you do now and in the near term.

Mahalo, Amedeo Markoff

Mainstreet Pahoia Association

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Submitted on: 1/29/2019 12:57:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 1/30/2019 1:15:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Testimony for AEN on 1/30/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rene Siracusa	Testifying for Malama O Puna	Support	No

Comments:

The oldest buildings in Pahoia were built in the mid 1800s, and have cesspools. The proximity of the buildings to each other leaves no room for upgrades to septic systems. The EPA has ruled that all cesspools in Pahoia must be converted in order to protect water quality, but this threatens the economic vitality of the business community along the main street. The only solution to the problem is a sewer feasibility study and/or wastewater treatment plant to address the problem while protecting Pahoia from becoming a ghost town. The Puna Community Development Plan recognizes the problem, which requires funding. Please provide it. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for AEN on 1/30/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Logue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/28/2019 4:24:10 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support - as long as wastewater treatment facilities is not located near aquafirs, schools, or residences.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M. Eileen O'Hara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: