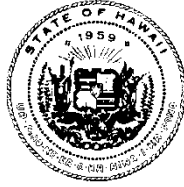


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April 8, 2021 at 10:05 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of  
**H.B. 1311, H.D. 2, S.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

The HHFDC supports H.B. 1311, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, which amends Act 98, SLH 2019 to delete the 2022 deadline for completion of construction of the Lealii affordable housing project on Keawe Street in Lahaina, now named Kaiaulu O Kuku'ia. Without this measure, the project would not be able to proceed for lack of financing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL P. VICTORINO  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS and MEANS

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 10:05 a.m.  
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**HB1311 HD2, SD1 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **HB1311 HD2, SD1**.

This bill removes the land entitlements deadline for the Leialii affordable housing project and Keawe Street Apartments. It also allows the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to address historic preservation laws when funding is appropriated for each portion of the Leialii affordable housing project.

This project will provide for 200 affordable multi-family rental housing units to Maui families earning up to 60% of the Housing and Urban Development area median income. The West Maui community has shown strong support for this project. The Maui County Council approved the 201H process for this project by a vote of 9-0 in February 2020.

**I strongly urge you to pass this measure, HB1311 HD2, SD1.**

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April 7, 2021

TO: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

DATE: April 6, 2021

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 1311 HD2 SB1, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is remove the construction completion deadline for the Leialii affordable-housing project, now named Kaiaulu O Kuku`ia, and allow the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to address historic preservation laws when funding is appropriated for each portion of the project.

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 bill would allow development of the Kaiaulu O Kuku`ia, a 28.5 acre project in Lahaina supported by Maui County Council Resolution 20-11.
2. Kaiaulu O Kuku`ia will provide 200 multifamily rental housing units to Maui County families earning up to 60 percent of the area median income. The West Maui community has shown strong support for this project.

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

**HB-1311-SD-1**

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Kaikea K. Blakemore	Testifying for Neighborhood Place of Puna	Support	No

Comments:

Support