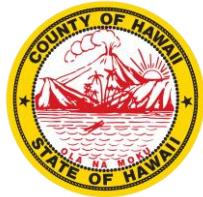


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Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Honorable Less Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Committee on Human Services
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: SCR34/SR23 – Requesting the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the County of Hawai'i Office of Aging to Conduct a Study on the Necessity and Feasibility of a Senior Living Center in the Ka'ū District

Honorable Chair San Buenaventura and Vice Chair Ihara:

Aloha, my name is Maile David, Councilmember representing Council District 6, comprising the rural districts of South Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village. Mahalo a nui loa for this opportunity to express my wholehearted support SCR34/SR23.

My strong support is premised on personal relationships and experiences in serving the Ka'ū community and my belief that a feasibility study is the appropriate first step in determining, and ultimately confirming, that a Senior Living Center in the Ka'ū District is absolutely justified and a community benefit that is long overdue.

With respect to significance, I would also note and express my sincere mahalo a nui loa to O Ka'ū Kakou, a non-profit community organization, spearheaded by Wayne Kawachi, for their collective dedication and commitment to the Ka'ū community and their personal efforts in advocating for need and importance of a Senior Living Center in Ka'ū.

Mahalo a nui loa for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

Maile David, Council Member
Council District 6, S. Kona, Ka'ū, and Volcano Village