



**HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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Statement of
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before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Videoconference, State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of

**HB 2034, HD1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the Committee. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), **supports HB 2034, HD1 with amendments.**

The bill removes the county council as the nominating authority for the HCDA community development district boards.

We respectfully request the committee to delete some extraneous language in Section 3 on page 9, lines 9 through 13, as this language could conflict with the effective date of the bill:

provided that the existing representatives of the Heeia community development district, Kalaeloa community development district, and Kakaako community development district shall continue to serve until the expiration of their respective terms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

HB-2034-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2022 10:36:14 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
lynne matusow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is a travesty and a slap in the face of local communities. It is a power grab to deny the counties the authority to appoint members to the development districts. It is the grass roots that matters, that understands and knows what works best for their communities, not those sitting in the closed to the public ivory tower, aka the State Capitol.

This is a very BAD bill. It reduces transparency and participation at the grass roots level. It is the community members, residents and businesses, who will feel the impacts and they need greater, not less say. Do not reduce the number of community members in the district, do not replace the nominating authority of the county councils with that of the now scandalized legislature (thanks to English and Cullen). What does it say about the legislature that none of the other members suspected that English and Cullen were crooks? How many others will the federales discover? How many others have they discovered but not revealed?

Better still, defer this bill. Now. A'ole imua.

Find another way to set up the Pulehunui communith development district.