



**HAWAII COMMUNITY  
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Statement of  
**CRAIG NAKAMOTO**  
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
AND THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
3:05 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

In consideration of

**HB 2034, HD2  
RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

Chairs Inouye and Moriwaki, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Dela Cruz, and members of the Committees. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports HB 2034, HD2.**

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

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

**HB-2034-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/17/2022 3:28:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/22/2022 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

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.

The only good thing about this bill is that is has a defective effective date, which is often the kiss of death. May that be true for HB2034.

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

**HB-2034-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/21/2022 1:19:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/22/2022 3:05:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2034 because of removing the County's authority to select community members. As a former community member for Kalaeloa, I also oppose the idea of removing a community member. It is the community appointees that know their community and what is needed. Leaving to individuals who do not live or work in the community development district goes against the purpose of having such districts. If this bill is to go forward, please restate the community member and consider letting the County Council continue in the selection process.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.