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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 225
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair;
The Honorable Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Housing,

SUPPORT SB33 RELATING TO HOUSING SUPPLY PLANS

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap. I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, in the county most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of our dependence on the visitor industry and corresponding rate of unemployment. I am writing share our support of SB33.

We have supported similar bills to this in the past, but were concerned about the appropriation amount in past versions. We appreciate the appropriated funding for the counties to complete the plan and therefore, support this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and ask that you please pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.



SUPPORT FOR SB33: RELATING TO HOUSING SUPPLY PLANS

Senate Committee on Housing (HOU)

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 | 1:00 pm | via Video Conference

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Members of the Committee,

Faith Action Housing NOW! supports SB 33, which requires each county to prepare a housing supply plan that matches projected increases in the State's housing supply by meeting each county's housing demands. Required plans will identify housing needs for all income levels, will identify adequate sites for housing, including rental housing, and will define "housing demand" by including a ratio of jobs to residents that incorporates latent demand.

Faith Action believes all Hawaii residents should have access to adequate housing affordable to them. This principle is embodied in the housing objectives and policies of the Hawaii State Planning Act, which sets forth Hawaii's long-range comprehensive plan and incorporates the goal of building enough homes to keep pace with residents' housing needs.

To meet the State Plan goal, each county should help develop the number of affordable homes their residents need. According to a 2015 report from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the projected demand for total new housing in Hawaii at all income levels is between 64,700 to 66,000 for the 2015 to 2025 period.

The housing need is greatest at levels where income is lowest — the 37% of residents in the **Assets Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE)** population and the 11% below the poverty rate — 48% of us. The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that Hawaii's housing need at this income level is for more than 40,000 homes.

Several government studies have concluded that the State does not produce enough housing units to meet growth over the period of the State Plan's existence. It is critical that counties also help increase housing production at all price points to meet current and anticipated demand.

HousingNOW! supports passage of SB 33, which will help the State and counties build the homes we need.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christy MacPherson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is absolutely time for this bill. Hawai`i cannot wait any longer and we need to do everything we can to ensure that adequate housing is accessible to every single person, in every single county.

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Testimony for HOU on 2/9/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Jaycox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of SB 33.

Previous studies have informed us that Hawaii needs tens of thousands of additional housing units by 2025. SB 33 takes a concrete step in the right direction by requiring each county to look at its own situation and to develop a plan about where and how it will address this need.

I urge your support of SB33.

Mahalo.