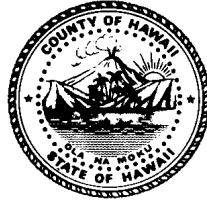


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Committee on Government Operations
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State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In consideration of
SR182

Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Water and Land and Honorable Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Government Operations Committee

State and County law direct which impacts must be considered with regard to each type of land use approval, with changes to zoning being one of the most comprehensive. Nevertheless, if specific considerations are desired to be included in a certain land use approval evaluation, a resolution at the State level is not the appropriate vehicle for directing this effort. The Counties are required to follow the requirements set forth in the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, their respective County codes and all applicable rules of practice and procedure when evaluating any land use approval. While the County of Hawai'i applauds the State Legislature's concern for our Native Hawaiian communities and all those who struggle to find affordable housing - statute, code and rule changes are the correct and enforceable method to modify the requirements applicable to land use approvals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimeona Kane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Nui,

Kimeona Kane, Native Hawaiian, lifelong Waimānalo resident in strong support of this resolution as it really helps to focus much needed attention on an ongoing issue facing many communities. Properly identified and zoned lands are an important and invaluable resource that is so easily mismanaged and often lost. Please help to ensure that these lands are kept in perpetuity.

Mahalo nui,
Kimeona Kane