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February 15, 2023

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Inouye and Committee Members:

**Subject: Senate Bill No. 463
Relating to Property Development**

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **opposes** Senate Bill No. 463 in its present form.

This Bill requires the counties to require as a condition of approval of a subdivision of land, or approval of a building permit for a building or buildings containing dwelling units, that the subdivider or developer: a) Obtain a street name approval and address; and b) Erect and install mailboxes should the United States Postal Service (USPS) decide to extend its delivery service to the subdivision or buildings.

The Bill is redundant in regards to the requirement for a street name and address, as the county already has regulations in place for the naming of streets under its Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 22-8, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu.

Further, the Bill forces the counties to infringe on the USPS authority under the Code of Federal Regulations to approve how and where mail is delivered by imposing on the counties a requirement for the installation of individual lot or unit mailboxes on all subdivisions and buildings requiring county approval.

According to the USPS National Delivery Planning Standards: A Guide for Builders and Developers (Handbook PO-632, July 2020), the USPS "is responsible for establishing the method or 'mode' of delivery for all new developments – both residential and commercial. The mode of delivery includes the following:

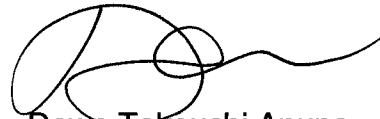
- Type of mailbox you will use.
- Location of the mailbox for each delivery address."

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The Bill's requirement for individual lot or unit mailboxes will create confusion and conflict with the USPS planning standards, as the Postal Service stated preference is for centralized mailboxes. The counties have no business in preempting USPS requirements. Accordingly, we urge that Senate Bill No. 463 be held by your committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

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February 14, 2023

TO: The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair, and Members of the Senate
Committee on Water and Land

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokaole, Chair, and Members of the Senate
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, and Members of the Senate
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023; TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO
SB 463, RELATING TO PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **opposition** to this measure. The purpose of this bill is to mandate each county to enact ordinances requiring that all lots, parcels, structures, and units of structures located within new subdivisions have a mailbox that can be used by the Postal Service to deliver mail.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **oppose** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Legislature should not be imposing policy mandates on the county councils on issues that the councils are capable of addressing based on local conditions, if necessary.
2. The United States Postal Service already has numerous mailbox regulations. There is no need for the State to legislate on this matter.

For the foregoing reasons, I **oppose** this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Kagemoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Warm aloha,

Thank you Chair Inouye for hearing this important bill! SB463 especially affects Big Island residents and I am very grateful for your leadership and service to our district.

Certain post offices do not have the capacity to deal with the growing populations they serve. At the Pahoia Post Office on the Big Island, wait times can exceed two hours (it can get even worse during the holiday season). This problem is becoming increasingly urgent as many of those affected by the lack of mail service are Kupuna, who, rely on the US Postal Service to receive/pay bills, get their prescriptions, and correspond with loved ones. Ensuring that all parcels within newly created subdivisions have a mailbox, will reduce the strain on local post offices and bring much needed relief to affected residents throughout the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of SB463!