

SB-2566

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Testimony for GVO on 2/13/2024 4:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill will is extremely important to everyone living in the Puna district. Thank you Chair McKelvey for bringing this measure before your committee!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Honda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of Senate Bill 2566. Aloha!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2024 10:28:01 AM

Testimony for GVO on 2/13/2024 4:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
linnette quade	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

please support this bill to help infrastructure in dire need. please extend the funding deadline that this bill authorizes. linnette quade

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Submitted on: 2/11/2024 11:16:40 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Epperson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support Bill SB2566

My name is Jordan Epperson, I was born in Hawaiian Acres in Puna on the Big Island of Hawaii and have lived here most of my life. Until recent years the community could keep our roads somewhat reasonably passable with volunteer efforts and funding. But this is no longer the case. In recent years the over 4000 properties here have been filling up faster than ever and volunteer support has been dwindling faster than ever. Considering the density of the population now we are in dire need of a better maintenance program and funding to do so. We are fortunate that at least a couple of our elected officials have recognized the urgency of the issues we face and continue to try to pass legislation to help us establish a better way to keep our neighborhood safely accessible to the people who reside here. Last year I was fortunate enough to be nominated by Joy San Buenaventura as a community stakeholder for the act 200 working group. It was difficult to even get this working group started due to the lack of support from Hawai'i county administration, it seems like they really don't want to be the administration to face the inevitably complicated task of establishing a better system for Puna's substandard neighborhoods that are filling up rapidly. Luckily our council man Matt Kanealii-Klienfelder was nominated as another community stakeholder and his office chaired these meetings in the absence of interest from our mayor's representative who seemed less than interested in helping us accomplish our goals as a working group. After setting very realistic goals and a reasonable timeline we decided we'd like to use less than a third of the funding allocated to this group to hire a parliamentarian to help draft a plan and template for neighborhoods like ours to assess their property owners for road maintenance in a fair manor. We started conversation with him in May of 2023 when he first submitted paperwork and at our last meeting in August of 2023 it was understood that Hawai'i County wanted to contract him for the work he was to do. The timeline we set as a group was to get his plan drawn up and for us to have prepared our proposed legislation before Thanksgiving and the rest of the holidays as it is much harder to get things done during the holidays. Unfortunately Hawaii county wasn't able to present him with the contract until December 1st and that did not give us enough time to finish our job by the deadline. I'm very disappointed that a bill can pass, a working group can be established and funded yet our county administration doesn't have to participate in a timely manner, leaving us back at legislation to beg for an extension. The inequity the residents of substandard neighborhood this size has faced for so many years is not ok. There are too many children here that don't get fair accessibility at a ride to school, there are too many residents of all ages here that aren't getting fair accessibility to health care and emergency services, we don't have the infrastructure to invite public transportation into the neighborhood as a community with this population needs badly and we don't know how

to fix this ourselves as a community. We need support from our government right now to establish a better way for our community to help ourselves have a better system to keep our roads safe and accessible for the future. The best time to get all of this done was long ago and the second best time is now. Please help us get this bill passed so we can finish what was started. Thank You and I support Bill SB2566!

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JM Seyferth	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Hawaiian Acres, I strongly support this bill.

We are desperately in need of assistance in keeping main thoroughfares navigable for health and safety reasons, and the need just continues to increase as the population in this rural area keeps growing.

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February 12, 2024

TO: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2566, RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE IN HOUSING SUBDIVISIONS**

I **support** this measure, which:

1. Authorizes counties to assess and collect fees for the repair and maintenance of subdivision roads if no court-appointed or deed-designated entity is appointed;
2. Requires counties to provide training to associations on their responsibilities, audit services on the assessments and use of funds, and arbitration and mediation services to resolve disputes between a lot owner and the entity responsible for assessing and collecting fees; and
3. Amends the sunset date of the working group as established in Act 200 (2022).

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 **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. As written, this measure is applicable to Hawaii County only, but the concept is one that is favorable to other counties.
2. Collecting assessments from lot subdivision owners in these situations would allow for maintenance and repair of subdivision roadways which may otherwise be allowed to fall into disrepair.
3. Maintaining these subdivision roadways would aid in emergency services vehicles being able to access emergency locations timely and would assist in reducing wear and tear on emergency vehicles.

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