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## HB NO.73 RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Honorable Committee Members,

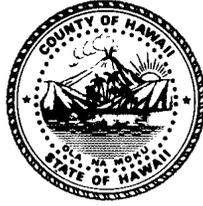
The Office of the Public Defender (OPD) **SUPPORTS THIS BILL**

We support the intent of the legislature to place reasonable limits on collaboration with the federal government in instances where individual rights enshrined in the state constitution and statute are implicated.

Through executive, legislative, and county action, the state of Hawaii has protected the human rights of immigrants for decades. The OPD supports the continuation of this precedent on behalf of our clients and diverse employees. We note the history of the Honouliuli internment camp, which held approximately 320 Japanese American citizens from 1943-1946, and was later redressed by the federal and state government as a violation of human rights. In the instance an internment camp would be created in the present, the OPD would work diligently on behalf of its mission to protect the constitutional rights of individuals before the state and county in order to protect its clients.

We note that the federal government is in possession of the significant portions of land throughout the Hawaiian archipelago, including lands leased by the state, and could use that land as an immigration detention facility.

**Jennifer Kagiwada**  
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## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 2

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DATE: February 27, 2025  
TO: House Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
FROM: Jennifer Kagiwada, Council Member  
Council District 2  
SUBJECT: HB 73

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the Committee,

I am writing in **support** of HB73, Hawai'i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already has. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai'i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. [The Hawai'i Community Correctional Center in my district is the most overcrowded prison in our state](#) and has been for years, with no immediate relief in sight. Any additional burdens on our local systems and resources that is caused by the federal administration's agenda should be borne by the federal government directly, not state or county.

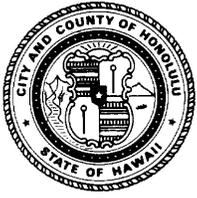
I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Mahalo,

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Jenn Kagiwada



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January 29, 2025

**House Committee on Economic Development & Technology**  
Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

**RE: HB73 - Relating To Immigration Detention Facilities**

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members,

I write in support of House Bill 73, which sets limitations on the use of local and state government land to preserve local resources. Through my current role at the City and as a former deputy prosecuting attorney, I see the need for continued cooperation and collaboration between law enforcement agencies to keep our community safe, and I applaud the sacrifice and service of men and women that serve at the local, state, and federal levels.

As we look at the needs of our community, it is imperative that we focus our resources on meeting the immediate needs of our community and acknowledge the different roles and responsibilities of different levels of government. As the community asks for increased community policing and patrol, and as we work to implement measures to increase staffing and decrease response times, I see HB73 as a means to preserve local law enforcement resources for local purposes. That includes utilizing law enforcement bedspaces for the enforcement of local and state laws. As we seek to address our housing crisis, and review the potential for utilizing City land, it is also important that we not further divert City land from local purposes.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Matt Weyer  
Councilmember, District 2  
Honolulu City Council



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Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawai'i  
Regular Session of 2025  
House Committee on Economic Development

Testimony by IATSE 665  
January 29th, 2025

## **HB 73 – Relating to Immigration Detention Facilities**

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the House Committee on Economic Development,

My name is Tuia'ana Scanlan, president of IATSE 665 and IATSE International Trustee. Our union represents technicians and artisans in the Live Event, Tradeshow, and Film/TV sectors of Hawai'i's Entertainment industry. **Local 665 strongly supports HB 73 – Relating to Immigration Detention Facilities**

If history teaches us anything, it is that racially motivated support for the construction of detention centers is wrong. We need only remind ourselves of the Japanese internment camps, specifically Hono'uli'uli, the largest Japanese internment camp during WWII. It is a slippery slope to allow for the creation of internment camps. It is a deplorable mechanism used to rob contributing members of society of their possessions and their dignity. We thank the architects of this bill for their courage and foresight. **Local 665 strongly supports HB 73.** We urge your committee to pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

In Solidarity,

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Tuia'ana Scanlan (he/him)

President, IATSE Local 665

IATSE International Trustee



House Committee on Economic Development & Technology  
Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of HB22, HB73, HB438 and HB457 for hearings on January 29, 2025**

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

UNITE HERE Local 5 represents 10,000 working people in the hotel, food service and health care industries across Hawaii.

The United States is founded on the ideas of freedom. Migration is freedom. The ability to move freely to pursue a better life is freedom. The ability to safely leave a place and safely arrive in a new place is freedom of movement. When that freedom is threatened, we must act on our values and protect those people from policies designed to restrict human freedoms.

Hawaii, as a melting pot of immigrants and their descendants, is a beneficiary of that freedom to migrate. Many of our union members are immigrants or children of immigrants, they are the working-class families, friends and neighbors that make up the fabric of our Hawaii communities.

**We support HB22** as it clarifies how Hawaii will treat non-judicial warrants. As noted in the preamble, there are legitimate concerns about the constitutionality of civil immigration detainers, as opposed to criminal warrants issued by a judge with probable cause. HB22 also provides reasonable and thoughtful exceptions in certain scenarios.

**We support HB73** as it protects our already limited state and county public lands from being developed into detention centers. We have far more pressing economic development needs in Hawaii, such as affordable housing.

**We support HB438** as it provides due process and legal representation for individuals facing proceedings in immigration court. Due process is a foundation of our court systems. If an individual has a viable claim for their immigration status, but is denied it for lack of representation, then that is a failure of our democratic system. HB438 provides eligibility requirements ensuring those with insufficient financial means are given fair trial at court.

**We support HB457** as it provides transparency, public access and public participation in immigration matters between federal agencies and Hawaii state law enforcement. HB457 also provides that people in custody of law enforcement are informed of their rights. Public access to information and informing people of their rights are basic democratic principles we support.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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**Testimony of Liza Ryan-Gill**  
**In SUPPORT of HB73/SB794**  
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai‘i Coalition for Immigrant Rights (HCIR) in strong support of HB73, which prohibits the use of state lands for the establishment of immigration detention facilities. This measure reflects the values of equity and justice that our coalition and the people of Hawai‘i stand for, ensuring that public lands are used to serve the greater good and not to harm immigrant communities who are an integral part of our state.

HCIR is a coalition of over 30 immigrant-serving and immigrant-led organizations across Hawai‘i. Together, we advocate for policies that strengthen the inclusion, safety, and well-being of immigrant families. HB73/SB794 aligns with our mission by safeguarding public lands for purposes that benefit our communities and by rejecting policies that create division and fear.

**Protecting Public Lands for Public Good**

Hawai‘i’s Constitution mandates that public lands are held in trust for the benefit of all people and for future generations. The use of these lands for immigration detention facilities contradicts this mandate and diverts critical resources away from pressing needs, such as affordable housing, sustainable development, and infrastructure improvements.

At a time when Hawai‘i faces immense challenges—including a housing crisis and limited public land availability—it is imperative that we prioritize solutions that uplift our residents rather than exacerbate harm. Allowing federal immigration detention facilities on state lands would not only undermine our constitutional principles but also drain resources needed to address local challenges.

**Recognizing Immigrants as Vital Contributors**

Hawai‘i is home to over 256,000 immigrants, who comprise 18% of the state’s population and are vital contributors to industries such as agriculture, healthcare, and tourism. Immigrants—both documented and undocumented—support our economy and enrich the cultural fabric of our state. In 2022 alone, undocumented immigrants contributed \$157.2 million in state and local taxes, demonstrating their commitment to and investment in Hawai‘i’s future.

By prohibiting the establishment of immigration detention facilities on state lands, HB73 sends a clear message that Hawai'i values the contributions of immigrant communities and rejects policies that create fear and division.

### **Preserving Community Trust**

Our coalition has seen firsthand how fear of immigration enforcement erodes trust between immigrant communities and public institutions. Immigration detention facilities amplify this fear, making immigrants less likely to seek critical services, report crimes, or engage in their communities. HB73 ensures that Hawai'i remains a place of aloha and inclusivity, where all residents can thrive without fear.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I respectfully urge the Committee to pass HB73 to ensure its intent is fully realized.

Mahalo for your support and consideration.

Liza Ryan-Gill  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights



Statement Before The  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025  
10:00 AM  
Conference Room 423 & Videoconference

in consideration of  
**HB73**

**RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES.**

Chair ILAGAN, Vice Chair HUSSEY, and Members of the  
House Economic Development & Technology Committee

The Legal Clinic (TLC) supports HB73, which prohibits (1) the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resources from disposing of or approving the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility and (2) state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

TLC is a Hawai'i nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. TLC is a direct legal services provider, representing those in Hawai'i who meet income eligibility guidelines without regard to immigration status, national origin, ethnic background, race, religion, ideology, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability. TLC works alongside immigrants so they can attain authorization to work and live with dignity, reunite with their families after years of separation and escape horrific violence to find refuge in the United States. TLC recognizes that every person needs and deserves to feel a sense of trust, welcome, and belonging.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Hawai'i is the most diverse state in the nation. See <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/567625-hawaii-california-and-nevada-are-most-diverse-states-in-the-us-census/> (retrieved 1/14/2025). In 2023, Hawai'i had about 256,000 immigrants, which is approx. 18% of the State population. See <https://usafacts.org/answers/how-many-immigrants-are-in-the-us/state/hawaii/> and <https://data.census.gov/profile/Hawaii?g=040XX00US15#populations-and-people> (retrieved 1/14/2025). The top countries of origin for immigrants were the Philippines (45 percent of immigrants), China (9 percent), Japan (8 percent), Korea (6 percent), and the Pacific Island Nations (4 percent). See [https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/immigrants\\_in\\_hawaii.pdf](https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/immigrants_in_hawaii.pdf) (retrieved 1/14/2025).

There are between 41,000 -50,500 undocumented immigrants in Hawai'i. See <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/12/data-dive-hawai%CA%BBi-deportation-cases-hit-quarter->

century-high/ (retrieved 1/14/2025). Hawai'i is the only state where undocumented women (55%) outnumber men. See <https://mchb.tvিসdata.hrsa.gov/Narratives/Overview/a0ac94c0-8538-417e-85c9-da6ac5c06603> (retrieved 1/14/2025).

Hawai'i has strong State constitutional protections for conservation, control, and development of resources. Article XI, Sec. 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution provides that:

For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land . . . , and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State.

All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people. [Add Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]

Using public lands for immigration detention facility does not align with State constitutional principles of conserving and protecting Hawaii's land for self-sufficiency for the benefit of the people, including Hawaii's immigrant population, which is an integral part of Hawaii's community.

Hawaii's immigrant population are our neighbors, co-workers, and 'ohana, contributing to our economy through working primarily in the agriculture, tourism / hospitality / service, and health industries. See [https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/immigrants\\_in\\_hawaii.pdf](https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/sites/default/files/research/immigrants_in_hawaii.pdf) (retrieved 1/14/2025). Immigrants (documented and undocumented alike) contribute to Hawaii's economic health and growth. Hawaii's "undocumented immigrants contributed \$157.2 million in state and local taxes in 2022. Their tax contributions could increase to as much as \$194.4 million if they were given official authorization to work. This is also true for the rest of the United States. If all undocumented immigrants in the U.S. had work permits, their tax contributions would rise by \$40.2 billion each year, reaching a total of \$136.9 billion." See How Hawaii's hardworking undocumented immigrants support our economy and communities — Hawai'i Appleseed (retrieved 1/14/2025).

Additionally, Hawai'i has significant difficulty locating and planning for a new jail on O'ahu. See <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/12/green-proposes-spending-another-30-million-on-a-new-o%CA%BBahu-jail/> (retrieved 1/24/2025). Hawaii's limited resources should not be syphoned off by the federal government to harm our local immigrant communities who are contributing to Hawai'i.

Moreover, the federal government owns a significant amount of land in Hawai'i. See <https://geoportal.hawaii.gov/datasets/cchnl::federal-owned-land/explore?location=21.314374%2C-157.855932%2C10.00> (retrieved 1/25/2025). The federal government should not be permitted to acquire more land for its activities when Hawai'i has a

severe affordable housing crisis. See [https://www.kitv.com/news/hawaiis-housing-crisis-highest-costs-record-low-transactions-and-a-glimmer-of-hope-amidst-challenges/article\\_61a9c532-1718-11ef-96bb-877a5be6e48e.html](https://www.kitv.com/news/hawaiis-housing-crisis-highest-costs-record-low-transactions-and-a-glimmer-of-hope-amidst-challenges/article_61a9c532-1718-11ef-96bb-877a5be6e48e.html) (retrieved 1/25/2025).

Thus, HB73, prohibiting the use of state lands for federal detention facilities, is a fair and just bill in alignment with our Hawaii State Constitution and does not drain our limited resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB73, and I respectfully urge the Committee members to pass HB73 out of your Committee. If you have questions of me, please contact me at [sma@tlchawaii.org](mailto:sma@tlchawaii.org).

Very respectfully yours,

*Sandy Ma*

Sandy Ma  
Community & Policy Advocate  
The Legal Clinic

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 8:30:18 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa H. Gibson	Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Indivisible Hawaii strongly supports HB73.



**HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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The Thirty-Third Legislature, State of Hawaii  
The House of Representatives  
Committee Economic Development and Technology

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association

January 29, 2025

**H.B. 73 — RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the intent of H.B. 73, which prohibits the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resources from disposing of or approving the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility and prohibits state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

We represent hundreds of employees within the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and each respective county permitting agencies that would be impacted by this measure. Given the drastic and extreme shift in our federal government policy on immigration, we appreciate the intent of this measure which aims to clarify the scope of our state's involvement on immigration, including the use of public lands. Our state and counties workforce, particularly in our permitting offices, are already stretched thin in providing existing services to the public. We find that it would be inappropriate and a disservice to taxpayers, to direct resources and valuable land to a nonissue to accomplish an individual's political agenda. Pocketbook issues like cost of living and the development of more affordable housing, health and our homeless crisis, and public safety, among others, are significant challenges that our state faces. Immigration is not one of them.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.B. 73.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira  
Executive Director



*Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks! is a nonpartisan 501c4 nonprofit committed to advocating for children and their families. Our core issues are safety, health, and education.*

To: House Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
Re: HB 73 Relating to Immigration Detention Facilities  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 423 & Via Videoconference  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10:00 AM

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Committee Members,

**On behalf of HCANSpeaks!, I am writing in support of HB 73, Relating to Immigration Detention Facilities.** This bill prohibits the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resources from disposing of or approving the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility. The bill prohibits state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps on state or county land, nor should it lease additional land to the federal government for the establishment of immigration detention facilities. Our state is already struggling to provide safe spaces and adequate staffing for those currently in custody. Any further strain on our system due to federal policies should not fall burden upon the state or counties.

I urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of HB 73.**

Sincerely,

Noreen Kohl, Ph.D.

Policy Researcher and Advocate

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:37:59 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Austin Haleyalpiy	COFACAN	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,**

**I am writing in support of HB73. Native Hawaiian communities here are already fighting to preserve what lands and natural resources they still have. The federal government should look into the ample lands they have already and consider leaving the lands to the indigenous peoples who have been fighting for centuries for their lands and resources. Naturally, the geography of Hawai'i does not lend itself to having land to give.**

**Additionally, Hawai'i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration's agenda should be born by the feds, not state or county resources.**

**I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention centers built on state or county lands.**

**Thank you for your support and consideration,**

**Austin Haleyalpiy**

**President/Re-Founder, COFACAN**

**HB-73**

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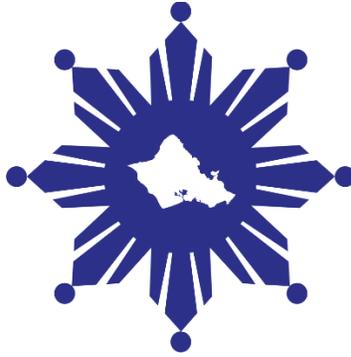
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
amy agbayani	Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights	Support	In Person

Comments:

Testimony in Support of HB73 submitted by Amy Agbayani and Patricia McManaman, co-chairs Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights.

This bill prohibits the use of state lands for federal immigration detainees. The federal government already has significant lands in the state, has difficulty locating and planing for a new jail on O'ahu



**OAHU FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**

**January 28, 2025**

**Testimony in Support of HB73: Relating to Immigration Detention Facilities**

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

My name is Melodie Aduja, and I am testifying on behalf of the Oahu Filipino Community Council in strong support of HB73, which aims to prohibit the establishment of immigration detention facilities on public lands in Hawaii.

**Key Points of Support:**

1. **Environmental Protection:** HB73 will help protect Hawaii's natural resources by preventing the use of public lands for immigration detention facilities. These facilities can have significant environmental impacts, including land degradation and pollution.
2. **Community Well-being:** The establishment of immigration detention facilities can negatively affect the well-being of local communities. By prohibiting these facilities on public lands, HB73 will help ensure that communities are not subjected to the potential social and economic disruptions associated with such facilities.
3. **Human Rights:** HB73 aligns with Hawaii's commitment to upholding human rights and dignity. Immigration detention facilities often face criticism for their treatment of detainees, and this bill will help prevent potential human rights abuses within our state.
4. **Alternative Solutions:** Instead of establishing detention facilities, Hawaii can explore more humane and effective alternatives for addressing immigration issues. This includes community-based programs and support services that respect the rights and dignity of individuals.

In conclusion, the Oahu Filipino Community Council strongly supports HB73 and urges the committee to pass this important legislation. By prohibiting the establishment of immigration detention facilities on public lands, we can protect our environment, support community well-being, and uphold human rights.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this critical bill.

Sincerely,

Melodie Aduja  
Chair, Social Action Committee  
Oahu Filipino Community Council



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Statement of  
**Melody Calisay, Ph.D.**  
President

Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii  
before the

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

29 January 2025  
10 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 423

In Consideration of  
**H.B. 73**

### **RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES**

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey and members of the Committee, the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (FCCH ) supports HB73 which prohibits the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resources from disposing of or approving the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility. It also prohibits state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

Hawai'i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already had. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai'i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration's agenda should be born by the feds, not state or county resources.

I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:50:43 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jamie Detwiler	Hawaiian Islands Republican Women	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If the Federal government provides funding to build Federal detention facilities and procures the land lawfully, a federal detention center should be built. We need to support the efforts of our President Trump and his administration in their pursuit of making America safe again.

Respectfully,

Jamie Detwiler, President

Hawaiian Island Republican Women



Re: Urgent Support for HB 73, RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES

To: Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair Rep. Daniel Holt Rep. Chris Todd Rep. Adrian K. Tam Rep. Lauren Matsumoto Rep. Shirley Ann Templo

Hrg: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10:00, Conference Room 423

Esteemed Senators Ilagan, Hussey, Holt, Todd, Tam, Matsumoto, and Templo,

As the founding director of Maui Roots Reborn, I've witnessed firsthand the resilience and vulnerability of our migrant and immigrant community. Forged in the fires of the 2023 Maui wildfires, our organization, comprised entirely of bilingual and bicultural migrants and children of immigrants, has become a lifeline for over a thousand individuals. We are trusted, we understand the cultural nuances, and we share the lived experiences of those we serve.

This is why we at Maui Roots Reborn strongly support HB73. The current Presidential administration's proposed Department of Homeland Security policies threaten to unleash ICE agents upon our communities, leading to arrests, detentions, and mass deportations. We cannot allow this to happen. HB73 would prohibit the use of public lands for immigration detention facilities and prevent state and county agencies from collaborating in their establishment. This is a crucial step in protecting our immigrant community.

We have dedicated ourselves to earning the trust of our community and helping them rebuild their faith in institutions and organizations after the trauma of the wildfires. It has been a long and careful process, requiring sensitivity, understanding, and a genuine commitment to their well-being. Most recently, we have focused on fostering a sense of safety and trust between our immigrant community and the police department, assuring them that they can rely on law enforcement for protection and assistance.

Establishing immigration detention centers in Hawai‘i would be not only fiscally irresponsible but also morally reprehensible. It would evoke painful memories of the WWII Japanese internment camps, a dark chapter in our history that we must never repeat. Detention centers tear families apart, traumatize children, and undermine the fabric of our communities.

Furthermore, collaborating with ICE sets a dangerous precedent that erodes the civil liberties of all residents. Immigrants are vital members of our communities, contributing to our economy, enriching our culture, and strengthening our social fabric. They deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, not fear and persecution.

Roots Reborn urges Hawai‘i to stand strong against these harmful policies. We must prevent mass deportations and the establishment of detention centers that would inflict immeasurable harm on our communities. By passing HB73, we can reaffirm our commitment to protecting the rights and well-being of all Hawai‘i residents, regardless of immigration status. We urge you to act with aloha and support this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veronica Mendoza Jachowski', written in a cursive style.

Veronica Mendoza Jachowski  
Executive Director  
Roots Reborn

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:29:19 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alika Valdez	Hawaii Democratic Party	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.



Randy Perreira  
President

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The Thirty-Second Legislature  
House of Representatives  
Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Testimony by  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO

January 29, 2025

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB73 - RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is a state federation of 74 affiliate labor organizations representing over 68,000 union members across Hawaii in industries including healthcare, construction, hospitality, entertainment, transportation, and government. The AFL-CIO serves its affiliates by advocating for the rights of working families, promoting fair wages, ensuring safe working conditions, and supporting policies that strengthen Hawaii's workforce.

We are in support of HB73, which prohibits the use of public lands for the establishment of immigration detention facilities. Hawaii's public lands are a critical resource and should be prioritized to address the state's most pressing challenges, such as the lack of affordable housing and infrastructure development that directly benefit residents.

Furthermore, establishing immigration detention facilities on public lands risks placing additional financial and logistical burdens on state and county resources. Processing permits, managing contracts, and responding to community concerns about such facilities would divert attention and funding away from critical local priorities. Prohibiting these facilities allows state and county agencies to focus resources on issues that directly improve the lives of Hawaii's residents and workforce.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Perreira".

Randy Perreira  
President



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB73:  
RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES**

**TO:** House Committee on Economic Development & Technology  
**FROM:** Tina Andrade, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i  
**Hearing:** **Wednesday, 1/29/25, 10:00 am; Room 423 & Videoconference**

Chair Greggor Ilagan, Vice Chair Ikaika Hussey and Members, Committee on Economic Development & Technology:

Catholic Charities Hawai'i **Supports HB 73, Relating to Immigration Detention Facilities**, to prohibit the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resources from disposing of or approving the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility, and prohibits state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 75 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawai'i. We service over 113,000 people each year throughout the state. We are a Department of Justice (DOJ) Recognized Organization and our General Immigration Service Program provides legal immigration services with staff who are accredited through the DOJ.<sup>1</sup>

CCH advocates to increase the supply of affordable housing to meet the housing shortage in our state, to address the concerning increase in the number of Hawaii residents and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. State and county lands should be used for this priority need of our residents.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i urges your support for this bill.

If you have any questions, please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson, at (808) 527-4813.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/942306/dl#HAWAII>



## HB 73, RELATING TO RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES

JANUARY 29, 2025 · ECD HEARING

**POSITION:** Support.

**RATIONALE:** Imua Alliance **supports** HB 73, relating to immigration detention facilities, which prohibits the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resources from disposing of or approving the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility; and prohibits state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

Imua Alliance is a victim service provider for survivors of sex trafficking, **including numerous migrant survivors**. Over the past 15 years, we have provided comprehensive direct intervention (victim rescue) services to over 200 victims, successfully emancipating them from slavery and assisting in their restoration, while providing a range of targeted services to over 1,000 victims and individuals at risk of sexual exploitation. During the pandemic, demand for services to our organization skyrocketed by 330 percent, driven in part by a fivefold increase in direct crisis calls.

Many of the victims we have assisted have suffered from complex and overlapping trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety, dissociation, parasuicidal behavior, and substance abuse. Trafficking-related trauma and trauma-coerced attachment can even lead to a complete loss of identity and significant memory loss. Our survivor-clients require a tremendous amount of psychological, medical, and occupational support once outside of the commercial sex industry, as they painstakingly progress toward recovery.

**Countless human trafficking survivors are migrants.** Our state's migrant survivor population is difficult to estimate, but exceeds 500-1,000 people annually. These individuals are exploited in local storefront brothels (such as fake massage parlors and relaxation therapy establishments), on local farms, and in our fishing industry, where they are forced to endure inhumane conditions and are stripped of any documentation and identification materials they may have.

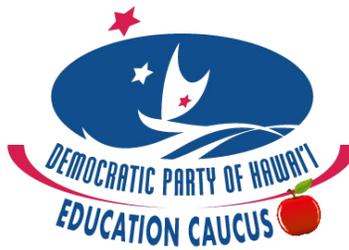
We should provide assistance and a path to citizenship for immigrants, not punishment and fear. According to a report published by the American Immigration Council in 2020, Hawai'i is home to over 266,000 immigrants, including 45,000 thousand undocumented immigrants. As a society, we treasure our immigrant heritage, from which we have developed a legacy of multicultural cooperation and an abiding respect for the limitless value of diversity.

President Donald Trump has signaled his intent to implement a draconian, arbitrary, and cruel system of enforcement when it comes to immigration. Already, immigration raids have been initiated throughout the country, including in our island home. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, Hawai'i News Now reported that the local office of Homeland Security Investigations posted photos on social media of officers from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Drug Enforcement Administration arresting immigrants on our shores. Trump officials have also begun issuing quotas to ICE officers to ramp up arrests, according to the Washington Post.

Advocates and, of course, immigrants themselves—both documented and undocumented—are justifiably concerned about these mass deportation actions. As the American Immigration Council stated in its “After Day One” factsheet: “The initial wave of executive actions scales up a “mass deportation” operation that everyone without legal status in the United States will be highly vulnerable to on the first day these practices go into effect. Indeed, by invoking the registration provision, the Trump administration is threatening to turn all immigrants into criminals by setting them up for the ‘crime’ of failing to register,” which they have no way to do.

From a historical perspective, we are all immigrants. We urge your committee to act with haste to defend the many immigrants who make our communities proud and call the Aloha State home.

***Contact us at [imuaalliance.org/contact](https://imuaalliance.org/contact).***



## HOUSE BILL 73, RELATING TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES

JANUARY 29, 2025 · ECD HEARING

**POSITION:** Support.

**RATIONALE:** The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus **supports** HB 73, relating to immigration detention facilities, which prohibits the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resources from approving the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility, and prohibits state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

Hawai'i understands the value of immigration and cultural diversity. Our island home—like the United States—is defined by immigration and a legacy of migrant labor that has bestowed upon us a rich social tapestry, multifaceted economy, and an everlasting respect for the principles of democracy and pluralism. As Barack Obama once said, “What makes someone American isn’t just blood or birth, but allegiance to our founding principles and faith in the idea that anyone—from anywhere—can write the next chapter of our story.”

Today, however, we are witnessing a cruel campaign of mass deportation being implemented throughout the country—including in our state—which is undermining the roots of communities in which migrants are celebrated members. Recently, the Trump administration has removed restrictions that prevented Immigration and Customs Enforcement from conducting raids at so-called sensitive locations, including schools (as well as houses of worship and hospitals).

We cannot sit idly by while Donald Trump enacts a campaign of fear against our immigrant neighbors. These actions will not prop up the American economy. On the contrary, immigrant labor is essential to the preservation of our society's financial well-being. Immigrants boost overall economic growth by expanding the labor force and increasing consumer spending. The foreign born also start new businesses at higher rates than U.S.-born individuals. Immigrants were involved in the development of 30 percent of patents in strategic industries in recent years and more than 40 percent of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants.

Higher-than-expected immigration is driving job growth and productivity and *was* projected to continue doing so in the coming years: The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that a greater level of immigration expected between 2024 and 2034 *could have* boosted gross domestic product (GDP) by \$8.9 trillion. Yet, these gains will be jeopardized by the Trump Administration's inhumane mass deportation actions, which harken back to the race-based policies of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries and draw frightening parallels to the policies put in place by violent authoritarian governments throughout history, including the Nazi regime.

Immigrants exist in our neighborhoods, our schools, our workplaces, and all other spaces in our state. They empower our society to thrive, despite the social and political violence with which they are forced to endure. As a state, we have a responsibility to protect their well-being. If we fail, history will remember our complicity in the annihilation of human rights and civil liberties, and our unwillingness to do what is right to preserve the most fundamental tenets of our democracy.

**Contact: [educationcaucusdph@gmail.com](mailto:educationcaucusdph@gmail.com)**

## Testimony in Strong Support of H.B. No. 73 – Relating to Immigration Detention Facilities

January 28, 2025

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to express our strong support for H.B. No. 73, which prohibits the use of Hawai'i's public lands for immigration detention facilities and restricts state and county agencies from contracting or permitting for such purposes.

Hawai'i's public lands hold deep cultural and historical significance, particularly for Native Hawaiians, as they have sustained communities for generations. However, over time, public lands have frequently been misused or taken by government entities in ways that have not always served the people of Hawai'i equitably. Establishing immigration detention facilities on public lands would exacerbate this ongoing pattern, contributing to the perception and reality of government decisions that fail to respect the cultural and historical importance of these lands.

Public lands should serve the public good, not support systems of incarceration that perpetuate harm. Immigration detention facilities are well-documented as sites of human rights concerns, including family separations, inadequate care, and prolonged detention without due process. Utilizing Hawai'i's lands for such purposes would not only amplify these injustices but also contradict the values of aloha and community that are central to Hawai'i's identity.

This bill also addresses a broader issue: the need to preserve trust and safety within Hawai'i's diverse communities. Immigrants are an essential part of Hawai'i's cultural and economic fabric. Allowing detention facilities to operate on public lands would foster fear and division among immigrant and local populations alike, undermining the collective well-being of our communities. This is particularly troubling in a state where trust and cooperation are critical to addressing shared challenges.

H.B. No. 73 offers a clear path forward by preventing the use of public lands for detention facilities and ensuring that government agencies prioritize actions that align with the values and needs of the people of Hawai'i. By passing this bill, the legislature would reaffirm its commitment to equity, inclusion, and the responsible stewardship of public lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this important measure. We urge you to pass H.B. No. 73 to protect Hawai'i's public lands and uphold the dignity of all individuals within our community.

Mahalo,

A.L.O.H.A. Latinos

Victoria Magaña Ledesma

Marlen Villatoro

Graciela Del Rio

Armando Rodriguez

Karina Rodriguez

Anna Marie Smith

Maria Alejandra Cisneros Zavala

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# HAWAII WORKERS CENTER

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January 28, 2025

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Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Committee on Economic Development & Technology  
Rep. Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Rep. Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

**RE: SUPPORT for H.B. 73 Relating to Immigration Detention Facilities**

Dear Chair Rep. Ilagan, Vice-Chair Rep. Hussey, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology:

The Hawaii Workers Center (HWC) envisions a Hawaii in which all workers are empowered to exercise their right to organize for their social, economic and political well-being.

It is a resource of information, education, training and organizing for Hawaii's workers.

The HWC stands in **support of H.B. 73** which prohibits the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resources from disposing of or approving the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility. Prohibits state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

Our base of workers include immigrant and migrant low-wage workers who often do not have direct access to much needed legal resources. Our state does not need to feed into the current political climate that has sowed fear and discrimination throughout many immigrant working class communities. H.B. 73 allows Hawaii to exercise its constitutional right to not be conscripted by the federal government to enact policies that go against the best interests of its residents, including the establishment of a new immigration detention facility.

Thank you for your consideration in support of H.B. 73.

Sincerely,

Sergio Alcubilla  
Executive Director



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January 27, 2025

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Economic Development and Technology

**Re: H.B. 73, Immigration Detention Facility, SUPPORT**  
**Hearing: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10 a.m. Conf. Rm. 423**

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice-Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee:

### **Background**

#### **It can happen here. And it did.**

A detention camp. An Internment Camp. A concentration camp. **Honouliuli Internment Camp, Sand Island Detention Camp, U.S. Immigration Station, Waiakea Prison Camp, Kilauea Military Camp, Maui County Jail, Haiku Military Camp, Lana‘i City Jail, Kaunakakai County Jail, Kaunakakai County Courthouse, Wailua County Jail, Kalaheo Stockade, Waimea Jail, Lihue Plantation Gymnasium.**

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/students/internment-camps-hawai%E2%80%98i>

After the Empire of Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, FDR ordered the internment of the Japanese Americans, regardless of their citizenship two months later. Executive Order 9066. The War Relocation Authority (WRA) was established on March 18th to organize their removal. **“These prisoners were never even charged with a crime, let alone convicted. Two-thirds of them were U.S. citizens, born in the U.S.—the remainder could not have become citizens because at that time people of Asian origin were prohibited from naturalization.”** <https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/untold-story/resources> [Emphasis added]. See also Michi Weglyn’s landmark **Years of Infamy, The Untold Story of America’s Concentration Camps**, and the NBC-produced documentary **“Guilty by Reason of Race.”**

- ❖ Fueled by suspicions of disloyalty with military personnel and **local authorities collaborating on arrests**, the U.S. government interned **2,270 people of Japanese ancestry in Hawai‘i**. The “internees” were at first confined to the local internment camps, with most being sent to O‘ahu’s U.S. Immigration station before being transferred to internment camps on the mainland.
- ❖ Thus, **more than 2,000 of the 120,000 or so Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned during the war came from Hawai‘i**. “Surrounded by barbed wire and armed sentries, they were held for the duration of the war - allegedly to prevent any attack on U.S. strategic installations, although not a single incident of a Japanese American attempting to aid the enemy was ever documented.”

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org/sites/default/files/Participation%20in%20Democracy.pdf>

### **What was it like?**

- As the round-up proceeded, the [Dorothea Lange] photographs show people ripped from their lives on short notice, forced to sell property at great losses, to give up homes &

furnishings, leave jobs and schools; lined up, registered, tagged like packages; waiting, waiting, often guarded by armed soldiers; allowed to bring only what they could carry.

- The greatest injury was often the humiliation. . . At the **Tanforan** assembly center in San Bruno, a former racetrack, the internees lived in horse stables. They are surrounded by prison regulations: no cameras, no books or magazines in Japanese, meals in large mess halls with food often ladled out from garbage cans, collective toilets, whole families sleeping in one “room” barely partitioned off from adjoining families, singles sleeping in huge wards with long rows of cots.
- The snow-covered Sierras looking down from the east did nothing to cool the 100-degree-plus heat, and there were neither trees nor hills to break the fierce winds, whether icy or hot. Lange was awed by the hostile environment: “meanest dust storms ... and not a blade of grass. And the springs are so cruel; when those people arrived there they couldn’t keep the tarpaper on the shacks.” . . . Unlike the other camps, **Manzanar** needed no high barbed fence or guards—as with Alcatraz, geography formed the prison walls.

<https://www.hawaiiinternment.org>

**“Resistance to the incarceration at Manzanar soon led to a prison uprising that the Army put down by shooting 11 prisoners, killing two. Afterward, internees were forced to complete a questionnaire to identify and segregate those who were disloyal to America.” **A Racist Purge Almost Destroyed My Family. Another One Is Coming.** Timothy Soseki Kudo**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/18/opinion/immigration-trump-ww2-japanese-internment.html>  
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### **Now**

America is now poised to allow a new version of the same profound injustice that nearly destroyed the Japanese in America. Donald Trump has vowed that he will move immediately to begin **rounding up as many as 20 million immigrants — including U.S. citizens born here and granted birthright citizenship — and deport them**. “If he achieves his goal, approximately **one in 16 people living in America could be imprisoned and deported** over the next four years. The time between President Roosevelt’s executive order and the first arrival to the Manzanar War Relocation Center was 30 days.” *Id.*

### **Conclusion**

With this history embedded in our minds of the simply horrific violations of law, especially the principles now enunciated in our Hawai’i State Constitution<sup>1</sup>, our law firm<sup>2</sup> **supports H.B. 73, which prohibits Immigration Detention Facilities.**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Elizabeth Jubin Fujiwara

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1 See, e.g., **State of Hawai’i v. Christopher L. Wilson**, 154 Hawai’i 8, 543 P.3d 440 (2024.) Justice Eddison emphasized that State constitutions provide a “double security” for the people’s liberty. The Federalist No. 51, at 321 (James Madison) . . . Per the Constitution’s design, the Hawai’i Constitution supplies an *additional* guarantee of individual rights. See, e.g., **State v. Tanaka**, 67 Haw. 658, 661, 701 P.2d 1274, 1276 (1985) (“We have not hesitated in the past to extend the protections of the Hawai’i **Bill of Rights** beyond those of textually parallel provisions in the Federal **Bill of Rights** when logic and a sound regard for the purposes of those protections have so warranted.”).

2 My law firm has fought for civil rights and specialized in employment law as plaintiffs’ attorneys since 1986.



**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/24/2025 5:23:40 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE** any Bill in which the State would attempt to defy the deportation efforts of the federal government to enforce our immigration laws. We need to take care of legal citizens and residents in Hawaii first, not illegal aliens who are criminals by definition. I urge all members of the Committee to **VOTE NO** on this Bill.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 12:28:02 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Judi Chang	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am against this bill.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 1:35:39 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Younghee Overly	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB73 because we do not need Hawaii state land to be used to establish a new detention center for immigrants. Please pass this measure and mahalo.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 4:01:09 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nandita Sharma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this legislation. Hawaii cannot allow itself to repeat the mistakes of the past when internment camps for people racialized as Japanese were established on Oahu. People classified as "undocumented migrants" are today's scapegoats for problems they have no responsibility for creating.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 4:01:33 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gaye Chan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 4:48:54 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lorna Farnum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is inherent that the State of Hawaii NOT repeat the illegal actions of the past in regard to detention centers which are akin to the internment camps for Japanese citizens & non citizens during WWII. We are NOT at WAR despite the commentary of the GOP in DC. It would still be illegal even if we were at war as it only applied to immigrants of one heritage & not to those of German or Italian ancestry as they were not as easily identified by those in power at the time. Yet history shows that there were ( & still are) those who were doing the Nazi's bidding in the USA both as civilians & even in Congress. Thank you for NOT allowing those in DC to build internment centers here in Hawaii. As a teacher, I had students whose parents & grandparents had been placed in internment centers during WWII. That type of treatment doesn't just effect those who lived through it, but it also impacts the younger generations of Americans who don't understand HOW these illegal actions could be allowed by the US government DESPITE the freedoms & due process that is written into the US Constitution.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 6:17:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Denise L Martinez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii. Immigrants are a vital part of our community here in Hawaii and a rich part of our past. Hawaii would not be Hawai'i without immigrants

**Testimony in Support of HB73**

Hearing Date: January 29, 2025

Committee: Economic Development and Technology

Dear Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support of HB73, which prohibits the use of public land for immigration detention facilities and prevents state and county agencies from engaging in agreements to support such facilities. This bill is a necessary measure to uphold Hawaii's values of justice, fairness, and respect for human rights.

President Trump's policy of mass deportations is bound to be a large-scale violation of human dignity, civil rights, and common decency. Immigration detention facilities have been widely criticized for their inhumane conditions, lack of oversight, and civil rights violations. I strongly oppose the use of any public funds, land, or facilities to support this federal policy.

HB73 reflects our state's values and commitment to human rights, and I urge the committee to pass this crucial legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown  
Waialua, HI

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 9:03:37 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ellen Caringer, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB73**

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair

Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **support** of HB73. Hawai‘i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already had. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai‘i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration’s agenda should be born by the feds, not state or county resources.

As a person who is married to someone of Japanese ancestry, this brings up terrible memories from World War II for our family. We would never want to support any form of detention camps in Hawai‘i again. As a result I would urge you to support this bill. Hawai‘i should not support the building of federal detention camps built on state or county land.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Ellen R. Caringer, Ph.D.

Clinical Psychology & Neuropsychology

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/25/2025 9:30:18 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Takayuki Harada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB73**

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair

Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **support** of HB73. Hawai‘i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already had. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai‘i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration’s agenda should be born by the feds, not state or county resources.

As a person of Japanese ancestry, the idea of building detention camps is abhorrent and brings up painful memories from World War II. Our family would never want to support any form of detention camps in Hawaii again. As a result I would urge you to support this bill. Hawai‘i should not support the building of federal detention camps built on state or county land.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Takayuki Harada

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 10:48:29 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am a native born US citizen. I, as all of us, are descended from immigrants or are immigrants. It is unfortunate that these bills are necessary, because of the ill formed ideology of Felon Donald Trump. I support all the bills before you today and ask that you move all forward.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 12:03:59 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
ginger edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a granddaughter of a Mexican immigrant who came to the US for a better life and achieved it by becoming an entrepreneur and providing jobs for Americans, I support any measures to protect hard working immigrants in Hawai'i.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 12:32:16 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nancy D Moser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB73.

Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee,

We should not want to repeat the horrors of detention camps, as in World War II mass incarcerations. Please vote YES on this measure.

Mahalo,

Nancy Moser

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 1:36:31 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Doris Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

North Hawaii Community Action Network supports HB73

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 2:04:19 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
DORIEN MCCLELLAN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii. They have become part of the fabric of these islands. Their work is support of our commerce, our families and our health care.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 2:39:19 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gail Morrison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB73**

**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair**

**Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair**

**Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025**

**Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,**

**I am writing in support of HB73, Hawai'i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already had. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.**

**I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.**

**Thank you for your support and consideration, Gail Morrison**

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 3:53:32 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
chelsea pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB73.

Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee, This measure addresses the due process necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote YES on this measure.

Thank you

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 5:09:10 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jane Aquino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii MUST PROTECT our immigrant community. Do NOT collaborate with ICE or Federal Depotation agencies. Show aloha to ALL our Immigrats!

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 6:34:38 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michael Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We have enough of a land shortage for trying to build affordable housing, much less what will no doubt be an inhumanly run facility for some of our nation's most exploited individuals. I am against the mass detention of immigrants and misuse of public lands, so I support this bill.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:29:28 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Harvey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:30:41 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Juvana Soliven	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 7:46:34 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lois Langham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB73, Hawai'i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already had. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai'i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration's agenda should be born by the feds, not state or county resources.

I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/26/2025 8:43:16 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beppie Shapiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am very pleased to see this early attention to a timely and important bill. Recent federal policies and actions make HB73 a valuable tool for Hawaii to support our considerable immigrant population. The news informs us that even immigrants with legal status are being targeted , hassled and harmed. HB73 attempts to slow hasty federal actions which threaten harm, and fear of harm, among the many immigrants who support our economic and soical lives.

Please pass this important bill, HB73.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:32:58 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Babcock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:39:05 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Judy McCluskey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB73 has my enthusiastic support.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:03:18 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cheryl Bellamy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect our immigrants in Hawai‘i who contribute to our economy and local communities.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 10:42:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Carr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB73. I do not wish to see round ups, detentions, or deportations of migrants, and I oppose the use of public lands to create immigration detention facilities.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:41:33 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
dana edmunds	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protet immigrants in Hawaii! Please support this!

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:42:25 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alice Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i. They provide needed services, pay taxes and are members of our ohana. The current administrations policies are cruel and unnecessary.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 12:49:44 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
roberta cestare	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I am writing in support of HB73. The Federal Government already has land in Hawaii and doesn't need to lease any additional land for detention camps.**

**Hawaii is already contending with lack of space for those individuals in custody and those needs should be prioritized.**

**Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land. I urge you to support this HB73.**

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 1:46:03 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter A In	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee, this measure protects against the improper use of properties of the Land and Natural Resources of Hawaii. I urge the Committee to vote YES on the measure.

Respectfully, Peter A. In, M.D.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:16:08 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Beth McDermott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in strong support of HB73. Our islands have limited land available for development and we are in the midst of a severe housing shortage. It would be absolutely outrageous for the federal government to ask us to build detention centers to hold detained immigrants. taking them from their existing residences into temporary facilities for this purpose. Given Hawaii's vulnerability to hurricanes and tsunami I also wonder whether any facility could be built that could safely hold immigrants families. Will safetey standards be required? The federal government is going after ALL immigrants, even those botn in the US, not just "criminals". These people are our friends and neighbors, paying taxes and contributing to our state. They deserve to be treated with dignity whatever their status.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:20:45 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrea L W Fruggiero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of this bill. We need to keep the safety of our residents of the state safe and not "agree in advance" to any 'directives' issued by the current Federal government. Thank you.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:29:49 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kayla Marie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:54:42 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Iris Mendoza	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB73**

**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair**

**Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair**

**Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025**

**Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,**

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**Additionally, Hawai‘i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration’s agenda should be born by the feds, not state or county resources.**

**I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.**

**This would cause chaos and a hostile home for our immigrant communities who built this nation.**

**Thank you for your support and consideration,**

**Iris Mendoza**

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 3:57:51 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Linda Morgan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i. I am vey concerned about the federal government's abominal, unethical deportation of many friends, acquaintances, students, and business owners in my district, Ka'u. Please pass this bill to protect them.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:17:12 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carol Linde	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I am in support of this bill. I do not want any public funds or lands going towards immigration detention facilities when they could instead be used for productive projects that contribute to the societal good.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:24:45 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
vivienne aronowitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In STRONG SUPPORT of HB22. Aloha Chair Ilagan and members of the Committee, This measure addresses the due process necessary to protect each of us in Hawaii. Please vote YES on this measure

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 4:45:10 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary M. McNamara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:02:59 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and esteemed members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my mana‘o on HB73. I'm writing in support of this bill, which I believe is important for the future of Hawai‘i.

As I understand it, HB73 would ensure that Hawai‘i doesn't lease any more of our precious land to the federal government than we already have. I want to emphasize that this bill isn't about preventing the federal government from establishing a new detention center in Hawai‘i if they deem it necessary. They have many options available to them on land they already control, and I'm sure they can find a suitable location.

My concern is that Hawai‘i's resources are already stretched thin. We face challenges in providing safe spaces and adequate staffing for the individuals currently in our state's care. Adding to that burden with a new federal detention facility on state or county land would place an undue strain on our local systems. It seems only fair that the costs associated with the federal government's policies should be borne by them, and not passed on to our state and county taxpayers. Furthermore, we have a kuleana to protect our immigrant population, and providing land that could be used to harm them is simply not pono.

I respectfully ask for your support of HB73. It's about protecting Hawai‘i's limited resources, ensuring they are used to best serve our community, and upholding our values of aloha and justice. We simply can't afford to have federal detention facilities built on state or county land.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lum

‘Ewa Beach, Hawai‘i

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:11:08 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bailey Aughe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 7:11:21 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Malcolm Mearu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:16:40 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Karissa Rowe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i".

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 8:40:57 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew J Aughe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 9:12:19 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Michelle Ma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i

Aloha mai kākou,

‘O Kyra Shells wau, and I am a resident of Kāne‘ohe. I am here to express my strong support for HB 73, which prohibits the use or setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility in Hawai‘i.

I support this bill because I believe that public land should be used to serve the needs of Hawaiian and local communities, not for facility’s that are often known for poor conditions, such as overcrowded living spaces, unsanitary environments, and lack of medical care. By preventing such facilities from being built on public land, we can ensure Hawai‘i should not contribute to a system that causes harm to vulnerable individuals

Hawai‘i is facing critical challenges that need our attention, such as the ongoing housing crisis and food insecurity. Many people are struggling to find affordable housing, and the cost of food is rising due to the fact that 85-90 percent of our food is imported. This reliance on food shipped from outside sources leaves us vulnerable to disruptions. Should we face interruptions due to weather events or shipping delays, Hawai‘i could experience food shortages, putting residents at risk of hunger and causing food prices to skyrocket.

Additionally, unused public lands in Hawai‘i could be utilized for local food production and affordable housing. By doing so, we could reduce the state’s dependency on imported food and increase our food security, making our communities more resilient to disruptions. Public land must be used to benefit the well-being and development of the community, rather than to harm and imprison individuals.

I strongly urge that you pass HB 73 and protect Hawai‘i’s public lands from becoming sites for immigration detention centers. By supporting this bill, you are standing for the rights and well-being of vulnerable individuals, while protecting our Hawaiian and local communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of this important bill. I appreciate your time and consideration.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:18:51 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ruben Juarez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support. The prohibition of immigration detention facilities on public lands aligns with Hawaii's commitment to maintaining trust and cooperation within its diverse communities. Such facilities can generate social and economic harm by discouraging immigrant participation in the workforce and local economies, while also imposing potential reputational risks for the state. This bill safeguards Hawaii's reputation as a welcoming and progressive state, which is essential to its economic competitiveness in attracting talent, investment, and tourism.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/27/2025 11:31:37 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mary Elyse Scott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i.

Exodus 22:21: Do not mistreat foreigners, remembering that you were once foreigners in Egypt

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 1:46:05 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrea Janas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 6:59:50 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kristen Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawai'i.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:13:43 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sharee Orr	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Illegal aliens are illegal. They did not follow immigration process therefore should not be afforded any help by the state to keep them from being returned to where they came. They eventually become burden to the taxpayer

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:15:24 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:33:11 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:47:53 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Back in Kamehameha's day, you had to ask permission to stay. Bills like these are saying you don't need permission and anyone can stay, which puts a huge burden on already overtaxed citizens. The bill is not pono. Legal immigration is the only righteous way to do this.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:50:08 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong opposition of this bill

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:59:34 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurie Anne Bell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is the safest way and must be allowed in order to execute the mandate.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:01:11 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Deport them. Dont build a facility, we have families that dont even have homes. We need the feds to audit hawaii's government. None of this internal investigation.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:02:25 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lynn Otaguro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure to protect immigrants in Hawaii.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:03:59 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

As a concerned citizen in Hawai'i, I am writing in **strong support** of HB73. Hawai'i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already has. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai'i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration's agenda should be borne by the feds, not state or county resources.

I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.

Mahalo,

Thaddeus Pham

Makiki, HI

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:13:30 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB73 because if the Feds are detaining illegal immigrants, where else should they be detained if there are no new detention centers built?

If the problem is where to build them, then I suggest working with the feds to pick out an area that everyone is okay with to build a new detention facility.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:21:21 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alyce Dodge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislators,

I hope Hawaii will not need any detention camps. In any case, Hawai‘i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land. The Federal government already has too much land in Hawaii, land that it has desecrated and polluted. I hope the Federal government will clean up it's messes and return the land to the native Hawaiian people.

Mahalo,

Alyce Dodge

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:22:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laurie West	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:26:01 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bradle Lindsey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB73, which seeks to prohibit the use of public lands for the establishment of immigration detention facilities. While I understand the concerns regarding the use of public lands, I believe this bill could have unintended consequences that undermine our state's ability to manage immigration effectively.

Firstly, restricting the use of public lands for immigration detention facilities could limit our state's capacity to address the challenges associated with immigration enforcement. These facilities play a crucial role in ensuring that individuals who are undergoing deportation proceedings are held in a secure and controlled environment. By prohibiting their establishment, we may inadvertently create a situation where individuals who pose a risk to public safety are not adequately monitored.

Moreover, HB73 could hinder our state's ability to collaborate with federal agencies on immigration matters. Cooperation between state and federal authorities is essential for maintaining effective immigration enforcement and ensuring that our communities remain safe. By restricting the use of public lands, we may send a message that Hawaii is unwilling to work with federal partners, which could have broader implications for our state's relationship with the federal government.

Additionally, the bill could lead to increased costs and logistical challenges for our state. Without designated public lands for immigration detention facilities, we may need to rely on private facilities, which could be more expensive and less efficient. This could strain our state's resources and divert funds from other critical areas, such as education and healthcare.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider HB73 and recognize the importance of maintaining flexibility in our approach to immigration enforcement. Public safety and effective collaboration with federal agencies should be our top priorities, and this bill could undermine both of these goals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bradley Lindsey

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:33:30 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Noela von Wiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill. We don't have enough housing to house the legal citizens who live here and to house our Veterans and homeless. I do not want my tax dollars spent on any facilities to house illegals on our public land. Just deport them and they can apply the legal way to live in the United States. Thank you.

Noela von Wiegandt

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:46:09 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marla Carino	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I feel it would be a waste of tax payers money to build a detention center, we could use this money for fixing our pot hole roads, fixing public restrooms, clearing over grown areas on our island, if people would come in the legal way we should not need a detention center. We could put tax money to better use for our own people.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:52:18 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lori Ann Peralta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No more expenses going out of tax payers dollars for this...so NO to detention facilities.

We do not need a detention facility. We need more facilities for our own native/local people.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:52:25 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Justyce Torres	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in OPPOSE to HB73, safe and secured detention facilities are needed to make sure all ILEGAL persons are collected.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:00:02 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB73. Please vote NO

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:05:36 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
karen Mountain	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need facilities built. We people are being detained for an extended time and not deported in a timely manner. Ie: right away, then yes, build a detainer. It creates jobs and keeps our ohana safe.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:11:38 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Camlyn Pola	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:15:51 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

We already have a housing crisis here and keeping and helping people break the law is not the governments job. Do not get in the way of the federal goverment trying to depot criminals.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:21:26 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Robert Jeremiah	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose Bill 73, which prohibits the construction of immigration detention facilities on public land to hold individuals undergoing deportation proceedings. This bill is a misguided attempt to address a complex issue, and it fails to acknowledge that we cannot effectively help others until we have addressed our own problems.

The old adage "you can't fix anything until you fix yourself" applies perfectly here. Before we try to dictate how federal immigration authorities manage their detention facilities, we should focus on solving our own local problems. Hawaii has its own unique challenges, such as affordable housing, homelessness, and economic development, that require our immediate attention.

By diverting our resources and energy towards restricting immigration detention facilities, we are taking away from our ability to address these pressing local issues. We should prioritize fixing our own house first, rather than trying to impose our will on federal immigration policies. Let's focus on creating a better Hawaii for all its residents, and then we can consider how we can effectively contribute to solving national and global challenges. Bill 73 is a distraction from our true priorities, and I urge you to oppose it.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:25:34 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:26:03 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Paul Giles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB73

Paul Giles

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:27:36 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
J S	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed.

Why is this body trying to work against the best interests of the people of Hawaii?

January 28, 2025

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair, Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Re: HB73

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **support of HB73**, Hawai'i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already has. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai'i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration's agenda should be born by the feds, not state or county resources.

**I urge you to support this bill.** Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Aloha,



Gail Breakey, RN, MPH

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:33:41 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stongly oppose

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:40:00 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Janice Giles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We shouldn't be supporting illegal aliens. Our money should be focused on US citizens and residents of Hawai'i

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:40:49 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ailie Souriolle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is illegal to be in this country without proper documents and vetting

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:41:26 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Alex Akui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly opposed!

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB73**  
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Representative Ikaiki Hussey, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: January 29th, 2025

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **strong support** of HB73, Hawai'i does not need to lease any more land to the federal government than it already has. This bill would not hinder the federal government from establishing a new detention center in the state, if it so chooses, the federal government has many suitable locations that it could do so.

Additionally, Hawai'i is already struggling to find safe space and staffing for the individuals that it does have in custody. **Any additional burdens on our state system caused by the federal administration's own agenda with their own motivations should be born by them, not by those who best know the long-term needs and interests of Hawai'i.**

I urge you to support this bill. Hawai'i does not need federal detention camps built on state or county land.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

Carl Bergquist, William S. Richardson School of Law, Class of 2019  
Advisory Committee Member, The Legal Clinic  
Former resident of Mānoa, Oahu.  
Ottawa Hills, Ohio 43606

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:45:48 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey F Mizuno	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Text

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:47:57 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
G L Hutchinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support protecting. Immigrants in our state of Hawaii

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:59:41 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Julie A Carter	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:02:47 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lolita Keni	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need facilities to hold criminals, if they are not already detained in jail or prison. Those especially, need to be deported.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:05:59 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cynthia J. Goto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:27:56 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Yvonne Alvarado Oppose Bill HB73

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:39:07 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jayme Kealoha-Dacuycuy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose!

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:49:52 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bronson Teixeira	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:50:13 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Huycke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB73.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 11:52:46 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop protecting criminals and wasting our money on them!

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:01:26 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lesha Mathes	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill. We have already crowded jails. If we need a space to hold them until deportation then we need it. I don't want to hear any excuses of why the illegals waiting deportation would be turned loose into the public. Protect your constituents. The illegals are not your constituents, we the legal citizens are!

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:37:25 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
kamakani de dely	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I suppose this bill.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 3:41:39 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Mallory De Dely	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I suppose this bill.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 5:16:10 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanani Kai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 6:05:17 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kaori-Lei Hanohano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

‘O Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano ko‘u inoa. No Maui mai ‘au a ka no na‘e noho au ma Ka‘a‘awa O‘ahu. Mahalo ‘au i ku‘u mau kupuna i kūpa‘a no kākou āpau.

My name is Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano. I‘m from the island of Maui but currently live in Ka‘a‘awa O‘ahu. I thank my ancestors who were steadfast!

I support prohibiting the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Board of Land and Natural Resource from disposing of or approving the use of setting aside of public lands for the establishment of any immigration detention facility. I also support prohibiting the state and county agencies from contracting with the federal government or processing any permit for this purpose.

Mahalo for listening and for your time.

Na‘u no,

Kaori-Lei Ka‘imipono Hanohano

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 7:47:13 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christine L. Andrews, J.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Ilagan and Member of the Committee,

I am writing today in SUPPORT of HB73 and request that you pass it. Hawai`i must stand with our immigrant community against federal enforcement activity that violates due process and constitutional rights. Hawai`i is no place for immigration detention facilities.

Thank you for your time.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 8:47:36 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Monisha Das Gupta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of HB 73 (amendment of Chapter 171 of the Hawaii Revised Statute), which will prohibit the use of DNLR and BNLR lands to build immigration detention centers and will prohibit the state or county from entering a contract with the federal government to build such detention centers.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:21:18 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Magoon Ohana	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose - The govt allowance got us into this situation having illegal immigrants being invited in by the thousands. If there needs to be a place to hold them within our state, then public facilities should be allowed on public lands, otherwise they should be sent to the mainland facilities, which HB22 implies you will not do, so take responsibility for it. We are tired of our tax dollars going to support non-citizens.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 9:52:41 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/28/2025 10:26:08 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott Garris	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

not your place. oppose

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 7:47:41 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Yumi Moore	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong opposition to HB73, which would prohibit the construction of immigration detention facilities on public land. This bill directly obstructs immigration law enforcement and creates an open-door policy for those who violate federal immigration laws. Without proper facilities, detained individuals will be released into our communities, burdening local resources and taxpayers. Our state should not provide sanctuary for those who break the law. I urge you to vote NO on HB73.

Mahalo,

Yumi Moore

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 8:22:24 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adrean	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii is facing critical challenges, and we cannot afford policies that prioritize those who enter the U.S. illegally over our own citizens. These bills are not about fairness they're about straining resources that should be used to support American citizens and those who come to this country the right way, legally.

HB22: Limits law enforcement's ability to collaborate with immigration officials, making it harder to enforce the law.

HB73: Prohibits detention facilities on public land essentially removing a necessary tool for immigration enforcement.

HB438: Provides taxpayer-funded legal representation to individuals here illegally, diverting resources that could be used for American citizens.

HB457: Makes immigration interviews voluntary, undermining accountability and due process.

Hawaii is already struggling with a housing crisis, rising costs of living, and limited resources. These policies will only make it harder for citizens to access affordable housing, jobs, and social services.

We need to stand up for what is right: **Legal immigration or leave.**

Lets prioritize legal immigration and ensure our resources go to the people who contribute to this country fairly and lawfully.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 8:46:52 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jessica	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Jessica Sobocinski and I strongly support HB73. Land is a precious and limited resource in Hawai'i, and public lands are designated for use by the public for activities such as conservation and recreation. Given the need for safe spaces for people to gather, play, and exercise, along with the need for sanctuaries for our disappearing native plant and animals species, it would be wholly irresponsible for these lands to be used for detention facilities of any kind.

Mahalo,

Jess

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:11:46 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marcella Alohalani Boido	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill.

Hawaii already knows how detention facilities can be abused.

Thank you.

Marcella Alohalani Boido, M.A.

Moili'ili

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:17:34 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KELVIN AWAYA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB73.

Simple, immigration laws exist for a reason and need to be enforced. The issue of illegal immigration/imigrants has been a big problem not just for the state of Hawaii, but for the entire nation.

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 10:45:15 AM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Troy Maruoka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose hb73

**HB-73**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 12:40:13 PM

Testimony for ECD on 1/29/2025 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bart Burford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**I OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO AID, ABET, OR SUPPORT ANYONE IN THIS COUNTRY  
ILLEGALLY - NO!**