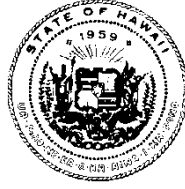


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LT. GOVERNOR



DEAN MINAKAMI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII

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Statement of
DEAN MINAKAMI
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 430

In consideration of
S.B. 1170 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF
AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC **supports** SB 1170 SD2 HD1, which authorizes the director of a county planning department to issue a special management area use permit to redevelop permanent affordable multi-family rental housing that has been substantially destroyed as a result of a disaster declared as a state of emergency and requires county planning departments to prioritize approving permits for these redevelopments. It also permits county planning departments to amend or modify final plans and specifications for redevelopment of an existing experimental and demonstration housing project, with certain restrictions.

HHFDC supports the Legislature's efforts to respond to disasters declared as states of emergency, such as the August 2023 Maui wildfires. In particular, redevelopment of the Front Street Apartments project, which HHFDC is leading, would benefit from this proposal.

Presently, special management area use permits in Maui County can require over a year for processing. Granting the planning director the discretion for the issuance of special management area use permits for these projects will greatly accelerate the development of these projects and aid Maui's recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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HALE MAHAOLU
WHERE ALOHA LIVES

March 14, 2025

House Committee on Housing

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 19, 2025, at 9:00am

RE: In strong support of SB1170_HD1.

Dear Chair Evslim & Vice Chair Miyake,

Hale Mahaolu is in support of SB1170_HB1 which promotes the swift redevelopment of affordable housing units on Maui.

The provisions regarding the Special Management Area and National Historic District contained in this legislation will have a profound and positive impact on the development of affordable housing in Lahaina, Maui. For just the two properties being redeveloped by Hale Mahaolu, 340 family housing units will be constructed.

Mahalo in advance for your support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Anders F Lyons
Executive Director
Hale Mahaolu

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE INTENT OF

SB 1170_SD2_HD1 (HSCR1262)

(RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING)

HEARING DATE

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Hearing by the House Committee on Housing

9:00 AM State Capitol Conference Room 430 & Videoconference

SUBMITTED BY

Pacific Commercial Realty Corp.

Operating General Partner for Housing Technology Associates

Owner of the Weinberg Court Apartment Complex

615 Honoapiilani Highway, Lahaina

March 18, 2025

The Honorable Rep. Luke A. Evslin, Chair, the Honorable Rep. Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Housing:

My name is Katherine Peroff, and I am the Executive Vice President of Pacific Commercial Realty Corp. (PCRC), the Operating General Partner for Housing Technology Associates (HTA), and the owner of the former Weinberg Court Apartments (WCA) complex. WCA was a 63-unit affordable rental apartment complex developed and built by my late father, Valentine Peroff, Jr., and his business colleague, Joe Blanco, in the early 1990s. All rental units at WCA were reserved solely for occupants earning 60% or less of the County of Maui median income (as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and monitored by HHFDC). Please accept this testimony in support of SB 1170_SD2_HD1 (HSCR1262) with additional amendments noted in my testimony.

The wildfire in Lahaina on August 8, 2023, destroyed the WCA affordable housing complex. HTA's Operating General Partner is currently managing the WCA's reconstruction process. A design-build team has been tasked with developing plans and specifications for regulatory approvals incorporating community input. While we are optimistic that our insurance proceeds will cover the reconstruction costs, enacting this amended bill is essential to a timely and budget-compliant rebuild.

Attached is a proposed language amending SB 1170_SD2_HD1. In closing, I request your support in passing SB 1170_SD2_HD1, with the technical amendments noted in Attachment A of my testimony. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,



Katherine Peroff

Executive Vice President

Pacific Commercial Realty Corp.

Attachment A – Suggested Technical Amendments

ATTACHMENT A - SUGGESTED TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. (a) Subject to terms and conditions under section 205A-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the director of a county planning department may issue a special management area use permit to an applicant to redevelop permanent affordable multi-family rental housing that has been substantially destroyed as a result of a disaster from wildfire, hurricane, flooding, tsunami, or earthquake proclaimed by the governor to constitute a state of emergency under chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

(b) After any special management area use permits are issued under this section, the department of planning of the respective county shall file a notice of the issuance in the next available issue of the periodic bulletin of the office of planning and sustainable development.

(c) After issuing a special management area use permit pursuant to this section, the department of planning of the respective county and any other state or county agency authorized to issue a permit or approval shall prioritize approving permits to redevelop permanent affordable multi-family rental housing that has been substantially destroyed as a result of a disaster from wildfire, hurricane, flooding, tsunami, or earthquake proclaimed by the governor to constitute a state of emergency under chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this Act or under federal law, special management area use permits shall be exempt from all statutes, charter provisions, ordinances, and rules relating to districts as designated in the national register or Hawaii register pursuant to chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

~~—(e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, land use entitlements described in Maui county Ordinance No. 2120 (1992), including waivers of state and county statutes,—~~

~~ordinances, and their administrative rules and regulations relating to planning, zoning, and construction standards, shall remain applicable to future housing developments.~~

(fe) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if an affordable multi-family rental housing that was originally developed as an experimental and demonstration housing project pursuant to section 46-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, has been substantially destroyed as a result of a disaster from wildfire, hurricane, flooding, tsunami, or earthquake proclaimed by the governor to constitute a state of emergency under chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

(1) Any ~~initiating project~~ ordinance ~~issued~~ approved by a county for the initial construction of the experimental and demonstration housing project shall remain valid and relevant and continue to be in full force and effect ~~in the county in which it was issued~~ with respect to the rebuilding of the project in accordance with this Act; and

(2) The director of a county planning department in the respective county or any other state or county agency authorized to issue a permit or approval required for the rebuilding of the project may amend or modify the final plans and specifications of the experimental and demonstration housing project to incorporate cost-effective best industry practices that include advances in building design, materials, construction types, and /or methods; provided that any modification shall adhere to principles that emphasize community, history, culture, future resilience, and the safety ~~while ensuring the~~ and well-being of the project's occupants; provided further that the modifications shall not impose requirements or conditions that unreasonably increase rebuilding or future operating costs; ~~and-~~

(3) Notwithstanding any termination of the disaster emergency relief period before the completion of construction, the experimental and demonstration housing project shall not be subject to any specific provisions of law suspended under section 127A-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, if an application for the initial permit or approval to commence rebuilding of the project has been submitted to the department of planning, the department or office of housing, or any other relevant agency of the applicable state or county before the end of the disaster emergency relief period.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

March 18, 2025

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY – SB1170 SD2 HD1 (HSCR1262)

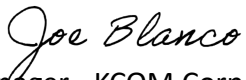
A bill relating to the expeditious redevelopment and development of affordable rental housing.

House Hearing of the House Committee on Water and Land

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:00 AM State Capitol Conference Room 430 & Videoconference

To: The House Committee on Housing
The Honorable Rep. Luke A. Evslin, Chair,
The Honorable Rep. Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair,
and members of the Committee

From: Joe Blanco 
Project Manager - KCOM Corp.
For the Weinberg Court Apartments
615 Honoapiilani Highway, Lahaina Maui

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 1170, SD2, HD1 (HSCR1262) with technical amendments

Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

The passage of this bill, as further amended herein, is integral legislation that will allow the Weinberg Court Apartment complex to be promptly rebuilt. On behalf of the KCOM Corp., the original developer of the Weinberg Court Apartments and who assisting in the efforts to rebuild the apartment complex, I support SB 1170, SD2, HD1 and respectfully request your favorable support of the bill and incorporate technical amendments noted in Attachment A for the reasons stated below.

AG Op No. 07-02

- **Based on the Office of the Attorney General's previous testimony on February 7, 2025, that raised the issue that including specific references may render the bill a "special law," it is best to remove the references to Ordinance 2120 (1992).**

Emergency Proclamations issued by the Governor

- **The authority to proceed granted via an Emergency Proclamation can be interpreted to expire at the same time as the Emergency Proclamation. Due to potential delays in rebuilding, County administrators recommend incorporating language into the bill that ensures the authority to proceed will not lapse and remain valid if the application for rebuilding is submitted while the Emergency Proclamation is active.**

Attachment A - Suggested Technical Amendments

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SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:00:12 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan B Roberts Emery	Green Party Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Susan RobertsEmery , I am co chair of Green Party of Hawai'i. We are writing in **support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1**, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts. Many in our community were affected the wildfires and they lost the place they call home. We need your help to get them back in affordable rentals quickly and safely so they can rebuild the lives they so desperately miss.

Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. The Green Party of Hawai'i urges your **support for SB1170 SD2 HD1** as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Sincerely,

Susan RobertsEmery
Green Party Hawai'i
Paauilo



MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 430
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

To The Honorable Representative Luke A. Evslin, Chair
The Honorable Representative Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Housing

SUPPORT FOR SB1170 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING

The Maui Chamber of Commerce would like testify in **SUPPORT for SB1170 SD2 HD1** which authorizes the director of a county planning department to issue a special management area use permit to redevelop permanent affordable multi-family rental housing that has been substantially destroyed as result of a disaster declared as a state of emergency and requires county planning departments to prioritize approving permits for these redevelopments; and permits county planning departments to amend or modify final plans and specifications for redevelopment of an existing experimental and demonstration housing project, with certain restrictions.

Housing remains a top priority for the Maui Chamber of Commerce and continues to be critical as the crisis worsens following the wildfires, directly impacting businesses and our economic revitalization. Prior to the wildfires, the need for over 10,000 housing units by 2025 was already a pressing issue, but that number has increased due to the loss of 3% of our housing stock in Lahaina. This loss is a key factor driving the ongoing rise in housing prices.

The Chamber notes that the longer the development process takes, the higher the associated costs, which in turn drive up housing prices. This bill will help these specific affordable housing projects navigate the process more quickly, thereby lowering development expenses and making housing more affordable and, more importantly, available sooner.

For these reasons, we **SUPPORT SB1170 SD2 HD1**.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

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



Testimony of **Lahaina Strong**
Before the House Committee on
Housing

In Consideration of Senate Bill No. 1170 SD2 HD1
RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF
AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.

To Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake and the honorable members of the committees,

We are writing on behalf of Lahaina Strong, an organization deeply rooted in our community's resilience and advocacy. Originally formed in 2018 following the Hurricane Lane fire in Lahaina and revitalized after the devastating fires of August 8, 2023, Lahaina Strong has become the largest grassroots, Lahaina-based community organization, with over 35,000 supporters. Our mission is to amplify local voices and champion community-driven solutions, which are more critical than ever as we continue rebuilding and recovering.

Lāhainā Strong stands in support of **Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1** to expedite the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing in Lāhainā and Maui. The loss of these homes has deeply impacted our community, and rebuilding them as quickly as possible is essential for residents to return home.

U.S. Census data shows that over 50% of the 4,000 homes lost in the fire were renter-occupied. The urgency of rebuilding truly affordable housing cannot be overstated—we must ensure that displaced residents can return to stable, long-term homes as soon as possible.

Many families who lost their homes were living in secure, affordable housing, which was already scarce before the fire. Without clear safeguards to prioritize affordability and prevent speculation, we risk deepening displacement and housing instability.

Lāhainā Strong urges you to **support SB1170 SD2 HD1** while ensuring that redevelopment remains focused on permanent affordability, community input, and cultural integrity—so that Lāhainā’s residents can return home, not be pushed out.

Mahalo for your dedication to Lahaina’s recovery.

Sincerely,

Lāhainā Strong

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:20:25 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glen Kagamida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Good idea to help housing and makes sense.

Mahalo!

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:31:18 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trayline Kiesel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:35:21 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrice Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1170 SD2 HD1, as permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing is needed, like, yesterday.

Please support this crucial bill.

Thank you.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:43:46 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Inez Z Larson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your **support for SB1170 SD2 HD1** as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Inez Z Larson

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 7:44:20 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maribeth McManus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1**Aloha Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake and Members of the Committee,**

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Sincerely,

Maribeth McManus

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:02:03 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephanie A	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Stephanie A

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:07:42 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Holladay

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:11:31 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Lu Kelley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha. I have strong **support testimony for [SB1170](#)**, which seeks to expedite SMA permits for the redevelopment of **permanent affordable multi-family rental housing** that has been substantially destroyed in a state-declared disaster. This bill requires county planning departments to **prioritize approving these projects**, ensuring that Lahaina families can return home. What can be more supportive than that.

We need you to Pass this bill. Do the right thing.

Thank you.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:11:43 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I encourage you to support this bill to help the residents of Lahaina.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:12:18 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaikoa Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Since

rely, Kaikoa Anderson

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:26:45 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malia Marquez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kākou,

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Malia Marquez

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:27:03 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Biggs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Prioritize those who lose everything in a disaster by streamlining approvals and expediting redevelopment.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:36:26 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KEALA FUNG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

My name is Keala Fubg am writing in **support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1**, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. The longer this takes, the more that local families will permanently leave. Lahaina cannot continue or correctly rebuild without her people. I urge your **support for SB1170 SD2 HD1** as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Keala Fung

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:45:38 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Jelley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in **support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1**, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 fires by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

The fires displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your **support for SB1170 SD2 HD1** as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Sara Jelley

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

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which takes critical steps to expedite the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfires by streamlining approvals and prioritizing community-driven rebuilding efforts.

In my work and within my community, I continue to hear the stories of those struggling with the ongoing trauma of losing their homes, their sense of stability, and their place in Lāhainā. The grief is compounded by the uncertainty of where they will live in the months and years ahead. Healing cannot begin when baseline survival needs are not met, and housing is one of the most fundamental of those needs. Without safe, stable, and affordable homes, families cannot begin to rebuild their lives, address their emotional and psychological well-being, or regain the sense of security that was taken from them.

The devastating fires uprooted thousands of families, many of whom relied on stable, affordable rentals to remain in their homeland. Without urgent action to restore these homes, we risk deepening displacement, cultural loss, and economic instability for those who have already endured unimaginable hardship. This bill cuts through bureaucratic delays and centers the needs of impacted residents, ensuring that Lahaina's recovery keeps its people at the heart of the process.

Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. Housing is not just shelter—it is the foundation of community, culture, and healing. I urge your full support of SB1170 SD2 HD1 to bring families home and ensure a just and equitable recovery.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to the future of our community.

Stella Caban

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:51:45 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lorna Holmes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Lorna Holmes

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:06:38 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Richard Ho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your **support for SB1170 SD2 HD1** as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Richard Ho

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:22:09 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kerri Yeakey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose this bill as it refuses to address all issues of Lahaina citizens.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:24:35 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tinamarie McRoberts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB1170 SD2 HD1

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

I am writing in **support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1**, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Tinamarie Mc roberts

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:51:28 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Kevin Kekoa Dolan-Ma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

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Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your support for SB1170 SD2 HD1 as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kevin Kekoa Dolan-Ma

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 9:53:27 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Stayton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Susan, Lawai, Kauai

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 10:00:14 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clint Kahahane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Clint Kahahane

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 10:10:02 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mariko Higashi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,
Mariko Higashi

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 10:11:06 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ravi Bugga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your **support for SB1170 SD2 HD1** as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Ravi Bugga

Lahaina

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 11:01:21 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kamakaawahilani Hoshino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1

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

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Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your support for SB1170 SD2 HD1 as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Kamakaawahilani Hoshino

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2025 11:24:05 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Clack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Han mitakuye,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

Lāhainā must be rebuilt with its people. I urge your support for SB1170 SD2 HD1 as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Wopila for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Valerie

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 4:35:36 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Debra M Javar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I fully SUPPORT SB1170 SD2 HD1

We are in DESPERATE need of affordable permanent housing. Our local people should be priority and affordable housing IS our priority.

Mahalo,

Debra M Javar

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 4:45:34 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy Shaver	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,
Christy
Lahaina

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 6:00:57 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nalani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,
Nalani from Lahaina

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 6:20:11 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
cheryl hendrickson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

It will bring families home and keep our community together.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 6:36:41 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth ray	Individual	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I stand in support of Lahaina strong

Prioritize local housing developments

Local families and sustainable community workers need permanent homes

Lahaina deserves better than trailers

Make more residential units for locals opposed to infiltrated invasive beach wrecking culture exploiting money mongering Strs who cater to guests over our people

Let the hawaiians take care of their beaches cuz they know how

How naive are the big fat rich developer babies? What greed and insensitivity to a town who has lost their livelihoods

We fight under leadership of ke akua

Mahalo

I am Elizabeth ray a blacklisted teacher from Lahaina who will not stop advocating or fighting for all her students and community who all lost their homes

The royal capitol of the Hawaiian kingdom should be ruled by Hawaiians yea? Hence the name no?

I pray in council you can overcome your greed agenda and decide with your heart full of compassion and open to change for your people who chose you and trusted YOU to make change for them!!

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 7:21:53 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vernelle Oku	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in **support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1**, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

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Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your **support for SB1170 SD2 HD1** as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,
Vernelle Oku

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 7:32:35 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya Gabriel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Tanya Noelle Gabriel, LMHC, NCC

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 7:33:39 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathy Lomeli	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lomeli

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 7:43:04 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raul Nohea Goodness	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of Senate bill 1170 SD2 HD1 which will expedite the redevelopment of permanent affordable multifamily housing lost in the 2023 fires, for Lahaina residents. We need our people to remain in Hawaii and especially Maui without being permanently displaced. Mahalo.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 7:49:39 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aviva Libitsky	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Aviva Libitsky

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:01:11 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mary drayer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i am happy to support this bill. i have been an advocate for many years of rental housing. not everyone can be, or wants to be, a home owner. kūpuna are one of the largest segments of rental needs. (we really also need more senior housing) in light of the fire, many Lahaina folks are going to rebuild on their property, and are in need of housing until they can accomplish that - and being in Lahaina will be huge benefit for them

mahalo for you time

mary drayer

557 imi dr - wailuku

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:15:27 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Stephens	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

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Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your support for SB1170 SD2 HD1 as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,
Amy Stephens

Lahaina

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:20:05 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steve LaFleur	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your support for SB1170 SD2 HD1 as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely, Steve LaFleur

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:23:14 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Pillen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 Maui wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will continue to face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without centering the needs of its people. They hold the essence of this community. I urge your support for SB1170 SD2 HD1 as it will bring families home and keep our local community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lāhainā's recovery.

Michelle Pillen

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:40:07 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kazuo Flores	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1

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

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Kazuo Flores

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:40:56 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David J Weeks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha All,

I am writing in support of SB1170 SD2 HD1. The people of Lahaina need to be back in Lahaina. The soul of our community has been displaced and we need our population, which was in decline before 08-08-2023, to be able to return to Lahaina. So many people want to come back but are unable to. Our population is dwindling. Help us please.

Mahalo, David Weeks

SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1

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

I am writing in **support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1**, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

I know you are all well aware of the housing crisis we are facing on Maui, and I know you are aware of our need to provide viable options for our community members and are working diligently to try to make the best decisions and choose the wisest course. I believe that together we WILL see Lahaina rebuilt and flourishing, eventually, and we need to focus on sooner rather than later. It is vital for the health of our island and our families for our neighbors to have the security of an affordable place to live and raise their families as they continue to contribute in the various ways they do to the overall well being of us all.

Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your **support for SB1170 SD2 HD1** as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Vashti Daise

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:50:28 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Teresa Patterson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which will expedite the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

The wildfire displaced TOO MANY families, many of whom lived in stable, affordable rentals before the disaster. Without the assistance afforded via swift action to restore these homes, residents will face long-term displacement, which has already been TOO LONG. This bill helps cut through delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts prioritize the needs of those who lost everything.

Lahaina cannot be rebuilt without its people. I urge your support for SB1170 SD2 HD1 as it will bring families home and keep our community together.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Teresa Patterson

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:51:43 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Acosta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Joseph Acosta

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:53:05 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lana Albright	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1

Aloha,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

Personally being displaced and knowing so many that were; it's so important to get families back home. Thousands were displaced who had stable, affordable rentals. We need real action to get them home in a timely manner. This bill is prioritizing families that lost everything!! Lāhainā must be rebuilt with its people. Please support this bill by supporting local families wanting to get home to healing and their love and peace of home.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to Lāhainā's recovery.

Lana Albright

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 8:56:48 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann V Saffery	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Ann V Saffery

Honolulu, HI

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 9:19:27 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheylah	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB1170 SD2 HD1

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Sincerely,

Cheylah-Marie Uyeda

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 9:26:05 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapali Keahi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Kapali Keahi

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 10:01:02 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Gregory	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 10:37:14 AM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Kuzmier	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in support of SB1170 SD2 HD1. I believe any bill prioritizing re-housing Lahania residents in sustainable and affordable residents is a good one and believe this should be expidted before any luxury things are considered. Housing is a right and our ohana deserves it especially after what they have been through. Mahalo.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 12:05:58 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Lopez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which accelerates the rebuilding of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by simplifying approval processes and prioritizing reconstruction efforts.

The wildfire displaced thousands of families, many of whom were living in stable and affordable rental homes before the disaster. Without prompt action to restore these homes, residents will experience prolonged displacement. This bill helps eliminate unnecessary delays and ensures that rebuilding efforts focus on meeting the urgent needs of those who lost their homes and livelihoods.

Lāhainā's recovery cannot be fully realized without its residents. I strongly encourage your support for SB1170 SD2 HD1, as it will help bring families back to their homes and keep our community united.

Thank you for your time and continued dedication to our recovery.

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 12:41:47 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glenn Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Thank you

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 2:35:23 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marjorie Masalta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1

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I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1, which expedites the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing lost in the 2023 wildfire by streamlining approvals and prioritizing rebuilding efforts.

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Masalta

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 3:49:38 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Delyon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo for your time and commitment to our recovery.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth DeLyon

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 7:38:33 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelcy Durbin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Kelcy Durbin

SB-1170-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2025 10:38:30 PM

Testimony for HSG on 3/19/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diana Tevaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1170 SD2 HD1

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

I am writing in **strong support of Bill 1170 SD2 HD1**, which streamlines the redevelopment of permanent, affordable multi-family rental housing that has been substantially destroyed due to a declared disaster. This measure is essential to addressing Maui’s ongoing housing crisis and ensuring that displaced residents have a path to return home.

Even before the devastating 2023 wildfire, Maui faced a severe housing shortage. The disaster only worsened this crisis, displacing thousands of residents—many of whom had been living in stable, affordable rental housing. Without decisive and immediate action to restore these homes, families who have called Lāhainā home for generations will be forced into long-term displacement, contributing to the loss of cultural identity, economic stability, and community resilience. **Lāhainā cannot be rebuilt without its people.**

The skyrocketing cost of housing in Maui has far outpaced wages, making it nearly impossible for working families to secure stable housing. **Bill 1170 SD2 HD1 takes the necessary steps to expedite the permitting process and remove bureaucratic delays that could otherwise hinder the rebuilding of affordable housing.** By allowing county planning departments to issue special management area use permits and prioritize approvals for redevelopment, this bill ensures that recovery efforts move forward swiftly and efficiently.

Additionally, permitting counties to amend or modify final plans for experimental and demonstration housing projects provides much-needed flexibility to adjust to evolving needs. These measures are critical to ensuring that Maui’s displaced families have a fair chance to return home and rebuild their lives.

I urge the committee to pass Bill 1170 SD2 HD1 without delay. The future of Maui’s communities depends on immediate and sustained action to restore affordable housing and prevent further displacement.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Diana Tevaga

