

TESTIMONY
HB 1554



HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



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KALAELOA

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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

AND

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**H. B. 1554, PROPOSED S. D. 1 - RELATING TO HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

Purpose: This measure previously allowed the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands ("DHHL") and Director of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting to designate a representative to serve as a voting member of the Authority. The measure now allows the Hawaii Community Development Authority ("HCDA") to develop in conjunction with the DHHL as much as fifty percent (50%) of a developer's affordable housing requirement as substitute reserved housing on lands controlled by the DHHL.

Position: The HCDA supports the passage of this proposal with the original and proposed provisions.

Ex-officio Kakaako members include: the Directors of the Department of Accounting and General Services; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; and the Department of Transportation. The statute currently affords these ex-officio members and their designated representatives as voting members of the HCDA. This housekeeping

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change to the HCDA's statutes is necessary to afford the Kalaeloa ex-officio members (i.e., Directors of the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting) the ability to also name designated representatives who count towards quorum and have voting privileges.

Scheduling conflicts and the daily demands of these two ex-officio members sometimes makes attendance at Authority meetings difficult. Providing these ex-officio members with the ability to appoint their alternates will ensure that the critical perspectives of these agencies will be represented in the deliberations of the Authority.

Without this amendment to Chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, important deliberations and decisions may have to be postponed (where quorum cannot be achieved) and/or the community would be deprived of the representation of these two important members of the Kalaeloa Community Development District. As it is my belief that this defect in the construction of the statutory description of the Kalaeloa membership was unintentional, your support for this technical amendment is requested.

The intent of the Proposed S. D. 1 is laudable in that the development of "substitute" reserved housing units on lands controlled by the DHHL would enhance that department's efforts to provide housing to its beneficiaries. By providing that fifty percent (50%) of any reserved housing requirement imposed by the HCDA be equally developed on lands controlled by the DHHL and within the Kakaako Community Development District ("KCDD"), both housing programs may benefit.

Given the importance of producing affordable housing for DHHL beneficiaries and the general public, consideration should be given by the Legislature to specifying what percentage (whether 33%, 50%) if any, of a developer's reserved housing obligation should be "substituted" at sites requested by the DHHL with preference being given to projects located within the urban core of Honolulu.

To provide clarity as to what the "urban core" is, the proposal might specify that the location of substitute reserved housing to be developed on DHHL lands are located in Honolulu's urban areas between the neighborhoods of Salt Lake/Moanalua and Kahala/Maunalani Heights, inclusive.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the passage of H. B. 1554, Proposed S. D. 1, in substantially the same form and with the original provisions of the proposal.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
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HOUSE BILL 1554, Proposed SD1
Relating to the Kaka'ako Community Development Authority
Testimony provided by Wayne Takamine

This testimony is respectfully submitted to provide recommendations for amendments to House Bill 1554, Proposed SD 1.

The bill in its current form conflicts with HRS 206E-31.5 that restricts HCDA from residential development in Kaka'ako Makai:

Page 6, line 8 of HB 1554, SD1 reads:

“All other substitute reserved housing units shall be constructed within the community development district where the proposed development project is located.”

Amendments to HB 1554, SD1 should be made to eliminate conflicts with HRS 206E-31.5 and ensure continued protection of Kaka 'ako Makai from residential development.

Thank you,

Wayne Takamine

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