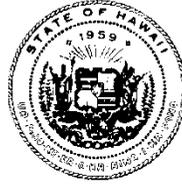


JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR



HAKIM OUANSAFI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BARBARA E. ARASHIRO
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
1002 NORTH SCHOOL STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 17907
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96817

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
9:00 AM – Room 430, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
HB 422
RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES

Honorable Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake and members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill (HB) 422, which would repeal school impact fees and transfers unencumbered balances of the school impact fee subaccounts to the School Facilities Special Fund.

Given the extensive waiting lists for public housing, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) recognizes the urgent need to expand affordable housing options statewide. All of HPHA's planned redevelopment projects incorporate affordable rental units, which rely on gap financing from the Legislature to move forward.

While we recognize the importance of school impact fees, we are concerned that school impact fees increase the cost of developing State-owned affordable housing projects. These additional costs directly impact project feasibility by raising development expenses, which in turn can lead to higher developer fees. Moreover, many of these projects require gap financing that will ultimately be sought from the Legislature, creating a situation where State funds must be reallocated between two State agencies rather than being deployed efficiently for housing development.

By repealing school impact fees, HB 422 would help reduce barriers to affordable housing production, making critical projects more financially viable and accelerating the State's efforts to address the housing crisis.

HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure and thanks the Committee for its commitment to expanding affordable housing opportunities for Hawaii's residents.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
KA 'OIHANA HO'ONA'AUAO
P.O. BOX 2360
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

Date: 02/12/2025

Time: 09:00 AM

Location: 430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Committee: House Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

Bill Title: HB 0422 RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES.

Purpose of Bill: Repeals school impact fees. Transfers unencumbered balances of the school impact fee subaccounts to School Facilities Special Fund.

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on HB 422.

This bill proposes to repeal school impact fees and transfers unencumbered balances of the school impact fee subaccounts to School Facilities Special Fund under Section 302A-1706.

Hawaii's school impact fee law, Sections 302A-1601 to 302A-1612, Hawaii Revised Statutes, plays a vital role in the development of new school facilities in designated areas where the construction of new housing increases and impacts student enrollment. Under this statute, residential developers of designated high growth areas are required to dedicate land for purposes of public schools as a requirement of their land use entitlements and/or pay school impact fees. This practice is consistent with state and county land use requirements for purposes of essential public facilities such as public parks, fire and police stations.

Satisfaction of school impact requirements is made up of two components: cash contribution for school construction which increases student capacity and land dedication. The land dedication component is a land-use mechanism that the Department cannot afford to lose. It has been a long-standing practice of the State Land Use Commission (LUC) and County Planning Departments to require the dedication of land for schools and for other types of public facilities such as parks, fire and police stations, community centers, and bus stops provided by developers of residential developments as a condition of the land entitlements during their master planning development and approvals. This practice is documented in decision and orders issued by the LUC and unilateral

agreements issued by all counties within the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on HB 422.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR

RIKI FUJITANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



STATE OF HAWAII
SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
2759 S. KING STREET, ROOM H201
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96826

House Committee on Housing

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
9:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 430

House Bill 422, Relating to School Impact Fees

Dear Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committee:

The School Facilities Authority (SFA) offers **comments** on House Bill 422, which would repeal school impact fees.

The SFA acknowledges the findings within Auditor Report No. 19-13 referenced in the measure's preamble. Since the SFA has taken over management of the school impact fee program, we have recognized areas in need of improvement and have witnessed instances in which school impact fees have impeded the creation of much needed housing.

The SFA also recognizes, however, that the school impact fee program provides an important mechanism to receive land to be dedicated for future school sites in a fair and predictable manner. Should the committee find that the costs for housing outweigh the benefits for education with respect to the school impact fee program, we recommend ensuring some other mechanism is in place that allows the public education system to obtain the land it needs.

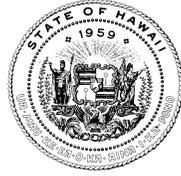
Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Riki Fujitani
Executive Director

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII
*Ke Kia'āina o ka Moku'āina 'o
Hawai'i*

SYLVIA J. LUKE
LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII
*Ka Hope Kia'āina o ka Moku'āina
'o Hawai'i*



KALI WATSON
CHAIRPERSON, HHC
Ka Luna Ho'okele

KATIE L. LAMBERT
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIR
Ka Hope Luna Ho'okele

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
Ka 'Oihana 'Āina Ho'opulapula Hawai'i

P. O. BOX 1879
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96805

TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIR
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT 9:00AM IN CR 430

HB 422, RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES

February 11, 2025

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **supports** this bill which 1) repeals school impact fees and 2) transfers unencumbered balances of the school impact fee subaccounts to the School Facilities Special Fund.

DHHL understands that school impact fees add to the cost of residential housing development, potentially adding thousands of dollars to each new unit of housing constructed in affected districts.

DHHL currently benefits from Governor's 11th Emergency Proclamation relating to Affordable Housing. Specifically, the exemption from School Impact Fees for DHHL noted on page 8 of the attachment, citing Sections 302A-1601 to 1612, HRS.

Lastly, DHHL currently leases educational facilities for public schools, public charter schools, early learning facilities, and other similar facilities at minimal to no cost as reflected in the table below. The exemption of housing developed by DHHL from school impact fees allows for more homes to be developed for beneficiaries.

Type	Island	Location	Use	Name	Term	Dates	Acre	Annual Lease Rent
GL 251	Hawaii	Waimea	Education	Kamehameha Schools	65 yrs	12/28/2000 – 6/30/2065	2	\$0.00
GL 250	Maui	Paukukalo	Education	Kamehameha Schools	63.5 yrs	1/1/2002 – 6/30/2065	2	\$0.00
GL 249	Oahu	Waimanalo	Education	Kamehameha Schools	65 yrs	1/7/2000 – 12/31/2064	1.683	\$0.00
GL 296	Oahu	Maili	Education	Kamehameha Schools	65 yrs	7/1/2014 – 6/30/2079	40.00	\$73,720

GL 300	Oahu	Nanakuli	Education	Kamehameha Schools	65 yrs	12/1/2018 – 11/30/2083	2.651	\$41,600
LI 848	Hawaii	Waimea	Education	Aha Punana Leo	10 yrs	6/1/2021 – 5/30/2031	0.42	\$0.00
LI 849	Hawaii	Keaukaha	Education	Kamehameha Schools	5 yrs + 5	6/1/2021 – 6/30/2026	0.16	\$35,568
LI 833	Hawaii	Keaukaha	Education	Ke Ana La'ahana PCS	5 yrs	4/1/2018 – 3/31/2023 Pending Extension	0.024	\$1,200
LI 854	Kauai	Anahola	Education	Kanuikapono Charter Sch	30 yrs	4/23/2002- 4/22/2037	10.5	\$1,560
LI 554	Kauai	Anahola	Education	Anahola Ancient Culture Exch	25 yrs	2/1/2003 – 1/31/2028	9.222	\$600
LI 744	Molokai	Kamiloloa	Education	Ka Honua Momona Intl	35 yrs	6/30/2010 – 6/29/2045	56.99	\$0.00
LI 780	Molokai	Hoolehua	Education	Aha Punana Leo	10 yrs	2/28/2017 – 2/28/2027	0.071	\$10,560
LI 373	Oahu	Nanakuli	Education	Kamehameha Schools	65 yrs	5/25/1995 – 5/24/2060	1.217	\$0.00
LI 611	Oahu	Nanakuli	Education	Ka Waihona O Ka Naauao	35 yrs	9/1/2004 – 8/31/2039	0.342	\$0.00
LI 619	Oahu	Nanakuli	Education	Kamehameha Schools	35 yrs	10/1/2004 – 9/30/2039	0.586	\$27,552
LI 730	Oahu	Haiku Valley	Education	Kai Loa, Inc.	52 yrs	6/1/2009 – 8/31/2060	20.00	\$0.00
LI 795	Oahu	Nanakuli	Education	Aha Punana Leo	20 yrs	8/31/2024 – 8/31/2044	0.05	\$0.00
LI 808	Oahu	Nanakuli	Education	HCAP	20 yrs	8/31/2019 – 8/31/2044		\$0.00

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF HAWAII

ELEVENTH PROCLAMATION RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, in order to provide relief for disaster damages, losses, and suffering, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people, I, JOSH GREEN, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, hereby determine, designate, and proclaim as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127A, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), emergency powers are conferred on the Governor of the State of Hawai'i to respond to disasters or emergencies, to maintain the strength, resources, and economic life of the community, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the need for an immediate and profound solution to Hawai'i's affordable housing shortage necessitates the advancement of affordable housing projects in a way that will ensure the production of affordable housing units immediately and going forward; and

WHEREAS, the increasing costs of construction material, labor, and regulatory compliance has significantly impacted the financial viability of affordable housing projects, compelling a reevaluation of funding strategies and resource allocation to ensure these projects continue to develop in the face of escalating expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation ("HHFDC") is statutorily authorized to grant exemptions to statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules of any government agency relating to planning, zoning, construction standards for subdivisions, development and improvement of land, and the construction of dwelling units thereon; and

WHEREAS, due to the automatic adoption of the unamended state building codes pursuant to section 107-24 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the counties are now required to adopt unamended state building codes as interim building codes; and

WHEREAS, the counties may not be prepared to amend the unamended state building codes or to make necessary amendments to the unamended building codes prior to the deadline established in statute; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the counties to retain the authority to update their respective building codes and to provide them with sufficient time to amend their building codes to address local conditions; and

WHEREAS, it would slow down ongoing affordable housing projects if, in the middle of the projects, they have to conform to the unamended state building codes without prior notice and without amendments to the state building codes that reflect changes needed to adjust the codes to local conditions; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2023, I issued a Proclamation relating to housing that declared an emergency created by the lack of housing for the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2023, I issued the Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified that the emergency related to the lack of affordable housing for the people of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023, I issued the Second Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Second Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2023, I issued the Third Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Third Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2024, I issued the Fourth Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Fourth Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, I issued the Fifth Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Fifth Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2024, I issued the Sixth Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Sixth Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2024, I issued the Seventh Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Seventh Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2024, I issued the Eighth Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Eighth Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, I issued the Ninth Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Ninth Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2024, I issued the Tenth Proclamation relating to affordable housing that clarified the terms of the Proclamation and that included Rules Relating to the Implementation of the Tenth Proclamation Relating to Affordable

Housing (“Emergency Rules”); and

WHEREAS, the current threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Hawai‘i caused by the lack of affordable housing continues to constitute an emergency under section 127A-14, HRS, and warrants preemptive and protective actions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH GREEN, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, hereby determine and proclaim that an emergency or disaster contemplated by section 127A-14, HRS, has occurred in the State of Hawai‘i, and in order to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Hawai‘i, and to prepare for and maintain the flexibility to take proactive, preventative, and mitigative measures to minimize the adverse impact that the present emergency may cause on the State and to promote the speedy and safe construction of housing and infrastructure which will minimize the adverse impact that the present emergency may cause on the State, and to work cooperatively and in conjunction with federal and county agencies, do hereby invoke the following measures under the Hawaii Revised Statutes:

I. Emergency Proclamation Execution

Pursuant to sections 127A-12(b)(9) and 127A-12(b)(19), HRS, in order to provide emergency relief consistent with the intent of this Proclamation, I hereby direct HHFDC to take appropriate action to support and carry out the intent and purposes of this Proclamation. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, they may coordinate with and convene stakeholders, including but not limited to applicable state and county agencies, legislators, non-profit and for-profit developers, non-profit housing advocates, the labor and trade industries, and community members, boards, and commissions in order to accelerate permitting processes; eliminate duplication; explore innovative approaches to increase the development of affordable housing, while maintaining health and safety; share best practices; create working groups to advise on the development of affordable housing; coordinate priority housing projects; encourage housing development; and encourage transit-oriented development, among other things.

This Proclamation shall not apply to the area affected by the Lahaina wildfire as shown in the attached map.

II. Affordable Housing Projects

A. Definitions

1. “Housing,” for purposes of this Proclamation, shall include:
 - a. Conversion of existing residential units to affordable or subsidized units;
 - b. Development, redevelopment, or adaptive reuse that results in new residential units offered for sale as owner-occupied units;

- c. Development, redevelopment, or adaptive reuse that results in new residential units offered for rental to Hawai'i residents for which the unit will be the renter's principal residence;
 - d. Development, redevelopment, or adaptive reuse that results in new income restricted residential units;
 - e. Renovations, rehabilitation, or repair of existing affordable or subsidized units;
 - f. Renovations, rehabilitation, or repair of existing units that will be offered for sale as owner-occupied units;
 - g. Renovations, rehabilitation, or repair of existing units that will be offered for rental to Hawai'i residents for which the unit will be the renter's principal residence;
 - h. Housing projects may include mixed-use/mixed income projects; or
 - i. Infrastructure that will primarily provide services to housing.
2. "Owner-occupied" means a residential unit that, simultaneous to such ownership, serves as the owner's principal residence for a period of not less than five years; provided that the individual shall retain complete possessory control of the premises of the residential unit during this period unless the possessory control is broken as a result of (1) serious illness of any of the owner-occupants; (2) unforeseeable job or military transfer; (3) unforeseeable change in marital status, or change in parental status; or (4) any other unforeseeable occurrence. An individual shall not be deemed to have complete possessory control of the premises if the individual rents, leases, or assigns the premises for any period of time to any other person in whose name legal title is not held; except that an owner shall be deemed to have complete possessory control even when the owner conveys or transfers the unit into a trust for estate planning purposes and continues in the use of the premises as the owner's principal residence during this period.
 3. "Principal residence" is used as defined by the State of Hawai'i Department of Taxation.
 4. An "affordable housing project" is:
 - a. A housing project that has entered into an agreement with HHFDC pursuant to chapter 201H, HRS;
 - b. A housing project that has executed a declaration of restrictive covenants under Revised Ordinances of Honolulu chapter 32 ("Bill 7 projects");

- c. A housing project that involves the county pursuant to section 46-15.1, HRS, or which is subject to any county ordinance or funding appropriation that has an income restriction requirement otherwise applicable by law; or
 - d. A housing project which desires to utilize the exemption from Section 46-4, HRS, County Zoning, and which intends to apply to HHFDC for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and enters into an agreement with HHFDC under the LIHTC program at a later date. Certification under this Proclamation shall be subject to the receipt of a LIHTC award from HHFDC.
5. "Certified affordable housing project" is a housing project that HHFDC has certified is:
- a. An affordable housing project;
 - b. At least 60% of the total units will be offered for sale or rent to applicants who earn 0% to 140% of the area median income ("AMI") as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
 - c. Has entered into an agreement to pay all mechanics and laborers employed on the project minimum prevailing wages for the corresponding work classifications as determined by the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations pursuant to Chapter 104, HRS, subject to the project labor agreement in place, or otherwise required to pay prevailing wages for the duration of the project until it is completed.
6. "State affordable housing project" or a "county affordable housing project" is an affordable housing project in which the land is owned by the state or county and either the project is subject to an affordability restriction whether through a development agreement or funding appropriation, or the housing units are owned or have the potential to be owned by right of first refusal by one of the following state housing agencies: Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, or Hawaii Community Development Authority, or any county or county agency.

B. Application of this Proclamation

- 1. State affordable housing projects or county affordable housing projects may proceed under this Proclamation.
- 2. State or county agencies with responsibility for the administration, regulation, production, or infrastructure to support housing may proceed under this Proclamation for purposes of recruitment of personnel and procurement.

3. All other affordable housing projects may apply for consideration to proceed under this Proclamation through certification by HHFDC.
4. Certification as an affordable housing project will be valid from the date of certification until the earlier of three years or substantial commencement of the project.

III. Path Forward

Pursuant to sections 127A-12(b)(1) and (4), HRS, I call on the state and county agencies to cooperate and to forge paths forward to address the affordable housing crisis. The State and the counties should be engaging in discussions regarding mutual aid agreements and what assistance can be provided to speed up the processes that impede the creation of housing across the state.

Pursuant to sections 127A-12(b)(4), (9), (11), (16), and (19), HRS, I direct all state agencies to make the review, planning, approval, and processing of permits related to affordable housing a priority.

IV. Suspension of Laws

Section 127A-13(a)(3), HRS, **Additional Powers in an Emergency Period**, to the extent necessary to expedite the construction, repair, renovation, and occupancy of affordable housing and infrastructure projects intended to provide emergency relief under this Proclamation, I hereby suspend the following statutes and regulations:

Section 26-35(a)(4), HRS, **Administrative supervision of boards and commissions**.

Section 37-41, HRS, **Appropriations to Revert to State Treasury; Exceptions**.

Section 37-74(d), HRS, **Program Execution**, except for sections 37-74(d)(2) and 37-74(d)(3), and any such transfers or changes considered to be authorized transfers or changes for purposes of section 34-74(d)(1) for legislative reporting requirements.

Section 40-66, HRS, **Appropriations Lapse**.

Section 46-1.5, HRS, **General Powers and Limitation of the Counties**, and related county code(s), as it applies to the authority to impose impact fees relating to wastewater connection and park dedication for certified affordable housing projects or state or county affordable housing projects, subject to the approval of the county planning director; to the authority to issue agreements, contracts, and leases related to state or county affordable housing projects; and, to the extent necessary to allow for the development of adaptive reuse projects without natural light or natural ventilation that are inconsistent with current building codes, subject to the approval of the county building official.

Section 46-4, HRS, **County Zoning**, and related county code(s), to the extent necessary to allow the construction of multi-family residential affordable housing units on any lot that is zoned for commercial or mixed commercial use, subject to the approval of the county planning director.

Section 46-142.5, HRS, **School Impact Districts; New Building Permit Requirements**, as it applies to certified affordable housing projects or state or county affordable housing projects.

Section 46-143, HRS, **Impact Fee Calculation**, as it applies to the imposition of impact fees relating to wastewater connection and park dedication for certified affordable housing projects or state or county affordable housing projects.

Section 46-146, HRS, **Time of Assessment and Collection of Impact Fees**, as it applies to impact fees relating to wastewater connection and park dedication for certified affordable housing projects or state or county affordable housing projects.

Chapter 76, HRS, **Civil Service Law**, to the extent necessary to allow for qualified personnel or contractors to be hired that would be directly involved in the construction, development, or redevelopment of housing, the filling of public housing vacancies, the processing of housing vouchers, or the processing of development related permits, licenses, or approvals, pursuant to the attached emergency rules.

Chapter 89, HRS, **Collective Bargaining in Public Employment**, to the extent necessary to allow for personnel or contractors to be hired that would be directly involved in the construction, development, or redevelopment of housing, the filling of public housing vacancies, the processing of housing vouchers, or the processing of development related permits, licenses, or approvals.

Chapter 89C, HRS, **Public Officers and Employees Excluded from Collective Bargaining**, to the extent necessary to allow for personnel or contractors to be hired that would be directly involved in the construction, development, or redevelopment of housing, the filling of public housing vacancies, the processing of housing vouchers, or the processing of development related permits, licenses, or approvals.

Section 103-2, HRS, **General Fund**.

Chapter 103D, HRS, **Hawaii Public Procurement Code**, to the extent that the department or agency has determined that it is not practicable or advantageous to procure the services required via traditional procurement methods and the procurement promotes the construction, development, redevelopment, repair, renovation, and occupancy of housing. The suspension is for the solicitation process only and is subject to the attached emergency rules.

Section 104-2(i)(3), HRS, **Applicability; wages, hours, and other requirements**.

Section 107-24(c), HRS, **Authority and duties of the council**, to the extent necessary to suspend the ability of the State Building Code Council to amend or update

the Hawai'i state building codes to allow for consistency and stability in the construction of housing. Counties may still update county building codes.

Section 107-27(a), HRS, **Design of state buildings**, to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement for state building designs to comply with the Hawai'i state building codes.

Section 107-28, HRS, **County authority to amend and adopt the Hawai'i state building codes without council approval**, to the extent necessary to suspend the two-year default deadline for counties to adopt state building codes: Counties may still update county building codes.

Section 107-31, HRS, **State building code; compliance.**

Section 127A-30, HRS, **Rental or sale of essential commodities during a state of emergency; prohibition against price increases**, because the automatic, statewide invocation of this provision is not needed for this emergency. The invocation and suspension of section 127A-30, HRS, contained in any other proclamation are not affected by this Proclamation.

Section 201H-36(a)(5)(A), HRS, **Exemption from general excise taxes.**

Section 201H-38(a)(3), HRS, **Housing development; Exemption from statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules**, that require approval of the legislative body of the county in which the housing project is situated. This exemption shall be applicable to only state or county affordable housing projects that receive approval of HHFDC.

Chapter 237, HRS, **General Excise Tax Law**, for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) projects for newly constructed, or moderately or substantially rehabilitated, housing for beneficiaries.

Sections 302A-1601 to 1612, HRS, **School Impact Fees** for DHHL or its contracted developers on DHHL owned land and new affordable housing developments within a designated school impact district undertaken by certified affordable housing projects or state or county affordable housing projects.

Sections 601-1.5, 708-817, 708-818, 708-820(1)(c), 708-830.5(1)(d), 708-840(1)(c) and (d), HRS, to the extent these sections contain provisions for the suspension, tolling, extension, or granting of relief from deadlines, time schedules, or filing requirements in civil, criminal, or administrative matters before the courts of the state or to the extent that these sections contain provisions for criminal penalties that are automatically heightened by reasons of any declared disaster or emergency.

Pursuant to section 127A-25, HRS, I hereby adopt the Rules Implementing the Eleventh Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing attached hereto. These rules shall have the force and effect of law.

V. State Cooperation

Pursuant to section 127A-12(b), HRS, I hereby direct all state agencies and officers to cooperate with and extend services, materials, and facilities as may be required to assist in all efforts to address the objectives of this Proclamation.

VI. Severability

If any provision of this Proclamation is rendered or declared illegal for any reason, or shall be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be modified or deleted, and the remainder of this Proclamation and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby but shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

VII. Enforcement

No provision of this Proclamation, or any rule or regulation hereunder, shall be construed as authorizing any private right of action to enforce any requirement of this Proclamation, or of any rule or regulation. Unless the Governor, Director of Emergency Management, or their designee issues an express order to a non-judicial public officer, no provision of this Proclamation, or any rule or regulation hereunder, shall be construed as imposing any ministerial duty upon any non-judicial public officer and shall not bind the officer to any specific course of action or planning in response to the emergency or interfere with the officer's authority to utilize his or her discretion.

I FURTHER DECLARE that this Proclamation is not intended to create, and does not create, any rights or benefits, whether substantive or procedural, or enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of Hawai'i, the counties of this State, or any State or County agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

I FURTHER DECLARE that the disaster emergency relief period shall commence immediately and continue through April 5, 2025, unless terminated or superseded by a separate proclamation, whichever shall occur first.

Done at the State Capitol, this 4th day of
February, 2025



Josh Green, M.D.
Governor of Hawai'i

APPROVED:

Anne E. Lopez

Anne E. Lopez
Attorney General
State of Hawai'i

Map of the Area Affected by the Lahaina Wildfire Excluded Under the Eleventh Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing



**Rules Relating to the Implementation of the
Eleventh Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing**

§ 1 Purpose and Authority

§ 2 Definitions

§ 3 Applicability of Proclamation and

§ 4 Rules Application of Suspended Laws

A. Chapter 76, HRS, Officers and Employees

B. Chapter 103D, HRS, Hawaii Public Procurement Code

C. Section 201H-38(a)(3), HRS, Housing development; exemption from statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules.

§ 1 Purpose and Authority

These rules are intended to expedite the construction, development, and redevelopment of affordable housing under the Eleventh Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing (“Proclamation”).

These rules are adopted pursuant to sections 127A-11, 12, 13, and 25, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to respond to the affordable housing emergency declared by the Governor and have the force and effect of law.

§ 2 Definitions

“Agency” means any department, office, board, or commission of the state or county government that is part of the executive branch of that government.

§ 3 Applicability of Proclamation and Rules

Certified affordable housing projects not subject to the state or county regulations suspended under the Proclamation shall still meet minimum requirements for health and safety, including applicable floodplain management powers and duties necessary for National Flood Insurance Program participation.

§ 4 Application of Suspended Laws

A. Chapter 76, HRS, Officers and Employees

1. Recruitment and hiring of employees under the Proclamation shall follow, to the extent possible, the principles set forth in section 76-1, HRS.

No person shall be discriminated against in examination, appointment, reinstatement, reemployment, promotion, transfer, demotion, or removal, with respect to any position when the work may be efficiently performed by the person without hazard or danger to the health and safety of the person or others;

2. All positions established under the Proclamation may be exempt from civil service and may be converted to civil service positions at the discretion of the appointing authority. Exempt positions and appointments converted to civil service shall comply with Department of Human Resources Development Policy and Procedure 1000.002 except that all employees converted shall be treated as if they had occupied the position for a minimum of one (1) year. It is the appointing authority's discretion to use an existing established civil service or exempt position or to establish a new position to hire under the Proclamation.
3. Prior to hiring any employee under the Proclamation, the appointing agency shall determine that:
 - a. The employee would be directly involved in the construction, development, or redevelopment of housing, the filling of public housing vacancies, the processing of housing vouchers, or in the processing of development-related permits, licenses, or approvals; and
 - b. It would be impractical or untimely to hire the employee under the civil service system under chapter 76, HRS.
4. The appointing agency shall ensure that all employees hired under the Proclamation meet the following:
 - a. Persons seeking employment meet the requirements necessary for the safe and efficient performance of the duties of the position for which they are being hired;
 - b. Each employee is able to perform their duties satisfactorily; and
 - c. Each employee is qualified to perform the duties and functions of the position that they are being hired into.

B. Chapter 103D, HRS, Hawaii Public Procurement Code

Prior to utilizing the suspension of chapter 103D, HRS, the department has determined that it is not practicable or advantageous to procure the services required via traditional procurement methods. This suspension is for the solicitation process only. Pursuant to section 103D-310(c), HRS, and section 3-122-112, Hawaii

Administrative Rules, the procuring officer shall verify compliance (i.e., vendor is required to provide proof of compliance and may use the Hawaii Compliance Express) for all contracts awarded. Copies of the compliance and the award posting are required to be documented in the procurement/contract file.

The award is required to be posted on the Hawaii Awards and Notices Data System (HANDS) pursuant to Procurement Circular PC2019-05 within seven days after award.

- C. Section 201H-38(a)(3), HRS, Housing development; exemption from statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules.

Section 201H-38(a)(3), HRS, is suspended to allow the county in which a state affordable housing project or county affordable housing project is to be situated to approve the project, with or without modifications, without requiring the county council to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove the project by resolution. Instead, the county may approve, approve with modification, or disapprove the project through action of the county planning director within forty-five days of the receipt of HHFDC approval. If on the forty-sixth day a project is not disapproved, it shall be deemed approved by the county planning director.

OFFICE OF HOUSING
KE KE'ENA HO'OLĀLĀ KŪKULA HALE
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

530 SOUTH KING STREET, ROOM 306 • HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813
PHONE: (808) 768-4675 • FAX: (808) 768-4242 • WEBSITE: www.honolulu.gov/housing

RICK BLANGIARDI
MAYOR
MEIA



KEVIN AUGER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PO'O HO'OKO

February 7, 2025

2025-HOU-019

The Honorable Luke A. Evslin, Chair
The Honorable Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Housing
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB422 – Relating to School Impact Fees
Hearing: Wed., Feb. 12, 2025, 9 a.m. at the State Capitol, Rm. 430

The Office of Housing **supports** HB422 that would repeal school impact fees. School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of developing residential housing units. These fees are ultimately passed on to renters and buyers of these units, which in turn lead to higher rents, sales prices, and in some cases, can render affordable housing projects financially infeasible. As these fees adversely affect the delivery of urgently needed affordable housing for our community, we urge your committee to pass HB422.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Auger", written over a horizontal line.

Kevin D. Auger
Executive Director

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Formby", written over a horizontal line.

Michael D. Formby, Managing Director Designate
Office of the Managing Director



Testimony in Support of H.B. No. 422

The Libertarian Party of Hawaii supports H.B. No. 422. This legislation addresses the burdensome costs that school impact fees impose on housing development and families seeking affordable homes.

These fees have become a significant barrier to housing affordability. They add thousands of dollars to the cost of new residential units, and are passed on to renters and buyers, driving up housing prices and exacerbating the existing housing crisis. The findings of Auditor Report No. 19-13 highlight the inefficiencies and inconsistencies in how these fees are assessed and collected. It is solid proof that the current system is not serving the community.

Eliminating these fees would allow developers to build more homes and increase supply while helping to stabilize or lower housing costs. We need to encourage and promote an environment where housing can be developed more freely, without the burdens of excessive regulation and fees.

This is a necessary step toward reducing the cost of housing and promoting a more favorable environment for development. We urge the committee to support this bill and help remove unnecessary barriers to housing in our communities. **These fees are yet another form of theft levied against the people of Hawaii.**

Thank you for considering our testimony.

The Libertarian Party of Hawaii



HAWAII APPLESEED

CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Testimony of the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Comment on HB422 - Relating to School Impact Fees
House Committee on Housing
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 9:00AM Conf. Rm. 430 and via Videoconference

Aloha Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and members of the committee

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of HB422**, which would fully repeal school impact fees to reduce housing development costs.

While intended to fund new school construction in high-growth areas, these fees have instead accumulated in a special fund, failing to serve their purpose while adding to Hawai'i's already high housing costs¹. In today's economic climate—marked by rising interest rates and tighter loan conditions—every additional cost makes homeownership less attainable for working families and first-time buyers. Eliminating school impact fees would remove an unnecessary financial barrier, making housing more accessible and reducing risks for local residents.

With some of the highest development costs in the nation² Hawai'i must focus on policies that lower, not increase, the cost of building homes. We urge the committee to pass HB422 and repeal these ineffective fees, which only add to the financial strain on homebuyers without meaningfully addressing school capacity needs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify

¹ <https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2019/19-13.pdf>

² https://uhero.hawaii.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/WhyAreCondominiumsSoExpensiveInHawaii_Report.pdf

TAX FOUNDATION OF HAWAII

735 Bishop Street, Suite 417

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Tel. 536-4587

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS; Repeals School Impact Fees; School Facilities Special Fund

BILL NUMBER: HB 422

INTRODUCED BY: EVSLIN, CHUN, HOLT, KAHALOA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATSUMOTO, MORIKAWA, SOUZA, TAKENOUCI, TAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Repeals school impact fees. Transfers unencumbered balances of the school impact fee subaccounts to School Facilities Special Fund.

SYNOPSIS: Repeals part VI-B of Chapter 302A, HRS, that provides for the imposition of school impact fees.

Makes conforming amendments to section 302A-1706, HRS, and repeals section 46-142.5, HRS.

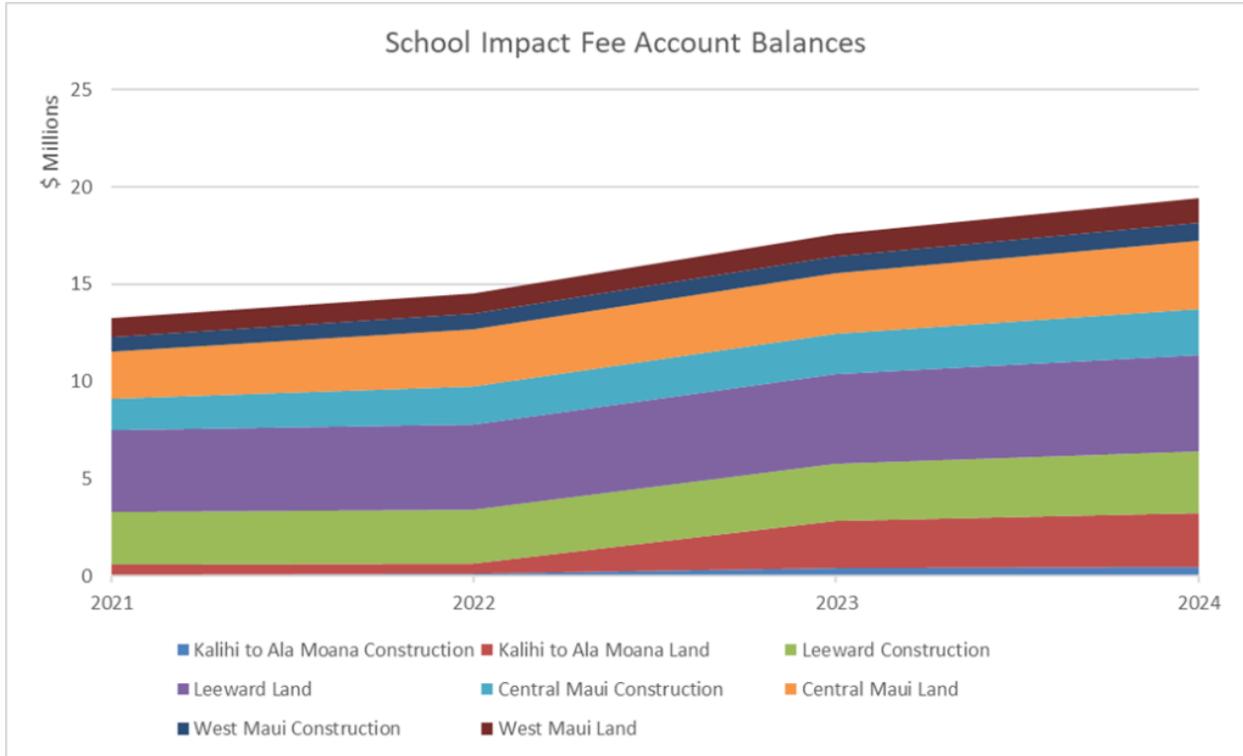
Abolishes the subaccount into which impact fees used to be deposited. Lapses the school impact fees collected to the school facilities special fund, provided that the funds shall be:

- (1) Used within the school impact district for which it was collected; or
- (2) Refunded to the developer if collected as a fee in lieu or a construction cost component impact fee after twenty years of the date of collection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025.

STAFF COMMENTS: In a recent publication, we also complained that school impact fees were collected but were not being used.

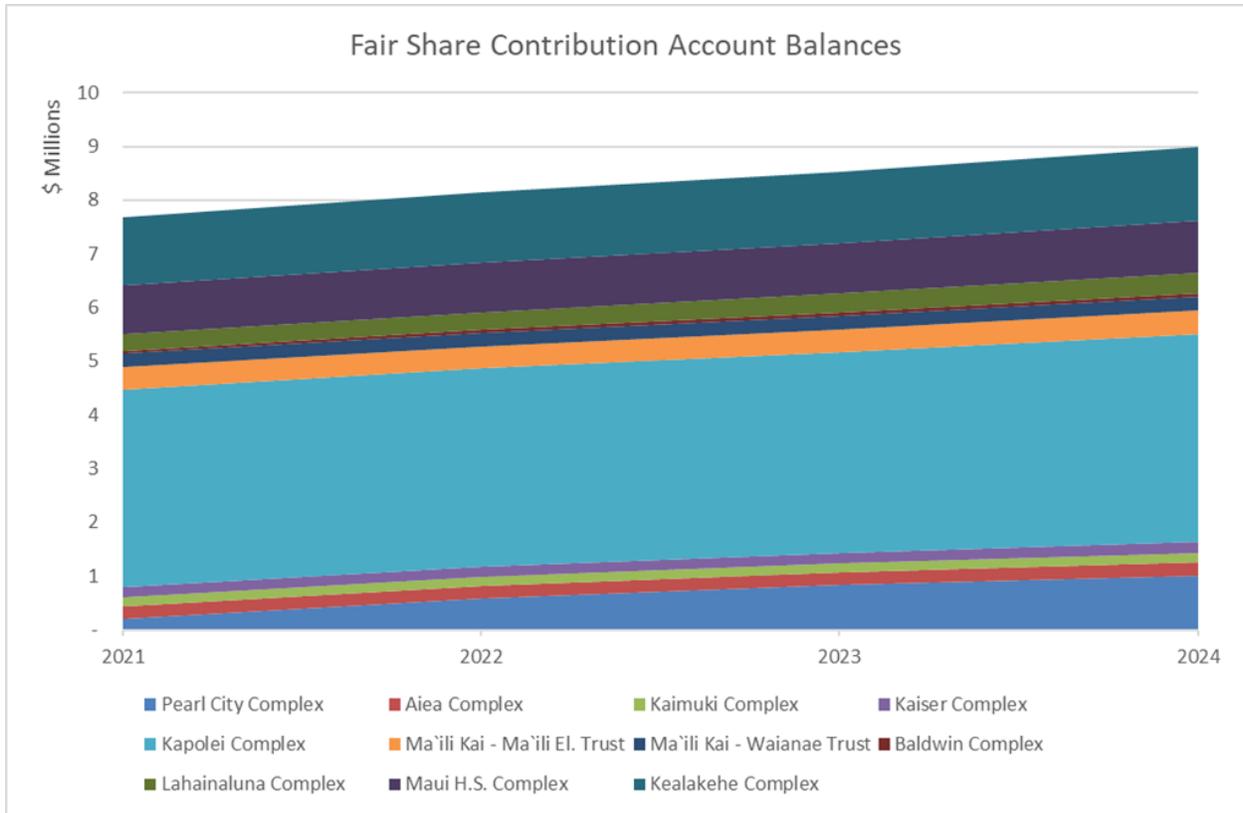
We tracked the balance of the DOE accounts holding these fees, and we complained that the fees were being taken but not used. The balances in the accounts just keep going up, as shown in this chart (updated with figures from the entire fiscal year 2024):



Source: Department of Education

As the chart shows, we now have a cumulative balance of a little less than \$20 million in the impact fee accounts. We continue to ask when this money is going to be used to do something at these schools.

But it gets better. Before the 2007 law created school impact fees, the DOE was able to shake down developers for fear share contributions, oops, I meant FAIR share contributions, which were intended to serve much the same purpose as impact fees do today. It turns out that these accounts also have positive balances that have been steadily increasing over the past few years:



Source: Department of Education

The total of all these fair share accounts is close to \$9 million. This money, also, has been sitting around doing nothing. And most of it has been sitting around for *at least 17 years* because, as we mentioned, the fair share program was replaced by the impact fee program in 2007.

So, when is somebody at the DOE going to get off their duff and spend this money? The DOE tells us every single year that the schools desperately need money. We would prefer that the school system use this money up before they ask taxpayers to dig even deeper into their wallets.

This bill appears to be a step in the right direction.

Digested: 2/7/2025

Feb. 12, 2025, 9 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 430 and Videoconference

To: House Committee on Housing
Rep. Luke Evslin, Chair
Rep. Tyson Miyake, Vice-Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
Ted Kefalas, Director of Strategic Campaigns

RE: HB330 — RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES

Aloha Chair Evslin, Vice-Chair Miyake and other members of the Committee,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** [HB422](#), which would abolish school impact fees and transfer all unencumbered monies the state has collected from these fees to the School Facilities Special Fund.

Grassroot believes school impact fees increase housing costs and might be unconstitutional. In addition, the money generated by the fees has never been spent, so why have the fees at all?

Concerning housing prices, the fact is that homebuilders quite naturally are going to incorporate the cost of their various fees into their sales prices, which means higher home prices and higher rents.

It is no coincidence that school impact fee waivers were included in Gov. Josh Green's 2023 emergency order relating to housing. In fact, the first action taken, in 2024, by the Beyond Barriers Working Group established by the emergency order was to waive the school impact fee for a 52-unit rental project in downtown Honolulu.

The school impact fee for projects in the downtown area is \$3,864 per unit, which would have added \$200,928 to the project's overall construction costs.¹

¹ Andrew Gomes, "[Housing panel makes first development decision.](#)" Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Jan. 3, 2024.

A couple of years before that, in 2022, Howard Hughes Holdings had to pay the DOE \$3,864 per unit in school impact fees to build its 565-unit Ward Village condo on Oahu — for a total of \$2.18 million. To recoup its costs, the company passed the fees along to its buyers in the form of closing costs.²

Regarding constitutional concerns, the Hawaii Office of the Auditor warned in a 2019 report that the DOE’s school impact fees might violate the constitutional requirement that there be a “nexus” between proposed new units and the need for more classroom capacity.³

Meanwhile, the negative effect of school impact fees on housing growth is not offset by a commensurate benefit to local schools. The state auditor’s 2019 report noted that between 2007, when the fees were established, and 2018, the state Department of Education had collected \$5.34 million in impact fees,⁴ yet had not spent any of that amount on anything.

In December, Tax Foundation of Hawaii President Tom Yamachika wrote that “we now have a cumulative balance of a little less than \$20 million in the [school] impact fee accounts, [and] we continue to ask when this money is going to be used to do something at these schools.”⁵

So ultimately, Hawaii’s school impact fees are contributing to Hawaii’s high housing costs, are likely unconstitutional, and are not being used in any way to benefit the schools they are intended to benefit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ted Kefalas
Director of Strategic Campaigns
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

² Andrew Gomes, [“Ward Village Builder Charges Buyers Separate Fee to Cover School Impact Assessment,”](#) Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Oct. 2, 2022.

³ [“Audit of the Department of Education’s Administration of School Impact Fees: A Report to the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i,”](#) Office of the Auditor, State of Hawaii, September 2019, p. 11.

⁴ [“Audit of the Department of Education’s Administration of School Impact Fees,”](#) p. 6.

⁵ Tom Yamachika, [“Hoarding More School Impact Fees,”](#) Tax Foundation of Hawaii, Dec. 30, 2024.



Hawai'i YIMBY
Honolulu, HI 96814
hawaiiyimby.org
info@hawaiiyimby.org

February 12, 2025

House Committee on Housing
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SUPPORT for HB 422 - RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES

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

On behalf of Hawai'i YIMBY, we are writing in **support of HB 422** which would repeal school impact fees assessed for new residential construction. Poorly targeted impact fees can unequally cost burden certain residents and be ineffective at addressing the intended impact on the community. The current system of school impact fee assessment is both, because it raises the cost of housing construction and does not raise enough funds to address a growing school population.

We believe in fixing incentives, which includes fixing well-intended fees that are ineffective or contribute to the rising cost of housing construction. It is very important that the impacts of a growing school population on existing public school infrastructure be planned for and funded. However, the current structure of the school impact fee program both raises insufficient funds to build a new school and increases the cost of new housing construction. Placing the requirement of a school impact fee solely on new residential construction puts an unfair burden on new residents because these fees often must get passed from homebuilders to the new residents. Fees are self-imposed barriers that we have placed on ourselves and that have contributed to the housing crisis.

Funding our public school infrastructure for future growth is still very important. We ask that the legislature consider a different way to continue to fund public school infrastructure that (1) raises adequate funds to build new schools for anticipated growth



Hawai'i YIMBY
Honolulu, HI 96814
hawaiiyimby.org
info@hawaiiyimby.org

and (2) is equitable in application and not solely derived from the building of new homes. Students of our public schools and their families do not only live in new residential construction.

Hawai'i YIMBY (*Yes In My Backyard*) is a volunteer-led grassroots advocacy organization dedicated to supporting bold and effective solutions for Hawai'i's devastating housing crisis. Our members are deeply concerned about Hawai'i's chronic and worsening housing shortage, which has caused home prices to rise much faster than incomes and pushes thousands of kama'āina out to the mainland or into homelessness every single year.

We ask your support for this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Damien Waikoloa
Chapter Lead, Hawai'i YIMBY

Edgardo Díaz Vega
Chapter Lead, Hawai'i YIMBY





Comments for HB422

Aloha e Representatives, Chair, Vice Chair:

We are testifying on behalf of Locals In My Backyard (LIMBY) Hawai'i. LIMBY Hawai'i is a hui of concerned kama'āina and kānaka working to help develop solutions to our state's housing crisis.

We are concerned that NIMBYism has driven up costs and driven our friends and families out by opposing all development. We are equally concerned that the apparent answer to this, YIMBYism, insists that anything resembling true affordability is impossible so instead they promote building housing that gets bought by overseas investors. ***We know we won't solve our housing woes without building more, but we won't solve them by simply building more.***

The true solution is to create a housing market for locals: one that houses locals first, is tied to local wages, and is managed in trust. We detail real solutions to our housing woes on our website and through our newsletter.

The future for kama'āina and kānaka will be LIMBY or Las Vegas.

This bill purports to address that crisis by eliminating school impact fees. This is unlikely to happen and speaks to a misunderstanding of how such fees are factored in. Despite the legislature's finding to the contrary, there is scant empirical evidence on how impact fees affect housing prices. What little research there is finds that they do not impact housing costs, see for instance Murray (2018).

In that paper, Murray studies the impact of Queensland, Australia's decision to cap impact fees. This resulted in some municipalities above the cap lowering them, and those that were below the cap raising them. No impact could be found on home prices.

The operative reason for this is that developers treat land prices as a residual, offering only to pay so much for the land as it ensures project profitability. Impact fees essentially reduce the value of land because they add a cost to development.

For a more straightforward example, the members might consider how they themselves behaved back in their halcyon days when they purchased a used car. When you did so you—one hopes—took into consideration the flaws in each vehicle.

You might have been willing to pay \$5,000 for a used Honda Civic if it seemed like a good deal. However if major repairs were needed to make the car safe, or you were caught in that catch-22 of having an expired safety and back-registration, you would have factored that into what you offered for the vehicle. Knowing that, you would have offered considerably less for the car.

Developers are no fools and do the same. If they know that developing a property requires them to pay impact fees, they account for that in their offer for the property. They are not caught unawares.

But if you remove these fees, you are not giving the developer a screaming deal which they can then pass on to consumers. No, in this case the seller, well aware that his property is a good deal, charges a good price for it.

So, in all probability, this bill will do nothing except line the pockets of current property owners. All the state is doing in this case is “fixing” a defect in their property for free, thus enabling them to sell it for a higher price.

Makana Hicks-Goo,
Organizer on behalf of LIMBY Hawaii

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:20:33 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyle Burchard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB422, which seeks to eliminate school impact fees on new residential developments. As a Hawai'i resident concerned about the high cost of living and limited housing availability, I believe removing these fees will help lower housing costs and encourage new development.

These fees are an added burden on those seeking to build more homes, which ultimately raises the price of homes, and making it harder for the most vulnerable residents to stay in Hawai'i. By eliminating them, we can make housing more affordable and take a step toward easing the housing crisis in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 10:59:03 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholas Zehr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express strong support for HB422, which seeks to eliminate school impact fees, reduce housing costs, and promote a more efficient housing market in Hawaii. This bill advocates for a reduction in unnecessary government interference and promoting economic freedom while addressing the ongoing housing affordability crisis.

Individuals and businesses should be free from government-imposed burdens, allowing them to make decisions based on personal needs and market signals. **School impact fees represent an unjustifiable burden on housing developers, homebuyers, and renters.** These fees **increase the cost of housing and contribute to higher rental and sale prices.** In some cases, they make housing projects financially unfeasible, resulting in fewer homes being built and exacerbating the housing shortage. By eliminating these fees, HB422 promotes a freer, more efficient market where developers and consumers can make decisions without unnecessary interference from the state.

School impact fees impose an additional financial burden on property developers, effectively limiting their ability to develop housing freely. This government action infringes on developers' ability to use their property in the manner they see fit. By removing these fees, HB422 restores property rights and reduces government overreach in the housing sector, allowing private property owners and developers to create housing without unnecessary regulatory constraints.

The auditor's report on school impact fees highlights a long-standing pattern of inefficiency, with fees being inconsistently applied and often failing to support new school construction. For example, the report shows that despite the collection of millions of dollars in fees, no new schools have been built, and much of the collected money remains unused. The current system lacks transparency, accountability, and a clear connection between the fees collected and the infrastructure needed for new developments. These inefficiencies highlight the failure of the state to properly manage education funding.

HB422 addresses this failure by eliminating the fees and encouraging more direct, transparent methods of funding school infrastructure. We must recognize that simply removing the school impact fee program is not enough on its own—however, the bill provides an opportunity for alternative solutions. For instance, we can explore innovative funding mechanisms such as

private-public partnerships or land-value capture models, which would allow developers to contribute to infrastructure development without relying on inefficient and arbitrary fees.

While many generally oppose government interference in markets, it is important to recognize the externalities associated with new housing developments. More housing means more school-age children, and developers should not be free to ignore the infrastructure needs that their projects create. The elimination of school impact fees must be paired with other reforms to ensure that new developments contribute to funding the necessary infrastructure. One possible solution is to encourage private-public partnerships for school construction, where developers could work directly with the state to build schools in high-growth areas.

Additionally, we could explore other tax-based alternatives that allow infrastructure to be funded without stifling development. For example, a dedicated tax on new developments that is used exclusively for school construction or major renovations could replace the existing fee system, allowing for a more direct and transparent allocation of funds. This approach ensures that the burden of infrastructure development is shared equitably without relying on inefficient, one-size-fits-all fees.

It is also essential to recognize that school impact fees are not the sole factor contributing to Hawaii's housing crisis. Zoning laws, land-use restrictions, and labor shortages play a much larger role in driving up housing prices and limiting availability. While HB422 addresses one component of the issue, we must also advocate for broader regulatory reform, including simplifying zoning laws, reducing building permit delays, and streamlining the approval process for new developments. This would encourage greater housing construction and contribute to reducing overall housing costs.

Finally, it is important to address public concerns that removing school impact fees may lead to a decline in school quality or an underfunding of education. We can reassure the public that HB422 is just one piece of a larger reform effort. Instead of relying on inefficient school impact fees, we can explore new funding models that provide the necessary resources for education without burdening developers. These might include targeted taxes on land values or innovative funding through private partnerships that align developers' interests with the need for community infrastructure.

HB422 represents an important step toward reducing government intervention, lowering housing costs, and promoting a more efficient, market-driven approach to infrastructure development. By eliminating school impact fees, this bill will encourage the creation of more affordable housing and restore property rights, while also allowing for the exploration of alternative methods for funding school infrastructure. However, this must be part of a broader reform effort to address the root causes of Hawaii's housing crisis, including zoning, land-use, and labor market issues.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass HB422 and take the next step toward a more efficient, transparent, and affordable housing market for all Hawaiians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Zehr

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 12:04:10 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Rabideau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Melissa Rabideau, 99-063 Ulune St. Aiea, HI 96701.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 3:57:02 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bianca Isaki	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha committee members,

Please oppose HB422, which repeals public school impact fees. The bill incorrectly finds school impact fees reduce housing affordability. School impact fees, and indeed any "developer charges" or impact fees do not as a practical matter reduce affordability. See Cameron K. Murray, "Developers pay developer charges," *Cities*, Volume 74 (2018). There's already a lot of pressure to defund public schools generally. The argument that DOE never uses the impact fees masks the issue that the monies are earmarked for new school sites and there's never enough money to buy/ build new sites - mostly due to real estate speculation driving up the costs of land and construction. So there should just be changes to restrictions on how the funds are expended if anything.

Yours,

Bianca Isaki

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:17:50 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Fleming	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

we need to bring down the cost of building homes for locals. I support this bill.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 4:24:56 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jake Fergus	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support of House Bill 422**, which seeks to repeal school impact fees and transfer unencumbered balances to the School Facilities Special Fund.

School impact fees add thousands of dollars per unit to the cost of developing affordable housing—at a time when increasing supply is critical. Hawaii’s high cost of living and rising construction expenses have already made many affordable housing projects unfeasible. To ensure our next generation of workers and leaders choose to stay in Hawaii, we must create an environment that supports housing growth.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 8:38:23 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peggy Regentine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support getting rid of School Impact fees!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/11/2025 10:08:14 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donald Carroll	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I feel strongly about solving Hawaii housing crisis.

School impact fees increase the cost of developing residential housing, potentially adding thousands of dollars to the price of each new housing unit.

Mahalo

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 12:35:58 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly Nishimura	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Repealing public school impact fees will not improve housing affordability. It will instead take funds away from public schools and put more money in the pockets of developers.

Rather than repeal the fees, the fees system should be kept in place, and the DOE should be allowed to use the funds to update and maintain their facilities, on an ongoing basis.

If public school families knew about this attempt to shortchange their kids, they'd be outraged.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 12:52:32 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 12:55:44 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anastasia Yamauchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:00:44 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Annie Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:03:48 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anya Love	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:06:19 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Benjamin Bass	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:08:31 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlotte Fernandez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:11:16 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Cudiamat	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:13:51 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Co Pegg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:16:51 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:18:50 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:21:40 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Fran McDonald	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:24:19 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline Shepard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:26:18 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jenny Brady	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:28:16 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jowell Rivera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:30:38 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joy Dillon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:33:08 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keaho Rosehill	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! As you know, Hawaii has a housing shortage and unnecessary fees are making it worse. HB422 would remove school impact fees, making an immediate impact on the cost of housing.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:35:31 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lawrence Wheeler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Every unnecessary fee adds to the cost of housing. School impact fees have done little for education but have made homes more expensive. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can build more homes. Please vote yes.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 1:59:50 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie Le Gaux	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

New home prices in Hawaii are inflated by school impact fees that don't even go toward building new schools. HB422 removes these costs, helping lower prices for homebuyers and renters.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:03:00 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie Pedersen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:08:54 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Dusty Woodstock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Every unnecessary fee adds to the cost of housing. School impact fees have done little for education but have made homes more expensive. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can build more homes. Please vote yes.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:11:38 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Loraine Cross	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii's high housing prices are made worse by unnecessary fees. HB422 removes school impact fees, which would reduce costs for homebuyers and renters. Let's make housing more affordable—support HB422!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:14:25 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mapuana Leiwalo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Every unnecessary fee adds to the cost of housing. School impact fees have done little for education but have made homes more expensive. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can build more homes. Please vote yes.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:16:46 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marilyn Moniz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees have done little to fund education but have made homes more expensive. These types of unnecessary government fees are making Hawaii's housing crisis even worse. That is why I fully support HB422 to get rid of these ridiculous fees.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:19:13 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Grattan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

New home prices in Hawaii are inflated by school impact fees that don't even go toward building new schools. HB422 removes these costs, helping lower prices for homebuyers and renters.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:23:08 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Vetter	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the price of every new home. HB422 eliminates these fees, lowering costs and making homeownership more attainable for local families. I hope you agree with me that this is a good bill and should become law.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:26:22 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Every unnecessary fee adds to the cost of housing. School impact fees have done little for education but have made homes more expensive. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can build more homes. Please vote yes.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:28:58 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Monica Jennings	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

New home prices in Hawaii are inflated by school impact fees that don't even go toward building new schools. HB422 removes these costs, helping lower prices for homebuyers and renters.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:31:09 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

We need more homes, not more fees. School impact fees raise housing costs without improving our schools. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can focus on solutions that actually work.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:33:10 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nelson Nakamitsu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No one wants to take money away from schools, but school impact fees have barely been spent in a decade. Meanwhile, housing costs keep rising. HB422 fixes this by eliminating these fees, making it easier to build more homes. I hope you will vote in favor of this common-sense bill.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:35:43 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Fontana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:38:17 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamar Goodfellow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Are school impact fees actually helping our schools? Not really. Are school impact fees increasing the cost of housing? Absolutely. HB422 would get rid of impact fees and make our homes more affordable. I hope you agree with me and vote yes on this important bill.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:41:32 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

No one wants to take money away from schools, but school impact fees have barely been spent in a decade. Meanwhile, housing costs keep rising. HB422 fixes this by eliminating these fees, making it easier to build more homes. I hope you will vote in favor of this common-sense bill.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:46:22 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the price of every new home. HB422 eliminates these fees, lowering costs and making homeownership more attainable for local families. I hope you agree with me that this is a good bill and should become law.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:49:11 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Timothy Eliel Starbright	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

New home prices in Hawaii are inflated by school impact fees that don't even go toward building new schools. HB422 removes these costs, helping lower prices for homebuyers and renters.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 2:51:48 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tracy Araujo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Every unnecessary fee adds to the cost of housing. School impact fees have done little for education but have made homes more expensive. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can build more homes. Please vote yes.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:17:44 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anthony Kamake'eaina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Are school impact fees actually helping our schools? Not really. Are school impact fees increasing the cost of housing? Absolutely. HB422 would get rid of impact fees and make our homes more affordable. I hope you agree with me and vote yes on this important bill.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:20:19 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barry Aoki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawaii's high housing prices are made worse by unnecessary fees. HB422 removes school impact fees, which would reduce costs for homebuyers and renters. Let's make housing more affordable—support HB422!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:26:53 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cheryl Rzonca	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! As you know, Hawaii has a housing shortage and unnecessary fees are making it worse. HB422 would remove school impact fees, making an immediate impact on the cost of housing.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:28:58 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Felicia Saunders	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Are school impact fees actually helping our schools? Not really. Are school impact fees increasing the cost of housing? Absolutely. HB422 would get rid of impact fees and make our homes more affordable. I hope you agree with me and vote yes on this important bill.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:32:52 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hawaii's high housing prices are made worse by unnecessary fees. HB422 removes school impact fees, which would reduce costs for homebuyers and renters. Let's make housing more affordable—support HB422!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:35:06 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julie Ziemelis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:38:38 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Kaukani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need more homes, not more fees. School impact fees raise housing costs without improving our schools. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can focus on solutions that actually work.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:40:17 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie Corpuz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! As you know, Hawaii has a housing shortage and unnecessary fees are making it worse. HB422 would remove school impact fees, making an immediate impact on the cost of housing.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:45:10 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie Lewis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need more homes, not more fees. School impact fees raise housing costs without improving our schools. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can focus on solutions that actually work.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 3:54:17 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lionel Delos Santos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the cost of new homes, yet the funds collected have barely been used. HB422 eliminates these fees, making it easier and cheaper to build housing in Hawaii. Please vote in support!

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 4:06:41 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mac Critchlow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees have done little to fund education but have made homes more expensive. These types of unnecessary government fees are making Hawaii's housing crisis even worse. That is why I fully support HB422 to get rid of these ridiculous fees.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 4:13:04 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mark Monoscalco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

School impact fees add thousands of dollars to the price of every new home. HB422 eliminates these fees, lowering costs and making homeownership more attainable for local families. I hope you agree with me that this is a good bill and should become law.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 4:17:29 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mike Despard	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! As you know, Hawaii has a housing shortage and unnecessary fees are making it worse. HB422 would remove school impact fees, making an immediate impact on the cost of housing.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 4:21:02 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nolan Chang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Are school impact fees actually helping our schools? Not really. Are school impact fees increasing the cost of housing? Absolutely. HB422 would get rid of impact fees and make our homes more affordable. I hope you agree with me and vote yes on this important bill.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 4:22:42 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Every unnecessary fee adds to the cost of housing. School impact fees have done little for education but have made homes more expensive. HB422 eliminates these fees so we can build more homes. Please vote yes.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 4:41:05 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Hastings	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

New home prices in Hawaii are inflated by school impact fees that don't even go toward building new schools. HB422 removes these costs, helping lower prices for homebuyers and renters.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 4:43:22 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Gallagher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! As you know, Hawaii has a housing shortage and unnecessary fees are making it worse. HB422 would remove school impact fees, making an immediate impact on the cost of housing.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 6:57:40 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please, no more roadblocks to building homes. Thank you.

HB-422

Submitted on: 2/12/2025 7:14:47 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/12/2025 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in support repealing these impact fees. Mahalo.