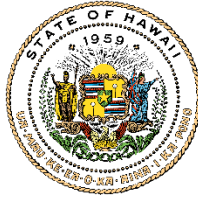


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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025
10:02 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 830, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT**

Senate Bill 830, Senate Draft 1 proposes to narrow the scope of the definition of the term "development" in coastal zone management law by excluding reconstruction of certain lawfully constructed structures impacted by certain events. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill and offers amendments.**

The Department supports this measure's proposed exclusion from the definition of "development" in the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) the reconstruction of lawfully constructed structures that were damaged or destroyed in a disaster via the addition of a new subsection (W) to section 205A-22(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The Department believes that this properly balances the need for protection of resources with facilitating the social and economic recovery that is essential for an area affected by a disaster. However, the Department requests that the measure not broadly exclude shoreline parcels from the proposed subsection (W). The Department believes that the requirement in this measure that the disaster was not related to ocean conditions such as wave, storm surge, high tide, flooding, erosion, sea level rise, or subsidence, as a condition to exempt the reconstruction of pre-existing, lawful structures from the CZMA provides adequate safeguards and ensures sufficient oversight to address sea level rise and potential future coastal hazards.

This measure is likely focused on the reconstruction of Lahaina, as noted by testimony for the companion measure House Bill 1181. In that situation, the Department believes that the exempting the reconstruction of structures on commercial shoreline properties along Front Street as they existed prior to the August 8, 2023, wildfires from the CZMA would be appropriate. The businesses that occupied those structures were a critical component to the socio-economic vitality of Lahaina and the surrounding region.

Moreover, the stretch of shoreline has been armored for over a century and the Department believes that the exemption provided in this measure would be appropriate for shoreline parcels in this situation. Therefore, the Department requests that the measure be amended to adopt the proposed alternative subsection (W).

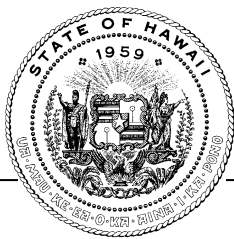
(W) Reconstruction of any lawfully constructed structure that is substantively similar to its original footprint or overall dimensions that were damaged or destroyed in a disaster proclaimed by the governor or a mayor to constitute a state of emergency or local state of emergency under section 127A-14, and a disaster declared pursuant to federal law; provided that the disaster is not related to wave, storm surge, high tide, flooding, erosion, sea level rise, or subsidence;

In addition to an exclusion to the CZMA, the Department believes that an exemption from legislative and governor approval for submerged land leases required in section 171-53(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) for the same types of structures contemplated in this measure is also appropriate. With respect to the commercial properties along the Front Street seawall, a lease of submerged lands would be required along with a conservation district use permit (CDUP), to reconstruct any of piers or commercial structures in a manner that existed prior to the wildfire. Therefore, the Department recommends the following amendment to section 171-53(c), HRS.

(c) The board, with the prior approval of the governor and the prior authorization of the legislature by concurrent resolution, may lease state submerged lands and lands beneath tidal waters under the terms, conditions, and restrictions provided in this chapter; provided that the authorization of the legislature shall not be required for leases issued under chapter 190D; and provided further that the approval of the governor and authorization of the legislature shall not be required for any grant of easement or lease of state submerged lands or lands beneath tidal waters used for moorings, cables, ~~or pipelines~~, or structures excluded from the definition of “development” as defined in section 205A-22(2)(W); provided further that this exemption shall not apply to easements for cables used for interisland electrical transmission or slurry pipelines used for transportive materials, mined at sea, or waste products from the processing of the same.

The Department stresses that this amendment would not alleviate any applicant from conservation district use requirements including obtaining a CDUP, or a submerged land lease/easement, both of which are subject to approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) in a public meeting. However, the submerged land leasing process can be time consuming as it may take up to a year after approval of the lease/easement from the Board to obtain these approvals, even after all other requirements such as preparation of a survey map and description and an appraisal to determine fair market value are completed. This delay could have a detrimental impact on the ability to reconstruct the previously existing structures. Therefore, the Department believes that this amendment would assist in recovery while preserving the Board's public land trust fiduciary obligations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS, Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:02 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

in consideration of
SB 830 SD1
RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

SB 830 SD1 aims to streamline disaster recovery from special management area (SMA) permitting. The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports** SB 830 SD1.

In reconciling SB 1296 SD1 that proposes to specifically expedite the reconstruction process for structures destroyed by the August 2023 Lahaina wildfire, OPSD respectively provides the following **amendments** to SB 830 SD1:

SECTION 1. Section 205A-22, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted as subsection (2)(W) and to read as follows:

“Development”:

(2) Does not include the following:

- (W) Reconstruction of any lawfully [~~established~~] constructed structure that was damaged or destroyed in a disaster from wildfire, hurricane, flooding, tsunami, or earthquake proclaimed by the governor [~~or a mayor of the respective county~~] to constitute a state of emergency [~~or local state emergency~~] pursuant to chapter 127A; provided that i) the structure is not situated on a shoreline parcel or a parcel that is impacted by waves, storm surges, high tide, or shoreline erosion; ii) reconstruction commences within five years starting from the issue date of the proclamation; and iii) the reconstructed structure shall be similar to its original footprint or overall dimensions that were existing or permitted[;] and in compliance with the

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State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
February 19, 2025

requirements of [~~the National Flood Insurance Program~~] floodplain management standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
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TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor
Katie Blystone, Director of Planning
John Smith, Administrator for the Office of Recovery

DATE: February 15, 2025

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB830 SD1, Coastal Zone Management; Development; Definition**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The act narrows the scope of the definition of the term "development" in coastal zone management law by excluding reconstruction of certain lawfully constructed structures impacted by certain events.

We **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. HRS 205A is in place to protect, preserve and enhance the environment and resources of the SMA and to seek to limit or avoid impacts from coastal hazards. Unfortunately the existing language of HRS 205A unduly burdens owners, residents and employees occupying previously existing lawful structures and improvements that may be destroyed by disasters unrelated to the objectives and policies of the SMA.
2. This proposal is a more efficient path forward in full recognition of and consistent with HRS 205A-2 coastal zone management program objectives and policies.
3. This bill ensures that appropriate mitigative measures outline in HRS 205A-2 are implemented through the construction permitting process without burdening owners with the same procedural requirements as new development proposals.
4. It will benefit Lahaina residents, property owners and those who were and will be employed in the fire affected areas and if in place before the next disaster will be of significant relief to those faced with similar reconstruction needs, statewide.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 211
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 AT 10:02 A.M.**

To The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Members of the committee on Ways and Means

SUPPORT SB830 SD1 RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS SB830 SD1** which narrows the scope of the definition of the term "development" in coastal zone management law by excluding reconstruction of certain lawfully constructed structures impacted by certain events.

The Chamber notes that the wildfires of August 8, 2023, devastated Lahaina's heritage, economy, and sense of place, deeply affecting housing, businesses, jobs, and treasured resources. If the area is not rebuilt in a deliberate, coordinated, and expeditious manner, it may face long-term challenges, further impacting the well-being of the land, its people, and the economy.

This bill provides an opportunity to rebuild Lahaina, preserving and reintroducing its valued resources in a manner that reflects the values and priorities of its residents and businesses while addressing future challenges, including climate change and affordable housing.

We also support that this bill is not limited to just the Lahaina wildfires, but rather, it addresses the potential for future disasters.

For these reasons we **SUPPORT SB830 SD1** and respectfully ask that it be passed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

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

Feb. 19, 2025, 10:02 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol

Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Sen. Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

Ted Kefalas, Director of Strategic Campaigns

RE: SB830 SD1 — RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki and other members of the Committee,

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii **supports** [SB830 SD1](#), which would exempt any structure from needing a special management area minor or use permit if it has been damaged or destroyed by a disaster proclaimed by the governor or a county mayor.

The bill includes the caveat that for a structure to qualify for this exemption, it must be rebuilt with a similar footprint and with similar dimensions to its original state.

It also makes clear that the structure must not be on a shoreline parcel, and the disaster that damaged or destroyed it must not be a tsunami, wave, storm surge or other similar ocean-related event.

That last point aside, this measure is critical for Lahaina's comeback.

Gov. Josh Green provided multifamily dwellings an exemption from SMA rules in an October emergency proclamation, in addition to the exemption that already exists in statute for most single-family homes.¹ In early February, the governor also created an exemption for certain commercial structures in Lahaina,² but a permanent legislative fix would remove the need for navigating several iterations of an emergency order.

¹ ["Eighteenth Proclamation Relating to Wildfire,"](#) Office of the Governor, Oct. 8, 2024, p. 10.

² Brian Perry, ["SMA permits suspended for wildfire-impacted Lahaina properties mauka of Front Street,"](#) Maui Now, Feb. 6, 2025.

Typically, receiving an SMA use permit involves an application to the Maui Planning Department and a hearing from the Maui County Planning Commission. Over the past decade, since Jan. 1, 2015, the Maui Planning Commission has issued only 41 SMA use permits.³ At the rate of four per year, it would take the county decades to approve all the permits needed for Lahaina's businesses to rebuild.

If businesses cannot return to Lahaina in a timely manner, there will be fewer entrepreneurial and job opportunities for residents, and the town could lose much of its community, and certainly its historic charm and character.

We ask the Committee to advance this measure to give Lahaina's people a better chance to rebuild and thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Ted Kefalas
Director of Strategic Campaigns
Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

³ [Maui's Automated Planning and Permitting System](#), accessed Jan. 31, 2025. Plan type: SM1 - Special Management Area Use Permit - Maui. Status: Approved. Applied date: From 1/1/2015.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2025 3:02:20 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Churchill	Testifying for Pacific Rim Land, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. My name is Ryan Churchill, representing Pacific Rim Land. I am here today to offer our strong endorsement of SB830 with one modification to the change the last sentence from “and in compliance with the requirements of the *National Flood Insurance Program*” to “and in compliance with the requirements of the *Flood Management Standards*”. This will provide clarification for properties that are not part of a National Flood Insurance Program or in a flood zone.

Our company lost a building on Front Street on August 8. We are planning on rebuilding the same structure in the same location. Passage of SB830 is crucial for enabling the expedited reconstruction of buildings on Front Street, assuming the building is no greater in size than the building that existed prior to August 8.

This legislation offers essential measures to streamline the rebuilding process, ensuring that we can swiftly restore the infrastructure necessary to support local businesses and jobs. By facilitating timely reconstruction, SB830 will not only help us recover from the recent disaster but also contribute to the revitalization of Front Street, a cornerstone of our local economy.

We commend the Legislature for considering this critical bill and urge its swift passage. The support provided by SB830 will not only assist Pacific Rim Land in rebuilding but will also serve as a beacon of hope for our community as we strive to recover and thrive once again.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,
Ryan Churchill

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Submitted on: 2/17/2025 8:29:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alison Pearce	Testifying for Square Feet Management LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB830.

SB830 is a critical measure that will allow property owners in disaster-affected areas to rebuild efficiently while maintaining compliance with necessary land use and flood management regulations.

As you are aware, the devastating August 8, 2023, wildfires destroyed much of Lahaina, leaving families, businesses, and property owners facing an unprecedented recovery process. The Special Management Area (SMA) permit requirement presents a significant barrier to rebuilding for those working to restore their properties in areas outside of shoreline impacts.

This bill provides a balanced approach by ensuring that reconstruction is allowed within pre-existing footprints while remaining in compliance with all necessary regulations. Additionally, to ensure alignment with statewide flood management policies, I respectfully request that the final sentence of the bill be amended to state:

“...and in compliance with the requirements of the Flood Management Standards.”

This adjustment maintains consistency with the Office of Planning’s recommendations and ensures that flood management policies remain a priority.

I urge the committee to pass SB830 to provide a clearer and more efficient path to rebuilding, ensuring that impacted property owners can restore their properties in a timely manner while maintaining compliance with necessary standards.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Square Feet Management LLC

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Submitted on: 2/18/2025 9:07:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robin Kean	Testifying for Square Feet Management LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB830

Relating to Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding

February 19, 2025

To: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee

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Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Robin Kean

Owner Representative for 632 Front St., 612 Front St., 641 Luakini, and 161 Lahainaluna

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
February 19, 2025
Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF **SB830**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of SB830. This bill is crucial not only for the recovery efforts following the Lahaina Wildfires but also as a proactive measure to support communities impacted by future natural disasters across our state.

Natural disasters are an unfortunate reality, especially given Hawai'i's geographic vulnerability. When disaster strikes, time is of the essence. SB830 establishes a clear process for property owners within Special Management Areas to begin rebuilding after such events. This legislation ensures that, regardless of where a disaster occurs in Hawai'i, affected property owners will have guidance and a defined path forward during one of the most challenging times in their lives. This would be one less step these property owners would need to take.

While this bill serves the entire state, it holds immediate significance for those impacted by the Lahaina Wildfires, providing an essential framework to support their recovery and rebuilding efforts.

I respectfully urge your support for SB830 to help protect the future of Lahaina and ensure communities statewide are better prepared to recover from natural disasters.

Haloa Dudoit

Karey Kapoi LLC

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Submitted on: 2/17/2025 12:20:10 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zachary LaPrade	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

I am submitting this testimony in **strong support** of **SB 830**, which will **streamline the rebuilding process for disaster victims** while maintaining appropriate environmental protections. As a **business owner and fire victim in Lahaina**, I have personally experienced the overwhelming bureaucratic red tape that has slowed and, in some cases, completely stalled recovery efforts in our coastal zones.

This bill is **essential** because it:

1. **Removes unnecessary permitting barriers for disaster survivors** trying to **rebuild homes and businesses** lost to wildfires and other disasters.
2. **Ensures that coastal zone protections do not prevent recovery efforts** for structures that were **lawfully constructed** and **not impacted by coastal hazards**.
3. **Provides a balanced approach to disaster recovery** by distinguishing between necessary environmental protections and excessive regulations that delay rebuilding.

Right now, **many of us in Lahaina are still struggling to rebuild** due to regulatory hurdles that do not account for the urgency of disaster recovery. SB 830 ensures that families, businesses, and communities can **recover efficiently** without being caught in unnecessary bureaucratic processes.

I urge you to **pass this bill without delay** and give fire victims and business owners the ability to **rebuild their lives** without excessive red tape.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Zachary LaPrade

Lahaina, Maui

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Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tambara Garrick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of SB830.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2025 9:34:24 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 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 submit this testimony in support of SB830, which clarifies and expands exemptions under Hawai‘i’s Coastal Zone Management Act to reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers, protect property rights, and facilitate economic recovery for residents and businesses.

This bill aligns with the fundamental principle that individuals, not bureaucracies, should have the primary say in how they use and rebuild their land. By expanding the list of activities exempt from excessive permitting and regulation, this bill ensures that property owners—especially those in disaster-stricken communities—do not face unnecessary delays or costs when repairing or improving their properties.

The people of Hawai‘i deserve the ability to rebuild their homes, businesses, and livelihoods without excessive government interference. By clarifying exemptions for reconstruction, particularly for those affected by state-declared disasters, this bill removes burdensome permitting processes that could otherwise slow down recovery.

Following the devastating Lahaina fires, thousands of displaced residents and business owners need a clear, expedited path to rebuilding. This bill removes red tape that could hinder their ability to reconstruct homes and essential infrastructure. While environmental protections are important, we must not allow overregulation to stand in the way of recovery.

By ensuring that lawful structures can be rebuilt without excessive regulatory hurdles, this bill provides much-needed certainty to families and business owners trying to restore their livelihoods.

This bill limits government overreach while still allowing for reasonable environmental oversight. Importantly, it prevents regulatory agencies from arbitrarily redefining "development" in ways that could obstruct essential rebuilding projects. While some government oversight is necessary, broad discretionary power often leads to unpredictable enforcement and unnecessary restrictions on private landowners.

Furthermore, this bill recognizes the cultural and economic importance of agriculture, aquaculture, and traditional land use practices. By exempting these from excessive regulation, we promote food security and sustainability—values essential to Hawai‘i’s long-term resilience.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to pass this bill without delay. Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Nicholas Zehr

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Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:52:54 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
G. Warren Freeland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments: Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB830. My family is the fee simple owner of the Pioneer Inn property adjacent to Lahaina Harbor. It was an integral part of Lahaina's history and community for 122 years until its destruction in the August 8, 2023 wildfire. The hotel, restaurant, and retail stores located at the Pioneer Inn provided hundreds of jobs. We hope that our property can be rebuilt to its former scale, appearance, and use. The Special Management Area (SMA) permit requirement is a barrier to reconstructing historic Lahaina – it is a practical impossibility to process hundreds of SMA permits in a reasonable time frame. The Emergency Proclamations by the Governor and Maui's Mayor granting SMA exceptions to qualifying properties will be very helpful to the community, however the EP's are temporary. Please make this permanent. Please support the rebuilding of historic Lahaina by passing SB830. Mahalo for your time and consideration. G. Warren Freeland gwarrenfreeland@gmail.com

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Submitted on: 2/18/2025 7:09:37 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wanda Parker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee,

My family, as business/property owners in Lahaina for over 80 years, has been affected by the 2023 wildfires. I therefore submit this testimony in SUPPORT of Bill SB830 with a request that the final sentence of the bill be amended to state:

“...and in compliance with the requirements of the Flood Management Standards.”

This adjustment maintains consistency with the Office of Planning’s recommendations.

SB830 will help provide a clearer, more efficient path to rebuilding, ensuring that impacted property owners can restore their properties in a timely manner while maintaining compliance with necessary standards.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Aloha,

Wanda Parker

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Submitted on: 2/18/2025 8:43:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TINA BERG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am for SB830, our family has owned property on Front Street for over 100 years. We want to rebuild and need a clear path to do so. This build gives us a clear path to do so.

'Mahalo,

Tina Kuulei Berg

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Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:44:24 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Kimo Falconer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwake and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to ask for your support in moving SB 830 forward with its amendments. As one of the representatives of my family who owned and operated the Pioneer Inn Hotel in historic Lahaina since 1901, I need to point out the importance of this bill to the rebuilding effort of our town. The very town that captured the pre-contact essence, the whaling and early plantation era, and the birth of Hawaii's sovereign nation to a mature destination for visitors worldwide. It remains very important to all of Hawwii. Now it is visibly gone. The Mana however, still remains.

Coupled with the intense loss every Lahaina resident has suffered, we find ourselves facing this daunting, perhaps impossible road to recovery, all due to the immense regulatory hurdles facing us. SB 830 creates a reasonable path for us in allowing us to rebuild what was present prior to the disaster with the necessary exemptions that represent a balanced approach to our recovery. The mana is there to help guide us, allow us to respect it.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2025 10:13:31 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2025 10:02:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosemary Kunewa Randazzo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee~

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB830.

This Bill is a vital measure that will allow property owners in disaster affected areas to rebuild while being compliant with the necessary land use and flood management regulations.

The Lahaina community, from residents to landowners, is facing an unprecedented recovery process. The Special Management Area (SMA) permit requirement presents a significant block to rebuilding for those working to restore their properties in areas outside of shoreline impacts.

Just a gentle reminder that not one of our buildings or homes started the devastating fire of August 8, 2023. Through decades we have withstood the tsunami of 1946, yearly hurricanes, droughts, economic downturns, and a pandemic to name a few things. But we always reopened and/or rebuilt. Not so much this time. Laws and setbacks that were put in place long after our buildings were standing bring uncertainty.

SB230 relieves that uncertainty and ensures that reconstruction is allowed within pre-existing footprints while remaining in compliance with all necessary regulations.

To ensure alignment with statewide flood management policies, I respectfully request that the final sentence of the bill be amended to say:

“...and in compliance with the requirements of the Flood Management Standards.”

This adjustment maintains consistency with the Office of Planning’s recommendations and ensures that flood management policies remain a priority.

I humbly ask the committee to pass SB830 to provide a clearer and more efficient path to rebuilding so that property owners can restore their properties in a timely manner while being compliant with necessary standards.

Mahalo for your time and consideration~

Rosemary Kunewa Randazzo

-as trustee for the Kunewa Irrevocable Family Trust

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Testimony of **Lahaina Strong**
Before the Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Comments for Senate Bill No. 830 SD1
RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

To Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and the honorable members of the committee,

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

Lāhainā Strong is offering **comments on SB830 SD1**. We recognize the urgent need to support wildfire survivors in rebuilding their homes and communities. However, we are concerned that this bill has broad implications for shoreline protections statewide, beyond the immediate needs of Lahaina's disaster recovery. Special Management Area (SMA) laws are critical safeguards for our coastlines, cultural sites, and communities, and we urge caution in making changes that could have long-term unintended consequences.

Rather than a statewide adjustment to SMA laws, we encourage an approach that prioritizes community-driven solutions tailored to the unique challenges facing disaster-affected areas. Thoughtful, place-based policies will ensure that rebuilding efforts move forward while still upholding the protections that have long been in place to safeguard our shorelines.

We ask this committee to carefully consider the wider impact of these changes and ensure that any amendments are made in close collaboration with affected

communities. Mahalo for allowing us to offer **comments on SB830 SD1** and for your continued dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

Lāhainā Strong