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February 7, 2021

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 210
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Inouye,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB567. This bill will help simplify the approval process for housing projects. The supply of housing in Hawaii is unnecessarily restricted by a patchwork of duplicative ordinances and laws that result in a waste of state funds and high cost of housing. SB567 will eliminate one constraint of housing supply by prohibiting counties from imposing conditions that require approval of state agencies unless that approval is expressly required under state law.

This bill will offers several benefits including saving the state money by not having multiple state agencies duplicating efforts, increasing general excise tax and income tax revenues by accelerating construction, and increasing the supply of housing.

Best Regards,


Everett Dowling

SB-567

Submitted on: 2/5/2021 10:40:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Prentiss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill is outrageous. It is like buying a "pig in a poke". There is no way for the public to assess its meaning since there may be thousands of State rules that might be involved. There is a large amount of state information that counties ask for in rezonings, e.g. GET and TAT. Please defer this bill.

Sandra-Ann Y.H. Wong

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB567
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 at 1P.M.**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am in support of SB567 because it will reduce the cost of housing and in turn accelerate the development of much needed housing in our State. Moreover, during these dark economy times, it is important to not have government duplicate work.

Also, I wanted to share with you past testimony in support of similar language to HB1928, SD1, Part II which was heard by the Senate last Session. As you can see from the attached testimonies, there is strong support for this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Attachments

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Honorable Senate Members of the Ways and Means Committee

June 30, 2020

RE: H.B. 1928 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Pane Meatoga III and I am the Community Liaison representing the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors. We are in strong support of HB 1928 HD1 SD1 Relating to Development District. We support both parts one and two with one friendly amendment.

These opportunities are more important than ever as the State looks for imminent solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. I echo the testimony of the State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Maui that this bill is good for State and County projects. It is also good for private businesses, construction trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui.

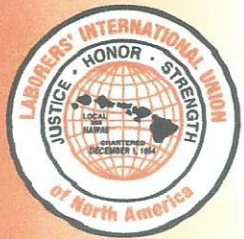
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Sincerely,

Pane Meatoga III

Community Liaison, Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1928, SD1
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:15 am
Auditorium

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Laborers' Union; Local 368 and its over 5,000 working and retired men and women across the **State of Hawaii support HB1928 SD1 as well as Parts I and II**, because it will provide both the State and the County of Maui with significant opportunities in the form of economic benefits and job creation.

These opportunities are more important than ever as the State looks for imminent solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. This project good for private businesses, construction trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui.

We respectfully request a change in language be made to Part II, section (g), p. 21, lines 8 and 12, that "multi-residential dwelling unit development" be amended to "development with more than one residential unit".

See below:

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

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July 2, 2020

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Keith Agaran, Vice Chair
and members
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: SUPPORT for HB1928, SD1 RELATING TO TAXATION OF REAL ESTATE
INVESTMENT TRUSTS**

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

We are in strong support of HB1928, SD1 because it will provide both the State and the County of Maui with significant opportunities in the form of economic benefits and job creation.

These opportunities are more important than ever as the State looks for imminent solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. We echo the testimony of the State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Maui that this bill is good for State and County projects. It is also good for private businesses, construction trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui.

To make this bill more comprehensible, we respectfully propose that in Part II, section (g), p. 21, lines 8 and 12, that "multi-residential dwelling unit development" be amended to "development with more than one residential unit".

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Therefore we respectfully ask for your support to pass HB1928, SD1.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more legible than the last.

Nathaniel Kinney
Executive Director
Hawai'i Construction Alliance
execdir@hawaiiconstructionalliance.org



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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:15 am
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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

My name is William G. Greig. I am writing in strong support of HB1928, SD1. As a resident and business agent for the on Maui, I support this bill, both Parts I and II, with one friendly amendment, because it will provide both the State and the County of Maui with significant opportunities in the form of economic benefits and job creation.

These opportunities are more important than ever as the State looks for imminent solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. I echo the testimony of the State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Maui that this bill is good for State and County projects. It is also good for private businesses, construction trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui.

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Thank you.

William G. Greig



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1928, SD1
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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

My name is Bruce U'u. I am writing in strong support of HB1928, SD1. As a resident and business agent for the on Maui, I support this bill, both Parts I and II, with one friendly amendment, because it will provide both the State and the County of Maui with significant opportunities in the form of economic benefits and job creation.

These opportunities are more important than ever as the State looks for imminent solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. I echo the testimony of the State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Maui that this bill is good for State and County projects. It is also good for private businesses, construction trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui.

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Thank you.

Bruce U'u
Maui Field Representative

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**DOWLING
COMPANY, INC**

June 30, 2020

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1928, SD1
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of HB1928, SD1. As a resident and business owner on Maui, I support this bill, both Parts I and II, with one friendly amendment, because it will provide both the State and the County of Maui with significant opportunities in the form of economic benefits and job creation.

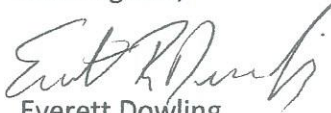
These opportunities are more important than ever as the State looks for imminent solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. I echo the testimony of the State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Maui that this bill is good for State and County projects. It is also good for private businesses, construction trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,


Everett Dowling
President

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 10:15
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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

My name is Edward Brown and I am the Divisional President of Goodfellow Bros. I am writing in strong support of HB1928, SD1. As a business agent overseeing all the responsibilities for the County of Maui I support this bill, both Parts I and II, with one friendly amendment, because it will provide both the State and the County of Maui with significant opportunities in the form of economic benefits and job creation.

These opportunities are more important than ever as the State looks for imminent solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. I echo the testimony of the State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Maui that this bill is good for State and County projects. It is also good for private businesses, construction trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui.

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Thank you.



Edward Brown

Divisional President Hawaii

Marilyn Stupplebeen
179 Huluhulu Street, Kahului, Hawaii 96732

July 1, 2020

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1928, SD1
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

I am a resident of Kahului, Maui and I support this bill along with the proposed amendment. As a future beneficiary of the Hawaii Employee Retirement System (ERS) I am concerned about the underfunded status of the pension program. Opportunities such as the Pulehunui Community Development District enable that state to put underutilized assets to work to create economic growth and tax revenues to support the ERS.

I join the State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Maui in stating that this bill is good for State and the County of Maui. It is also good for private businesses, construction trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui. Government investment alone is insufficient in generating the jobs and economic growth that our State needs therefore I support the proposed amendment.

To make this bill clearer, I respectfully suggest that in Part II, section (g), p. 21, lines 8 and 12, that "multi-residential dwelling unit development" be amended to "development with more than one residential unit". So section (g) would read:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,



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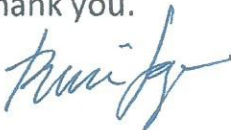
My name is Brian Ige and I am a resident of Wailuku, Maui. I am writing in support of HB1928, SD1. As a resident on Maui, I support this bill, both Parts I and II, with one suggested amendment, because it will provide both the State and the County of Maui with significant opportunities in the form of economic benefits and job creation.

These opportunities are more important than ever as the State looks for imminent solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. This bill is good for private businesses, the construction industry and associated trade unions, and in turn for the people of Hawaii, especially the residents of Maui.

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Thank you.



Keli Wada
64 Hoku Puhipaka Street
Kahului, Hawaii 96732

July 1, 2020

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1928, SD1
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

As a resident of Kahului, Maui I support HD1928, SD1 and the proposed amendment. As a future beneficiary of the Hawaii Employee Retirement System (ERS) I am concerned about the underfunded status of the pension program. Opportunities such as the Pulehunui Community Development District enable that state to put underutilized land to productive use to create jobs and tax revenues to support the ERS.

This bill is good for departments of the state government such as DHHL and DLNR and private businesses. As a result of COVID-19 we need you as legislators to pass bills that facilitate job and economic growth that our state needs therefore I support the proposed amendment.

I respectfully suggest that in Part II, section (g), p. 21, lines 8 and 12, that "multi-residential dwelling unit development" be amended to "development with more than one residential unit". So section (g) would read:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Kelii Gomez
31 Hoku Puhipaka Street
Kahului, Hawaii 96732

July 1, 2020

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1928, SD1
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the
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or county rule in conflict with this subsection shall be void with
respect to ~~any multi-residential dwelling unit~~ such development.

I support this bill with the suggested amendment because it will provide the
County of Maui with significant opportunities for economic benefits and job
creation.

As a future beneficiary of the ERS I feel that the Pulehunui Community
Development District is more important than ever as the State looks for
solutions to the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19. I join the
State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources,
the County of Maui, and the construction industry in supporting this bill.

Thank you for your public service.

Mahalo,



Darren K. Okimoto
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Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

July 1, 2020

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1928, SD1
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Good morning Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

As a resident of Wailuku and a licensed professional engineer and land surveyor, I am writing in strong support of HB1928, SD1. I support this bill, both Parts I and II, with one amendment. I respectfully suggest that in Part II, section (g), p. 21, lines 8 and 12, that "multi-residential dwelling unit development" be amended to "development with more than one residential unit". So section (g) would read:

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Given the economic mayhem that COVID-19 has caused to Hawaii's economy the importance of private and public sector cooperation is more important than ever. I echo the testimony of the State's Departments of Hawaiian Homelands and Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Maui that this bill is good for the residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



Darren K. Okimoto, P.E., L.S.