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SB 3061

RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that growth is reasonable and responsible and that planning and land use decisions protect natural and cultural resources and human health and are implemented in conformity with the law, supports SB 3061.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority is a state agency with jurisdiction over various community development districts – Kaka'ako, Heeia, Kalaeloa and the Stadium district. All presently on Oahu but a community development district can be created on any island in the state.

SDB 3061 correctly clarifies that the governor, senate president and speaker of the house and *not the county councils* should nominate state agency community development district board members.

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February 3, 2020

To: The Senate, 13th Legislature

Regular Session of 2020

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From: Doug Valenta President and Klaus Radtke, Vice-President, Kakaako United

Subject: In strong support of SB 3061 relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA)

Kaka'ako United, a voluntary community group working together to ensure a quality Kaka'ako community from Mauka to Makai, is in strong support of the proposed amendment that replaces the nominating authority for members of the HCDA from the city council to the state legislature. It is only appropriate since the HCDA is a state agency under the jurisdiction of the state and should represent the residents of the community development districts such as Kakaako.

In the past, Honolulu city council members who were not representatives of our Kaka'ako district had the ability influence the removal from and selection of HCDA board member(s) nomination recommendations to the Governor. Since Kakaako development is under the direction of the HCDA, a community development agency enacted on behalf of the state, the authority to conduct business within the state laws would be better understood and represented by our state representatives.

We therefore believe we will have better representation as a community by the amendments in this bill.

Respectfully submitted in written testimony

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Ensuring the quality of life for an integrated Kaka'ako community from mauka to makai.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2020 10:16:13 AM

Testimony for EET on 2/5/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Galen Fox	Testifying for Kakaako United	Support	No

Comments:

Brings board closer to communities board represents -- city councilmembers represent much larger area than senators, reps.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 9:12:05 AM

Testimony for EET on 2/5/2020 2:45:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wayne Takamine	Testifying for Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council	Support	No

Comments:

THE SENATE

THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

2:45 P.M.

Conference Room 414

State Capitol

1. South Beretania Street

RE: BS3061

Amends the nominating authority of the representatives of the Heeia community development district, Kalaeloa community development district, and Kakaako community development district on the Hawaii community development authority.

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Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) that was established by the Hawaii Legislature HCR-30 (2006). **CPAC is in strong support for SB3061** to refine the nomination process of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Board Members.

A few years back, despite strong support from the Kaka'ako Community, the HCDA Kaka'ako Board Vice Chair was removed in favor of a relatively unknown member with a very minimal record of community service in Kaka'ako and through a controversial and convoluted nomination process by the City Council.

Recently this new member attempted and failed to unseat the incumbent HCDA Board Chair John Whalen. It has come to my attention that this "new member" has not been a productive member of the HCDA board.

CPAC strongly supports SB3061.

Respectfully Yours,

Wayne Takamine

Chair

Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC)