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KAKAAKO LAWMAKERS SAY NO TO BILL DOUBLING HEIGHT LIMIT OF CONDOMINIUM TOWERS

House of Representatives Speaker Scott K. Saiki (McCully, Kāheka, Kaka'ako, Downtown) and Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki (Waikīkī, Ala Moana, Kaka'ako, McCully, Mo'ili'ili) released the following statements on <u>HB 1559</u> to raise the height limit of residential towers in Kaka'ako to 768 feet, double the current limit of 438 feet.

"Media reports that the Legislature is supporting a proposal to authorize 768-foot towers in Kaka'ako are premature," said Speaker Saiki. "I have already informed the Howard Hughes Corporation that I do not support this proposal because it will lead to a proliferation of super towers in Kaka'ako and permanently change the skyline of Honolulu."

Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki said a companion bill in the Senate, <u>SB 1496</u>, will be heard in the Senate Housing Committee at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 in room 225.

"These bills undermine and set back years of community work with the Kaka'ako governing authority, Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to ensure smart and quality development in the Kaka'ako district as envisioned by law --for mixed income, mixed density and mixed use quality neighborhoods. If passed, this proposal will run counter to HCDA law, adopted plans and rules, and the approved master plans of the two large landowner/developers Howard Hughes Corp and Kamehameha Schools."