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Statement of
CRAIG K. NAKAMOTO
Executive Director
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
and the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Wednesday, February 7, 2024
8:35 a.m.

VIA Videoconference, State Capitol, Conference Room 430

In consideration of
HB 2422
RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Chairs Ichiyama and Evslin, Vice Chairs Poepoe and Aiu, and members of the Committees. The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) offers **comments** on HB 2422, that adds the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) or the Chair's designee as a nonvoting member to the HCDA Kalaeloa board and general authority board.

Since I first learned of this proposed measure, Kali Watson, Chair of the HHC, and I have had several discussions. Chair Watson said that his personal involvement on the Kalaeloa community development district board will bring his personal expertise and experience, as well as the resources of his agency to bear in the further development of the Kalaeloa community development district.

During those discussions, I expressed concerns. They are noted here for context:

- The addition of another government, ex-officio member, even if non-voting, would change the "community" nature of the board and make it more "government heavy" which does not seem to align with the intent to have community boards. Currently, there are five (5) community members

and four (4) government, ex-officio members on the Kalaeloa community development district board. Adding another government, ex-officio member would change the composition to five (5) government and five (5) community members.

- It is not possible for Chair Watson to just have a seat on the Kalaeloa community development district board. Chair Watson would also need to be on the general authority board, which includes the members on all the district boards, and would add an 18th member to that board. Should two additional community development districts be established by the Legislature (HB 1781/SB 27666 and HB 2724) and become law, the authority board could grow to 22 members.

As an alternative to the Chair utilizing his valuable time sitting on our boards, I have offered Chair Watson open access to me directly.

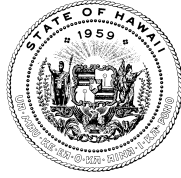
We have scheduled a monthly cadence of one-on-one, in person meetings, at Chair's office, as an opportunity for us to collaborate on community development. Additionally, Chair knows that he is welcome to call me on my cell phone at any time.

It is my belief that the collaboration between Chair Watson and I will transcend a board seat into a successful working relationship between HCDA and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands that results in economic, social and housing opportunities for Hawai'i's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND AND
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 7, 2024 AT 8:35AM IN CR 430

HB 2422, RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

February 7, 2024

Aloha Chairs Ichiyama and Evslin, Vice Chairs Poepoe and Aiu, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this bill which would add the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) or the Chairperson's designee as a nonvoting member to the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

The DHHL is excited for the potential opportunity of inclusion on the Kalaeloa community development district board. The DHHL manages several parcels in the Kalaeloa area and is confident that inclusion on the board will be fruitful toward collaborative communication and engagement with the HCDA. As a nonvoting member, the HHC Chairperson/designee would not affect the HCDA's ability to establish quorum or majority vote. This bill was approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission and included in the Governor's administrative package by request of our Department.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

HB-2422

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 7:35:39 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/7/2024 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Henry Q Curtis	Life of the Land	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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HB-2422

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 9:49:04 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/7/2024 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne Takamine	Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC)	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha House Representatives:

Please accept this testimony in strongly opposition to HB2422. DHHL would be in conflict if it is in the housing business. It should focus its attention on its own land for development rather than sit on agencies that have a broader purview.

Mahalo,

Wayne Takamine

Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC)