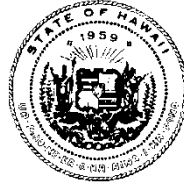


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Statement of
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, February 8, 2024
1:15 PM – Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
SB 2836
RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY

Honorable Chair Chang, and members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 2836, relating to Maui's permanent housing recovery.

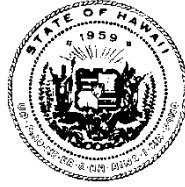
The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **appreciates the intent** of SB 2836, which establishes within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery to coordinate and facilitate Maui's permanent housing recovery and facilitate consultation and collaboration between state and county agencies on housing recovery initiatives for the island of Maui. Designates the executive director of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to serve as chair of the council. Appropriates moneys. Declares that the appropriation ceiling exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Sunsets 6/30/2034.

Please know that the HPHA stands ready to assist the Legislature in this endeavor and looks forward to collaborating with all stakeholders with the future planning, development, and redevelopment efforts of public lands on the island of Maui.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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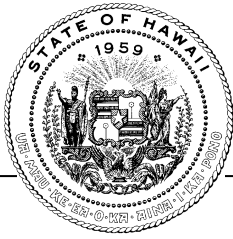
In consideration of
S.B. 2836

RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY.

HHFDC supports SB 2836, which establishes the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery as an advisory body to help to coordinate and facilitate Maui's permanent housing recovery, and to facilitate consultation and collaboration between the State and the County on housing recovery initiatives for Maui. The 38-member council will be chaired by the HHFDC Executive Director and administratively attached to DBEDT, to which this bill makes a \$500,000 appropriation for the purpose of providing assistance in applying for federal loans and grants.

HHFDC recognizes that effective coordination among Federal, State, and County governmental agencies and the Maui community is essential for the recovery of permanent housing on Maui. This measure creates a council which will facilitate communication among the entities that are assisting in that effort, thereby streamlining the permanent housing recovery process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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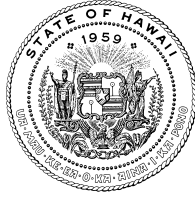
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BILL NO SB2836
RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY.

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports** SB2836, which establishes the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery to coordinate and facilitate Maui's permanent housing recovery and facilitate consultation and collaboration between State and county agencies on housing recovery initiatives for the island of Maui, and appropriate funding.

The need for additional and replacement affordable housing on Maui is clearly established, as is the urgency to deliver the housing. While recovery efforts are currently coordinating between State and county agencies, a long-term structure such as the proposed Interagency Council would help ensure that housing production continues to be a well-coordinated priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Senate Committee on Housing

Thursday, February 8, 2024

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State Capitol, Conference Room 225 and Videoconference

With Comments

S.B. No. 2836, Relating to Maui's Permanent Housing Recovery

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Senate Committee on Housing:

The Office of the Governor offers the following comments on S.B. No. 2836, Relating to Maui's Permanent Housing Recovery.

The Maui wildfire resulted in loss of life, homes, property, infrastructure, businesses, and natural and cultural resources. This tragic incident compels the State of Hawai'i to plan effectively for recovery and expand our resiliency capacity and capability. Innovative solutions are essential to supporting these efforts.

This bill establishes the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery to coordinate and facilitate Maui's permanent housing recovery and facilitate consultation and collaboration between state and county agencies on housing recovery initiatives for the island of Maui. It also designates the executive director of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to serve as chair of the council.

The State of Hawai'i State Disaster Recovery Coordinator has the role of coordinating and planning for recovery and resiliency efforts for the Maui Wildfire impacts in support of the County of Maui. This is in contrast to emergency response which is led by HI-EMA under Emergency Support Functions.

Last fall the Governor identified seven Recovery Support Functions (RSFs) and their corresponding State Leads. The RSFs include: Natural Resources & Cultural Resources RSF coordinated by Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources; Community Planning and Capacity Building RSF coordinated by Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Housing RSF coordinated by Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Infrastructure RSF coordinated by Hawai'i Department of Transportation; Economic RSF

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coordinated Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Public Health & Healthcare Services RSF coordinated by Hawai'i State Department of Health; and Social Services RSF coordinated by Hawai'i Department of Human Services. These RSFs and their state leads have been working closely with County of Maui, federal partners, and private organizations.

This approach—a State Coordinator coupled with RSFs—is consistent with the National Disaster Recovery Framework, a FEMA structure and process developed from the collective experience of disaster recovery managers nationwide. Within this framework, HHFDC has been designated the lead agency to coordinate and advance housing development and redevelopment on state and county lands on Maui, as this bill proposes. Moreover, the majority of the Federal, State, and County members envisioned by this bill are already participating in multiple RSFs. **While the Office of the Governor is open to this concept identified in this potential legislation, we would ask the Chair to include the roles of the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator and RSFs in any new structure established to support the Maui Fires Recovery and Resiliency Efforts.**

The potential legislation could be considered as long as there is no negative fiscal impact on the executive budget package.

If you have any questions on the role of State Disaster Recovery Coordinator or the State RSFs, we ask that you contact Luke Meyers, State Disaster Recovery Coordinator for further information and a dialog on this proposal during the legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 225
Thursday, February 8, 2024, 1:15 P.M.**

To The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
The Honorable Senator Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the committee on Housing

SUPPORT SB2836 RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS SB2836.**

Maui County had a housing crisis prior to the wildfires and given the now extreme need for housing on Maui exacerbated by the wildfires, we need urgent solutions. We recognize there are significant state and county lands that can be used for housing, and we support the idea of creating this council who will formulate a strategic housing plan, recommend policy, regulatory and statutory changes, and more. With strong representation by authorities currently involved in housing, we feel this council could expedite the planning, permitting, and building of desperately needed affordable housing and rental units. We appreciate that the council will also help secure funding for the projects and have to report to the Governor, Legislature, and Mayor of Maui County as it will help ensure this remains a high priority item and is constantly moving forward.

We would like to see the bill amended to specify that the council will work with Maui-based businesses to the greatest extent possible to build in capacity within Maui County's construction and related trades industries and to utilize public private partnerships to get this done expeditiously.

Further, while housing is imperative to our economic recovery, we can already see that DBEDT has a significant number of other responsibilities on our economic recovery and diversification for the next few decades. We support SB2028 to establish a separate Department of Housing and would like to see this council centralized under that department, should this bill pass.

For these reasons we **SUPPORT SB2836** and respectfully ask that it be passed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

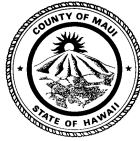
To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

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February 6, 2024

TO: The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB2836, RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY**

I **support** this measure to establish the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery within the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Establishing the Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery will support the comprehensive wildfire recovery for Maui Island, including by formulating a much-needed strategic plan to address Maui's housing recovery projects.
2. The Interagency Council will include important representation from Maui by including as members various Maui County departments, the community, and a member of the Maui County Council.
3. Having this construct between the State and County of Maui for the many years it will take to plan, coordinate, and fund Maui's housing recovery will be beneficial in working toward unified and coordinated efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2024 7:36:02 AM

Testimony for HOU on 2/8/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the intent of SB 2836.

On August 8th wildfires and 80 mile per hour winds changed lives forever.

In order for Maui Conty to move forward,,we are heavily dependent upon the State of Hawaii and the US federal government. As the Budget Chair for the County of Maui, SB 2838 will will help us move forward and expedite recovery of housing, \$1B in infrastruture ruined. by the devastation. The State of Hawaii, HHFDC and this will help coordinate State and the Office of Recovery to have certainty for housing and infrastruture to rebuild.

Please add funding to this to match the needds of our residents

I support SB 28 2836.

Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, Upcountry

Budget, Finance and Economic Development Chair

SB-2836

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:32:12 PM

Testimony for HOU on 2/8/2024 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamara Paltin	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha and Mahalo for this legislation. I think it is critically important to prioritize and focus on how we will rebuild our state and county projects as well as our affordable housing, senior centers/housing etc. There is a great opportunity in the rebuild of Lahaina to build this type of public infrastructure in a more resilient way with EHPA standards and emergency evacuation routes etc in mind - please include resilience, Hawaiian culture and safety as a standard with which these developments will be reimagined as well as multi-modal transportation and pedestrian friendly amenities. I would ask for an amendment to have the Hawaiian cultural adviser to be a voting member as well

Mahalo for your commitment to rebuilding with resilience and residents in mind,

Tamara Paltin