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Testimony of
LEAH LARAMEE
Climate Change Coordinator on behalf of
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
Co-Chair Ryan K. P. Kanaka'ole

Before the House Committee on
HOUSING

Friday, February 6, 2026
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2362
RELATING TO HOUSING

House Bill 2362 requires the counties to automatically approve permits for hurricane retrofitting under certain conditions, **The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) supports this measure.**

The Commission consists of a multi-jurisdictional effort between 20 departments, committees, and counties with the purpose of promoting ambitious, climate-neutral, culturally responsive strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Retrofitting Hawai'i's ageing housing stock is vital as climate change causes more frequent and severe storms. According to the University of Hawai'i's Department of Atmospheric Sciences, climate change will also shift hurricane tracks northward. At present, the main tracks generally stay to the south of Hawai'i. Hurricane clips can be an inexpensive, quick way to protect a home from high winds without changing the footprint of the home. Automatic permitting for these types of retrofits will reduce barriers to installation demands on permitting offices.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2026 11:15:01 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/6/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacob Wiencek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

This is a crucial proposal that can provide a long-term support to our affordable housing needs. The importance of this proposed amendment cannot be overstated. I **STRONGLY URGE** this committee to **SUPPORT** HB2362!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2026 8:18:56 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/6/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Comment include DHHL Johnnie-Mae L.Perry

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Submitted on: 2/5/2026 11:24:18 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/6/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Yoshinaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.