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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Oct 18, 2022 @ 10:30 AM

Support: 22

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 2

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Representing: Pu'uhonua O Wailupe	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 13, 2022 @ 11:04 AM
Testimony: I support Bill 44 and will be testifying in person on Oct 18. Thank you		
Name: Malia Marquez	Email: maliamarquez71@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Pu'uhonua 'O Wailupe	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 13, 2022 @ 02:14 PM
Testimony: I strongly support BILL 44 and will also be testifying in person on Oct 18, 2022. Mahalo.		
Name: Kamakana Ferreira	Email: kamakanaf@oha.org	Zip: 96817
Representing: Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 14, 2022 @ 09:48 AM
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 14, 2022 @ 01:04 PM
Testimony: I am in support of this bill.		
Name: Elizabeth Riegels	Email: shakaesr@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 14, 2022 @ 01:30 PM
Testimony: i am in support of bill 44 as hawaii is small and yet has a very rich and unique history - by preserving what we can now, we can help to share that history for the future generations and build a richer appreciation of our culture and a better awareness of how special these islands are.		
Name: Boyd Ready	Email: readyboyd@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Haleiwa Waialua Historical Society	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 14, 2022 @ 04:50 PM
Testimony: Dear Council members: Our built heritage is often disregarded and simply bypassed or destroyed. Yet the enduring buildings and places in our city are critical to the richness of memory and tradition that make Hawaii what it is....not just any tropical place, but the place where these people, these tools and techniques, this culture's adaptation of the past to the needs of the present, are physically there with us, and can endure. Without care for these things, without oversight and awareness among those with authority, they will often be destroyed. Yes, not everything is worth saving, but we must walk toward the future informed and in gratitude for our past. Our Historical Society is finding crucial buildings and a structure in Waialua to be at extreme risk. Without careful oversight, creative partnering with owners and the community, they can be easily lost. Yet adaptive re-use is better for the environment, creates more jobs, and builds community - in ways that new buildings just cannot. I urge you to support the historic commission bill - and put us back to where we should have been, with almost every other major city in the country - as officially cognizant and overseeing our built heritage. thank you for taking the time to consider this Boyd Ready, Secretary, & Lead Walking Tour Docent		

Haleiwa Waialua Historical Society		
Name: Mardi LaPrade	Email: mardilaprade@aol.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 14, 2022 @ 05:41 PM
Testimony: Dear Sirs, I strongly support Bill 44. There is a great need for an active and functioning Historic Preservation Office to ensure the protection of historical and cultural sites on Oahu. I am concerned that future generations may not be able to see and learn from the voices of the past left in stone and in artifacts, the knowledge they impart, the wisdom they echo, if the historical and cultural sites of Oahu continue to suffer destruction. I wish for my grandsons to be able to see, visit, and treasure their heritage. Please ensure that Bill 44 is supported. Mahalo, Mardi LaPrade		
Name: nona wilson	Email: nowilson41@gmail.com	Zip: 96785
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 15, 2022 @ 01:58 PM
Testimony: I highly support this effort.		
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Representing: Wailupe Ê»Ohana Council	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 16, 2022 @ 12:34 PM
Name: Waipa Parker	Email: waipaparker@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 16, 2022 @ 06:40 PM
Testimony: I support this bill relating to our sacred cultural sites on Oahu. Please pass this bill.		
Name: lynne matusow	Email: lynnehi@aol.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 09:46 AM
Testimony: I previously submitted testimony is strong support of this bill. My prior testimony stands. It is inconceivable that the most populous county in the state does not have a functioning committee with paid staff and, worse, that the mayor's office is waffling on the subject. Originally passed almost 30 years ago, there are no staff. We do not need a paper commission, We need a real functioning commission. Imagine if we had a mayor's office with no funds, no staff, just paper. Please vote yes.		
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Representing: NAIOP Hawaii	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 11:16 AM
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Representing: Kuli«ou«ou Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No.2	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 11:31 AM
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Representing: Historic Hawaii Foundation	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 11:52 AM
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Representing: THE MARITIME GROUP	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 12:04 PM
Name: Jody Green	Email: jmelanigreen@hotmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 01:14 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>I feel we need better oversight and control over proposed developments to prevent negative impacts and destruction of historic properties on Oahu. An experienced and culturally sensitive Commission is needed to oversee projects that threaten areas of environmental and cultural importance.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Jody Green</p>		
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Representing: Sierra Club of Hawai«i	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 04:29 PM
Name: Amber Alimboyoguen	Email: Thewestkauai@gmail.com	Zip: 96752
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 06:44 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I, Kumu Malia Laka, namesake for the Ha'i of Puna Coral Seas and the Ka'i of the Lipo Pacific and Oceanic Polynesians , the entirety "Temana o Temoana a Nuu Heiwa." A party of heirs of Kamehameha III , i.e. Tohunga a kalaimoku of both executors for Keawemauhili and Malaihi and their bodies.</p> <p>Campaign founder for 1992 Ka'i'iomamao, and its 40th Anniversary 2022 in its beginnings 1802. For the Vehi Nu Locacia o Casamiru atoy Ea Nuu o Hapili o Polo Saarita who handed this duty of upholding the Alim Hinaawana Urduja of U Poho Hui Ohana Waka , Sela and Legaspi navigators of Mycylene atoy Mano Wa o Puna.</p> <p>I testify to support with the informations above and below, and with it's conditions.</p> <p>-1998 I built a camp gain that supported A.L.O.H.A. and The West Kauai Watershed Council that was both built in 1980, following the studies of the 1866 Ceded Law case, the prior, Kamehameha I in Kuako'a newspaper, had informed me after many years, that I had rights still intact as Alii Makaainana, Kamehameha III which my grandfather's sailors had named the islands Mesa, which in calligraphy looked as mefa, or meha, "the isolated place" in Basque; had build a constitution that both myself, children and husbands had rights by direct decent.</p> <p>I inacted multiple initiatives under "Hawaiian Water" Project, Kuleana Act, for the community to be engaged beyond rebelling against the Burial Council. The community refused after my translating the Mahoe Project for the Kona Chiefs of Kauai. It didn't help much but they were able to be homed, with poisonous waters, and still no or rough and arrest for access to their burials,</p>		

which was registered and documented by anthropologists that I had studied with.

-2007-2022 I have worked side by side with specific administration of county, state , marine biologists, ethnobotanist and NOAA in regards to sea level rise, sea and shore line issues as well as naaumakua, in translation: other beings seen and unseen, and the iwi, bones of descendants and remnants of Polynesians and Hawaiians, by religion and family ties. A large campaign which its initiatives were broken down in waves to engage with the community was and is successful as we move into the next phase of Native Hawaiian Cultural Practices and Hawaiian Cultural and Site Preservation by the community and their children, mamao far descent and non-descent.

2008- The sanctuary for kohala, was a an educated program I helped build for NOAA. Educating them on the chasing of Puna sea creatures, beasts and the “ugly” into the pacific, its folklore, its fact finding, and through moolelo, the addition of each creature to support the tools and resources, the endangerment of species that ties to each preservation site, such as kohola the whale and kohola the reef, the former, ko’a, and latter, Puna and rites of passages to him and her before him. This ties, is in regards to my grandparents and great-grandparents namesakes, and my duties as cultural practitioner, and bone collector. House Mill, Long, Puna, Mano, Hina, Sa’a, Rita, Legazpi, Yu, Hulu, Male, Polo, Kapua , Maori Poho vessel waka, Guin, Ali, Iwi tribes and bones of the marae of Wailua and Kauai; to add of my husbands Pomaikalani, and Keawemauhili, Cachero “the Hero”, Aharon Kohen “the Kahuna”, Adams, Jamu, Kali, Holi, Kane, Kanaloa, namesakes of their grandparents, of Kamawaelulanimotu and the Hawaiian Arch. I had informed many times the correct spellings such as Mauhalapu and its rites, and Papahanaumoku so that they are able to start research beyond biological science and build proper technology that once existed before items were banished, stolen, and purposely hidden with new improvements. In the same year we won, with support in testimony to miss Wilma Holi, my education on paakai, for the Kapaakea Case.

2010, Aug The Historical Ecology of Coral Reefs in Hawaii Archipelago was studied, as no mans land, but the land of gods, goblins, and beast of the underworld. A group of researchers had followed up in the 1995 growth of coral that Hawaiian traditionally had done, and attempts are still low to educate the public, that was until 2010 during the large Kanaloa campaign and Kuakoakaiimamao Initiative and Lonoikamakahiki Festival Campaign which we are in its 11th year for public practice beyond the western Luau. This pertains to the necessity of raw resource availability, that colonizer developers had abused to build their balances, and buildings. An Act for an Act was built, it was built so if this day ever came, where the presence of collateral marriages and bribery for higher pay to hide “non-cultural significance of sites or removal of makaainana human bones or artifacts, or the sale of such items as stated in my family memoirs and published of the admittance , or sign documents to hide such reports, or just sit in the office to not do their duties which tax payers and federal funding pays therefore”, and is broken, the Act is called 1918 Migratory Bird Act and the ban of Coral Sales and Shipping followed, Coastal Zone Management 1972, ESA listing for coral sales 2014, Coral Preservation Act of 1998, US 51d (1979). Mind you we are on an island, not on a continent.

-2022, Oct 13, A public testimony, reminder from our team for permits that were issued to build heritage sites such as heiau, and their body of water in regards to burial practices, , then a citizens complaint lawsuit would be filed in Federal Court to block any activity on any property under the ESA until the proper HCP has been conducted. A Supreme Court, violation of the ESA for a county government to issue a permit to build in the habitat of endangered species without the proper deal permits, is available.

-2022, Oct 13, A public testimony, A reminder from our team for permits that were issued to build heritage sites such as heiau, and their body of water in regards to burial practices, , then a citizens complaint lawsuit would be filed in Federal Court to block any activity on any property under U.S. Endangered Species Act Section 9 , Harm and Harass clause for anyone to build on this property without conducting a lengthy and expensive Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

1970-2020, In 2014, Like Martin, reminded us that of a letter from the Queen Liliuokalani, much like Queen Emma, a letter named “Red Ribbon.”

2015 Oct 25, a reminder of UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide was sent to UN Headquarters by Mr. Liko Martin. A Chapter XI Declaration regarding Non-self Governing Territories in 1946-1959. This is similar to the Aboriginies Act and the Protection of the Pacific Peoples Indiginious Act of the 1714 as well as the War of 1812 , the Hapa Act 1812, where as the Koloa field from which my grandmother on my paternal side resided on Pa’u o Laka, of her namesake, to care over St. Raphael’s church Alii Makaianana underground burial and Kamaehameha III pedigree , Numilo pond and heiau, of her husbands pedigree and namesake of one line of the Koloa and Waiawa Ahupuaa. My maternal would hold the Puna Moku namesake along side all Mano heritage sites due to those uneducated by force, and displaced within the timelines of 1450-2000s.

I support Bill 44, with condition that teenagers and elders, have access to their lands, due to the fact they have Court accepted documents, genealogy through the BOC and Indices , that they stop getting arrested by the Kauai Burial Council , DLNR, Planning Department, Developers, New home owners breaking the Court orders and for the fact they are sitting on leases as documented. This is causing premurder among landowners who have no land or water rights, especially if the children have authorization from the konohiki, "building owners" other than the building they purchase, suicide, and ptsd. We held a campaign to prevent, and enter hooponopono, which almost all ahupuaa other than Mr. Robinson and the AB, and their partnerships had participated. Just this past week of Oct 2022, 20 cows where shot, and left in the river for 1 old man to tend to, that is the livelihood of many, and breaking laws of the EPA and many other federal issues.

2016- A meeting due to the birth of my son , Laniakea, who's namesake is after his grandfathers heiau and his name, and for his son Wakea, The Kauai Historical Preservation committee was Certified as Local Government (CLG) under provisions of the National Historical Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Th Us Department of Interior- National Park Service via the State Dept. of Land and Natural Resouces administers the CLG program. Resources administers the CLG program which assists local governments in promoting historical preservation endeavors. To qualify as a CLG, local government preservations actives must include: public participation and use a qualified local review commission (Kauai Historical Preservation Review Commission), survey and inventory of historic resources and participation in State and Federal preservation activities.

You can see that the membership I am a part of is not just 1960, I am part of multiple Societies and museums that intakes the history of my ancestral grandparents, my education in Anthropology , Philantropy, Microbiology and the additional Business Management and Marketing, Manufacturing and Archititual Design, to add the creative skills of publishing and athleticism. I didn't chose these degrees, our livelihood did, I already had practiced and studied with our states microbiologist, ethnobotanist, space team, military, nurses, teachers, businessman, and hospitality for I am 8 generations in, I had gotten the degrees to please the offer of my grandfather to encourage honesty and trust. It informs him, I understand financial literacy, and experience of trial and error would need to plan for our future of all Hawaii. I supported the elders who founded each society, non-profit and organizations to uphold the promises of the Konohiki laws, and the Kumukanawai laws. So at age 12, the list of laws to the Hawaiian Society, and lessons pertaining to our heritage helped community engagement, included in these laws were mariners laws, such that these laws also follow Kumukanawai laws and reminded that they exist in the Bar and the US military. The Tripoli Act, NAGPAR, Section 383, Section 106, Article 12.7 for the terms on American laws. With regards to chemistry and microbiology, the astronomical sciences; other policies and new acts were building and continue to be refined, or we call it Maiau, since the lines of lexiconical coding and heirs have done so.

"Who ever owns the water, owns everything." - Malia Laka, Hawaiian Water Movement 1993, response to rites of passage.

The Kauai Historical Preservation Review Commission and State of Hawaii Land and Resources needs be amend-mended and background reviewed such as intent, a second review overseeing the action while the individual is at seat. Hospitality and development is abusing the resources and using signatures to permit unlawful rights regarding heritage and health ie water resources and access. They are wasting tax payers time, and federal funding. There is also , discreteness , discrepancies, and "conflict of interest" in the hire system which the individual is not in line for the path of Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation or the Conservation as they state. It was found that secret trade, private genealogy, was used with hire of County Planning and State, and then bribed and hired by developers to acquire land. Where is the historical preservation committee on this? Where is the correction on " lease vs sale " terminology start? Here, does it start here.

What is the dec hand (Declaration)? Do we need to not only announce the Sunshine Law, or do we need to have everyone held accountable for hire and fire. Where is the NDA contract (Non Disclosure), and IP policy for the families regarding each historical site? I do recall Fiji and Guam, Tahiti holding and winning their cases against collateral families and their development, even till this day. One would include me, for my toddler , it was settled in public (Alimboyoguen vs Malama Kauai Megan Fox) which it is still going on, that I had Ted Blake inform her to accept W-9 for Hanalei Ohana and Kokua Kauai , Konohiki Restoration against her 1 million dollar claims that was not for flood use as she claimed; and it was not the first time she has pulled a assumed wild card stack of plagiarism. Where was burial council and historical preservation to help in the case of local families who's families are buried in these valleys or the history of rain from Lono. In my disability , I encouraged the makaainana to wake elders and go to locations of the Ohana waa, who would work directly with families. For these people are very tight, even in emergency, they put aside their indifferences, and we counted on that. I did this standing along side "Crazy Heacock", Biologist, inventor, rescuer, Dr. Don Heacock, and while watching Governor Ige walk pass me at the Kauai flight terminal, on my route to Kapiolani medical center to insure the Hydro water system my son and his team had built for him worked, and cleared to enlarge a model that our engineers could conform for the island of Kauai.

"The Kauai Historical Preservation Review Commission, which consists of non members, meets on a monthly basis and is staffed by the Planning Department. Meetings usually entail project reviews at which time the KHPRC provides recommendations on various aspects of archeological and building design review of historical resources and in in-fill development. Other issues relating to the promotion of visor cal preservation on Kauai are also discussed 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30pm." - Count of Kauai information.

There is a violation of the Proxmire Act U.S. Public Law 100-606, Nov 4, 1988 on this issue. Recalled in It may be recalled that in 1946, Hawaii was listed under the U.N. Charter, Chapter XI. Then in 1959, the United States, as the administering Power, allowed for the creation of a 'CORPORATION' called the STATE OF HAWAII, which adopted the United States Federal Constitution. Unfortunately, the institution created by the United States Congress, known as the Hawaiian Homes Act of 1920, 1921, as Amended 16, has been administered by policies of apartheid, servitude, and discrimination similar to a pattern that had existed in apartheid South Africa. Which I do have closer historical information through my genealogy above the Kamehameha pedigree.

You may read, Liko Martin and Laulani Teale's letter, at
https://www.likomartin.org/_files/ugd/5ff77e_57c11052388349b79a18dbf69ec46903.pdf

https://www.likomartin.org/_files/ugd/5ff77e_f4a6171b19854365b2d22dea44314a45.pdf

I support Bill 44. If we look and investigate , and find resolution to one case before we move on to the next. Who signs the documents within the Historical Preservation Review Commission and Approves the development (such as 2002-2022 for instance: Kukuuiula, Kauanoe, Wailua, Waipouli, Pakala , Pilaa developments,) which breaks all the laws above and additional EIS avoidance, furthermore other federal Acts and Policies I do not need to mention here, but will if I apply for the application requested for the committees. I was lucky enough to study with Dr Kikuchi, and sit with stories from Mr. Emory, let alone many stories of the families of Kauai.

Do we need burial council if we have Historical Preservation, they should be one department? Don't you think? If so, all items should carry over into the other.

"When the Makaainana rise, All Chiefs Fall. "

My invite offers still stand with multiple committees and organization, to work with pay, as by (not a real law) non-paid or traded for progressive and productive efforts; but which do you choose, if laws are broken and we condemn the community for faults that is not theirs, but within the State of Hawaii and County administration individuals.

I gave my life for this Kingdom-State Nation many times. Between Dec 2021-Sept 2022, cyber hacks, premeditated murder, killing of food resources, poisoning of resources, private land violations paying police officers and unlawful actions have happened, which also includes cutting the break-in which my son was in the car when it was found. My grandparents have gone through the same, with harassment, theft of articles, and murder. If you want change, do investigate, because we have already started one in behalf of Burial Council Management and Historical Heritage Foundations. We , have paid out of pocket throughout the last 2 decades.

I did make it to this testimony. I made that promise.

Mehaahaa,

Amber MJA Keawemauihili

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Representing: Pu'uhonua O Wailupe	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 18, 2022 @ 01:43 AM

Testimony:
My name is Ekini Lindsey. I am a Knaka Maoli born and raised on the Big Island in the district called Waimea, and now reside on O'ahu for over 20 years. I am involved with various Aloha ina based organizations that are directly involved with cases pertaining to the findings of iwi Kpuna, restoration of sacred sites, and more recently the destruction of the aquifer at Red Hill. it is imperative, and vital to pursue this measure, Bill 44, to correlate a functioning and active historical office, and hold accountability to previous and future investors striking their forklifts destroying artifacts, ancient monuments, and disruptive fertile land that can be cultivated as a food store, food resources, a food bank. A hundred twenty nine years of desecration, and NO "proper" O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission in place??? Au!!! SHAME!!!! I am appalled we are in it's THIRD READING, why didn't Bill 44 pass from the FIRST READING??? Every other island is in place except for O'ahu?

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 18, 2022 @ 06:43 AM

Testimony:
Aloha nui kkou,

Please support Bill 44, which will provide critical oversight to many things that are of great concern to our native people. We are long overdue for these protections.

Mahalo nui,
Kimeona Kane

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Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Oct 18, 2022 @ 08:49 AM

Testimony:
concerns with bill 44 is that I don't see that the iwi kupuna ame na iwi are protected and honored. this plays a big part of the health and welfare of land, people, water apau. It is already in laws and NAGPRO laws on federal level...why is it not in this bill.



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AGENDA ITEM 2, BILL 44 CD 1(2022) – AMENDING THE ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE O‘AHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

City Council Chamber/Virtual

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following testimony in **strong support** of Bill 44 CD 1 which provides proposed amendments to Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) Chapter 3-10 pertaining to the implementation of an O‘ahu Historic Preservation Commission (OHPC). OHA previously provided support on the original version of this bill and sees no reason to change this position with the amendments proposed in CD1. The establishment and functioning of this important review body will greatly enhance the current historic preservation review process for O‘ahu and allow for greater community input. The proposed amendments are meant to refine the ordinance and strengthen implementation pursuant to recommendations made by a small working group under the direction of Councilmember Esther Kia‘āina.

For context, the working group was assembled after a failed January 2021 attempt by the City & County of Honolulu (CCH) Department of Permitting and Planning (DPP) to repeal the ordinance and the Honolulu City Council Committee determination that the ordinance should instead be reviewed to address any out-of-date or unworkable provisions. OHA appreciates Councilmember Kia‘āina’s efforts and sees extraordinary value to the operation of an OHPC much in the way that all other Counties in the State of Hawai‘i (State) have benefited from operation of their respective historic preservation commissions. It is almost inconceivable for the CCH not to have one, yet the DPP still attempted to repeal the ordinance for reasons that seem to run counter to the interests of upholding the public trust and rights provided under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to create certified local governments (CLG).

OHA is the constitutionally-established body responsible for protecting and promoting the rights of Native Hawaiians,¹ and has substantive obligations to protect the cultural and natural resources of Hawai‘i for the agency’s beneficiaries.² Accordingly, OHA is required to serve as the principal public agency in the State responsible for the performance, development, and coordination of programs and activities relating to native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; assess the policies and practices of other agencies impacting native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; and, conduct advocacy efforts for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians.³ Historic Preservation concerns are a recurrent priority with our beneficiaries and a constant source of both consternation and increasing litigation as many of these historic sites are remnants of the last vestiges of Native

¹ HAW. CONST. ART. XII, § 5

² See Haw. Rev. Stat. (“HRS”) Chapter 10 (2009).

³ HRS § 10-3 (2009).



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Hawaiian cultural resources. The subject remains highly-emotive, and often contentious,⁴ as balancing constitutionally protected resources and landowner/developer rights can be difficult.

The NHPA of 1966, as amended, directs the establishment of CLGs, which according to the National Park Service (who administers the program) creates partnerships between County, State and Federal governments, to enhance historic preservation efforts through the provision of funding and technical support, leading to the sustainability and viability of precious irreplaceable historical resources by local communities.⁵ The OHPC was authorized in 1990 with the intent to become a CLG attached to the DPP.⁶ Regrettably, to date, the OHPC has never been formally constituted and operational despite O‘ahu being the most populous island with arguably the most intense development projects that tend to cause irreversible impacts to fragile and important cultural resources, including projects by the CCH itself.⁷

It should be noted that Kaua‘i County had their Kaua‘i Historic Preservation Review Commission (KHPRC) established in 1986 and it is attached administratively to the Kaua‘i Planning Department. The KHPRC prides itself on being the first County to “facilitate public participation in historic preservation efforts at the local level,”⁸ and continues to “protect, preserve, perpetuate, promote, enhance and develop the historic resources of Kaua‘i.”⁹ Similarly, the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission (MCCRC) was formally established in 1992,¹⁰ and also administratively attached to the Maui County Planning Department. The MCCRC has been a critical partner and component of historic preservation review in Maui County and further regularly provides a public forum for many projects on Maui that are impacting historic and cultural resources.¹¹ More recently, the MCCRC utilized CLG funds to undertake an important archaeological survey of the Lāhainā National Historic Landmark.

Hawai‘i County is the latest of the counties to obtain CLG status with its enabling ordinance in 2009 and subsequent State approval in 2014 of the Hawai‘i Cultural Resources

⁴ Note the recent controversy regarding Waimanalo Bay Beach Park and the 28 arrests of individuals, including many OHA Beneficiaries. Kirsten Downey and Christina Jedra, Honolulu Civil Beat, September 26, 2019

⁵ <https://www.nps.gov/clg/>

⁶ Chapter 3, Article 10 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990.

⁷ Twenty years ago, under Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris, the City’s Kūhiō Beach Park Expansion and Kalākaua Avenue Promenade and associated Board of Water Supply Kalākaua Main Replacement disturbed over fifty unmarked ancestral Native Hawaiian Burial Sites. There were also disturbances of unmarked burial sites at City parks such as Waimea and Mokuleia during the installation of leech fields. As part of the mitigation for these controversial projects, the City Administration made commitments to the SHPD and affected descendants to have the OHPC up and running.

⁸ Garden Island News, October 23, 2016

⁹ KHPRC Chair Anne Schneider, Id.

¹⁰ Title MC-12, Department of Planning, Subtitle 05, Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, Chapter 531, “Standards and Criteria Relating to the Duties and Authority of the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission.”

¹¹ [https://www.mauicounty.gov/188/Maui-County-Cultural-Resources-Commissio\(n\)](https://www.mauicounty.gov/188/Maui-County-Cultural-Resources-Commissio(n))



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Commission (HCCRC) after developing its operating procedures and rules. The HCCRC is also placed within the Hawai'i County Planning Department for administrative purposes. A quick review of the HCCRC meeting agendas and minutes (beginning in September 2013) shows important historic preservation work being performed with public input at every step of the way.¹²

This leaves the CCH, unfortunately, as the only County not participating in this important CLG program designed to assist the State in protecting and preserving historic and cultural properties from irreparable damage and loss. Again, there is no clear reason for this or any justification as to why CCH should be the only County without one. The rich ancient Hawaiian culture present on O'ahu provides immense value to the CCH and the State, including, but not limited to ancestral burial sites, heiau and other ceremonial structures, kauhale and hale (house) sites. These vestiges of Hawaiian material culture remain dispersed throughout the entire island of O'ahu, and still exist in the densest of developed areas such as downtown Honolulu, and even Waikiki. The OHPC can provide for critical local and public input directly into the historic preservation process, something that both the DPP and the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), as agencies, consistently struggle with in OHA's experience over the past two decades. The OHPC would be both an asset and a resource for both the DPP and the SHPD in their respective responsibilities and roles.

OHA further notes that each County continues to have controversial cases and issues directly relating to historic and cultural resource protection affected by an understaffed and under resourced SHPD.¹³ The OHPC could truly assist the SHPD by serving as another set of eyes on projects and providing a dedicated forum for public participation in the historic preservation process. Establishing and enabling an OHPC would not only bring the CCH, and the island of O'ahu, up to par and in alignment with the other counties and islands, but genuinely demonstrate a commitment to the citizenry of Honolulu and the State of Hawai'i that the public trust is being protected and the last vestiges of our collective historical and cultural legacy, which makes Hawai'i so unique in the World, are cherished, valued, and preserved, through partnerships and meaningful commitments.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. The OHA respectfully requests that the Committee pass Bill 44 CD1.

¹² <https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/about-us/boards-committees>

¹³ The various Island Burial Councils (IBCs), who were created around the same time as Kaua'i's and O'ahu's CLGs, continue to raise concerns, most recently with OHA, regarding the SHPD's efficacy for over the past two decades.



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Honolulu City Council
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Regular Meeting on October 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Honolulu Hale/Virtual Meeting

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RE: **Support for Bill 44 (2022), CD1 – O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission**

Dean Takebayashi
Director

Aloha Chair Kia'aina, Vice Chair Say, and HECON Committee Members,

Gary Weller
Director

As a Maunaloa-based nonprofit concerned with natural and cultural resource preservation, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui greatly appreciates the intent of Bill 44 (2022) and thanks this Committee for taking up the measure. The catalyst for Bill 44 occurred right here in East Honolulu when City-permitted construction destroyed a portion of historic dry-stack stone walls. Naturally, the Hui wishes to testify in **support** of Bill 44.

Kendrick Chang
Community Outreach
Coordinator

Dylan Ramos
Communications &
Operations

We appreciate Chair Kia'aina standing up for the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission and ensuring serious measures are taken on the municipal level to mitigate negative impacts of development on historic properties. We'd also like to recognize the need for the proposed CD1 so as to ensure passage of Bill 44. Lastly, we wish to highlight our appreciation for including public advocacy as one of the commission's duties.

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Like the Chair who introduced Bill 44, we were deeply troubled by the news of what happened in Niu Valley last year. Respect for cultural resources is explicit in our mission statement because we recognize the role we as a community must serve – as stewards of lands upheld by a thousand years of Hawaiian history, meant to be protected for a thousand more. Thank you for sharing this vision and considering our comments when finalizing this important bill.

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Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui
Ka Iwi Coast

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serving East Honolulu
since 2004. We strive to
promote sensible growth,
respect for cultural &
natural resources, and
upholding the integrity of
the East Honolulu
Sustainable Communities
Plan.

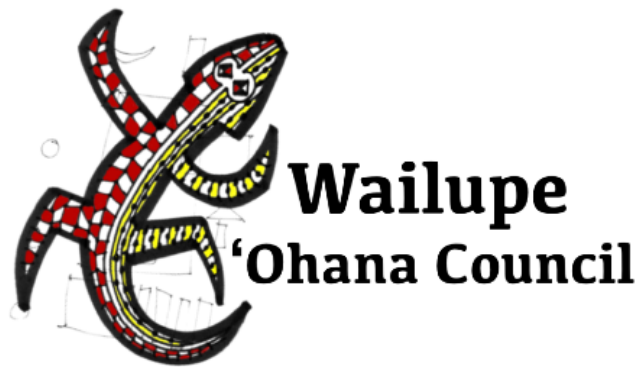
Mahalo,

Elizabeth Reilly
Founder/President

Ann Marie Kirk
Cultural Advisor

Oct. 16th, 2022

To: Housing & the Economy Committee
Re: STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 44 CD1
The O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting on Oct. 18, 2022



Aloha to the Housing and the Economy Committee,

The Wailupe 'Ohana Council protects and cares for the places of our ancestors in Wailupe, East O'ahu. By perpetuating Wailupe's cultural practices and mo'ōlelo, we support area descendants in strengthening connections with Wailupe. Guided by the mana of our kūpuna, it is our honor and privilege to accept this kuleana and to support initiatives that support our cultural and natural resources in this area.

The Wailupe 'Ohana Council Strongly Supports Bill 44 to establish and enact the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

We have watched in shock as numerous cultural and historic sites have been heartbreakingly transgressed on Oahu. In East O'ahu alone, we have seen the lack of proper cultural and historic oversight that led to severe damage and, in some cases destruction, of our wahi pana; from heiau, to burial sites - including iwi Kūpuna and archeological features of our area.

We believe Bill 44, establishing and enacting the O'ahu Historic Preservation Committee, will be a tremendous help to preserve and protect our wahi pana and historic sites and it will also provide a vehicle for the community to have a voice in the process of protecting and preserving our cultural sites.

The Wailupe 'Ohana Council is in Strong Support of Bill 44. We humbly ask the Honolulu City Council to support Bill 44.

Mahalo nui loa,
The Wailupe 'Ohana Council • wailupeohanacouncil@gmail.com

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Chris Cramer  
Laura Ka'akua  
Ann Marie Kirk  
Danny Loui  
Kaleo Paik  
Marie Reily

October 17, 2022

Councilmember Ester Kia'aina, Chair  
Councilmember Calvin Say Vice Chair  
Committee on Housing and the Economy

RE: **Bill 44 – RELATING TO THE O'AHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION**  
**Hearing date – October 18, 2022 at 10:30 A.M.**

Aloha Chair Kia'aina, Vice Chair Say and members of the Council,

Thank you for allowing NAIOP Hawaii to submit testimony providing **COMMENTS on Bill 44 – RELATING TO THE OAHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**. NAIOP Hawaii is the Hawaii chapter of the nation's leading organization for office, industrial, retail, residential and mixed-use real estate. NAIOP Hawaii has over 200 members in the State including local developers, owners, investors, asset managers, lenders and other professionals.

Bill 44 seeks to amend the existing ordinance relating to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission (OHPC). Specifically, the measure allows OHPC to conduct reviews and provide comments on archaeological reports and cultural impact statements submitted in proposal applications. Further the measure permits the OHPC may conduct reviews of projects located on historic properties identified in the O'ahu historic property system.

In prior meetings on the bill, the committee has stated that one important intent of the measure is to expedite the review process for changes or redevelopment of historic and archaeological properties. Unfortunately, however, there is nothing in Bill 44 that expressly states that intent. Moreover, we are very concerned that this bill may have the exact opposite effect by further complicating and delaying the already agonizingly long development timeline for critically needed housing and mixed-use projects on O'ahu. Currently, the development industry is facing months and often years of delays in reviews due to lack of staffing at SHPD and an overly broad definition of what is considered historical (which includes a vast majority of buildings on the island). Adding another layer of review by the City to an already broken process is unlikely to have the intended effect of expediting the identification of truly historic properties while speeding up the development affordable housing inventory.

Accordingly, NAIOP Hawaii respectfully asks the committee to defer Bill 44 until deficiencies within SHPD and the statute that governs it can be addressed. Alternatively, if deferral is not possible, we urge the committee to delete from Section 5 of the proposed measure the provisions that are duplicative of the actions already required of SHPD under state law or which allow the OHPC to conduct reviews and make recommendations to SHPD as to avoid creating further delays.

Hawaii is currently in a housing crisis which is continuing to worsen due to the ongoing economic changes. NAIOP Hawaii is concerned that additional delays in approvals for projects poses the risk of preventing or eliminating potential housing opportunities for O'ahu residents.

NAIOP Hawaii is dedicated to the creation of affordable housing for our communities. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure and we look forward to working with all interest stakeholders to address this issue.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Camp', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Camp, President  
NAIOP Hawaii





## **KULIOUOU KALANI IKI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO.2**

### **SUPPORT BILL 44**

The Kuliouou Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 supports City Council Bill 44 which proposes to amend the ordinance relating to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission.

The Oahu Historic Preservation Commission will provide the necessary resources to improve the protection of culturally historic sites on Oahu.

Aloha and mahalo,

Clarissa Burkert, Chair  
Kuliouou Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2



# HISTORIC HAWAI'I FOUNDATION

**To:** The Honorable Esther Kia'āina, Chair  
The Honorable Calvin Say, Vice Chair  
Honolulu City Council Committee on Housing and the Economy

**From:** Kiersten Faulkner  
Executive Director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation

**Committee Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022  
10:30 a.m.  
City Council Chamber

**Subject:** **Bill 44 CD1 (2022) O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission**

On behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF), I am writing in **strong support** for the proposal to reestablish the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

The proposed Commission will assist the City & County of Honolulu with proactive identification of properties that tell the full story of Hawai'i's history and to assist with identifying measures to preserve, protect and perpetuate significant historic properties for the public benefit.

One extremely important and necessary benefit will be development of an O'ahu historic property system for the survey, identification, and inventory of historic properties and archaeological sites. The system would be integrated into the City's Department of Permitting and Planning's (DPP) planning, application, review, and compliance system and complement the State Historic Preservation Division's (SHPD) inventory system.

HHF also supports the Commission as a means by which members of the public may provide additional information and comment to ensure preservation considerations and standards are integrated from the initial concept development, thereby avoiding conflicts later in the construction or approval processes. We believe this upfront consultation and discussion will help streamline later development review and diminish conflict and confusion.

The landscapes, buildings and sites that we preserve are part of a community's unique character and story. They provide tangible links from the past to existing communities and provide benefit to future generations. Therefore, Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports the implementation of the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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## Historic Hawai'i Foundation

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation was established in 1974 to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, sites and communities on all the islands of Hawai'i. As the statewide leader for historic preservation, HHF works to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage and believes that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, environmental sustainability, and economic viability of the state.



October 18, 2022

**CITY COUNCIL – CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU**

Committee on Housing and the Economy

Chair Esther Kia'aina; Vice Chair Calvin Say; and Committee Members

Public Hearing – Tuesday, October 18, 2022 10:30am

**TESTIMONY of WILLIAM F. ANONSEN  
MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC  
IN SUPPORT of COUNCIL BILL 044(22) CD1**

My name is William Anonsen and I'm the Managing Director-Partner/Principal of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC. We strongly support Council Bill 044(22) CD1 which proposed to reestablish the O'ahu Historic Preservation Council for the City & County of Honolulu by amending the ordinance to better address concerns related to delayed processing times.

The purpose of preservation is to protect the distinctive historic qualities of old places and is an excellent tool to achieve an inclusive and active community that is conscious of built form concerns. These efforts recognize the need for citizens to be involved in their community in an effort to make it a better place to live. It is not simply making old buildings look new. Historic places may be used for their original purposes or be put to use in other ways that allow them to retain their historical and/or cultural significance. Historic preservation can serve a variety of purposes. Preservation is more than repairing aging buildings, it is a significant technique for encouraging economic vitality and preserving cultural identity and meaning.

The reestablishment of the O'ahu Historic Preservation Council will significantly help in these collective efforts by adopting policies that support historic preservation of residential and commercial spaces that are an asset to their communities. The O'ahu Historic Preservation Council serves in a critical advisory role to local government policy decisions and may also be used to oversee standards set in place by historic districts.

Continuing education and advocacy to enhance the economic and community development potential of historic preservation programs, such as Historic Districts, identifying, protecting, and enhancing buildings, places, and objects of historical and cultural significance. Government agencies, private entities, and individual citizens need to be actively engaged in these cooperative efforts to ensure successful outcomes.

***Mahalo for the opportunity to comment in support of this measure.***

*Sincerely,*

***William F. Anonsen***

William F. Anonsen

Managing Director-Partner/Principal



# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL  
Committee on Housing and the Economy  
**Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 44: Relating to the O'ahu Historic Preservation  
Commission**  
October 18, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

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Aloha Chair Kia'āina, Vice Chair Say, and members of the Committee on Housing and the Economy,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i once again offers testimony in **support of Bill 44**, to better ensure that our historic and cultural sites are protected from irreparable harm.

The Sierra Club continues to be encouraged by the proactive work of the Council and this Committee in proposing and advancing a systemic solution to our island's historic preservation challenges, which will result in significant benefits to our island's cultural, social, economic, and moral integrity.

As proposed, the revamped O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission will be able to provide much-needed expertise and staffing support in matters of historic preservation and cultural perpetuation, providing developers and landowners with greater certainty in project planning and execution, allowing the Department of Planning and Permitting to focus on the myriad other important matters under their purview, and ensuring the people of O'ahu and Hawai'i that the City and County of Honolulu will be able to better fulfill its constitutional and statutory kuleana to protect and preserve our irreplaceable historic and cultural sites from desecration and permanent loss.

Therefore, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** this measure. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL  
**Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 44: Relating to the O'ahu Historic Preservation  
Commission**

October 5, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Honolulu City Council,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i reiterates its **strong support of Bill 44**, to better ensure that our historic and cultural sites are protected from irreparable harm.

The Sierra Club is grateful for the continued and expeditious movement of this measure, which will enable a dedicated O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission and staff specialists to assist in permit processing and historic preservation review by the Department of Planning and Permitting and the State Historic Preservation Division; allow for long-neglected historic and cultural protections to be more meaningfully implemented; and help to prevent the conflict, trauma, and erosion of our cultural heritage that results from the inappropriate desecration or destruction of irreplaceable historic and cultural sites, as well as cherished iwi kūpuna.

The Sierra Club urges the continued movement of this measure and stands ready to continue supporting its expeditious passage by the City Council.

Therefore, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Council to **PASS** this measure on second reading. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Housing and the Economy

**Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 44: Relating to the O'ahu Historic Preservation  
Commission**

September 20, 2022

10:30 a.m.

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Aloha Chair Kia'aina, Vice Chair Say, and members of the Committee on Housing and the Economy,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i offers testimony in **support of Bill 44**, to better ensure that our historic and cultural sites are protected from irreparable harm.

The Sierra Club greatly appreciates the Committee's consideration of this important measure. As the City Council has already recognized, the City's current historic preservation process has been subject to a litany of procedural and substantive issues that have continually led to the desecration and destruction of historic sites, irreversibly undermining the very foundation of our island's cultural heritage. In addition, O'ahu's decades-long lack of a historic preservation or cultural resource commission has placed an added layer of responsibility on the Department of Planning and Permitting, which lacks historic preservation expertise and institutional capacity, and which may be hampered in its other important work by having to also uphold the City's important kuleana under the state historic preservation law. Clearly, to allow the status quo system to persist will only lead to the further permanent erosion of our island's heritage; notably, such losses will only exacerbate cultural harms and traumas to the Native Hawaiian community in a time when restorative justice has been recognized as critical to not only our social fabric and moral integrity, but to the very resiliency of our islands as a whole.

Accordingly, the Sierra Club enthusiastically supports the proposal embodied in Bill 44, which will facilitate the establishment of a working historic preservation commission with the expertise, staff capacity, and authority to more consistently and efficiently fulfill the City's historic preservation kuleana, and protect our island's historic and cultural heritage from permanent erasure.

Therefore, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** this measure. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

**Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 44: Relating to the O'ahu Historic Preservation  
Commission**

August 10, 2022

10 a.m.

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Honolulu City Council,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i offers testimony in **support of Bill 44**, to ensure our historic and cultural sites are protected from irreparable harm.

Our historic preservation law recognizes that “the historic and cultural heritage of the State is among its important assets and that the rapid social and economic developments of contemporary society threaten to destroy the remaining vestiges of this heritage.” The law accordingly relies upon interagency and intergovernmental coordination for consultation, review, and other procedural and substantive protections in decisionmaking that may impact Native Hawaiian burials, cultural sites, and other historic features. Such protections are essential to preventing the irreversible loss of a **physical and spiritual foundation for Native Hawaiian traditional values, practices, and knowledge that enabled hundreds of thousands of people to live sustainably on our islands – and that may be the key to the resilience and well-being of our current and future generations.**

Unfortunately, as highlighted by Resolution 22-36, the administration of our historic preservation law has been long plagued with chronic, systemic problems that have resulted in the irreparable loss of burials and other cultural sites and features that had been preserved for generations, forever cutting off the values, practices, and knowledge they embodied. Resolution 22-36 specifically recognized that the lack of coordination and communication between the state historic preservation division and the county department of planning and permitting is one such problem that must be addressed. Given these concerns, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i strongly appreciates and supports this bill, which would empower the long-neglected O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission to ensure that county decisions are appropriately vetted and referred to the state historic preservation division, consistent with the letter and intent of our historic preservation law.

Therefore, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Council to **adopt** this measure. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



## 'ĀINA HAINA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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October 18, 2022

To: Council Member Esther Kia'āina, Chair,  
Council Member Calvin Say, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Committee on Housing and the Economy

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, President

RE: Bill 44 (2022) Relating to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission

Position: Support Proposed CD1

The Board of Directors of the 'Āina Haina Community Association (AHCA) write in support of Bill 44 (2022) and the Proposed CD1 Relating to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission which would amend the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu.

Protecting historic properties is of the utmost importance. AHCA has experienced the lack of coordination between the Department of Planning and Permitting and the state's Historic Preservation Division. The lack of coordination and collaboration has been frustrating for the community. We are hopeful that the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission will improve the protection of historic properties.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this very important issue.





# Kamehameha Schools®

City Council  
Committee on Housing and the Economy  
City and County of Honolulu

Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Date: October 18, 2022  
Where: City Council Chamber

TESTIMONY  
by Kau'i Burgess  
Director of Community & Government Relations

**RE: Bill 44 (2022), Proposed CD1 – Relating to the O‘ahu Historic Preservation Commission**

Aloha e Luna Ho‘omalua Kia‘āina, Hope Luna Ho‘omalua Say, a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike.

Kamehameha Schools **SUPPORTS** Bill 44, proposed CD1, which would amend the ordinance relating to the O‘ahu Historic Preservation Commission.

As the stewards of ‘Āina Pauahi with the responsibility of caring for many historic and culturally significant sites, Kamehameha Schools recognizes that the preservation of places of significance to Native Hawaiians is essential to the perpetuation of traditional Hawaiian knowledge and cultural practices. Such indigenous knowledge and practices are core to the wellbeing of our lāhui and a guide for our people as we seek innovative solutions to modern day challenges. For these reasons, historic sites are a foundation from which Kamehameha Schools and others deliver Hawaiian culture-based educational opportunities that enable students to achieve greater educational and life outcomes.

We also recognize the challenges our state and city governments face in ensuring such sites are adequately protected while advancing other key community objectives. We support the effort to update the responsibilities for and stand-up the O‘ahu Historic Preservation Commission, as well as the effort to bring capacity to help our government agencies more effectively deliver in this necessary role.

The amendments proposed in the CD1 are helpful to clarify the discretionary nature of the Commission’s review. Where review of a proposed project is conducted, we recommend it occur in tandem with existing State or City permitting processes such that community objectives, like the development of housing, can progress efficiently.

For these reasons, we humbly ask that you pass Bill 44. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this necessary measure.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an educational organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional and Christian values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership. **Hānai i ke keiki, ola ka lāhui; Nurture the child and the people thrive.**