

**BILL044(22)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 466**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Nov 2, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 30

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Mialisa Otis	Email: mialisa808@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Pu'u'honua O Wailupe	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 28, 2022 @ 04:46 PM
Testimony: I support Bill 44. I also will be testifying in person at Kapolei that day. Mahalo.		
Name: Brandon Galarita	Email: brandon.galarita@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 30, 2022 @ 08:48 PM
Testimony: Support		
Name: Wailupe 'Ohana Council	Email: wailupeohanacouncil@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Wailupe 'Ohana Council	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 30, 2022 @ 08:55 PM
Name: Jun Look	Email: junlook@yahoo.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 30, 2022 @ 09:16 PM
Testimony: A historic Preservation Commission brings a seat to the table for community development. A formal voice with government authority brings weight to the issue. Hawaii Historic Foundation, the AIA , both do excellent work. But they speak on behalf of community groups. A commission brings credible impact to every issue. Support a Honolulu Historic Preservation Commission.  Mahalo.		
Name: Malia Marquez	Email: maliamarquez71@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Pu'u'honua 'O Wailupe	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 30, 2022 @ 09:59 PM
Testimony: Aloha Kkou, I am in full support of BILL 44. It is vital to "activate" the O'ahu Preservation Commission. Thirty years is unacceptable to be waiting for a commission to help the indigenous people of this land protect and preserve what little we have left. Especially the protection of our iwi kupuna that continue to be disrespected and desecrated in our own 'ina. This is long overdue, please support Bill 44. Mahalo for your time.		
Name: Alex Costa	Email: costaman13@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 05:58 AM
Testimony: Too much already has been taken from us. It's depressing, at this point, to think the desecration can continue. We should want our future grandchildren to 'see' the natural beauty of our island; not more buildings.		
Name: Danny Loui	Email: niuhi@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Wailupe Ohana council	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 06:34 AM

<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This bill is a strives to protect and ensure our Hawaiian cultural sites and iwi kupuna our properly and rightfully protected and shielded from destruction and desecration.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Glen Kila</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>makakila@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96792</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Koa Mana NHO</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 31, 2022 @ 08:24 AM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support Bill 044(22) and requests that the council passes this bill to protect our sacred and historic sites. The bill includes protective measures and evaluations by cultural and historical experts. Not only developers but also governmental officials and private landowners are intentionally destroying our native rights and sacred sites for monetary and political gains. Bill 044(22) ensures governmental accountability in protecting our Hawaiian national treasures and places.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Mardi LaPrade</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>mardilaprade@aol.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96825</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 31, 2022 @ 08:47 AM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Council,</p> <p>As a grandmother of Hawaiian keiki I urgently employ you to prevent the destruction of historical and cultural sites on Oahu. Please do not allow more of the cultural knowledge to be lost for all time. Some of my grandsons' heritage reaches into the depths of time on Oahu, and some ancestors hailed from Molokai, Maui, and Hawaii. Oahu is perhaps most affected by human impact and in dire need of protection and recording of its ancient sites, great and small, each being a bit of a larger story. Please support bill 44, for our keiki, for our knowledge, for our future, preserve and protect our past. Mahalo.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Sandra Park</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>Lawaia49@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96791</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>I wish to comment</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 31, 2022 @ 09:14 AM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>We humbly ask for your vote to Support Bill 44.</p> <p>Mahalo</p> <p>Sandra and Denis Park</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Jan Becket</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>janbecket.net@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>97056</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>Oct 31, 2022 @ 02:07 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This is testimony in favor of bill 044, establishing a historic Preservation Commission. I am one of the authors and editors of the book Pana Oahu (UH Press, 1999). In the 12 years leading up to the publication of the book, my partners and I visited and documented over 125 pre-contact Hawaiian ceremonial structures on Oahu. I witnessed the destruction of numerous sites that were seen as inconvenient barriers to development, or in some cases, not seen at all for what they were. The list is long: Kukiokne Heiau in Luluku, now under the H-3 Freeway, Noi Heiau in Laie, now partly under a sewage treatment plant, Hwea Heiau in Maunaloa, partly destroyed by Kaiser Development, and most recently, the bulldozing of a remnant of Klepaemoa Heiau in Niu Valley in the construction of a house. In the late 1990s I was involved in the futile attempt to save the vast shoreline complexes of fishing shrines, habitation structures and heiau on Oneula, the last shoreline complexes on Oahu. The numerous fishing shrines and heiau that would have been accurately identified and preserved if they had been located in more convenient locations, all were identified as "temporary habitations" in the archaeological report. Nobody in any position of authority questioned those findings. They were bulldozed to create the footprint for an Ewa Marina that never got built and now exist only on my website and in the memories of the families that used them. The continuing eradication of Hawaiian cultural sites impoverishes us all and stands as an indictment of currently toothless preservation safeguards. Despite the destruction of many over the years, many still remain, often overgrown, forgotten, unvisited and vulnerable. From personal experience, I know well that many, many unrecorded cultural structures remain on Oahu. I urge you to establish a Historic Preservation Commission and to</p>		

task it with safeguarding these irreplaceable treasures.

Name: Michael Hikalea	Email: Hale1953.mh@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Puuhonua O Wailupe	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 03:13 PM

Testimony:

I am fully in support of bill 44. And thank the City Council. Especially Councilmembers Esther Kia'ina and Tommy Waters. For bringing the Historic Preservation Commission to the forefront after after almost 30 years. Our burial sites and sacred places are and should be protected. My hope is that having this Commission will give us the opportunity to work closely and prevent desecration from happening in the future. I Mahalo each of you for this time to speak.

Aloha

Name: Waipakawiwoole Parker	Email: waipaparker@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 05:44 PM

Testimony:

I support Bill 44. Please help us preserve our sacred cultural & historic sites.

Name: mahealani cypher	Email: malamapono744@aol.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Ko'olau Foundation	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 06:16 PM

Name: Wayne Tanaka	Email: hawaii.chapter@sierraclub.org	Zip: 96816
Representing: Sierra Club of Hawai'i	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 06:35 PM

Name: Jeannine Johnson	Email: jeannine@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Niu Valley Community Association	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 07:10 PM

Testimony:

My name is Jeannine Johnson and I have been the Secretary to the Niu Valley Community Association for over 15 years. I am also the Niu Valley representative on the Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2. The Niu Valley Community Association strongly supports Bill 44 which would update the law related to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission. The original law governing the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission went into effect in 1993, but has not been stood up by any City Administration. The City and County of Honolulu is the largest destination city in America and the only county in Hawai'i without a historic preservation office. Our community was recently shocked and dismayed to watch an important cultural and historical resource in Niu allowed to be dismantled, stone by stone, so that a landowner could have a "larger driveway." Your support for Bill 44 is humbly requested. Mahalo.

Name: Noel Shaw	Email: noelkshaw@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 09:40 PM

Testimony:

I support Bill 44. More and more information is availing itself to us as we have access to Hawaiian language newspapers and Hawaiian cultural practitioners are stepping forward to lead in the protection of Hawai'i's most sacred spaces. These spaces are sacred for a reason, and many times it's because they are the frontlines in the protection of natural resources. O'ahu has been and is the most highly developed island in Hawai'i. The erasure of our historically important spaces on this island was done intentionally as part of disconnecting Hawaiian people from Hawai'i 'ina. Untethering us to our Hawaiian birth right. An office that housed the resources necessary to come back into these knowings, is so important to our ability to maintain our culture and in

that our existence.		
Name: Tara Rojas	Email: trhawaii@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 31, 2022 @ 11:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Third rEAding for BILL 44: It is 2022 - 129 yEArS of Illegal Occupation too long. It is TIME to make PONO decisions and SUPPORT Pono actions NOW recognizing and upholding the jurisdiction of Knaka Maoli to LIVE and THRIVE in their INA in their culturally significant and beneficial ways. Halt, Fix, and Replace this detrimental, flawed, toxic, and flawed system of the illegally-occupying state of Hawaii operating in the Country of Hawaii-the Hawaiian Kingdom. Support BILL 44 as a step in the right direction.</p> <p>#E</p>		
Name: Melissa Tomlinson	Email: mel_tomlinson@ymail.com	Zip: 94549
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 06:39 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Please approve Bill 44!</p> <p>I have been watching from the continent how much the government there and here has allowed the desecration and cultural genocide of Knaka Maoli and Knaka iwi for the last five years. It's honestly violent, shameful, and disgusting too often. In fact, the very nature of America in Hawaii has me wanting to not be apart of the American country (there's multiple reasons, but what's happening there in Hawaii to the first peoples is what first created such a disdain for the country I'm forced to identify with.) Witnessing all the harm that continues to happen there daily has caused surmountable distress in my life. I cannot fathom the insurmountable distress Knaka have experienced over the last 130 years of American violence. This Bill is intended and needed to help protect such people and places which means it's your responsibility to allow it to manifest. Nothing is more important than Aloha Aina. Truly, what was once a pristine ecological heaven created over thousands, millions of years is being destroyed by American government and policies in less then 200 years and though I may not fully believe this is a solution, it is a step in a direction that must be taken. Decisions must be made to protect what matters most, Life. We cannot do that without supporting those preserving history, places, and culture.</p>		
Name: Jeanne Ohta	Email: jyohta@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Aina Haina Community Association	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 06:49 AM
Name: Kamakana Ferreira	Email: kamakanaf@oha.org	Zip: 96817
Representing: Office of Hawaiian Affairs	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 09:25 AM
Name: lynne matusow	Email: lynnehi@aol.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 10:57 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>It is disgraceful that Honolulu lags behind the rest of the state without a functioning historic preservation commission. For many years mayors have been averse to supporting such a commission. Mayor Blangiardi must reverse that and give full support to the commission. I urge you to give your full support today and then we can hold the mayor's feet to the fire.</p>		
Name: Kaui Burgess	Email: kaburges@ksbe.edu	Zip: 96813
Representing: Kamehameha Schools	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 11:23 AM

Name: Teahiroa Fukumitsu	Email: Kfuku85@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 03:38 PM

Testimony:

Aloha kkou,

O Teahi ko'u inoa, O Hakipu'u mai au.

As a state recognized lineal descendant of iwi kupuna in Hakipu'u I am here to support Bill 44.

As a descendant I have been a witness to the chronic mismanagement of SHPD, and I have also felt and been effected by the negative impacts this mismanagement has caused to all of us descendants across Hawai'i who are just trying to uphold our kuleana to protect and care for iwi kupuna.

Because of the failure to act by SHPD native Hawaiians, lineal and cultural descendants are being criminalized, arrested for upholding this kuleana to our ancestors. Our lives are being put on the line as we are having to use our bodies as road blocks to protect iwi kupuna.

In June 2020 I stood with my 'ohana in Hakipu'u to block machines from destroying another burial site in our ahupua'a, I watched as police officers carried my father away and arrested him for this. The trauma, spiritually mentally, and physically cannot be put into simple words. The fact that this is our only current option to stop the desecration is unacceptable. This system that is currently in place is failing, leaving our iwi kupuna in constant danger which in turn also threatens the health and safety of descendants tasked with caring for and protecting them.

I have watched as the administrative process of the State Historic Preservation Division has failed over and over again to protect our iwi kupuna and their descendants. To this day SHPD has not made a formal determination regarding the OIBC's recommendation to accept these burials in Hakipu'u as previously identified. Every month for almost three years, I along with my 'ohana have continued to testify before the OIBC and SHPD for the preservation and protection of these burials in Hakipuu and in return weve received no action or decisions by the SHPD burial sites director or staff.

This is why I am testifying in support of Bill 44, I believe that an Oahu Historic Preservation Commission is needed to protect and preserve these historic and sacred spaces we honor. The States Historic Preservation Division and The States Department of Planning and Permitting have desecrated and destroyed too many ancestral burials and historic sites over the years and have continued to mismanaged their departments and their own protocols and processes. I strongly support the passage of Bill 44.

Mahalo,

Teahiroa Fukumitsu

Name: Navahine Fukumitsu	Email: Kfuku85@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 03:40 PM

Testimony:

Aloha kkou,

O Navahine ko'u inoa O Hakipu'u mai au.

As a state recognized lineal descendant of iwi kupuna in Hakipu'u, I am here to support Bill 44.

As a descendant I have been a witness to the chronic mismanagement of SHPD, and I have also felt and been effected by the negative impacts this mismanagement has caused to all of us descendants across Hawai'i who are just trying to uphold our kuleana to protect and care for iwi kupuna.

Because of the failure to act by SHPD native Hawaiians, lineal and cultural descendants are being criminalized, arrested for upholding this kuleana to our ancestors. Our lives are being put on the line as we are having to use our bodies as road blocks to protect iwi kupuna.

In June 2020 I stood with my 'ohana in Hakipu'u to block machines from destroying another burial site in our ahupua'a, I watched as police officers carried my father away and arrested him for this. The trauma, spiritually mentally, and physically cannot be put into simple words. The fact that this is our only current option to stop the desecration is unacceptable. This system that is in place is failing, leaving our iwi kupuna in constant danger which in turn also threatens the health and safety of descendants tasked with caring for and protecting them.

I have watched as the administrative process of the State Historic Preservation Division has failed over and over again to protect our iwi kupuna and their descendants. To this day SHPD has not made a formal determination regarding the OIBC's recommendation to accept these burials in Hakipu'u as previously identified. Every month for over two years, I along with my 'ohana have continued to testify before the OIBC and SHPD for the preservation and protection of these burials in Hakipuu and

have in return received no action or decisions by the SHPD burial sites director or staff.

This is why I am testifying in support of Bill 44, I believe that an Oahu Historic Preservation Commission is needed to protect and preserve these historic and sacred spaces we honor. The States Historic Preservation Division and The States Department of Planning and Permitting have desecrated and destroyed so many ancestral burials and historic sites over the years and have continued to mismanaged their departments and their own protocols and processes. I strongly support the passage of Bill 44.

Mahalo,  
Navahine Fukumitsu

Name: Kolea Fukumitsu	Email: Kfuku85@Gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 03:46 PM

Testimony:

Ioha kkou,

My Ohana and I are recognized Lineal Descendants to Native Hawaiian human burials in Hakipuu, Oahu and I strongly support the passage of Bill 44.

Like many other Native Hawaiian ohanas throughout our paeaina, my ohana for generations has committed to caring for and protecting our ancestral burials within our ahupuaa.

Yet, over the years I, along with my family, have witnessed firsthand and been impacted by the systemic and chronic mismanagement of the burial sites program by the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). This egregious mismanagement directly affects our ability as lineal descendants to properly carry out our kuleana to malama iwi kupuna, putting our iwi kupuna in constant danger of desecration which in turn has caused significant spiritual and emotional implications to us as descendants. Despite the state and federal laws currently in place, ancestral burial sites across Hawaii are constantly desecrated, Hakipuu is only one example of this. We as an ohana have exhausted the SHPDs administrative process, following all of the SHPDs required steps as lineal descendants to protect our iwi kupuna and yet this current SHPD administrative process has failed us and our kupuna. We have provided oral testimony and documentation over and over again, weve done numerous SHPD site visits, attended every burial council meeting where we have been agendized for over 2 years, sent email after email to the SHPDs staff including Alan Downer and Hinano Rodrigues, in response to all of our efforts we have watched as the SHPD has neglected to follow or apply their own protocols and processes. My family alone has waited almost 3 years for the SHPD to make a formal determination regarding the OIBC's recommendation to recognize these burials in Hakipu'u as previously identified, this inaction and negligence by SHPD has prevented any progress in this deeply painful situation, further endangering the iwi kupuna that we are tasked with protecting.

Because of the constant inaction by the SHPD native Hawaiians, lineal and cultural descendants are being criminalized and arrested for upholding this sacred kuleana to our ancestors. Because exhausting the administrative process has just left us jumping through hoops with no movement forward, our lives are being put on the line as we are faced with having to use our bodies as road blocks to protect iwi kupuna.

In June 2019 I stood with my 'ohana in Hakipu'u to block machines from destroying yet another burial site in our ahupua'a, and my keiki had to watch as I and another resident of Hakipuu were arrested for trying to prevent the desecration of iwi kupuna. The fact that this is our only current option to stop the desecration is unacceptable.

This system that is in place is failing, leaving our iwi kupuna in constant danger which in turn also threatens the health and safety of descendants tasked with caring for and protecting them. This chronic mismanagement and systemic failure by the SHPD needs to be addressed and solutions need to be put into place to ensure that our iwi kupuna are safe and that our next generations do not inherit this issue along with all the emotional, mental and spiritual implications that come with it.

It is our hope as an ohana and as recognized descendants, that by passing Bill 44, and creating an Oau Historic Preservation Commission this will end the constant mismanagement and disconnect weve witnessed between both The State Historic Preservation Division and The Department of Planning and Permitting. That by creating an Oahu Historic Preservation Commission we will have real solutions for the future, because continued inaction by the SHPD at this point is completely unacceptable.

Mahalo,  
Kolea Fukumitsu

Name: Summer Fukumitsu	Email: Kfuku85@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
---------------------------	-----------------------------	---------------



Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 03:55 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha kkou,</p> <p>My ohana and I are recognized lineal descendants to native Hawaiian human burials in Hakipuu, Oahu and I strongly support the passage of Bill 44. Like many other Native Hawaiian ohanas throughout our paeaina, my ohana for generations has committed to caring for and protecting our ancestral burials within our ahupuaa.</p> <p>Yet, over the years I, along with my family, have witnessed firsthand and been impacted by the systemic and chronic mismanagement of the burial sites program by the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). This egregious mismanagement directly affects our ability as lineal descendants to properly carry out our kuleana to malama iwi kupuna, putting our iwi kupuna in constant danger of desecration which in turn has caused significant spiritual and emotional implications to us as descendants. Despite the state and federal laws currently in place, ancestral burial sites across Hawaii are constantly desecrated, Hakipuu is only one example of this. We as an ohana have exhausted the SHPDs administrative process, following all of the SHPDs required steps as lineal descendants to protect our iwi kupuna and yet this current SHPD administrative process has failed us and our kupuna. We have provided oral testimony and documentation over and over again, weve done numerous SHPD site visits, attended every burial council meeting where we have been agendized for over 2 years, sent email after email to the SHPDs staff including Alan Downer and Hinano Rodrigues, in response to all of our efforts we have watched as the SHPD has neglected to follow or apply their own protocols and processes. My family alone has waited almost 3 years for the SHPD to make a formal determination regarding the OIBC's recommendation to recognize these burials in Hakipu'u as previously identified, this inaction and negligence by SHPD has prevented any progress in this deeply painful situation, further endangering the iwi kupuna that we are tasked with protecting.</p> <p>Because of the constant inaction by the SHPD native Hawaiians, lineal and cultural descendants are being criminalized and arrested for upholding this sacred kuleana to our ancestors. Because exhausting the administrative process has just left us jumping through hoops with no movement forward, our lives are being put on the line as we are faced with having to use our bodies as road blocks to protect iwi kupuna.</p> <p>Ive stood with my 'ohana in Hakipu'u to block machines from destroying yet another burial site in our ahupua'a, my keiki have had to witness their father arrested for trying to prevent the desecration of iwi kupuna. The fact that this is still our only current option to stop the constant desecration is unacceptable.</p> <p>This system that is in place is failing, leaving our iwi kupuna in constant danger which in turn also threatens the health and safety of descendants tasked with caring for and protecting them. This chronic mismanagement and systemic failure by the SHPD needs to be addressed and this important kuleana should be removed from their department and passed on to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission to ensure that our iwi kupuna are safe and properly cared for, so that our next generations do not inherit this issue along with all the emotional, mental and spiritual implications that come with it.</p> <p>It is our hope as an ohana and as recognized descendants, that by passing Bill 44, and creating an Oau Historic Preservation Commission this will end the constant mismanagement and disconnect weve witnessed between both The State Historic Preservation Division and The Department of Planning and Permitting. That by creating an Oahu Historic Preservation Commission we will have real solutions for the future, because continued inaction by the SHPD at this point is completely unacceptable.</p> <p>Mahalo, Summer Fukumitsu</p>		
Name: Kamakani Fukumitsu	Email: Kfuku85@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 04:04 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha kkou,</p> <p>O Kamakani ko'u inoa O Hakipu'u mai au.</p> <p>As a state recognized Lineal Descendant of iwi kupuna in Hakipu'u, I support Bill 44.</p> <p>As a descendant I have been a witness to the chronic mismanagement of SHPD, I have also felt and been effected by the negative impacts this mismanagement has caused to all of us descendants across Hawai'i who are just trying to uphold our kuleana to protect and care for iwi kupuna.</p> <p>Because of the failure to act by SHPD Native Hawaiians, lineal and cultural descendants are being criminalized, arrested for upholding this kuleana to our ancestors. Our lives are being put on the line as we are having to use our bodies as road blocks to</p>		

protect iwi kupuna.

I stood with my 'ohana in Hakipu'u to block machines from destroying another burial site in our ahupua'a, I watched as police officers carried my father away and arrested him for this. The trauma, spiritually mentally, and physically cannot be put into simple words. The fact that this is our only current option to stop the desecration is unacceptable. This system that is in place is failing, leaving our iwi kupuna in constant danger which in turn also threatens the health and safety of descendants tasked with caring for and protecting them.

I have watched as the administrative process of the State Historic Preservation Division has failed over and over again to protect our iwi kupuna and their descendants. To this day SHPD has not made a formal determination regarding the OIBC's recommendation to accept these burials in Hakipu'u as previously identified. Every month for over two years, I along with my 'ohana have continued to testify before the OIBC and SHPD for the preservation and protection of these burials in Hakipuu and have in return received no action or decisions by the SHPD Burial Sites Director or their staff.

This is why I am testifying in support of Bill 44, I believe that an Oahu Historic Preservation Commission is needed to protect and preserve these historic and sacred spaces we honor. The States Historic Preservation Division and The States Department of Planning and Permitting have desecrated and destroyed too many ancestral burials and historic sites over the years, they have continued to mismanaged their departments and have failed to follow their own protocols and processes. I strongly support the passage of Bill 44.

Mahalo,  
Kamakani Fukumitsu

Name: Elizabeth Reilly	Email: directors@hawaiikaihui.org	Zip: 96825
Representing: Livable Hawaii Kai Hui	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 05:12 PM
Name: Bronson Azama	Email: bazama02@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Honolulu Youth Commission	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 1, 2022 @ 11:52 PM
Name: Kimeona Kane	Email: Kimeonakane@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Nov 2, 2022 @ 08:36 AM

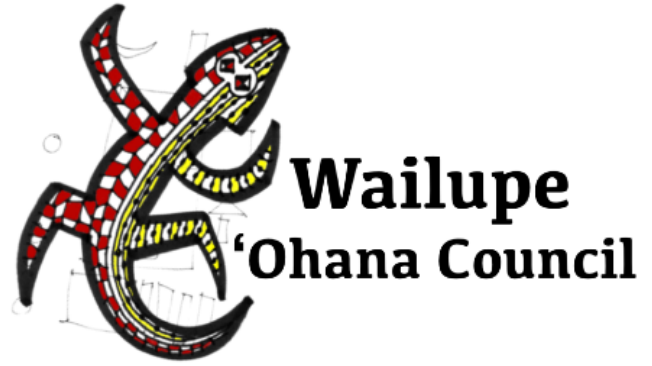
Testimony:  
Aloha nui kkou,

Kimeona Kane of Waimnalo, in support of this effort to make things right and do what is right. Strongly encouraging the Council to pass this Bill and follow through with the accountability of the City and County of Honolulu to protect these wahi kapu.

Ke Aloha Nui,  
Kimeona Kane

Oct. 30th, 2022

To: Honolulu City Council  
Re: STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 44 CD1  
The O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting on November 2, 2022 @ 10am



Aloha to the Honolulu City Council,

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 CD1 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 CD1, 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 CD1. We humbly ask the Honolulu City Council to support Bill 44 CD1.

Mahalo nui loa,  
The Wailupe 'Ohana Council • [wailupeohanacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:wailupeohanacouncil@gmail.com)

~~~~~

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



*Ko`olau Foundation*

P. O. Box 4749  
Kane`ohe, HI 96744

October 31, 2022

To: Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair  
And Members, Honolulu City Council

From: Mahealani Cypher  
Ko`olau Foundation

Re: Support for Bill 44, C.D.1, O`ahu Historic Preservation Commission

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

On behalf of the Ko`olau Foundation, I extend our aloha and gratitude to all of you on the City Council for your consideration of improvements and updates to the existing City ordinances relating to the O`ahu Historic Preservation Council. We urge the Council – and the Blangiardi Administration – to move Bill 44, C.D. 1, forward to passage and enactment into law.

The Ko`olau Foundation is dedicated to the preservation and protection of historic sites and cultural properties throughout the Hawaiian islands. Our members were among those who, in the early 1990s, advocated for the passage of the original legislation establishing this commission by law.

Your predecessors on this Council endorsed and adopted the idea of including a mechanism to look out for historic places in the process of approving developments. They understood the importance of valuing our history and heritage and embodied in the wahi pana – legendary and famous places – of our island. Back then, as now, there were voices of dissent within the development community, objecting to adding historic preservation concerns into the review process. They were successful in dissuading multiple city administrations from actually appointing members and enabling implementation of that review process. Let us hope that this particular piece of history doesn't repeat itself.

Why? Because if we want to preserve the uniqueness of where we live, those places of antiquity that enrich our lives and ensure our collective identity as an island people with island roots, we need to have these concerns incorporated into the culture of project review and permitting.

If we fail to do so, we fail not just our kupuna kahiko, our ancestors, we deprive our descendants and future generations of O`ahu's citizens the knowledge of the storied places, our places of antiquity, the understanding of who we are as a people.

We need to change the culture of thinking among those who conduct project review, to understand that historic sites ADD VALUE to a property, rather than obstacles. Properties which have historic sites have the *mana* of these places embedded in the soil, the `aina. They enrich a

Page 2

Koʻolau Foundation – Support for Bill 44, CD1

property which, if planned wisely, increase the inherent value of these lands which would be developed.

We urge you all to support passage of this bill and urge the Administration to move expeditiously to establish this commission in practice, in membership, and in action.

Mahalo for allowing me to offer our mana`o.



# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

**Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 44 CD1: Relating to the O'ahu Historic Preservation  
Commission**

November 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

---

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, 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 CD1**, to better ensure that our historic and cultural sites are protected from irreparable harm.

The Sierra Club expresses its gratitude for the leadership and foresight that has gone into the development of Bill 44, and for the Council's continued initiative in keeping this measure moving forward. As highlighted in previous testimony previously submitted by ourselves and numerous others, the deficiencies addressed in this measure have too often led to the permanent loss of historic sites and iwi kūpuna that would have otherwise served as critical connections to the cultural foundation and heritage of our islands. The continued, daily risk of additional losses strongly counsels the expeditious adoption of this measure into law, so that the work needed to implement its proposed solutions can commence as soon as possible.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i accordingly stands in strong support of this measure, and also respectfully encourages the Council as well the Mayor of Honolulu to take any and all need follow-up actions after its passage, including the appointment of commissioners and the recruitment of staff, so that we may begin to fully realize its benefits to our island's cultural and moral integrity, social fabric, resilience, and sustainability.

Therefore, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Council to **PASS** Bill 44 CD1. 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**

October 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

---

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.

---

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, 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.

---

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 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.

---

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, 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

c/o ‘Āina Haina Library, 5246 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Honolulu, HI 96821  
ainahainaassoc@gmail.com; www.ainahaina.org

Jeanne Ohta, President • Melia Lane-Kanahale, Vice-President • Art Mori, Treasurer • Kathy Takemoto, Secretary • Directors At Large: Jeff Carlson, Wayson Chow, Marie Riley

---

November 2, 2022

To: Council Member Tommy Waters, Chair  
Council Member Esther Kia‘āina, Vice-Chair, and  
Members of the Honolulu City Council

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, President

RE: Bill 44, CD1 (2022) Relating to the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission

Position: Strong Support

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

Protecting historic properties is of the utmost importance, once they are destroyed, we cannot get them back. 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.



**Honolulu City Council**  
Regular Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> Session  
November 2, 2022

**Housing and the Economy, CR-266, BILL 44 CD 1(2022) – AMENDING THE ORDINANCE  
RELATING TO THE O‘AHU HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

November 2, 2022

10:00 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,<sup>1</sup> and has substantive obligations to protect the cultural and natural resources of Hawai‘i for the agency’s beneficiaries.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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

---

<sup>1</sup> HAW. CONST. ART. XII, § 5

<sup>2</sup> See Haw. Rev. Stat. (“HRS”) Chapter 10 (2009).

<sup>3</sup> HRS § 10-3 (2009).



## Testimony

### **Committee on Housing and the Economy**

Regular Meeting

November 2, 2022

Hawaiian cultural resources. The subject remains highly-emotive, and often contentious,<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> The OHPC was authorized in 1990 with the intent to become a CLG attached to the DPP.<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup>

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,”<sup>8</sup> and continues to “protect, preserve, perpetuate, promote, enhance and develop the historic resources of Kaua‘i.”<sup>9</sup> Similarly, the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission (MCCRC) was formally established in 1992,<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> 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

---

<sup>4</sup> 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

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.nps.gov/clg/>

<sup>6</sup> Chapter 3, Article 10 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> Garden Island News, October 23, 2016

<sup>9</sup> KHPRC Chair Anne Schneider, Id.

<sup>10</sup> 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.”

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



## Testimony

### **Committee on Housing and the Economy**

Regular Meeting

November 2, 2022

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.<sup>12</sup>

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.<sup>13</sup> 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 City Council pass Bill 44 CD1.**

---

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

<sup>13</sup> 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.



# Kamehameha Schools®

City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Date: November 2, 2022  
Where: City Council Chamber

## TESTIMONY

by Kau'i Burgess

Director of Community & Government Relations

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

Aloha e Luna Ho‘omalua Waters, Hope Luna Ho‘omalua Kia‘āina, a me nā Lālā o ka ‘Aha o ke Kūlanakauhale a me ke Kalana o Honolulu.

Kamehameha Schools **SUPPORTS** Bill 44, 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 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.**



2022  
Board of  
Directors

November 1, 2022

Elizabeth Reilly  
President

Honolulu City Council  
Regular Meeting on November 2, 2022 at 10 a.m.  
Honolulu Hale/Virtual Meeting

Allen Tateishi  
Vice President

Dianne Gleis  
Secretary

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

Marian Grey  
Treasurer

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and Honorable Council Members,

Dean Takebayashi  
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 Council 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.

Gary Weller  
Director

Kendrick Chang  
Community Outreach  
Coordinator

We appreciate Vice 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.

Dylan Ramos  
Communications &  
Operations

**Website**

[www.hawaiikaihui.org](http://www.hawaiikaihui.org)  
[www.kaiwicoast.org](http://www.kaiwicoast.org)

Like the Chair and Vice 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.

**Like us on Facebook**  
Livable Hawaii Kai Hui  
Aloha Aina O Kamilo Nui  
Ka Iwi Coast

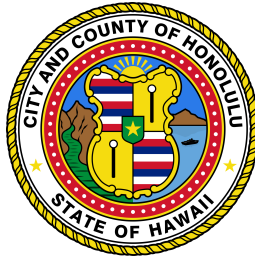
Livable Hawaii Kai Hui is a  
501(c)(3) non-profit,  
community organization  
serving East Honolulu  
since 2004. We strive to  
promote sensible growth,  
respect for cultural &  
natural resources, and  
upholding the integrity of  
the East Honolulu  
Sustainable Communities  
Plan.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Reilly  
Founder/President

Ann Marie Kirk  
Cultural Advisor





**Honolulu Youth Commission  
Letter of Support for Bill 44 CD1**

To the Members of the Honolulu City Council:

The Honolulu Youth Commission expresses its support for Bill 44 CD 1, Relating to the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission. On February 15, 2022, the Honolulu Youth Commission passed Resolution 22-004, Urging that the City Council properly constitute the O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission, since then the Youth Commission is extremely grateful to now see Bill 44 CD 1 in its final hearing. Codifying this bill would be monumental to fulfilling the vision that our commission sees for the island of O'ahu.

The O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission provides a potential avenue to finding ways to develop without trampling on our heritage. This is an important step to ensure that progress is synonymous with respect and the continuity of what it means to be Hawai'i. This is especially important at a time when cultural revitalization, which entails respect for native culture, must be at the forefront of so many efforts to improve our communities.

The Youth Commission recognizes that there have been ongoing issues with degradation of cultural sites by developers that then impede on the unique culture and heritage of the kānaka maoli and people of Hawai'i. We commend Councilwoman Kia'aina and the members of the Honolulu City Council for their efforts placed into this bill to ensure that it is complimentary to SHPD, not duplicative, and also includes the ability to advocate for our historic sites.

Again the Commission thanks Councilwoman Kia'aina and the Honolulu City Council for their efforts, and humbly asks that its members vote to in support of Bill 44 CD1.

Mahalo,

Bronson Azama

**Vice-Chair**

**Honolulu Youth Commission**