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Meeting Date: Mar 1, 2023 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 7

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Stefanie Sakamoto	Email: ssakamoto@imanaka-asato.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: BIA Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 01:28 PM
Name: Ben Duquette	Email: bjjben@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 04:31 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in support of this bill as it updates building code requirements to reflect escalating costs of repairs, frees up resources that would be better used by DPP to properly review significant building permits that would impact the community v. renovations/remodels that do not. It also reduces the costs to law abiding residents that want to modest remodels to their homes and or allowing them to repair damage to their residence without having to be unfairly punished by outdated building code requirements.</p>		
Name: Greg Thielen	Email: greg@ccs-hawaii.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 04:40 PM
Name: Tonya Dale	Email: t.dale@4ddesigns.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 05:00 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support the intention of this bill, which is to provide relief to a currently untenable permitting process. DPP does not have the capabilities to process the number of permits that are submitted each year, and this would eliminate a large percentage of permits that are currently required for work that does not affect life safety or health requirements.</p>		
Name: Hokulani Lee	Email: hokulani15@hotmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 06:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in support of Bill56 because the city is not able to process permit applications in a timely and reasonable manner. The DPP has had time to upgrade the current failing system, but has not done so. It's not right to let people wait over a year just to get an acknowledgment of submission. We need help from our lawmakers. Please help.</p>		
Name: Dylan Armstrong	Email: dylan.p.armstrong@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 27, 2023 @ 11:33 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha mai kkou, Esteemed Members of the Honolulu City Council:</p> <p>RE: BILL 56 (22), Proposed FD1</p> <p>I write in support of Bill 56 (22), Proposed FD1, introduced by Councilmember Andria Tupola, which would reform some Honolulu permit requirements.</p> <p>For instance, the increase in the eligible cost estimate for repairs is both reasonable and modest. The current global disruption to resource markets with both inflation (also affecting labor) and shortage itself. The increase to \$7,500 from \$5,000 is a substantial but fairly modest reform.</p>		

The replacement of the "\$500 in valuation" with "\$2,500 in valuation" for repair work by an electrical contractor is similarly modest. In 2019, I was offered a concession of \$500 for the rewiring of a single light switch in my real property. The \$2,000 increase would not seem to be too liberal of an increase for current electrician's costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
D.P. Armstrong

Name: Jimmy Wu	Email: jimmywu@proworkpacific.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 07:08 PM

Testimony:
I'm glad to see this kind of Bill is bringing up by council member.
Although this Bill doesn't cover all, but at least a good start.
The old ordinance was very much outdated on "type of work" exemptions and value guidelines. A lot of "minor" renovation and repair work should be added to the exemptions items, such as window replacement, bathroom retrofit, kitchen renovation, etc.

For item 10, by considering the inflation over these years, the \$5,000 value should be increased to \$25,000;

For item 18(I), the value for electrical repair work should be increased to \$5,000 due to the labor and material inflation.

For item 20(B), the value for plumbing repair work should be increased to \$10,000 due to the labor and material inflation

Name: Michelle Yao	Email: yyao2008@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Feb 28, 2023 @ 10:18 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support Bill 56. This helps reduce DPP workload, and permit backlog. It also gives home owners the relief too regarding small repairs or minor projects. People have been waiting for 8 months to a year to get a permit for window/door replacement. This has to change.
Thank you Councilwoman Tupola for making this happen.



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530 S King St.
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Honolulu, HI 96813
February 27, 2023

RE: Bill 56; Resolution 22-257

Dear Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kanekawaiola "Max" Lindsey, 2023 Special Appointee on the Board of Directors of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii) and Chairman of the Government Relations Committee. Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

We are writing in STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 56 and Resolution 22-257. Oahu's building industry and the economy continue to suffer due to extremely long permit processing times.

Bill 56 will help alleviate this issue by reducing the number of projects that must go through the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Furthermore it will allow minor modifications to existing permitted projects without triggering a requirement for another permit.

Resolution 22-257 would encourage the State Legislature to allow the Counties additional time to process building code change. It is important to provide relief on the pace of code change for both the regulated and the regulators; neither is able to keep up with updates to 7 different building codes every three years. The resulting confusion and unintended consequences of this pace of change requires extensive training for industry and DPP and slows the review of plans and projects for code compliance.

We support efforts to increase housing availability and affordability at all price points and we appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on this matter.

Mahalo,

Kanekawaiola "Max" Lindsey
2023 BIA Hawaii Special Appointee Director
2023 Chairman, Government Relations Committee

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City Council Chamber
Wednesday March 1, 2023
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RE: Bill 56 Relating to Permits Required

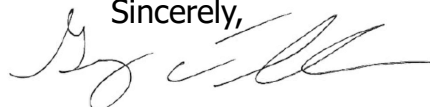
Chair Say, Vice Chair Dos Santos-Tam, and members of the committee,

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Bill 56 Relating to Permits Required. The ongoing struggles within the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) to issue permits in a timely manner is a widely known and acknowledged problem. Bill 56 represents one step forward in a positive direction in resolving this.

By expanding the existing list of exempt projects we provide relief to Homeowners engaged in these relatively minor projects from having to engage with the frustrating hassle of dealing with DPP. Furthermore we clear many of these minor projects from the DPP pipeline allowing them to focus more closely on more significant projects. A third and possibly overlooked benefit has to do with minor modifications to already permitted projects. Currently any variation from approved plans is considered illegal construction by DPP and requires either a re-review or whole new permit to resolve. If the modifications do not require a permit in the first place though, the modifications are irrelevant and this further reduces the DPP logjam.

While this measure is a simple, small step forward, it is a positive step in the right direction. For this reason I request your support in moving Bill 56 forward.

Sincerely,



Greg Thielen
President/RME