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February 11, 2025

The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 325
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of HB686: RELATING TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARDS.

Dear Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee,

I am Tristie Licoan and chair of the South Community Development Plan Action Committee. I am writing to ask for your support of HB686: RELATING TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARDS. On January 16, 2025, the South Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee voted unanimously to support this measure.

Since the creation of the County of Hawaii’s advisory CDP Action Committee Program in 2009 we have had to convene our meetings under the strict regulatory Sunshine Law requirements required of all decision-making bodies, such as the County Council.

HB686 proposes to make minor updates to Part VII Chapter 92.81 related to Neighborhood Boards. In addition, HB686 proposes the adoption of a new state-wide generic definition for community outreach boards under 92-2 HRS.

The South Kohala CDP Action Committee believes the passage of HB686 will greatly increase the ability of all Hawai‘i County’s CDP Action Committees to better serve our communities and encourage public participation in local government.

Mahalo,


Tristie Licoan (Feb 11, 2025 08:35 HST)

Tristie Licoan, Chair
South Kohala CDP Action Committee