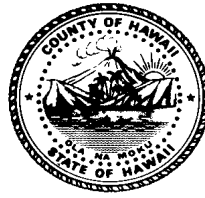


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January 29, 2025

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Senate Committee on Government Operations
and
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of SB869: RELATING TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARDS.

Dear Chair McKelvey, Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committees,

I am Tristie Licoan and Chair of the South Kohala Community Development Plan Action Committee. I am writing to ask for your support of SB869: 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 Hawai‘i’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.

SB869 proposes to make minor updates to Part VII Chapter 92.81 related to Neighborhood Boards. In addition, SB869 proposes the adoption of a new generic definition for community outreach boards under 92-2 HRS.

The South Kohala CDP Action Committee believes the passage of SB869 will greatly increase the ability of all of Hawai‘i County’s CDP Action Committees to better serve our communities and encourage public participation in local government.

Mahalo,

Tristie Licoan (Jan 29, 2025 08:53 HST)

Tristie Licoan, Chair
South Kohala CDP Action Committee