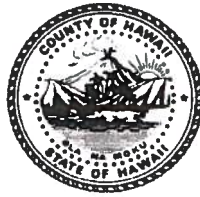


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KONA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

February 21, 2024

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 2058, Relating to Neighborhood Boards

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee Members:

At the meeting of the Kona Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee held on February 6, 2024 at the West Hawai'i Civic Center, the Action Committee voted unanimously (with five of its eight members present) to endorse as its own statement a letter in support of SB 2058. Attached is the letter submitted, Communication Number 2024-11.

Sincerely,

Charles Young

Charles Young (Feb 22, 2024 08:34 HST)

Charles Young, Chair
Kona CDP Action Committee

During the February meeting of the Kona Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee, the members voted to support the passage of SB 2058, the bill introduced by Senator Dru Kanuha.

Since the creation of the program, the County of Hawai'i's advisory CDP Action Committees have had to convene our meetings under the strict regulatory Sunshine Law rules that are required of decision-making bodies such as the County Council.

SB 2058 proposes to make minor technical improvements to Chapter 92.81 HRS of the State Sunshine Law. The addition of a new generic definition for community outreach board to §92-2 would apply to (existing or future) similar boards or committees in other counties. This language would allow our CDP Action Committees to operate under the Sunshine Law Chapter 92.81 HRS, the section of the Sunshine Law that applies to Neighborhood Boards.

The Kona CDP Action Committee believes the passage of SB 2058 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,


Charles Young

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