

## HHT Committee

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**Subject:** Testimony on Proposed Bill Amending 2.96  
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Chair Stacy Crivello  
Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee  
Maui County Council

Subject: Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee Hearing, October 5, 2017

Dear Chair Crivello,

Attached is my testimony in support of the bill under agenda item HHT-2(1) that would help promote the development of new low-income rental housing for the needy.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Kealoha  
Vice Chair, Catholic Charities Hawai'i Maui Advisory Board

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October 4, 2017

Stacy Crivello, Chair  
Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Subject: Testimony re: Amendments to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy  
(Proposed Amendments relating to credits, restrictions for rental units, and vacancies in  
residential workforce housing units) (HHT-2(1))

Dear Chair Crivello and Members of the Committee,

As the Vice Chair of the Maui Advisory Board of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, I provide  
testimony in support of the subject bill.

This bill will allow us at Catholic Charities Hawai'i to build Kahului Lani, a much-needed  
164 affordable senior housing rental unit development in Kahului. Rental housing credits  
as proposed, especially for 100% affordable developments such as ours, will greatly  
enhance our project's ability to obtain needed government financing. In addition, I wish  
to point out that our Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Housing Development Corporation is a  
100% low-income developer. It is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

Over the last 20 years or so in providing volunteer assistance on various nonprofit  
boards, I can attest to the fact that besides jobs, the most important need for family  
sustainability is having access to affordable housing.

Your approval of this proposed bill will help make our Kahului Lani project possible.

Sincerely,



Stephen Kealoha  
Vice Chair, Catholic Charities Hawai'i Maui Advisory Board