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Meeting Time: 09-29-21 13:30

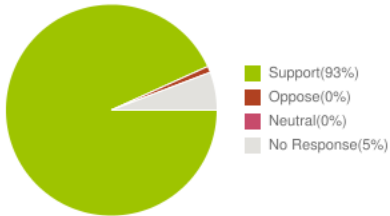
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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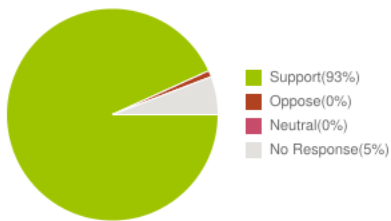
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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BFED-78 CC 21-29 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REFORM (BFED-78)	202	188	2	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

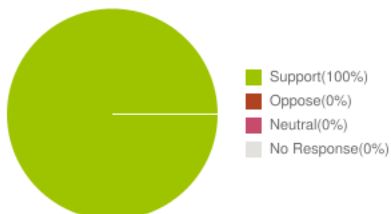
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:42pm 09-29-21

Aloha mai k_kou,

I am writing in support of BFED-78. Mahalo Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez for putting this bill forward. It will be instrumental in reducing the dispossession of generational __ina k_puna. The speculative real estate market has been extremely destructive throughout the pae __ina and this bill will help alleviate some of the ongoing harm.

One suggestion I would like to make is in regard to the language concerning commercial purposes. Similar to the Kuleana tax reform, agriculture is the only form of commerce allowed in this bill. I see this as a way of keeping K_naka frozen in time, whereby we are relegated to the museum without being afforded an opportunity to realize our full potential in the 21st century. Therefore, I humbly suggest allowing commercial activity in-line with zoning in the area.

I realize this bill does not apply exclusively to K_naka Maoli and look forward to all multi-generational families of all ethnicities benefiting from this bill in Maui Nui.

Me ke aloha,
La_akea Low

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:35am 09-29-21

I strongly support all efforts that bring tax relief to the kanaka maoli that retain ownership of their ancestral homelands. The County of Maui needs to address the gross injustices embedded into the property tax system in regards to Native Hawaiians.. this is a critical first step. I hope that council members will choose to be on the right side of history and make the necessary changes.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 8:38am 09-29-21

Aloha mai e ka _aha k_k_ o ke Kalana o Maui,

My name is Ho_oleia Ka_eo. I am a Maui resident and I am also a kupa of this place because my k_puna are from this moku. I am writing to strongly SUPPORT the passage of the __ina K_puna Tax Relief Bill; to amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, to add a section relating to taxes on parcels dedicated as __ina k_puna. Land taxes have been skyrocketing due to the booming real estate market catered to the mega-rich. Luxury, empty vacation homes, and temporary vacation rentals now border __ina of many Hawaiian families. The strain of rising land taxes and inability to afford them have been another mechanism of removal and dispossession of Hawaiians from their __ina k_puna. In addition, most local and Hawaiian families are already no longer able afford the purchase of property in our own homeland. The county must act to mitigate these issues and ensure that the __ina that our k_puna born, lived, and are buried on, that have been kept in families generationally, are kept in perpetuity to _ohana. The profit the County will incur from settler capitalists will never amount to the aloha that families have for their __ina k_puna.

Mahalo nui to Council member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez for proposing this bill. I kindly ask the Council to consider the long-term consequences and pass the __ina K_puna Tax Relief Bill.

Me ka ha_aha_a,
Ho_oleia Ka_eo

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 8:20am 09-29-21

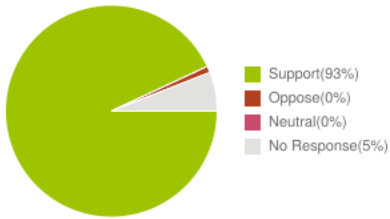
Aloha e Council members, Mahalo to Council Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez for presenting this much needed bill. I am in full support of the proposed bill to amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, to add a section relating to taxes on parcels dedicated as aina kupuna. Hawaiian families are desperately needing protection from over taxation due to circumstances beyond their control. We are paying higher taxes and are not receiving benefits we pay into. Some of these lands are on private roads, off-grid or hard to access or in many cases wealthy people buy the land, put up huge mansions and out-price many Hawaiian families. Please pass this bill!!! Lurlyn Scott, Honopou

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 6:44pm 09-23-21

I am in support of County Property Tax Reform (BEFED-78)! Aina Kapuna lands should not be taxed and our community, county and state should be in support of keeping Aina Kapuna lands affordable and attainable for their rightful owners and their descendants! The Chang Ohana who live on Makena road is a prime example. They are farming and taking care of the aina regardless of their neighbors who surround them with their multimillion dollar homes. Why should they pay the same taxes as their neighbors when the Chang family has been farming and living on their land before the Makena development took over and drove up the housing market and taxes?? We need to support our local families and their way of life! Please support this bill and make this right!!

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27pm 09-29-21

I realize the hearing is already pau, but hopefully it is not too late to be submitting my testimony in support of the 'Aina Kupuna bill. I recently retired in 2020 after having serve as the Kahu at Keawala'i Congregational Church in Makena for 29 years. Over the last three decades, I have see tremendous changes in the surrounding communities of South Maui and especially in Makena.

It is a well known and documented fact that many of the Hawaiian families for whom Makena was home, have been taxed out of the area as a result of high-end resort and residential development. The few families who remain have had to sell some of their land in order to cover the skyrocketing land taxes driven by this speculators.

There are other families and communities in the same situation. The 'Aina Kupuna bill will benefit lineal descendants in their respective communities.

I support the bill and call upon the members of the board to do the same.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Kahu Kealahou Alike, Retired

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20pm 09-29-21

Budget Finance and Economic Development Committee

Wednesday September 29, 2021

6:38 PM

Testimony on COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REFORM (BFED-78)

Aloha Chair Keani N.W.Rawlins – Fernandez, Vice-Chair Tamara Paltin, and Committee members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on the 'Aina Kupuna Tax Relief Bill. I submit testimony in support of the Aina Kupuna Tax Relief Bill.

My lineage has deep roots on the Valley Isle. My paternal grandmother was Annie Kaaka Makekau, born in

Lahaina, our Makekahu ohana maintains a large presence in Maui. My maternal grandmother was Anastacia Hamole Ho'opi'i, born in Kaupo from east Maui. Her Tutu's were John David & Maria Hamole Nohua of Kaupo, their descendants are the Kaleikini's, Needham's, Kekiwi's, Hai's, Pi'imauna's, Kalaehano's & Ho'opi'i's.

My 2nd Great Grandmother Maria Hamole has an interest in Land Grant:2577, located in Kaupo, this property predates the State of Hawaii, and has been cared for by the Nohua ohana for Generations. This bill will help kama'aina preserve what's left of our ancestral land.

Mahalo nui,

Don Jugoz (Kona)
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Kona Jugoz

Location:
Submitted At: 8:17pm 09-29-21

I was raised on kupuna Aina and I still return home. I see the blessings and burden it has been to my families. Please Support out local families!

Esther Melani Chang

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 5:21pm 09-29-21

I strongly support this bill!

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 5:13pm 09-29-21

I support

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 4:22pm 09-29-21

I support aina kupuna bill.

Monica L.N. Crabbe

Location:
Submitted At: 3:50pm 09-29-21

I am in support of BFED-78 CC 21-29 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REFORM (BFED-78).
Council Committee: Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee:
I encourage you to let your conscience and heart be your guide today, to listen to the 'Aina Kupuna and to hear their whispering voices in the wind.....to right a wrong that will stand for generations to come.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 3:30pm 09-29-21

I strongly support of passing this bill

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:12pm 09-29-21

I strongly support!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:10pm 09-29-21

E k_ko_o i n_ ___iwi i ka ___ina ho_opulapula i ola mau n_ pua! E mau ke ea o ka ___ina i ka pono!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:42pm 09-29-21

Aloha Chair and Budget Committee,

My name is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros and I'm an employee of Councilmember Shane Sinenci. I'm writing in support of BFED-78 CC 21-29. I've lived in Hana most of our lives and have watched as families upon families lose their aina because of property taxes they can no longer afford. It's very sad to watch and not be able to help because many times, their tax bill has gone up in the thousands and thousands of dollars. Tens and Hundreds of thousands for some. I can name the families who have lost or are close to losing their family aina. They don't qualify for "Kuleana taxes" but have been on the aina for generations.

My maternal side ohana also have aina that have gone up recently and even though there's a "fund" for collecting monies to pay the taxes, it has been hard to keep up. My Mom's ohana have been on the aina for many generations since the 1800's. Many are resting on the lands now owned by the State Department of Land and Natural Resources. This is where the Waianapanapa State Park and Cabins are located. My great great Tutu Ahukiniala'a Kahanaole is buried way out past three beaches, where Tourist walk everyday on the beach trail, near the airport. She passed in 1900. My great Tutu's are buried in three different family grave sites in the State Park. My Tutu's, Mother, Aunties, Brother and Sister are all buried within the State Park lands.

This should show you how long our family have resided in Honokalani. The road to enter the Cabins and State Park is still privately owned by our ohana.

My husbands Kalawa ohana has also been on this aina since his Great Grandfather, who is buried on this aina we live on, but we do not qualify for Kuleana taxes. Kalawa purchased then married English and has been on this aina from a long long time ago, at least three, now four generations. We can still afford it right now, but very concerned for the future of our children and theirs.

Oprah bought two homes just down the road from us (Kingdom Come?) and owns large pieces of land on either side of us. We can't compete with O. Please pass this bill so our people can remain on the aina for many more generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa,

Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros

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Keiki Kawaiaea

Location:

Submitted At: 2:21pm 09-29-21

E ke K_mike Mo_ohelu, _Oihana K_I_ a me ka Ho_omohala Ho_okelewaiwai,

Aloha _oukou;

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony today in support of the ___ina K_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief to long-standing kama___ina families. In the bill's definition, ___ina k_puna are ancestral lands that have been in families for at least 3 generations.

_Ohana living on their ancestral lands have made important contributions to Maui communities through their genealogical, cultural, scientific, and historical ties to the ___ina. Places have their names, and community knowledge has been developed through working and living on the land over time. Such things as the movement of water, farming, fishing, and sustainability practices were developed, harnessed, and transmitted from one generation to another. ___ina k_puna are a substantial part of our very identity and we serve as the stewards to the ___ina.

As time has passed and the landscape of our communities has changed, those with ___ina k_puna who have found a way to hold fast to their lands are having an almost impossible time struggling to pay for their property taxes as it has increased beyond reasonable means and average local incomes. For example, the property tax where my father grew up and lives (at 89 years old) increased 380% between 2015-2019 due to high-end speculation homes built on surrounding properties. Owners in these homes visit only a few weeks a year are not residents and sell them later for a huge profit.

I humbly ask that you support the ___ina K_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 and pass it out of your committee and encourage others in the Council to do so. Standing for this bill is also standing for our Maui long-time kama___ina families and the many contributions they have made to our County and these precious places we call home from our various ___ina kupuna, our ancestral lands.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:16pm 09-29-21

Support

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:13pm 09-29-21

Aloha e ke K_mike Budget, Finance, and Economic Development. I am writing in support of the BFED-78 CC 21-29 that would provide tax relief to the 'ohana, who despite so many historical and modern challenges, have managed to maintain their beloved family lands. As a culture-historical researcher, I have seen and spoken to many 'ohana who shared stories of making the difficult decision to sell their ancestral lands because the taxes are too much of a financial burden. Although I live on Hawai'i Island my maternal grandparents are from Kanaio, Maui thus I feel a kuleana to raise my voice in support of this bill. Please support the bill by passing it through your committee. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:59pm 09-29-21

Aloha,

I strongly support the ___ina Kupuna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descendants who are connected to the lands of their ancestors. By providing tax relief for lineal descendants is another tool for us as kanaka moali to exercise our right to keep what is rightful ours.

Mahalo piha,

Pualani Kamaunu

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:45pm 09-29-21

Aloha k_kou, As a Native Hawaiian descendant whose family has had our kuleana lands in jeopardy from being stolen through quiet title and quitclaim suits, I strongly support the ___ina Kupuna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who are connected to the lands of their ancestors. Our _ohana had to pay thousands of dollars in land taxes before we were lucky enough to receive tax exemption for our kuleana lands in H_na, Maui. This support should be offered to all those _ohana whose lands have been in their families for generations. Mahalo for your support to keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands!

Kelley Lehuakeapuna Uyeoka

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:33pm 09-29-21

Support

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 09-29-21

Aloha! As a descendant the Kukahiko Family, I strongly support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that will provides tax relief for the families who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. I ask you the committee to please support the bill & pass it to keep out taxes down so we can keep family lands in family hands.

- Ivory Awai-Pascual

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:26pm 09-29-21

Aloha nui,

I, Oralani Koa support the 'aina Kupuna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. It is our kuleana to ensure these lands remain in place for generation to come. Please support the bill by passing it through your committee.

Kananinohea Makaimoku

Location:

Submitted At: 1:23pm 09-29-21

Aloha e ke K_mike Budget, Finance, and Economic Development,

My name is Kananinohea M_ka_imoku, the eldest granddaughter of Eddie & Laureen Chang that reside in M_kena. They are one of the few remaining family members who live on our ancestral lands in M_kena. For over 30 years, I have watched my grandfather plan, organize, and make many sacrifices so that the land can be passed on to future generations.

My grandfather grew up in M_kena. There, he learned to fish, farm, raise pigs, live off the land, share with others, and care for the land's resources. As a result, he can identify the traditional names and stories of the points, the bays, the prime fishing spots, and the significant areas of his beloved homeland. It was at M_kena that he observed and learned from the older generations and the community that shaped his values of kuleana in serving your community.

It is because of the efforts of my grandfather that I am tied affectionately to M_kena. Yet, every time I return to M_kena, I am heartbroken by the drastic changing landscape and the people that occupy M_kena. I fondly remember:

-Playing with cousins and other local kids from families that would camp over the weekends.

-Walking to my aunties' and uncles' house for a family party.

-Chatting with family members after church service.

And many, many cherished memories. Memories that are etched in my heart and that have shaped my identity.

Experiences that I fear my children and grandchildren will never experience in M_kena.

M_kena is overwhelmed by empty vacation homes and tourists that aren't concerned about the welfare of the land, the conservation of M_kena's natural resources, or its community. I ask you to visualize the long-term impacts on Mau_i_s land, Maui_s resources, and Maui_s people. The very core of Maui's cultural fabric relies on the decision you make today.

Please support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to reside and care for their ancestral lands, the natural resources, and the community's people.

Me ka _oia_i_o,

Kananinohea M_ka_imoku

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 09-29-21

Please keep our property taxes down.

Not in favor of changing zoning from conservation to residential in Kaup_ Maui. Kanuha Obama

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 09-29-21

Aloha,

I, Kalikolehua Storer support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:11pm 09-29-21

Aloha nui kakou,

My name is P_haikealoha Kaikala. I am a resident of Maui and I am in strong SUPPORT of the passing of this bill. My ohana has struggled with paying the land tax for our aina kupuna for many years now and the passing of this bill would be such a relief.

Mahalo nui Keani Rawlins-Fernandez for proposing the bill.

Me ka haahaa,

P_haikealoha Kaikala

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:03pm 09-29-21

I support this bill

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:58pm 09-29-21

I am Shanette Kanuha and I strongly support this bill for my KUPUNA and all Ohana. Helps us preserve our 'iwi kupuna and 'aina.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:36pm 09-29-21

Aloha! My name is Punohu Ah Sau and as a direct descendant of the many generation that came before me, it is my K_leana to support this bill of my __Ina K_puna in Makena. I am in full support of this __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee."

P_nohu Ah Sau

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:25pm 09-29-21

As a born and raised resident of maui, this would be a great opportunity for myself and other maui generational families to keep their lands from selling. My great grandfather purchased 50 acres in Olinda in 1950 and we currently are struggling to keep it in our hands and the future families name. Please support this bill!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:25pm 09-29-21

Strongly support!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:15pm 09-29-21

Strongly support!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 09-29-21

Aloha mai e ka _aha k_k_ o ke Kalana o Maui,

My name is Ho_oleia Ka_eo. I am a Maui resident and I am also a kupa of this place because my k_puna are from this moku_puni. I am writing to strongly SUPPORT the passage of the __ina K_puna Tax Relief Bill; to amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, to add a section relating to taxes on parcels dedicated as __ina k_puna. Land taxes have been skyrocketing due to the booming real estate market catered to the mega-rich. Luxury, empty vacation homes, and temporary vacation rentals now border __ina of many Hawaiian families. The strain of rising land taxes and inability to afford them have been another mechanism of removal and dispossession of Hawaiians from their __ina k_puna. In addition, most local and Hawaiian families are already no longer able afford the purchase of property in our own homeland. The county must act to mitigate these issues and ensure that the the __ina that our k_puna born, lived, and are buried on, that have been kept in families generationally, are kept in perpetuity to _ohana. The profit the County will incur from settler capitalists will never amount to the aloha that families have for their __ina k_puna.

Mahalo nui to Council member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez for proposing this bill. I kindly ask the Council to consider the long-term consequences and pass the __ina K_puna Tax Relief Bill.

Me ka ha_aha_a,
Ho_oleia Ka_eo

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:07pm 09-29-21

Support

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 09-29-21

Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee
Hon. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Hon. Tamara Paltin, Vice Chair

Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice Chair Paltin and members of the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee:

I am providing testimony on behalf of M_kena Golf & Beach Club. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of item BFED 78.

Maintaining ' _ina k_puna in Hawai'i over the last century has been an arduous task for many kama' _ina families – Maui in particular. We have witnessed families choose between struggling to maintain property tax payments or pay for day-to-day living expenses.

Incentivizing the maintenance of lineal descendancy in landownership through affordable property taxes is one of the best methods to ensure that our 'ohana continues to call this place home.

As a developer in Hawai'i, we understand our unique position at M_kena Golf & Beach Club. With that unique position comes a unique kuleana to understand how we impact ' _ina, 'ohana and kai_ulu and to ensure that the people and families around us who have called these lands home for generations are not impacted by our

projects.

In Hawai'i, the lowest property tax rate is provided to owners of properties deemed historic. We should afford the same consideration to property owners who have maintained family properties over generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo,
Ka'imi Judd
Vice President
M_kena Golf & Beach Club

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:58am 09-29-21

Our most important assets in Hawaii,..our past and our future. Do no harm to our past(kupuna) and you will empower our future(keiki). God bless.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:50am 09-29-21

Ano ai ke aloha
Kekuamanoha Burgess keia
Here voicing support for this bill that needs to be passed. Multigenerational land stewardship and resource management is key to thriving communities and ecosystems.All will benefit from this. This bill will keep kanaka who belong on the land there.
Keep Hawaii Hawaiian

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:50am 09-29-21

I strongly support this bill!

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:38am 09-29-21

Aloha, i am Puaena Poplardo.I believe that The hawaiians who own land and have been passed down from generation to generation should not be taxed (AT ALL) or even the same as all the other million dollar homes go up around them...It's already hard enough for us Hawaiian's to just rent a place here in Hawaii, Let alone Own any land because of how expensive it is and all of The Outsiders coming in and buying. I support this bill a 100% due to this affecting my own family.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:31am 09-29-21

Support!!!

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:30am 09-29-21

Support

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:28am 09-29-21

Support 100%

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:24am 09-29-21

Please support this bill for all ohana.
Mahalo nui

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23am 09-29-21

Aloha my Name is Dennis R DeLeon jr my grandfather is Robert M Kanuha!! And why we as kanaka who never paid tax on our land and now we have to pay land tax and this our kuleana land given from king kalakaua!! Please stop it now mahalo

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23am 09-29-21

Support!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:20am 09-29-21

I SUPPORT THIS BILL!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:20am 09-29-21

I support this bill!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:47am 09-29-21

Support

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 09-29-21

Aloha Committee Chair and Council - My name is Rosemond Keanuene Pettigrew, I live on kupuna aina on the east end of Molokai in the Ahupua'a O Aha'ino. My ohana's kuleana is to malama, to take care of the aina kupuna that goes back to ancient times as recorded in documentation from my kupuna. With the costs of real estate in Hawai'i, more development, and in some cases the inability to qualify for the traditional homeowner exemption, has made it difficult for families who have been the caretakers of their land for generations to afford the taxes. For me, the aina is my ohana as it is my connection to past and the present. It is the place where my kupuna lived and worked in ancient times, where their essence remains today. I want my children and future grandchildren to be able to call our kupuna aina home for eternity. I humbly request that the Council unanimously pass this bill for the future generations of kanaka and others to hold on their ancestral lands. Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka Aina I Ka Pono! Mahalo nui! Loke

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:55am 09-29-21

Aloha council, o kou inoa o Kamaulihiwa Kawaiaea. This bill is crucial to many Hawaiian ohana. If not passed basically your pushing the last of the Hawaiian ohanas out of there kupuna lands. There's been enough desecration to our family lands and too much familys struggling to hold on to there family grounds. If there's one thing that has to be said it's really Hewa, wrong to not pass this bill. Please pass the bill so that our families can have strength to survive in our home lands. Imua!__

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27am 09-29-21

Aloha Council members. My name is Tom Cook and I support this bill. Please make a strong statement in support of generational land stewardship, pass this legislation by a unanimous vote and quickly. Many families have been forced to sell due to ever-rising property prices by real estate speculation. Thank you for your service.

pahnelopi mckenzie

Location:

Submitted At: 9:21am 09-29-21

Greetings Council,

I am in support of the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29. These kind of bills are essential to the generations before and the future. The taxation upon those that maintain and are Hawai_i must be treated very different than settlers that _buy property_ and specifically are creating the gentrification and displacement of local residents. i am also wondering if any back taxes on __ina kupuna lands are honored in this to ease the burden for families that are faced with with issue? Thank you for creating this bill to help the people and protect the future from the dangers of real estate and tourist industry (that should actually be taxes far higher than currently.) Please pass this bill and continue to protect the future!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19am 09-29-21

I support this bill!!! We Hawaiians gotta stick together , before eventually other people who are not Hawaiian are gonna take over our land.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 09-29-21

I support this bill.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25am 09-29-21

I support this BFED-78 aina kupuna. Its been generation to embrace Aloha

Claire Carroll

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25am 09-29-21

I am in support to having this on the table to discussion

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:03am 09-29-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78. I think this is a good idea to relieve the tax burden for families who have lived on ancestral lands for generations, and helps promote the continued agricultural use of these lands.

—Scott Crawford, Hana

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58am 09-29-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee. This bill is a crucial one for families like mine who have been taxed out of our ancestral lands. My k_puna have already been forced to sell off large tracts of lands that have been in our family since the 1800s because we simply cannot afford to pay the land taxes associated with the lands that we have inherited from our k_puna. We are kupa o ka __ina (natives of the land), we are not speculators. We have every intention of maintaining our connection to our ancestral lands

in perpetuity; however, without a bill like this, local families like ours will be taxed out and unable to retain our lands.

Leihua Crabbe

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11am 09-29-21

I am a Maui descendant of Pikonui,

kupuna kahiko mai ka _aina o Kipahulu o ka makani ka_ili aloha.

I live on the island of Maui, and like my mother before me, have a fondness for our _aina, Wailamoā, Kipahulu.

My family continues to pay land taxes, eventually hoping one day they will return to Kipahulu.

However, due to obscene skyrocketing property values associated with property taxes, real estate, foreign investment and global demand for land in Hawai_i.....we are being taxed on our family land, which has not had a hale (house) on it for over 100 years, no plumbing no electricity, no road(s), no new improvements.....in other words, just land, just _aina, _Aina Kupuna. The _aina is in the same state as when it was given to my kupuna.....great-great-great grand father, great-great-grand mother, great-grand mother, grand mother, uncles and cousins.

Annually, we go to chop down the trees, clear the weeds, burn the rubbish, gather _a_ama (crab), he_e (squid) _opihi, and leho (cowrie shells). We do this to honor those who have walked these paths and those who have lived the lives of a time gone by,.....after all, we are care takers to our _Aina Kupuna; they are not a commodity as real estate agents or investors would otherwise have you believe.

The rape of our _Aina Kupuna must stop, and you.....our Maui Council has the opportunity to turn the direction of this Westernized thinking; and therefore, to amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, to add a section relating to taxes on parcels dedicated as 'Aina K_puna. Or, have the stain of generational genocide on your conscience. Please let your conscience and heart be your guide today, to hear our _Aina Kupuna, to hear their voices in the wind.....

to right a wrong that will stand for generations in years to come.

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:01am 09-29-21

Please pass this bill. Enough of Hawaii has been given to rich Japanese tourists buying a seventh home.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:44am 09-29-21

Aloha,

I am a descendant of John and Kamaka Kukahiko from Makena whose graves as well as other _ohana are still there. I was fortunate to live in Makena when I first moved to Maui in 1985. I urge you to pass ___ina Kupana Bill. K_hau Lu_uwai

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:36am 09-29-21

In support of this bill

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:05am 09-29-21

Aloha Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee Chair Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, and Members. My name is Lein__ala Kuloloio Vedder and I support the ___ina K_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands.

As a post-missionary lineal descendent of Honua_ula, my family have been displaced by forcing to sell our ancestral property because of land speculation, developer intimidation, and ridiculous sky-rocketed property taxes. We have other parcels that are encroached upon by future developments in Mo_oiki, Honua_ula that have cause anxiety and financial hardship to pay property tax. The continued increase of development from Paeahu to Keoneo_io have caused Hawaiian lineal descendants to use their ancestral lands for “commercial purposes” in order to sustain their lands and pay for the taxes and fees incurred to maintain the property and infrastructure that are assessed by an unfair formula used by the County of Maui Tax Real Property Tax Assessment Division. Therefore, there may be some lineal descendant families who may not qualify under this bill at this time. Please consider to find a way such as a temporary “limited commercial use” for those families or a moratorium of increasing their property taxes in the interim.

One point I would like to address is the political definition of “kama__ina”. The indigenous peoples of Hawai_i have been politically scrutinized of our identity for over two hundred years. Politically, Native Hawaiians are the indigenous peoples of Hawai_i by which we have to prove our identity by providing legal race claim documents. Is the definition of the word “kama__ina” a “native-born, one born in a place, a land child” according to Pukui the official definition? I would also like this committee to define who are “kama__ina” applicants establishing their lineal descendancy by court order to a person who held title to the property as of the date on this bill. I am confident that appropriate legal genealogy race claim documents will be used as evidence of their claim. This is necessary by not causing confusion among others who have been so privilege and not go through identity race claim verification scrutiny like “Native Hawaiians.”

I am hopeful that once this bill is passed, discussions among all stakeholders and institutions will continue to protect the inherent interests of lineal descendants on ancestral lands and our future generations of Hawai_i pae__ina.

Mahalo,

Lein__ala Kuloloio Vedder

Maile Letuli

Location:

Submitted At: 4:07am 09-29-21

I am Descendant of Kupuna Lands dating back before the time of Kamehameha III and before the Great Mahele. Still paying land taxes to _Aina Kupuna in Kipahulu

I am a Maui descendant of Pikonui of Kipahulu.

My ohana and I and like my father before me, have been paying land taxes to hold on to our 'Aina Kupuna in Kipahulu.

My family continues to do so, as a means of one day being able to return to Kipahulu to live; but due to obscene skyrocketing land taxes I am not able to return. This Maui Council has a once in a lifetime decision to be able to turn the tidal wave to amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, to add a section relating to taxes on parcels dedicated as 'ina k_puna. Or, you may be a part of a Maui Council that could also have the stain of generational genocide.

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Mary Chang - Tu'ifua

Location:

Submitted At: 4:05am 09-29-21

I thought I would make it "official" register my name and speak my mind and heart. I am known to many as Mary Chang I grew up in Makena and spent much of my young life there. My Siblings have amazing stories of Makena when it was just sticks... I have wonderful memories of Makena, when they were sticks yet emerging...

Once upon a time Makena was only Hawaiian/ Hapa families. Everyone knew each other... They lived in nature and around nature and supported its natural ecosystem. Yeah had at one point ranching but they eventually moved completely to Ulupalakua.

Many local families moved away no can afford... But it doesn't stop there the hurt of having to leave your birthplace /home sometimes never heals. Though I can't afford to live in the place I grew up. My heart returns there all the time. Yet now I cannot recognize it. Gates/ Big timeshares/ VRBO/ AIR BnB's... Rich getaway rentals.. Unreal...

My Older brother will soon be on this list of taxed out!! KUKAHIKO-CHANG Lands. My niece raises Kalo and other food on that 'aina to help support her family and the community! Please help this family and others in similar

situations not be displaced from their family lands. ___ So many generations live and died in these lands on the same property they farm, they also buried. So many families came together in Makena....

I wholeheartedly SUPPORT this bill!

It's not just about Makena, it's about all ancestral lands who have those native to and of the land still dwelling on these lands. Kupuna/ Makua who at no point included living around foreigners. Nonetheless those who come build a building that stays empty three quarters of the year. Yet significantly raises property taxes like it's raining money on the other side of the heiau walls. It's funny how we say we CARE about the people yet cater to these people who throw down short term monies and Appreciation and accolades are shown to these people. Yet it's the natives who stick around and show their love for these lands. They shed their heart and tears, hopes and fears over these lands. Many have nowhere else to go... Displace the people from the land you only have them build-up in camps like Amala place. Because they've lost their hope in the system... That you all will do something that will help the people of this land. Please don't look past those who love the land and still dwell in and on it and care for it.

Mahalo for your time and hearing my mana'o.

Truly in support of!

Mary Chang-Tu'ifua

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41pm 09-28-21

K_ko_o

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:08pm 09-28-21

I am a descendant of the Kukahiko Chang 'ohana. I support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 as I believe it is our best hope of retaining our land and passing it on to future generations. Our _ina k_puna presents some unique challenges as it is located in the resort area of Makena where property values are extraordinarily high! In the past 6 years, our lowest property tax increase was 225% and our highest was 425%. The taxes have become a huge financial burden and a struggle to pay! How can we continue this way? It saddens me that we are at this point, that land that has been in our 'ohana for over a 100 years is in jeopardy! No family should be forced to sell their land, their heritage, their legacy, because of outside forces that have driven prices up! Please protect our long standing kama'aina families by passing this bill! Mahalo!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34pm 09-28-21

I whole heartedly support this bill!!!

STACEY ANN CASCO

Location:

Submitted At: 10:33pm 09-28-21

Please see attachment

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:50pm 09-28-21

I support

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46pm 09-28-21

K_ko_o piha k_ia!! I support our _ohana to keep their __ina.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22pm 09-28-21

I support this bill. It is important to allow the Hawaiian families that have worked so hard to let their legacies live on.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:10pm 09-28-21

This bill needs to be passed! #keephawaiianlandsinhawaiianhands

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:05pm 09-28-21

I support this bill. It is not right to push Hawaiians out of their ancestral lands.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:03pm 09-28-21

This is sickening. This bill needs to be passed immediately before any more kanaka lose their homesteads. This bill should have been put into motion decades ago. Shame that our "leaders" and law makers allowed it to get this out of hand and continuously try and sweep this issue under the rug. SHAME!! This needs to stop NOW!! Kanaka stand up for what is rightfully yours. I 1000% support this bill.

Guest User

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Submitted At: 8:56pm 09-28-21

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Location:

Submitted At: 8:54pm 09-28-21

Aloha, my name is Kelsie Kapalu-Kamaka. I was born & raised here on the Island of Maui. Waiehu, has been my home til this very day. As for Makena, it's been my sweet escape during the Summer time and/or Holidays. I am a descendant of the Chang Ohana, who currently, still lives in Makena. Also, one of the very few families that is fighting for their Aloha 'Aina. All in all, it's our Kuleana to take care of each other, which includes our Island of Maui. With that being said, please pass this bill, so it can be affordable for families to stay to continue the legacies of their kupunas, who have passed it down for generations. Or, be affordable so families can build for their future generations to come!

Much Mahalo, Kelsie Kapalu-Kamaka!

Maui > Waiehu > Makena

100 % Support Local Families

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46pm 09-28-21

Aloha

I am a descendant of Makena Landing. To the best of my knowledge my grandfather John Wallace Kalehua Lu'uwaii, purchased our parcel from the Kukahiko Ohana. We are ohana to the Kukahiko Clan. We are one of few Hawaiian Ohana's in Makena trying to hang on to our ancestor aina. It was always a dream of my grandfather and kupuna for us to have and own a piece of land in Makena.

I have watched my grandmother and grandfather go in front of the tax commission time and time, year in and year out. Only to see my father 87 (Bobby) and mother (Helen) 83 years old fighting the same battle of Land TAX. It is with great sorrow and anxiety that i write this testimony for kokua and relief. We had to buy an ohana member out 20 years ago and have a mortgage and loan to keep our aina. With the mortgage and land tax we have to pay over \$10,000 monthly. For this reason we had to use our house as a legal vacation rental. Without being a TVR we would have to sell or give up our ancestor aina. Please help us and other Ohana's of Maui to keep there aina for our future generations. I know we would not qualify because of our loan and mortgage payments. But please help other Ohana's

mahalo

Ka'uhane Lu'uwai

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58pm 09-28-21

Aloha, my name is Natasha Chang and I am a descendant of the Kuhakiko & Chang 'Ohana. I currently live and farm on the Chang '_ina kupuna. There has been so much development over my lifetime. Back in the day, M_kena was known as the "sticks" and is now known as "Beverly Hills" due to all of the multi million dollar real estate and high end hotels. If you live in M_kena, people assume you are rich as most of the families who grew up in m_kena have been forced to move due to the high property taxes. It is our Kuleana to help pass this bill for all the families trying to hold on to their '_ina kupuna for the generations to come. As a 4th generation descendant living on our Chang land, I'd like to pass on this land to my children and the next generation. I'd like to teach my family about living sustainable through agricultural and cultural practices. I'd also like my family to know the history of the land we live on. Please pass this bill and allow families to be able to afford land that have been passed down for generations for all the people of Maui!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:51pm 09-28-21

I support this bill, native people should not be evicted off their lands that have been in their families for multiple generations just because they're taxes have gotten too expensive. They are native people that belong on this land , it's not their fault that taxes are so high.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41pm 09-28-21

I support this bill as Hawaiian should never fear losing their land!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:03pm 09-28-21

I support this bill to the fullest extent. Why push indigenous peoples from their ancestral lands? Look past the money and greed and do the right thing!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:27pm 09-28-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:15pm 09-28-21

I was raised on kupuna Aina and I still return home. I see the blessings and burden it has been to my families. Please Support out local families!

Esther Melani Chang

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:03pm 09-28-21

I support this bill 100% I come from a kupuna Aina! Please Ohana support this bill!

Clifford Kamaka Jr.

Makena > Waiehu > Maui

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:42pm 09-28-21

I am in full support of this Bill! Native Hawaiians, should never have to fear being forced out of their own land!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:55pm 09-28-21

Enough with the taxing already!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:27pm 09-28-21

Aloha, My name is Makalapua Kanuha lineal descendent of Makena and Naopu'u Kaupo.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this tax reform as a lineal descendant to our 'ina k_puna, ancestral lands.

BFED-78 CC 21-29 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REFORM

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO 'INA K_PUNA LANDS

To amend Chapter 3.48, Maui County Code, to add a section relating to taxes on parcels dedicated as 'ina k_puna.

Our 'ina k_puna, ancestral lands in Naopu'u Kaupo have been, and still is, in our ohana since the 1800's. We continue to malama our aina kupuna and the palina of our kupuna who are buried on our ancestral lands. Outsiders are moving in and initiating changes of our wahi by changing land zoning from conservation to residential to build their homes! These changes will have a negative affect on our ohana, and our aina kupuna, ancestral lands!

"I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee."

Mahalo.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:06pm 09-28-21

Dear Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee,

I am a descendant of Samuel Chang, he grew up in Makena Maui and the Kukahiko property is part of the legacy he has left to our 'ohana.

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee.

Thank you for your time,

Raquel Chang, LMFT, CSAC

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:01pm 09-28-21

fully support this! stop taxing people on their lands!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:30pm 09-28-21

I support this bill. We must protect and preserve ancestral lands.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 09-28-21

I support this tax reform. This area is filled with expensive vacation properties. This family living here permanently for generations should not have to pay such high taxes.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 09-28-21

I fully support the 'Aina Kupuna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descendants who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands.

It is abhorrent that people can be taxed out of their ancestral lands or that residents pay comparable taxes to those who would use these parcels as investment or development properties.

Maile Lu'uwai

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31am 09-28-21

Please see my attached support testimony. Mahalo!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:06am 09-28-21

I support. This ohana has had this land for more than 3 generations and shouldn't be paying an outrageous amount for land tax.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57am 09-28-21

K_naka should not have to pay any property taxes on __ina that is rightfully theirs

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:56am 09-28-21

I support 100%

Guest User

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55am 09-28-21

Supporting Kanaka on their own aina ___

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:47am 09-28-21

Yes I support this bill!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:44am 09-28-21

Stop screwing the Hawaiians! I support

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36am 09-28-21

I whole heartedly support this bill: BFED-78 CC 21-29 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REFORM (BFED-78). Ancestral lands are being gentrified from transplants and our own kama'aina are being forced out of there rightfully owned land! This bill will help these families tremendously. Keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:28am 09-28-21

I strongly support.

Walette Pellegrino

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 09-28-21

Please support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descendants who continue to live on and/or care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee for further consideration. This bill will give future generations the opportunity to continue to malama their lands and to strengthen the historical and cultural foundations which identify who we are. Mahalo nui loa for your kokua.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 09-28-21

I am writing in support of this Bill. Many of the families that have lived around heavily developed and gentrified areas have suffered so much. They did not ask for the development; why do they have to pay to outrageous prices to keep it up? All of the long time ohana's are unable to keep up with the payments for the land that has been passed down to them for so many generations and are not just suffering financially, but mentally as well. They are being bought out of their own homes! The families in Makena especially have gone through so much. Enough is enough.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11am 09-28-21

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the '_ina kupuna bill, BFED-78 CC 21-29, that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee.

Growing up, I remember our 'ohana always having family reunions and gatherings at our hale in Makena. I also grew up hearing stories from our kupuna of all the 'ohana who used to live down in Makena, but it would always end sadly as they were forced to sell because it was unaffordable. In my short 25 years I have seen Makena change dramatically with new, oversized houses and developments coming up every year. Now that I am older, I

am getting familiar with the land taxes we must pay and other costs of having ' _ina surrounded by mansions with no Hawaiian neighbors left.

My generation will be the fourth generation to have spent time down in Makena, where our k_puna's iwi are either buried in the sands or scattered in the waters there. Our _ohana continues to open the property to extended family so they can remain connected to the lands and waters of Makena. It would be devastating if we could not afford Makena and were forced to sell because of the extremely high property taxes. What would our future generations have if that happened?

I support the ' _ina kupuna bill so that future generations can remain connected to the ' _ina just as our kupuna have.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Mogul Kamano'opono Lu'uwai

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:52am 09-28-21

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo and I'm writing in support of the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 because as a Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) I have to stand for what is right for my people and for us to be able to survive in our own homelands.

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me ke aloha __ina,
Nanea Lo

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 09-28-21

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40am 09-28-21

I fully support the 'Aina Kupuna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descendants who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support and pass this bill. Mahalo

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33am 09-28-21

We hope you will pass this Bill and help Maui families who have retained their ancestral lands for 90+ years. Because generations of our family resisted developers' tempting offers and managed to pay the ever-rising property taxes, the bones of our kupuna can remain there where they spent their lives. And that since 1862. We strongly urge you to support the Bill by passing it out of your committee! And our sincerest mahalo to Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, along with all those true Mauians.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:12am 09-28-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee. I personally think that it is outrageous to practically force people to give up ancestral land dating back generations through an un-payable tax. The bill will help lessen that issue and allow families to continue living on land that holds so much cultural value. To deny someone the ability to see where their parents and their parent's parents grew up is absolutely insane, especially when they've been taking care of the land for all that time. Even those who can afford the tax risk bankruptcy each time they pay it due to how high it is, and with the tax increasing each year there's no way people will be able to hold onto land that is held near and dear to their entire families heart and being. To deny people something they should be able to keep because someone wanted to get more money off them is ridiculous. To deny someone their history is insanity. To deny a family ancestral lands and rip it away from them for the simple statement of 'not enough money' when the land cannot even afford itself is nothing short of unjust annexation.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:30am 09-28-21

I support this bill!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:47am 09-28-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Native Hawaiian and kama__ina families who have been able to maintain their ancestral lands for generations represent a foundation of Maui_s historical and cultural legacy, and help to maintain important connections to the past and to the __ina that have informed, and continue to inform, Maui_s social fabric and unique community values. This bill will help more of these families hold on to their _ohana lands, especially amidst global real estate speculation, skyrocketing property values, and resulting property tax assessments that may exceed what many can afford. Accordingly, this measure will help to perpetuate Maui's historical and cultural legacy and preserve that which has helped to make Maui and all of Hawai_i such a unique and special place to live.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06am 09-28-21

I am full support of this bill. As one of Hawaiian blood it is heartbreaking to learn that there are those who could lose their lands due to taxes and such. I disapprove of the way Hawaiians are losing the land that should stay in the families.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:44pm 09-27-21

I am in full support of this bill. It is heartbreaking to hear that the Hawaiian's could possibly lose their lands because they no longer could afford it. They've been there for generations, they have every right to keep their lands.

I grew up close to Makena and to see how it's changed over the years is a sad sight to see. There have been many new and "rich" houses that have been built in the area that I was so familiar with. Now, the area doesn't even look close to what I was so used to seeing growing up in Maui.

Allow the Hawaiian's to afford and keep their lands instead of trying to push them out because money talks.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46pm 09-27-21

I fully support BFED-78I and Mahalo to those who worked hard in creating a bill that would help to keep Ancestral lands in the Families thereby preserving our Culture. Overdevelopment and exorbitant property taxes have changed not only the landscape, but also the mindset of the Community.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52pm 09-27-21

Ancestral and family lands should be able to be kept in the family and not taxed out of ownership. It's hard enough for local families and native Hawaiians to be home owners in today's market. To have family lands and a family home is priceless. To be taxed out by increasing property values of surrounding land is simply not right.

I support this bill.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:32pm 09-27-21

Full support

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:43pm 09-27-21

I support

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:43pm 09-27-21

Keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands! _____

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 09-27-21

Keeping what land we still have and getting back what they stole . It's so sad selling quite titles and land locks you people have no legal deeds

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:15pm 09-27-21

Aloha. writing in support of this bill

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:14pm 09-27-21

Leave Hawaiian lands to Hawaiian hands

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:59pm 09-27-21

K_ko_o au i ka pila e _ae ana i n__ohana e m_lama i ka __ina o ko k_kou k_puna.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:50pm 09-27-21

Aloha, I support this bill; it does right by Native Hawaiian families.

1. Native Hawaiian and kama__ina families who have been able to maintain their ancestral lands for generations represent a foundation of Maui_s historical and cultural legacy, and help to maintain important connections to the past and to the __ina that have informed, and continue to inform, Maui_s social fabric and unique community values. This bill will help more of these families hold on to their _ohana lands, especially amidst global real estate speculation, skyrocketing property values, and resulting property tax assessments that may exceed what many can afford. Accordingly, this measure will help to perpetuate Maui's historical and cultural legacy, and preserve that which has helped to make Maui and all of Hawai_i such a unique and special place to live.

2. Land grabs and speculation by off-island investors should never lead to long-time kama__ina families being taxed into poverty, or off of their ancestral lands. This bill will protect Maui_s families and the legacy they represent, from property tax increases due to forces well beyond their control.

3. The dispossession of land has deep, profound, and unique impacts on Native Hawaiians, whose health and well-being are based on their feelings for and deep attachment to the __ina. Other kama__ina who have maintained their family lands since the Great Depression are likely to have also developed a deep, familial attachment to their lands that would be devastating to lose. This bill will provide critical protection for Native Hawaiian and other _ohana who may be forced to choose between the devastation of selling their ancestral lands, or paying tax assessments that they are increasingly unable to afford.

4. The county government has benefited greatly from skyrocketing property values and associated property taxes, driven by real estate speculation, foreign investment, and the global demand for land in Hawai'i. Sadly, this surge in property values is now pushing Maui's long-time 'ohana to the brink of losing their ancestral lands, going into poverty to pay their property taxes, or monetizing their __ina in ways that erode their character, and the overall character of Maui's unique communities. As its coffers continue to fill from the foreign desire for Maui's lands, the county must take steps to provide targeted tax relief for its long-time 'ohana, and the last living vestiges of Maui's social and cultural heritage that they embody.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs OHA

Location:

Submitted At: 2:48pm 09-27-21

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is in support of BFED-78

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:35pm 09-27-21

I support this bill time for us Hawaiian stop moving of our God given land and raised our family's here

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:34pm 09-27-21

I Leina'ala Tu'ifua am in SUPPORT OF this bill. Please help kanaka maoli and kamaaina hold on to the bits that they have left. It's not right that they get taxed off their land... I am in opposition of people coming from far away buying up the land for profit. Hawaiians we need our land it's all we know.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:29pm 09-27-21

Please help local FAMILIES KEEP THEIR LAND!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:26pm 09-27-21

I support the bill

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:19pm 09-27-21

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee,

I, Dana Keawe, strongly support BFED-78 CC 2-29 County Property Tax Reform (BFED-78) for the following important points and reasons:

Native Hawaiian and kama__ina families who have been able to maintain their ancestral lands for generations represent a foundation of Maui_s historical and cultural legacy, and help to maintain important connections to the past and to the __ina that have informed, and continue to inform, Maui_s social fabric and unique community values. This bill will help more of these families hold on to their _ohana lands, especially amidst global real estate speculation, skyrocketing property values, and resulting property tax assessments that may exceed what many can afford. Accordingly, this measure will help to perpetuate Maui's historical and cultural legacy, and preserve that which has helped to make Maui and all of Hawai_i such a unique and special place to live.

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I humbly ask All of you on the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee support and vote to pass Bill BFED-78.

Sincerely,

Dana Keawe
danakeawe@gmail.com

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 12:46pm 09-27-21

I support the Aina Kupuna Bill.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 12:17pm 09-27-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:33am 09-27-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:31am 09-27-21

I support this bill

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:29am 09-27-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 10:39am 09-27-21

Aloha Mai kakou! I support the Aina kupuna bill. We need to support our po'e hawai'i and rights to Aina that has been passed down from generation to generation.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 10:15am 09-27-21

I support the aina kupuna tax bill

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:30am 09-27-21

I support the ' _ina K_puna Tax Bill BFED-78 CC-21-29 because lineal Hawaiian should have the opportunity to own native lands without being taxed out by foreigners.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:21am 09-27-21

I am in full support of the __ina K_puna bill. Hawaiian families should not be forced to sell their land, because they cannot afford the unrealistic and astronomical property taxes.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:10am 09-27-21

I am in full support for tax relief for the 'Aina K_puna lands bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 for our lineal descendants. We deserve to stop being taxed out from foreigners.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:41am 09-27-21

Everyone must support this bill, 'ina K_puna Tax Relief Bill BFED-78 CC 21-29. I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Kokua native Hawaiians and long-time kama'aina ohana so that they are not taxed into giving up the lands that have been in their ohana for generations. John Wallace Kalehua Lu'uwai

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 09-27-21

I support the aina kupuna bill BFED-78 CC-21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of committee.

Maryann Barros

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:52am 09-27-21

I support the __ina kupuna bill. Families should never lose their __ina due to greedy tax hikes. Keep Hawaiians in Hawai_i. Displacement from __ina leads to numerous health disparities. E Ola ka I_hui Hawai_i

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36am 09-27-21

I support __ina kupuna bill, please make this over taxing on our __ina STOP!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:23am 09-27-21

Enough is enough. This should have been in place a long time ago. How can a government be so okay with Hawaiians being priced out of their own land. Their own home. Land that has been in their ohana for generations. We have enough "luxury" homes. Enough hotels. Enough condos. Enough vacation rentals. How is it okay to see Hawaiians being forced off their land? Why are we selling Hawaii to mainland and foreign buyers? Why is our government so greedy? Why? Hawaii can't be called Hawaii if Hawaiians keep getting treated like this. I SUPPORT 'ina Kupuna Bill!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:46am 09-27-21

I am in strong support of this __ina k_puna bill!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:00am 09-27-21

"I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee." What side do you represent?

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:15am 09-27-21

Aloha, I am in support of the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29. There is something wrong, when ancestral lands must be sold because of a families inability to pay skyrocketing property taxes due to the developments around them! This is not a new story! It has gone on much too long! When our local government changes zoning from rural to residential or approves high-end development (like hotels or multimillion dollar homes), it changes the fabric of that community and displaces the people who can no longer afford to live there. Please, you have an opportunity to make it right and represent those long standing kamaaina families who have a rightful place in the community they call home! Don't make them collateral damage! Help them to hold on to the land so dear to them and that connection to the cultural practices of their kupuna. Mahalo!

Norma Nawahine

Location:

Submitted At: 1:04am 09-27-21

I am in Strong support of this amendment. Hawaiian lands must be kept and preserved for the Hawaiians. I had to sell my home on Oahu because the taxes were increasing every year. I could stay in my home and both my husband and I would have to work all our life to meet the increasing taxes. This is not what life is about. Finally after working full time for fifty plus years, we needed to sell and move in with one of our sons. Please keep the aina for the Hawaiians. Thank you.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:45pm 09-26-21

I am in support of the ' _ina Kupuna Bill. We need to support our local community more and help ease the tax burdens put upon us by our ever increasing land taxes. Native Hawaiian and kama__ina families who have been able to maintain their ancestral lands for generations represent a foundation of Maui_s historical and cultural legacy, and help to maintain important connections to the past and to the ___ina that have informed, and continue to inform, Maui_s social fabric and unique community values. This bill will help more of these families hold on to their _ohana lands, especially amidst global real estate speculation, skyrocketing property values, and resulting property tax assessments that may exceed what many can afford. Accordingly, this measure will help to perpetuate Maui's historical and cultural legacy and preserve that which has helped to make Maui and all of Hawai_i such a unique and special place to live.

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:23pm 09-26-21

I am in support for the ' _ina Kupuna Bill. 'Ohanas holds multigenerational knowledge to the rightful stewardship of the land and continues to maintain an interconnected relationship with ' _ina. The developers have no concerns about the stewardship of our land, our food resources that have continued to feed our families generation after generation, and about the well-being of our communities. The developers are only here for profit. Our kupuna have been planted in this soil, and continue to protect these sacred spaces alongside n_ akua and 'aumakua. Hawai'i is our home, we need to transform community ownership and governance of the land through Multigenerational knowledge of wahi pana ecosystems. We need to make a stand now. Enough hewa, we need

to ho'ihoi ke ea o ka ' _ina i ka pono_____ K_PA'A MA HOPE O KA ' _INA!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:55pm 09-26-21

Aloha, my name is Steven Chang Jr. I support this bill. I'm a descendant of the Kukahiko ohana.. I was born and raised in Makena since 1984. Since then, I have seen so much change. From Hawaiian ohanas living here, to them selling their land because they couldn't afford to pay their taxes, and now being surrounded by millions of dollar homes being built around My home. What hurts even more is, the owners are hardly ever home. We Hawaiian's have been getting the short end of the stick for way to long. My ohana have had our land since the 1800's. But because rich people want to have a vacation home in paradise, us Hawaiians who call this place home, and having to suffer with taxes we can't afford is just wrong. So by passing this bill it will hopefully help my ohana and other Hawaiian ohanas out!! PLS HELP US HAWAIIANS OUT MAHALO.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46pm 09-26-21

I support the aina Kupuna Bill. We need to support the native Hawaiians and help them remain on Hawaiian lands that have been passed down for many generations.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40pm 09-26-21

I support the ' _ina kupuna bill. We need to stop making it impossible for hawaiians to remain on the ' _ina that has been passed down for generations.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26pm 09-26-21

Kudos to Maui County for finally helping the families that have lived on the land for generations. Although many have local families have lost their lands, this aina kupuna bill will assist those who have been able to keep the land over multiple generations. Better late than never...

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17pm 09-26-21

It's about time that Maui county supports local families who have been here for generations. I wholeheartedly support the Aina Kupuna bill. The families that were on the land before outsiders need to be taken care of. Although this type of support should have been implemented generations ago, this is a start for keeping the pre statehood (and then some) ohanas on their lands. Thank you for trying to help locals.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:07pm 09-26-21

I am in strong support of the ___ina k_puna bill. These developers are for profit only. They don_t care about being stewards of the land; they aren_t concerned about the depletion of our natural resources, the welfare of our community, or the cultural values that come from being intimately connected to the land. Is this the future that we want for our grandchildren and future generations? Please help us protect our land and Way of life.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37pm 09-26-21

Aloha, I support the Aina kapuna bill for many reasons. I have been living in Makena for most of my life and I have seen and felt the unbearable hurt that was done to our Ohana who couldn't keep up with the land tax and forced to sell! There is no love or life here anymore! Half of the time these mansions are lifeless and empty. Only taking away parking space at Makena Landing and road ways. Precious resource are being wasted by

greedy developers and a unfair system that drives our land tax sky high! We need the support of our government and not to be sold out! Mahalo

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05pm 09-26-21

I support the Aina Kupuna bill. Some Hawaiians leave on their own and some leave because they can't afford the assessed taxes due to the Jones moving next door and developers promising affordable housing that some people can't qualify for half of it resulting in leaving or homelessness. The Assessor assesses for max monetary value due to that. Hawaiians is assessed by Blood! ,Sweat! And then Tears!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:03pm 09-26-21

Aloha k_kou. I am writing in complete support of the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that supports local families tax relief for the descendants who continue to live on and care for their ancestral lands. It's is our kuleana as stewards of this place, and yours as members of our community, to implement practices that support '_iwi, kanaka maoli, families and safeguard them from the effects of gentrification by way of keeping taxes affordable so families may continue to care for familial lands for generations to come.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 09-26-21

Aloha! I am in full support of the __ina Kupuna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for Maui descendants. Too much ohana I see being pushed off their own lands due to the high rising of property taxes. My husband and I had the opportunity to go on Chang's property in Makena to k_kua and support and you can feel the love and mana from that land because the generations before and generations NOW have cared for the land in so many ways. I urge the council to fully support this bill that way our future generations can learn how to be self sustaining by living off the _a_na

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:50pm 09-26-21

I fully support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that supports local families tax relief as the descendants who continue to live on and care for their ancestral lands.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:39pm 09-26-21

I fully, 100% support this bill, the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for Maui descents who continue to simply farm, live, love and care for their ancestral lands!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:11pm 09-26-21

I support bill BFED-78 CC 21-29.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:09pm 09-26-21

I am in full support of BFED-78 regarding tax exemptions for ___ina K_puna lands! We know that '___ina k_puna does so much more than just house Hawaiian families. They allow for a continuum of care for '___ina long-laid by our k_puna before us. This bill will come too late to help so many 'ohana who have been taxed out of their places, but there are families left who can greatly benefit from this bill.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:20pm 09-26-21

I support this bill. Too many families have lost and are losing their '___ina Kupuna due to the rising cost of taxes. Our family also lost our family lands for this same reason. After generations of a beach front '___ina in our 'ohana, a hotel went up next door and we had to sell because we could no longer afford to keep up with the rising tax costs.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:13pm 09-26-21

"I support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee." My hope is that my children will be able to continue making memories, sharing stories, and living in connection with the land of their kupuna.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:43pm 09-26-21

"I support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descendents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it through your committee." As a Native Hawai'ian, my family has had to make significant sacrifices to hold on to our lands. Without your help, the dream of future generations of my family being able to live, gather, and care for our ancestral lands is becoming unattainable. Please help us and other Native Hawai'ian & Kama'aina families from suffering the pain of losing a significant piece of their family history and identity. Mahalo nui.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:29pm 09-26-21

Aloha -- I am writing with my support of the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Our Kukahiko lands have been with our 'ohana since 1883, and Chang lands since 1925. In these places, we still have _ohana that live there and our k_puna who lay at rest on these ___ina k_puna. This bill is essential for generations, like me, to stay connected to our ___ina k_puna. Makena has always been the place that I have called home. My warmest memories are spending time with my k_puna and 'ohana in Makena -- there are no words that could truly express the feeling of working on your ___ina k_puna with your _ohana on a humble farm and building memories with k_puna. This connection is so strong that my husband and I chose to get married in Makena at Keawala'i Church, and we hope to build future memories with our keiki in Makena. This bill supports our Native Hawaiian Families, and more importantly, the culture and people that creates this special place.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 09-26-21

I fully support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54am 09-26-21

"I support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee." Family land is being ripped from us due to unrealistic taxation that cannot be reasonably paid by our ohana. I love taking my children and grandchildren to visit our family home in Makena. Memories are created there. I feel my connection to my father there, remember his stories and feel the love he had for his parents and grandparents there. I visit their graves and speak to our children of the sacrifices of our kupuna and teach them our mo`oku`auhau. If the cost of taxes force us to sell, what will we have left? Where will all of that good mana go? What will I tell my grandchildren when they ask to see where we come from? As a Native Hawaiian, I implore you to do the right thing and help us to care for the 'aina that has been in our family for generations.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:05am 09-26-21

I support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29. For generations, our ohana has watched the land surrounding our ancestral lands make way to tourism and high-end development, escalating the property taxes beyond our annual income. Our ohana struggles to pay the property taxes, wondering how much longer we can hold on to the very thing that is at the heart of our ohana! We need this bill! We need our elected politicians to stand up for us and protect the long standing residents who make Hawaii our home. Please pass this bill! It is the right thing to do!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:46am 09-26-21

I support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee.

It will be unconscionable for you to not pass this bill out of committee. The tourism industry, among others, by enticing the very rich, have fueled a metaphorical - out of control "Hawai_i is for sale - get yours now!" fire - that threatens to engulf anyone living in the ___ina that that affluent mil/bil-lionare wants to build on but not - necessarily - live on. Then, the ostentatious and unaffordable mansions are flipped to others of the same ilk who also have to disburse their excess capital. And, what happens to the k_naka that have been living and working the land for generations; living on the ___ina out of necessity? They are property-taxed out of their homes. Shame on you if you do not pass this bill!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:34am 09-26-21

As a descendant of the Chang and Kukahiko Ohana's Makena has always been a special and important place to me and all of my Ohana. I was named after my grandfather who farmed the land his entire life and has a beach that bears his name. I have visited the gravesites of my ancestors on Maui my entire life and it holds an important place in my heart and the hearts of all of my Ohana. My mom has not been able to afford to live on her fathers land. She is one of the only Hawaiians who was still able to buy land in the Waa Waa area of the Big Island as most land is purchased by people from the mainland.

I support the ___ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17am 09-26-21

I fully support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Mahalo.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:38pm 09-25-21

I support BFED-78 CC 21-29

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:44pm 09-25-21

Aina Kupuna Bill BFED-78! About time! Hawaiians should be able to pass their land to the generations to come! Mahalo ke akua!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:22pm 09-25-21

I'm writing this in support of so many families who, through numerous generations, continue to cherish their land as their home. I'm apart of one of these families. We were brought up knowing that land is our family. We nurture each other.

Taxes have caused many families to lose their land. I've sadly seen the land become investment properties — a sellable commodity. Is our Hawaii to lose its true beauty, its sense of community?

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:56pm 09-25-21

Aloha, as a 7th generation keiki, I am in support. I have watched my parents, aunties, uncles, and grandparents struggle to keep our home. Where my family lives, extravagant developments have driven taxes higher than the average income in Hawaii. My family is one of the lucky ones in the area who could keep their land... but for how long?

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14pm 09-25-21

I am in support of the Aina Kupuna Bill which is long overdue. Sadly, too many families have already lost their land due to high taxes. We've not only allowed this to continue, but to escalate! LET'S DO WHAT'S RIGHT!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:43pm 09-25-21

I support the __ina k_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. Please support the bill by passing it out of your committee. Mahalo for your time and consideration in regards to this matter.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 09-25-21

I fully support BFED-78. The development of multi million dollar homes resulting in higher property tax may be a financial boon for Maui County, but at what cost for families that have no interest in selling their ancestral land, but may be forced to because of ever increasing property tax.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40pm 09-25-21

In Support of BFED-78. Multi-million dollar dwellings have caused gentrification! It is forcing people to lose their livelihood, and change their way of life. It is now, more than ever, important that we should not have to face poverty and/or houselessness in a place that is our home because we cannot afford taxes.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:04pm 09-25-21

I support BFED-78!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:00pm 09-25-21

I strongly support the _Aina K_puna bill BFED-78 CC 21-29 that provides tax relief for lineal descents who continue to live and care for their ancestral lands. I encourage you to support this bill and allow it to move forward towards approval and incorporation as a Maui County Ordinance.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55am 09-25-21

I am in support of BFED-78 regarding tax exemptions for __ina K_puna land. All my life I have known Makena as a place to connect back to my Hawaiian culture and keep me grounded to my roots. Makena is my safe haven. Growing up in Makena, I learned great values in taking care of our aina and that molded me into the person I am today. One day I would like to teach those same values to my nieces, nephews, and my own children. How will I be able to do that if my family gets taxed out of their lands!! How will I as a Hawaiian be able to give my children the same values in their culture if my families land is no longer there because the land taxes were too high!!! Something needs to protect us Hawaiian families from losing our aina!! Keep our safe havens SAFE!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30am 09-25-21

I support this bill. It is devastating to see families taxed out of their land. The amount of development that the Makena area has experienced over the last few decades is astronomical, we must do what we can to protect our rights!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54pm 09-24-21

I am in support of BFED-78!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:39pm 09-24-21

I support this bill. These Hawaiian families should be exempt from paying higher taxes. They deserve affordable homelands to continue to keep it and pass on for generations.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54pm 09-24-21

I support this bill. These families life long stewardships deserve the right to stay on their land without having to pay absurd taxes. It's the pono thing to do

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:53pm 09-24-21

I support this bill. We need to keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian Hands.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32pm 09-24-21

I completely support this bill. These local families are real gems and we must fight to keep them here.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:31pm 09-24-21

I Support the Bill! Save Our Local Makena Ohana's

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:11pm 09-24-21

Keep Hawaiian Lands in Hawaiian Hands!! Do what is right Hawaii Politicians!! Support this bill and exempt the taxes for our Aina Kupuna Lands!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:05pm 09-24-21

I support this bill! It's so rare to have actual Hawaiian Families live, farm, and practice their cultural believes on family land. These local families have had these plots of land handed down for generations. These lands were acquired when Makena and Wailea were undeveloped, raw, and untouched. With new luxury homes, condos, and hotels being built every year. The taxes for these local families are also being raised and are at the point of forcing them out of Makena all together. Please, for the people of this land and the Hawaiian Community. We must do better!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:05pm 09-24-21

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:57pm 09-24-21

I support this bill! #savemakena

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:07pm 09-24-21

Anything to help support Hawaiian families keep what little they have left. I am in support of this if it will keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40am 09-24-21

I am in support of this bill!! The native residents and native Hawaiians have farmed and loved this land for generations. They did not ask for all the development nor should their lands be included in the taxation of the rich who came here with different intentions. The Hawaiian people have already lost enough and should not be made to struggle to pay for something they had no part in!!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:10pm 09-23-21

I support this bill! Imua Keani!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:04pm 09-23-21

I am in support of BFED-78 regarding tax exemptions for ___ina K_puna land.

The continued legacy of Hawaiian families are crucial for the community and the land as they have the best and superior knowledge of those lands. Look at Kahana, having developed so close to shore that the buildings are in risk of destruction. We don't need anymore of hospitality accommodations let alone building high end expensive developments that no working Hawaii resident can afford. Learn from the mistakes and move forward accordingly and be fair. Enough of targeting the Hawaiian communities. Let's strive to be a better government please.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:22pm 09-23-21

I am in full support! Support our Hawaiian Families!! They deserve to have affordable home lands too!! Support the Chang's, Kukahiko's, Ferreira's, and our other Ohana's in Makena and throughout our Hawaiian Islands!!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:21pm 09-23-21

I am in support of BFED-78 regarding tax exemptions for ___ina K_puna land. I have been living in M_kena for the past 3 years on my wife's family property. This land has been in my wife's family for generations and there has been a tremendous amount of development around the property. In just my 3 years of living in M_kena, I have witnessed mansions being built right on the beach front by five graves, luxury condos being built on the Mauka side of Wailea, and now M_kena resort will be building up right next door to our property. Our family is literally being pushed out of our home due to the development that will cost our family to pay such high property taxes. The property taxes will only continue to increase and leave us with no choice but to move. With this tax exemption for ___ina kupuna land, it will give our family and other families in similar situations an opportunity to continue to pass down their land to the next generation and continue to live sustainable through agricultural practices such as our family does. This bill will allow Hawaiian families to stay on their land and their home. It will allow Hawaiian families to not be forced to leave their home because of the continuous development on Maui. Most importantly, this bill will allow the legacy of Hawaiian families and culture to thrive and be passed down to our next generation.