

HLU Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 2:50 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: RE: PRP: Testimony in SUPPORT of the Kaiahale 'O Kahiluhilu Affordable Housing Project and Resolution 25-161.

Aloha,

Please note the following article on tariffs on Canadian lumber that I mentioned during today's hearing:
[Canadian Lumber Duties Jump Above 25% — With Higher Levies to Come Soon | NAHB](#)

Mahalo—

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Subject: PRP: Testimony in SUPPORT of the Kaiahale 'O Kahiluhilu Affordable Housing Project and Resolution 25-161.

Aloha,

Please accept the attached testimony on behalf of Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) in strong support of the Kaiahale 'O Kahiluhilu Affordable Housing Project and Resolution 25-161.

Mahalo,

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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

Maui County Council – Committee on Housing and Land Use (HLU)
Honorable Chair Tasha Kama and Honorable Vice Nohelani U'u-Hodgins
Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Subject: Strong Support for Kaiahale 'O Kahiluhilu Affordable Housing Project and Resolution 25-161.

Aloha Chair Kama, Vice Chair U'u-Hodgins and members of the Housing and Land Use Committee. My name is Andrew Pereira, and I am testifying on behalf of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), which represents more than 6,000 union carpenters and 250+ signatory contractors across Hawai'i. PRP is dedicated to promoting responsible development, creating family-sustaining jobs, and addressing our state's critical housing needs. PRP strongly supports affordable housing initiatives that benefit working families and contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.

We are writing in strong support of the Kaiahale 'o Kahiluhilu Affordable Housing Rental Project, a vital 201H project proposed by HKI Kahului Kaiahale LLC. This development, located at 153 West Ka'ahumanu Avenue in Kahului on a 3.403-acre state-owned parcel (TMK (2) 3-7-004:003), will deliver 301 much-needed affordable rental units targeted at households earning up to 30%, 50%, and 60% of the Area Median Income, along with two resident-manager units.

In the wake of Maui's ongoing housing crisis – exacerbated by the 2023 wildfires, population growth, and rising costs – this project represents a significant step forward in providing stable, affordable homes for our local families, essential workers, and vulnerable residents who are increasingly priced out of the market. The project will not only address immediate housing shortages but also stimulate economic growth by creating construction jobs and supporting long-term community stability. PRP applauds the exemptions from certain Maui County Code requirements related to planning, zoning, subdivisions, land development, and dwelling construction, as these are essential for expediting such critical developments under Section 201H-38, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. In particular, PRP strongly supports the adoption of Resolution 25-161, which approves the project with modifications as outlined in Exhibit "A" and grants certain fee waivers. These waivers are crucial to ensuring the project "pencils

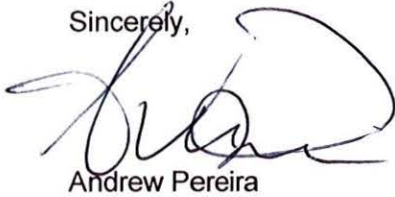


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out" financially, making it viable for the homebuilder to proceed without undue burden while maximizing affordability for end-users. Without these measures, projects like this risk stalling, further delaying relief for Maui's housing-insecure population. We urge the Committee to recommend passage of Resolution 25-161 without revisions to facilitate timely approval before the September 11, 2025, deadline, preventing automatic approval without these targeted supports.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony and for your commitment to advancing affordable housing on Maui. PRP stands ready to collaborate on this and future initiatives to build a more equitable Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Pereira', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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