

WAI Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 1:11 PM
To: WAI Committee
Subject: Testimony in support of Bill 110 and 156

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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members

My name is Theo Morrison. I am the Executive Director for Lahaina Restoration Foundation, a 63 yr. old non profit and Front St. property owner.

I am here today to SUPPORT both Bill 110 and Bill156.

I have lived in Lahaina and worked at community non-profits for over 35 years, and during that time I walked on Front Street almost daily. I always considered it part of my job to know the pulse of the town and that pulse is Front St. During the county's Front Street Improvement Project in 1997, I participated as one of the community liaisons. In 2011, I wrote the application for that year's Great Streets award presented by the American Planning Association, and Front St. was one of the ten streets nationally to win – the first street in Hawaii to do so.

Overwhelmingly, Lahaina people want their town back as close as possible to the way it was before the fire. Front Street is dearly loved exactly the way it is now. Widening Front Street and not allowing awnings to return in front of shops will kill the Lahaina that we know and love and are working so hard to bring back.

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Aloha Water and Infrastructure Committee,

Please find attached a letter of support submitted on behalf of Mr. Paul Kosasa of ABC Stores. Should you require any additional information or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mahalo,

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Written Testimony in Support of Bill 110 and Bill 156

Paul Kosasa

ABC Stores

October 21, 2025

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Paul Kosasa, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of Bill 110 and Bill 156. I serve as the President and CEO of ABC Stores and am deeply committed to the future of our Lahaina community.

Regarding Bill 110:

As we continue to navigate the complex process of rebuilding Lahaina, one of the greatest challenges has been the uncertainty surrounding procedures and timelines. These uncertainties have led to delays and confusion, hindering progress for many. Historically, Front Street operated under a system that fostered stability, clarity, and confidence. It worked—and it worked well.

We respectfully urge your support of Bill 110, which seeks to restore that proven process. Doing so will allow the rebuild to move forward more efficiently, providing the consistency our community needs to recover and thrive.

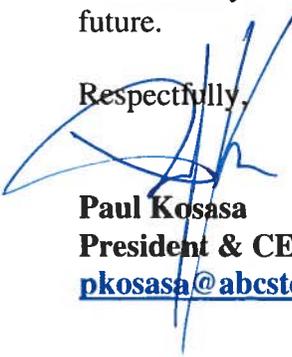
Regarding Bill 156:

This bill is a vital step toward preserving the historic charm and timeless character of Lahaina. These qualities have made Lahaina a beloved destination for both residents and visitors for generations. As we rebuild, it is essential that we honor the spirit of Lahaina—not only through its physical structures but through its aesthetics, cultural identity, and the energy that once filled its streets.

Supporting Bill 156 will help ensure that Lahaina is rebuilt in a way that respects its history, its people, and its unique sense of place.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and continued support of Lahaina's recovery and future.

Respectfully,



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From: Allison Herzog <allisonherzog@gmail.com>
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To: WAI Committee in advance of your meeting at 10:30 a.m. on October 21st:

From: Allison Herzog, President of The Gallery Ltd. Building and Fourth-Generation Front Street landowner

Re: Written Testimony in Support of Bill 110 and Bill 156

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Allison Herzog, and I am submitting testimony in support of Bill 110 and Bill 156. My family owns The Gallery Ltd building at 716 Front Street. It has been in my family for four generations, established by my great-grandfather. I have photos of him laying bricks for the building. We are committed to the future of rebuilding Front Street and restoring Lahaina's historical buildings as best as we can.

Regarding Bill 110: Our building was destroyed, but we have submitted a permit to start the construction process. The comments we have received back have been ambiguous because as it stands now, we cannot build to our previous property line. We need this bill to pass to give us clarification and certainty to begin rebuilding. Moreover, by giving clarification, it allows us to rebuild Front Street as a community, rather than in a piecemeal fashion.

Our hope is to rebuild our building as it was before, in massing and mirroring its historical architecture, and our hope is that the surrounding buildings will as well. Only then can we preserve the historic character of Front Street. We respectfully ask for your support of Bill 110 to give us clarification and help us move forward.

Regarding Bill 156: We support Bill 156. We are hoping to rebuild our building as we did before and to reflect the historic architecture style. That includes the awnings that are reflective of the plantation style. Moreover, awnings provide shade to encourage enjoyment of strolling down Front Street. Rather than encroach on the pedestrian traffic of Front Street, awnings help preserve the character and feel of our historic neighborhood.

By supporting Bill 156, we can help ensure that Lahaina is rebuilt in a way that respects its history, its people, and its identity.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and continued support of Lahaina's recovery and future.
Allison Herzog

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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jay Miyaki and our family owns the property at 764 Front Street. We are currently in the rebuilding process.

I am submitting testimony in [support of Bill 110 and Bill 156](#). I am the owner/operator of (Business Name) and am deeply committed to the future of our Lahaina community.

Regarding Bill 110: Throughout this rebuild process in which we are all still working hard to navigate, uncertainty has been one of the greatest challenges. These uncertainties have caused significant delays and confusion for many. Front Street previously functioned well; it supported progress, stability, and confidence within our community. It worked, and worked well.

We respectfully ask for your support of Bill 110. Allowing the process to remain as it was will help ensure that the rebuild can move forward efficiently, providing the clarity and consistency our community needs to thrive once again.

Regarding Bill 156: This bill represents an important step toward rebuilding Lahaina in a way that honors its historic charm and timeless character, the same qualities that have drawn residents and visitors alike for generations. As we rebuild, it is essential that we preserve the look, feel, and essence of Lahaina; not only through its structures, but through its aesthetics and the community energy that once filled its streets.

By supporting Bill 156, we can help ensure that Lahaina is rebuilt in a way that respects its history, its people, and its identity.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and continued support of Lahaina's recovery and future.

Maui No Ka Oi!

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Aloha,

As a property owner on Front St. (744 Front St. and 626 Front St.) I would like to voice my support for Bills: #110 (relating public streets) and #156 Awnings over public walkways.

As a property owner, I know how very important it is to our business owners, guests and community to have safe useable streets and to be able to provide the shade that the awnings provide in the hot afternoon sun on Front St.

As a member of Front St. Recovery.org, I am support legislation which will help return Front St. to a viable safe space for locals and visitors alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

With Aloha, Laurie Lawson

Sent from my iPad
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