

# Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee on 2022-08-17 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 08-17-22 09:00

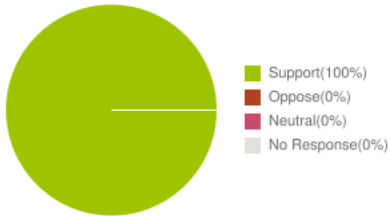
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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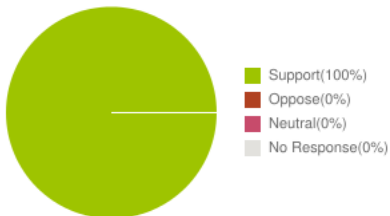
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	2	2	0	0
CARE-55 CC 21-358 BILL 91 (2022), RELATING TO WETLANDS RESTORATION AND PROTECTION (CARE-55)	1	1	0	0

## Sentiments for All Agenda Items

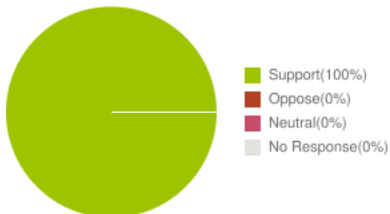
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### Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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## CARE Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 11:51am 08-17-22

Written testimony from Laurie Beitler

## Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:14am 08-17-22

I support Wetlands Bill 91

Good morning committee members, my name is David Dorn and I am not a lobbyist, I am speaking today on behalf of the South Maui Save the Wetlands Hui, and on behalf of the Sierra Club Maui, and we support Wetlands Bill number 91 (2022) , and we applaud you all for doing this work and for contributing to the refinements in this latest version of the document.

Testimony for Climate Action, Resilience, And Environment Committee , Maui County  
8/17/2022

We are at a critical time in North Kihei. The developer, Peter Savio, from Oahu is waiting on the next step in the permit process for building in the Waipuilani Gulch behind Hoonani st in Kihei. Called Kihei Wailani village.

This 12 acres has changed hands over the years and has not been able to develop since 1980, when the Public Works department of Maui County stated the conditions of the property.

Those conditions still exist today. The property is in a designated flood zone set forth by FEMA. According to FEMA, who is the only insurer for flood insurance in the nation, certain specifications have to be met for infrastructure and home building,, Especially for surrounding existing homes. The area is in path of the flood water running under Piilani Highway towards small gulch, that goes under Kihei rd.

I attended a proposed buyer invitation meeting Friday, Aug 12, 2022 at Kihei Charter School. Peter Savio was the speaker to the small group of families wanting to apply for affordable homes. The Maui planning Commission extended a permit that began in 2008, with a different owner. It was for 27 homes with ohanas . Peter Savio said he will fight like hell to get 81.

He opened the meeting up to questions , when asked about Flood requirements and flooding,,, He declared rather loudly, He will do "Nothing" because there is no flooding.. He stated it is like a trickle. Or 4 garden hoses on at same time when water is in gulch.

Savio loudly and arrogantly said the government should pay for any drainage problems in Kihei... It is not his responsibility.

As a resident of Hoonani st for over 22 years and living in the same area for 11 years before that,,, I have experienced the floods a number of times.. we all have videos and photos over the years of Waipuliani gulch raging to Kihei road,, with mud and debris. The water comes from up country as everyone here knows. It could be perfectly sunny in Kihei ,, pouring upcountry and we are flooded out. When Hoonani st and Kihei rd floods we are locked in with our vehicles . Kihei rd can be closed for days at a time.

My fear is Peter Savio is pushing his way to use affordable housing as a reason to go ahead in the absolute worse place in Kihei .

Even if he says he will abide by the conditions on permit, I don't trust that he will. He has started grading the area without a grading permit, not once but twice, and left piles of trees and debris at a crucial area when he was told to stop. If it rains upcountry in near future , there will be flooding because the debris will dam up the gulch.

A year ago he marketed the property when he wasn't even the owner. (Facebook, maui news and television news)

Supposedly he paid \$2000,000 for the 12 acres. Can a solution be for the county to just buy it from him and send him on his way. Back to Oahu.

Maybe the wetlands can be county owned for native restoration. One at a time, starting with the hoonani one since that is the most critical now.

As I understand, at this point the permit process lies with public works, county engineers and the Fema maui manager, Gary Estanislao. Are we at the mercy of praying they do the right thing.

How much does clean up cost the county, after the floods occur.. How much more will it cost when it gets worse each time??

I am here to plead with you to pass this bill.

Thank you,, from,,, Laurie Beitler

I Support the bill  
~~Please vote to approve Today~~

I have reviewed this latest version along with my colleagues. And we are in agreement that this bill is not only logical and practical, but it also embodies the best efforts and collaboration of its creators. Finally, we will have the tools to help us make better planning decisions going forward. And we are confident that this bill will become indispensable in your efforts to protect the wetlands that are vital for our watersheds, our wildlife, our cultural practitioners, and our community, both now and in the future.

My colleagues and I support the adoption of this latest version of the bill and hope that it will pass out of committee today. And we look forward to the time ahead when we can all start working together to protect and preserve wetlands. And we realize our goals of stabilizing the watershed, restoring our fragile ecosystems, and bringing back our living heritage.

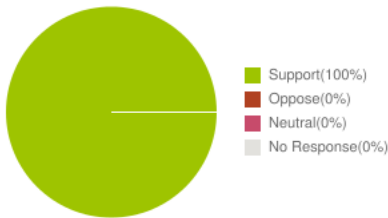
Thank you again for all your hard work, and we hope that you can help this bill take one step closer to completion today.

Mahalo

David Dorn.

Agenda Item: eComments for CARE-55 CC 21-358 BILL 91 (2022), RELATING TO WETLANDS RESTORATION AND PROTECTION (CARE-55)

Overall Sentiment



**Brandi Corpuz**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27pm 08-16-22

Aloha, I would like to provide a video as my testimony in support of this wetlands bill. I live and work in the wetlands of Kula Kai and we need your help.

Developers such as Peter Savio are aggressively trying to build on top of our Waipuilani Gulch and other wetlands in Kihei. Savio admitted in a public speech that he will not do anything about the flooding issues in the area nor will he provide any infrastructure to mitigate flooding.

If this wetlands bill were in place then our community would not have to fight constantly with this type of development disaster! This video should be all I need to say. This area must be protected! This video shows what happens when our wetlands are not protected and it is getting worse every year!

Thank you, Brandi Corpuz

[https://savekihei.org/developer-plans-to-build-81-homes-in-kiheis-last-floodway/?fbclid=IwAR1wMD\\_GHDdtygVRh6lJhLDGiR7qmTFcPE9r0AtPiDPvAHy-1TUVG-Gzzsg&fs=e&s=cl](https://savekihei.org/developer-plans-to-build-81-homes-in-kiheis-last-floodway/?fbclid=IwAR1wMD_GHDdtygVRh6lJhLDGiR7qmTFcPE9r0AtPiDPvAHy-1TUVG-Gzzsg&fs=e&s=cl)