

EAR Committee

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Cc: Sharon C. Brooks
Subject: EAR 36 Special Improvement Districts

Dear Chair Guzman and EAR Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed bill. I apologize for the informality of this response, but we only received the bill two days ago and I wanted to respond by the requested deadline. I believe others in the department have been more involved in this discussion. In the future if given more time, the department's comments can be significantly more meaningful.

The department supports this bill, and it is my understanding is that at least one community group is anticipating using it. My opinion is that tools such as this or what is already provided by Title 14, Article 3 for Improvement Districts, have been historically underutilized by our county. We often ask ourselves how will we finance such infrastructural and service needs such as beach nourishment, water distribution lines (such as Upcountry), or purchase land for additional parking (as in Paia). Using these tools more could help resolve some of our longstanding issues.

Sincerely,

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