

Budget Finance and Economic Development Committee  
Thursday, September 30, 2021

Testimony on COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REFORM (BFED-78)

Aloha Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Tamara Paltin, and Committee members:

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

My lineage has deep roots here on Maui. My paternal great grandparents were John David and Maria Hamole Nohua of Kaupo. Their descendants are the Kaleikini's, Needham's, Kekiwi's, Hai's, Pi'imauna's, Kalaehano's, and Ho'opi'i's.

My great grandmother Maria Hamole, has an interest in Land Grant 2577, located in Kaupo. The property predates the State of Hawaii and has been cared for by the Nohua ohana for generations. This bill would help lineal descendants preserve what is left of our ancestral land.

Additionally, my grandfather William Boniface Scott Ha'i conveyed his interest in several properties with Royal Patent 6220 and Land Commission Award 5178E to my father Ephraim Ha'i who in turn conveyed his interest to me. Our family has owned this land since 1933, meaning we are two years short of the original 1931 cutoff. I humbly request your support to extend the cutoff until 1940. This extension would be a substantial benefit to my own family and more importantly to so many other Hawaiian families. It is our kuleana to protect and preserve the land we are still blessed to own, and by doing so, we pay homage to our kupuna who came before us.

Mahalo nui for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,



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To: Maui County Council and Council Chair Alice Lee

Subject: Testimony requesting Abatement of Air Traffic over Ma'alaea Village

Dear Council Chair Lee and Council members,

My written testimony today respectfully requests the Council to advocate on behalf of Ma'alaea Village residents for a redirection of incoming air traffic flight pathways away from the residential area of Ma'alaea. Currently a constant barrage of aircraft approach the Kahului Airport via a direct low altitude flyover of every Ma'alaea condominium and home. The flights typically begin early in the morning, around 5 am, and continue late into the evening. When aircraft fly over, residents' phone conversations must be halted due to the noise, and individuals on the other end of the line can hear the roar of the jet engines. The noise pollution is unhealthy, as is the fuel exhaust coming down from a relatively close proximity.

My family and I have resided in Ma'alaea for over 40 years, and many years ago most flights approached in a different manner which did not negatively impact the residents and guests of Ma'alaea. Then, incoming flights did not fly directly over every single Ma'alaea residence, but instead over the uninhabited area of Kealia Pond, between Ma'alaea and Kihei. Occasionally an incoming flight still uses the old approach over the unpopulated refuge and beach, but that is rare. It seems like a relatively easy fix to change the flight path by a few degrees and subsequently provide much needed relief from the current noise and air pollution.

Please use the weight of the Council to impress upon the agencies in charge, be they the FAA, Kahului Airport management, or others, of the need to address this issue and change the incoming flight pathways away from direct low altitude flyovers of residential areas.

Mahalo for your time and attention to this matter.

Mahalo with Aloha,

Lora Harbo

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I support the proposed amendments to MCC 19-12-020 requiring all taxes be current and requiring TMK in advertising.

Thank you,

Patricia Cadiz  
Maui, Hawaii