# **III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

From: Sara Marie Photography
To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village Split
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:09:33 AM

Hello,

Firstly, thank you for your time in reading this email. I write this email to voice my concern for the division of Waikoloa Village into two different districts. I do not think this is a beneficial act for the community, and I would like to officially cast my vote as a "no" on this matter.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter.

Aloha, Sara Linton

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From: jared Isaac

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Splitting of Waikoloa village Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:09:49 AM

Aloha, To whom may concern,

I'm writing about the splitting of waikoloa into separate districts. It's called a village for a reason. There is absolutely no good reason to divide the village into separate districts. Please keep the district in tact. Segregation of the different areas of the village is plain wrong.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Jared Isaac

Waikoloa Home owner

From: Bherin Block

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Cc: <u>chris brown</u>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa division

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:11:26 AM

To whom it may concern,

Aloha. Our names are Bherin Block & Chris Brown. We live in Waikoloa Village. We don't want to see Waikoloa split. Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider Boyea plan.

Respectfully,

Bherin Block & Chris Brown

From: Nancy Maupin

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Plan of State House and Senate Districts

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:20:33 AM

# Aloha,

I live in Waikoloa Village and don't want to see it split into separate districts. Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

Mahalo,

Nancy Maupin

From: <u>Jackie Hester</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:21:57 AM

(For Friday zoom 1:00 pm)

My name is Jacqueline Hester and I'm a resident and registered voter in Waikoloa village

I'm writing today to encourage the board to reject the final technical plan and consider either the Boyer plan or alternatives which do not break apart the village itself, as well as surrounding resort areas of Mauna Lani, Mauna Kea, Waikoloa, nearby beaches, parks, infrastructure etc. We are a community. We live, work, play, and have relationships together. At this time of immense political division, vax/medical autonomy, and other events, we certainly don't need any other reasons to divide us.

Your proposed line in the sand for redistricting is a poor choice

Please reconsider. We live here.

Jacqueline Hester P. O. Box 383056 Waikoloa, HI 96737

alohajackiehester@gmail.com

From: <u>Jayne Dator-Freeman</u>

**To:** <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote NO to splitting of Waikoloa Village into two districts

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:27:20 AM

#### Aloha,

My name is Jayne Dator-Freeman and I live in Waikoloa Village. It will be an injustice to our village community to be split into two different districts. Waikoloa Village prides it self on its history of being a tight knit Village community. For a line to be literally drawn through our community will do just that DIVIDE us as a community in more ways then one.

I don't want to see Waikoloa Village split! Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

Mahalo Jayne Dator-Freeman 68-1901 Pakanu St Waikoloa Village From: Michael Konowicz

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony with regards to State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission / January 28, 2022

Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:34:05 AM

#### Aloha!

While I plan to testify in-person via Zoom, I did want to share some of my thoughts with the Reapportionment Commission in email too.

As a resident of Waikoloa on the Big Island of Hawaii, I do not feel the latest Final State House Plan (dated January 26, 2022 v1231) is fair nor appropriate considering the legal mandates you must follow in this redistricting plan. As such, I'm writing to oppose the state House redistricting plan for Hawaii County.

Your January 26 plan continues to unnecessarily split my community apart, not only dividing up Waikoloa Village itself, but severing us from our adjacent beach communities of Waikoloa Beach, Mauna Lani, and Mauna Kea Beach. As I had previously testified in an earlier email for the January 26 meeting, this area shares common concerns with water, waste water, environment, beach and park access, roads and highways, and other infrastructure requirements like police, fire, and schools to grow with a growing community. We need state leaders that can holistically tackle the specific needs of our district and understand the unique set of challenges, opportunities, and issues for the area which includes Waikoloa Village, Waikoloa Beach Resort, and adjacent Mauna Lani Resort "territory". And we need House representation aligned with Senate representation to best meet the needs of our community.

During the County Council redistricting process last month, that committee too saw both the practicality and the need of keeping Waikoloa Village whole with its adjacent beach communities. As such, they redistricted County Council District 4 to pull those areas into the single district.

After hearing testimony from others on the Big Island and after reviewing proposed maps submitted by others of the community, I agree with a majority of the public comment that the map submitted by Ralph Boyea (dated January 19, 2022 as Ralph Boyea Community Plan v2) is the best plan for Hawaii County. It doesn't break-up communities like your plan does to my community and keeps us best aligned to the new state Senate districts.

I ask that the Commission listen to the desires of those testifying on this issue and support the Boyea plan for Hawaii County.

Michael J. Konowicz

From: Nicki Pitt

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] opposed split

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:35:09 AM

I am emailing to oppose the spot district of Waikoloa village

From: <u>Breauna Ford</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa district

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:41:42 AM

Aloha,

I oppose splitting Waikoloa village into two districts. This puts the needs of the community at a total disadvantage.

-Breauna Ford

From: <u>Janet Hillman</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Cc: mary.schramke@gmail.com

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Don"t Spit Waikoloa Village Into 2 districts

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:45:18 AM

Aloha,

My name is Janet Hillman and I live in Waikoloa Village on the Big Island. I don't want to see Waikoloa Village split! Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

Mahalo

Jan

From: <u>Lani Larrua</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] ReDistricting South Kohala-Waikoloa Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:46:50 AM

#### Aloha!

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I ask that the Commission listen to the desires of those testifying on this issue and support to Boyea plan for Hawaii County.

To Your Success,



Pastor Lani Larrua Lead Pastor HPD Chaplain #22 Cell:808-960-1388 Office: 808-883-9512 lanilarrua@gmail.com abundantlifewaikoloa.org From: Ferol Kolons

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:56:05 AM

To whom it may concern, this email is regarding the proposed new district boundaries. Splitting Waikoloa Village into two separate districts is absurd.

We are one community and should not be split. It would be extremely confusing for many residents as far as having to Representatives representing the same community.

The residents of WV deserve 1 fully focused representative who can fully address all concerns of the residents of WV. Please don't split up our community Thank you, Ferol Kolons

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

From: jeadams76@gmail.com

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Don't split waikoloa

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:05:35 PM

My name is John Adams and I live at 68-1944 Lina-Poepoe St, Waikoloa HI 96738. I oppose the split and I'm a homeowner and registered voter . Thanks John Adams Sent from my iPhone

From: Betsy Alspaugh

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Commission - Waikoloa Redistrictin

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:07:55 PM

#### Aloha!

As a resident of Waikoloa on the Big Island of Hawaii, I do not feel the latest Final State House Plan (dated January 26, 2022 v1231) is fair nor appropriate considering the legal mandates you must follow in this redistricting plan. As such, I'm writing to oppose the state House redistricting plan for Hawaii County.

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Your consideration is much appreciated.

Betsy S. Alspaugh 68-33540 Awamoa Place Waikoloa. Hawaii 96738

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: <u>Judy Greenbaum</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Waikoloa Village- Opposing Splitting into 2 District

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:23:38 PM

#### Reapportionment Team,

Please let this email serve as a residence of Waikoloa Village that I am opposing the splitting of Waikoloa Village into 2 Districts.

Respectfully Judy Greenbaum

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From: <u>Julie Peters</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE splitting Waikoloa

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:33:08 PM

Please do not split up representation for Waikoloa and it's beach communities. It would fragment the community. There's be no consistency amongst neighbors representation. It's a horrible idea. I've lived in the village since the early 90's and just can't imagine this being a good thing for the area. Mahalo. Julie





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From: Heidi Yamamoto

To:

OE.Elections.Reapportionment
[EXTERNAL] oppose the spilt of Waikoloa village Subject: Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:38:43 PM

I oppose the spilt of Waikoloa village into two districts.

Thank you, Heidi Yamamoto Sent from my iPhone From: <u>Maylyn Stake</u>

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:49:02 PM

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Maylyn Stake and I live at 68-3587 Haena Street, Waikoloa, HI 96738. I do not want to see Waikoloa village split up into 2 districts.

I reject the proposed map and am asking for reconsideration of the Boyea plan.

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Thank you,

Maylyn Stake, CRA #0000889 Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser 808.989.3250 From: <u>Eryn Uyemura-Iga</u>

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa district

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 1:01:34 PM

I oppose to splitting Waikoloa into 2 districts. Makes absolutely no sense. I have 4 homes in Waikoloa so hopefully get 4 votes.

Eryn Uyemura-Iga

From: <u>Jessica Kafchinski-Peiper</u>
To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 1:34:20 PM

#### Aloha,

I oppose dividing waikoloa into 2 districts. There is no benefit to this, it basically gives the "ocean view" portion of waikoloa to people buying their second homes that don't even live in Hawaii full time or contribute continually to the overall economy. Big Island has a beauty because it is still close to its roots and hasn't fully morphed into a mess like Oahu.

My vote is a loud and echoing NO.

~Jessica Kafchinski-Peiper





Holding Power Accountable

January 27, 2022

2021 Reapportionment Commission c/o Scott Nago, Secretary 802 Lehua Avenue Pearl City, Hawai'i 96782 (Via Email Only)

RE: Testimony for the Hawai'i State Reapportionment Commission's January 28,

2022 Meeting

Dear Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission:

Common Cause Hawai'i is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy and ensuring a fair and transparent reapportionment and redistricting process.

Throughout the course of this reapportionment and redistricting process, Common Cause Hawai'i has consistently and persistently advocated for a transparent reapportionment and redistricting process that emphasizes a genuine partnership with the public to develop redistricting plans in service to the communities of interest.

Common Cause Hawai'i acknowledges that the work of this Reapportionment Commission and the map making Technical Committee, as supported by the Office of Elections staff, is challenging. However, the most recent draft maps have failed to address the concerns of the community.

Despite the Reapportionment Commission and Technical Committee's protestations to the contrary, communities of interest are still split. For example, Papakōlea -- a Native Hawaiian Homestead community -- is still split between proposed House Districts 26 and 27, in the most recent Proposed Final District Maps dated 1/26/22.

Technical Committee members merely provided generic statements that public testimonies and concerns were taken into account in creating the 1/26/22 Proposed Final District Maps. Clearly, such statements belie the truth; the 1/26/22 Proposed Final District Maps barely changed from the prior iteration of the maps dated 1/6/2022. The people have raised numerous legitimate concerns regarding the 1/6/2022 maps, but the Technical Committee essentially readopted the 1/6/2022 maps as the 1/26/22 Proposed Final District Maps.

It cannot be said enough or in more ways – the redistricting process to draw new electoral maps for the next decade, as guided by law, is for the benefit of the people. It is not for the convenience of elected officials, those seeking elected office, those navigating around the political world, or those on the Reapportionment Commission to substitute their interests for

the people. The Reapportionment Commission and Technical Committee, acting within legal boundaries, must listen to the public in drawing new electoral maps.

Given that the 1/26/22 Proposed Final District Maps fail these criteria, they must be rejected by the Reapportionment Commission.

Additionally, Common Cause Hawai'i provides the below feedback and/or recommendations for the Reapportionment Commission's inclusion in its final report for an improved reapportionment and redistricting process in the following ten years. The below were suggested with our January 26, 2022 testimony and repeated herein for the Reapportionment Commission.

# **End Prison Gerrymandering**

Common Cause Hawai'i has and remains committed to a reapportionment process that counts incarcerated people at their home addresses for the purposes of drawing legislative district lines. Including incarcerated persons in the population count for the district in which their facility is located alters representational proportions and, as a result, the voting power of residents. We reiterate that counting Hawai'i's incarcerated population according to their home addresses will eliminate this issue and ensure an accurate and true reapportionment of Hawai'i's political districts. Gerrymandering, in all its forms, must end.

The Reapportionment Commission may on its own decide during the next reapportionment and redistricting cycle in ten years adopt rules and regulations to count incarcerated people at their home addresses for the purposes of drawing legislative district lines. It may also recommend the adoption of legislation to end prison gerrymandering. Common Cause Hawai'i will support both measures for a truly fair reapportionment and redistricting process.

#### **Non-Permanent Resident Extraction**

The Hawaii State Constitution at Article IV, secs. 4 and 6, requires apportionment of only permanent residents, meaning non-permanent residents must be extracted. However, the method and means by which the number of non-permanent residents along with their dependents is obtained is a long contentious process. Common Cause Hawai'i recommends that for the next reapportionment cycle the Commission and staff should transparently document and publicly discuss the process by which the number of non-permanent residents along with their dependents are arrived at and how they are extracted from the census blocks.

As suggested by some 2021 Reapportionment Commission members, it may be time to count everyone and not extract non-permanent residents, as stated in the Hawaii State Constitution. Common Cause Hawai'i would support a state constitutional amendment to count every person in Hawaii as of Census Day to avoid the concerns of over extraction of non-permanent resident dependents. Extracted people, i.e., student and military populations, contribute heavily to Hawaii's economy. Further, extraction creates a system where stricter rules are placed on military members and students in terms of residency, while other populations – snowbirds and other temporary residents – are not subject to the same definitions.

## **Public Testimony After Every Agenda Item**

Common Cause Hawai'i recommends that the public be provided the opportunity to testify after each agenda item. This is essential for the public to provide meaningful testimony <u>and</u> to assist the Commission with the quality and effectiveness of its work. The policy and intent of the Sunshine Law is clear: "the discussions, deliberations, decisions, and action of governmental agencies – shall be conducted as openly as possible". Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 92-1. Given the consequential matters that will be discussed during Commission meetings, the public should be allowed the opportunity to testify at beginning of meetings, if individuals do not have time to stay for the entire meeting, <u>and</u> the additional opportunity to testify after each agenda item. The public should not be limited to giving testimony at the beginning of the meeting. "Periodic testimony may be especially appropriate in situations where a controversial or significant issue that was not anticipated develops during the board's discussions and decision-making." *Kanahele v. Maui Cty. Council*, 130 Hawai'i 228, 248, 307 P.3d 1174, 1194 (2013). Limiting the public to only testifying at the beginning of a meeting will decrease the effectiveness and meaningfulness of testimony and handicap the Commission.

## **More Transparency For PIGs**

The Reapportionment Commission should understand that the formation of Permitted Interaction Groups (PIGs) is not to avoid transparency and accountability. Common Cause Hawai'i urges the next Reapportionment Commission, if a technical map making group is formed, to fully explain how new draft electoral maps are drawn, what considerations were taken into account, why community concerns were or were not accepted in the map making process and why, which constitutional requirements were or were not practicable and why, etc.

Given the crucial work tasked to the Technical Committee PIG of this Reapportionment Commission, the explanations and reasonings for the different draft legislative maps were difficult to discern. It is critical, if utilized again in the future, that it justifies its mapmaking for the public to have confidence in a Technical Committee PIG.

## Rules of Conduct for Commissioners

Common Cause Hawai'i notes that while rules of conduct were crafted for public engagement, no rules of conduct were for commissioners. We advise that rules of conduct for commissioners are critical especially because 1) there are only two returning commissioners from the 2011-2012 Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission and 2) the process occurs every ten years making continuity of conduct difficult to retain and pass along. Further, misconduct and bias were alleged against a commissioner. Without rules governing commissioners' conduct and how to address such allegations, trust and confidence in the Commission will be eroded and lost. Ensuring rules are crafted will aid the commissioners in their work and engagement with the public. Common Cause Hawai'i had provided sample rules from other Commissions that it may review to craft rules of conduct for commissioners

#### Commissioner and Public Training/On-boarding

Common Cause Hawai'i recognizes the effort the Office of Elections and Commission staff have put in to public and Commission training, generally. We believe, however, that more intensive public and commissioner training, as well as the development of an internal standard operating procedure should be developed and preserved for the success of future Reapportionment Commissions. This will go a long way in ensuring procedural continuity and institutional knowledge over the decades and ultimately public trust in the process.

Common Cause Hawai'i offers this feedback and recommendations to improve the 2031-2032 reapportionment process. We respectfully ask that you include these items in your report to the Hawai'i Legislature.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am available to discuss further at 808-275-6275 or sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma

Sandy Ma Executive Director Common Cause Hawai'i From: Alia CZ

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed splitting Waikoloa Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:01:21 PM

## Aloha,

I am opposed to the proposal to split waikoloa into two districts.

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# Sincerely,

Alía Cabrera-Zuke Bookkeeper

Kokua Nui Services LLC 68-1784 Auhili Loop Waikoloa, HI 96738 Ph: (808)756-7281 Fax: (808)883-1160

e-mail: <u>aliazuke@gmail.com</u>

From: Nhumey Tropp

**To:** <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] don"t split Waikoloa Village!

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:01:32 PM

Hi, my name is Nhumey Tropp and I live in Waikoloa Village. . I don't want to see Waikoloa Village split! Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

From: boboloo@wavecable.com
To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:05:13 PM

## Aloha,

My name is Louise Knop and I have lived in Waikoloa Village on and off since 1983. I am currently living here in Waikoloa Village full time and I don't want to see the Waikoloa Village community split! Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

Regards, Louise Knop 68-3605 Eleele Street Waikoloa From: Brian Koranda

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting plan of state House and Senate districts

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:12:50 PM

Aloha, my name is Brian Koranda and I live in Waikoloa Village. I don't want to see Waikoloa Village split! Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

From: Adriana Jimenez

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa billage

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:13:54 PM

Hi, my name is Adriana Jimenez and I am opposed to splitting waikoloa into 2 districts.

Adriana Jimenez

From: Sheri Haili

To: OE. Elections. Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] No splitting of Waikoloa

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:16:49 PM

## Aloha!

This is an email disagreeing with the splitting of Waikoloa village!

Keep it all the same one school, it will be tough to transport my kids when they are older to get to schools.

From: Bob Chaleunvong

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No to division of Waikoloa village **Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:18:36 PM

Please do not split Waikoloa village into two districts. It will make it hard for us when our kids get older, and the school in our village is relatively new and could possibly built out instead of divided.

From: <u>Tani Golden</u>

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:23:55 PM

#### Aloha,

My name is Tani Golden. My husband is Dale Schmidtknecht. We live at 68-1854 Puu Nui St. in Waikoloa Village. Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan. Please don't split up our village, that doesn't make any sense.

Mahalo, Tani Golden 808-895-0986 GOLDEN BUSINESS LLC TaniGolden@gmail.com From: susanblueyes2-gs@yahoo.com
To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Vote NO on HRC Committee Map

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:30:04 PM

#### Aloha,

Please vote "NO" on the HRC committee map and don't make the meetings you had the sham they appear to be as you haven't even made one change to the existing HRC proposed map after hearing from the people and based on the good information that fact that it's been pointed out to you directly by many that the HRC generated map doesn't meet ALL the criteria, and yet you've been offered a well thought out option that does in the Boyea plan.

The Boyea map plan makes sense and doesn't look like the typical GERRYMANDERING type of map one sees when there's obvious ulterior motives and special interests involved in making maps like these. Please adopt the Boyea map that actually offers proper representation for the people in all areas of the map, but especially for Puna because as you've acknowledged yourselves, it is the fast growing and projected to continue to grow community in the entire State, so it DOES need a second seat.

The HRC generated map looks to purposefully cluster people by voting blocks and income (ALL LOW INCOME in the various acres and all higher income closer to the sea) rather than a pie shape that includes ALL incomes and people from sea to mauka as well as meeting the actual CRITERIA set forth as recommended for the maps.

I found it really questionable character by the committee that it was pointed out that the HRC map does not meet the criteria and then suddenly the committee says the criteria is merely 'recommended' as opposed to required. Seriously? Nothing like a little switch to keep supporting the flawed HRC generated map that DOES NOT MEET ALL the criteria while blatantly ignoring the Boyea map which DOES!

Why not take the Boyea map that meets ALL the criteria? Unless of course there's special interest bidding you not to?

If you choose to ignore the Boyea Map which fulfills ALL the criteria and then actually vote for the HRC's generated map after all the public meetings in which you've heard stating why they want the Boyea map, which is more FAIR, then you make it plain you're not motivated for the people you're supposed to be representing in your duties and I'll look forward to showing up at the legal case that you can count forcing occur because of your lack of actually following the criteria set forth for you to create the map and to which you will be BLATANTLY ignoring by not taking the Boyea map which fulfills ALL the criteria.

Your biases are obvious if you put forth and vote for the proposed HRC generated map especially after all the solid testimony in support of the Boyea map.

It will be pretty egregious to actually have acknowledged yourselves in the public meetings on record that Puna is the fastest growing area if you still willfully use that HRC generated map, when a BETTER map has been submitted in the form of the Boyea map.

Thank you for not making the public meetings you had a sham by doing the RIGHT thing for the PEOPLE, hearing our pleas for the Boyea map and not passing the HRC's generated map.

Susan Bambara Kurtistown From: Alice Hughes

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:30:59 PM

My name is Alice Hughes and I lived on Hawaii Island since 1972. I am in favor of keeping Waikola village together with Waikolaa Beach Resort Mauna Lani Resort and Monica Resort these are our neighbors. We work play live and shop in these areas and they should stay together. I am in favor of the Boyea plan. Please reject the proposed final technical plan. Mahalo, Alice Hughes

808989-1905 1956 Linapoepoe Waikoloa, Hi From: Brandyn Moniz

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:43:29 PM

To whom this may concern,

I oppose the split of Waikoloa Village into two districts.

With aloha,

Brandyn Moniz (808)989-6631 Brandyn.moniz@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: reia L

**To:** OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject:[EXTERNAL] Opposing Waikoloa village splitDate:Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:47:14 PM

I am sending this email to oppose the splitting of waikoloa village into 2 districts.

Reia Langworthy 68-1836 Pakanu St Waikolia HI 96738 From: Yoga with Estelle

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boyea Plan

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:47:19 PM

# Aloha,

My name is Estelle Cruse and I live in Waikoloa Village. I don't want to see Waikoloa Village split. Please reject the proposed plan. Please consider the Boyea Plan.

Thank you, Estelle Cruse From: Rochelle

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:50:02 PM

Aloha,

I have been a homeowner in Waikoloa village since 1997. I am opposing the split of the village into two districts.

Rochelle Moniz Kauna'oa Residential Services 808.882.7650 From: <u>Lynn Morgenroth</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Splitting Waikoloa village into two districts

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:51:14 PM

Hello my name is Lynn Morgenroth and I live in Waikoloa Village and I don't want to see Waikoloa Village split. Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

Thank you

From: Michele Paape

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village | Oppose House Redistricting Plan for Hawaii County

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 3:18:47 PM

### Aloha!

As a resident of Waikoloa on the Big Island of Hawaii, I do not feel the latest Final State House Plan (dated January 26, 2022 v1231) is fair nor appropriate considering the legal mandates you must follow in this redistricting plan. As such, I'm writing to oppose the state House redistricting plan for Hawaii County. Your January 26 plan continues to unnecessarily split my community apart, not only dividing up Waikoloa Village itself, but severing us from our adjacent beach communities of Waikoloa Beach, Mauna Lani, and Mauna Kea Beach. This area shares common concerns with water, waste water, environment, beach and park access, roads and highways, and other infrastructure requirements like police, fire, and schools to grow with a growing community. We need state leaders that can holistically tackle the specific needs of our district and understand the unique set of challenges, opportunities, and issues for the area which includes Waikoloa Village, Waikoloa Beach Resort, and adjacent Mauna Lani Resort "territory". We need House representation aligned with Senate representation to best meet the needs of our community. During the County Council redistricting process last month, that committee too saw both the practicality and the need of keeping Waikoloa Village whole with its adjacent beach communities. As such, they redistricted County Council District 4 to pull those areas into the single district. After hearing testimony from others on the Big Island and after reviewing proposed maps submitted by others of the community, I agree with a majority of the public comment that the map submitted by Ralph Boyea (dated January 19, 2022 as Ralph Boyea Community Plan v2) is the best plan for Hawaii County. It does not break-up communities like your plan does to my community and keeps us best aligned to the new state Senate districts. I ask that the Commission listen to the desires of those testifying on this issue and support to Boyea plan for Hawaii County.

Mahalo, Michele Paape 808.756.7523 mmpaape.hawaii@gmail.com From: <u>Clare Bobo</u>

To: OE. Elections. Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] House Redistricting Plan

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 3:24:58 PM

Aloha,

My name is Clare Bobo and I've been a resident of Waikoloa for 20 years. Please reject the proposed final plan and consider the Boyea plan which makes far more sense and keeps our Village and surrounding communities whole. Please don't split our growing village in half!

Mahalo and be well,

Clare Bobo

From: <u>Beverley Brand</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 3:26:37 PM

After hearing testimony from others on the Big Island and after reviewing proposed maps submitted by others of the community, I agree with a majority of the public comment that the map submitted by Ralph Boyea (dated January 19, 2022 as Ralph Boyea Community Plan v2) is the best plan for Hawaii County. It doesn't break-up communities like your plan does to my community and keeps us best aligned to the new state Senate districts.

Beverley Brand, Waikoloa Village

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: <u>David Freeman</u>

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 3:49:15 PM

### Aloha,

I live in Waikoloa Village and believe that it is an injustice to our village community to split the village into two different districts. Please reject the proposed technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

Mahalo.

David Freeman

68-1901 Pakanu St, Waikoloa

From: Elisa and Josh Nunes

To:OE.Elections.ReapportionmentSubject:[EXTERNAL] Waikoloa redistributionDate:Thursday, January 27, 2022 4:04:12 PM

# Aloha,

Dividing Waikoloa Village from Waikoloa Resorts would be a huge disservice to constituents of Waikoloa and the West side of Hawaii. Please put the residents/locals first before mainland developers.

Mahalo, Elisa Nunes From: Sarah Taylor-Balanga

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 4:47:43 PM

I support the Boyea plan

From: Alex Mevs

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed plan for Waikoloa division **Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:22:56 PM

Hi,

How are you? I am writing in to voice my opposition to the proposed plan to divide Waikoloa. Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue!

Alex Mevs

Waikoloa homeowner

Sent from my iPhone

From: tpageauger@gmail.com

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposing the split

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:24:23 PM

I would like to go on record as a home owner and taxpayer of Waikoloa Village that I strongly oppose the notion of splitting the districts.

Travis Page Auger 68-3929 Ehu Kai Loop #2701 Waikoloa, HI 96738 From: <u>Tim McLean</u>

**To:** <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:31:47 PM

My name is Tim Mclean my kids are students at Waikoloa elementary and our family doesn't want the district split. We are 1 community. I oppose.

Aloha Tim Mclean 808 645 0283.

From: Angel Duque

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Split

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:32:48 PM

Wait...you're doing WHAT to waikoloa Village? Get a grip. can you not? You should be focusing on shit like why all this new development is probably going to be purchased by people who isn't even kamaaina. You want to start splitting things? Split the village into making sure our aina is purchased by people who's birth certificate reads HAWAII and send all the non Hawaiians to Kukio.

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Inez Schultz</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment commission - regarding Waikoloa Village

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 6:13:49 PM

#### Aloha,

My name is Inez Schultz and I live in Waikoloa Village. I do not want to see the village split.

Waikoloa is not just a piece of land, it is also a community and splitting it would not be a positive move for the community. There are many shared amenities including one road out of the village. If split that could make things very complicated.

Waikoloa Village s growing at a rapid pace. We need a cohesive plan and one representee. Two representatives would only complicate getting our needs met. Future development could allow new construction in a separate district to utilize old infrastructure with no obligation to support it.

Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea Plan.

Inez Schultz

From: <u>devmarie808</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village Split
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 6:18:50 PM

# Aloha,

I am a resident of Waikoloa Village and I absolutely do not want our Village split in two when district zones are set. We should be kept unified, in the same district.

Thank you,

Deven Engevold

From:

Suzanne Basham

OE.Elections.Reapportionment

[EXTERNAL] Oppose 2 Districts To: Subject:

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:04:16 PM

We love No.

Mark Basham Suzanne Basham

Sent from my iPhone

From: Greg Schultz

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Boundaries affecting Waikoloa Village

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:06:25 PM

## Aloha Committee Members:

I support the "Boyea Plan" which will not divide Waikoloa Village. It is a strong, growing community and needs unified representation. The Village is also a "bedroom suburb" for the hotels and condos on the coastline. Many staff members and managers live here and commute daily. There should not be a tug of war between the older, southern portion of the Village and the growing northern development area. The old area has paid annual dues for years to provide amenities like a golf course and swimming pool. We are waiting on a regional library.

Please do not split the Village politically, we should stay together to grow intelligently in the coming years.

Thank you for considering my position.

Gregory Schultz,

M.A. Urban Planning

Vice President Fairway Terrace Association of Apartment Owners

Waikoloa Village.

Speaking for myself, not for the Board or residents of Fairway Terrace.

From: Rebecca Johnson

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Division of Big Island Waikoloa,Hi **Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:33:58 PM

We ate new residents of Waikoloa Village coming after 15 years living in Naalehu. We are very concerned the county is not taking into consideration the division at this end of the island

Mr. Ralph Boyea's shows a much better uses of representation. Please consider his input. Mahalo,
Rebecca and Robert Johnson
68 1796 Laie St.

Waikoloa,Hi

Konabeck@gmail.com

From: <u>Chaze Pacheco</u>

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:56:47 PM

Please do not split waikoloa village into separate districts. We need to remain as one community. I have lived here for 22 years, yes the village has grown but it is important for our village and community to remain as one. I vote against splitting the village.

Mahalo,

Chaze Pacheco

Sent from my iPhone

January 27, 2022

Aloha Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission:

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit testimony at today's hearing. I am testifying in opposition to the proposed House District map due to possible negative social and economic impacts on our Native Hawaiian community. The proposed House Districts limit the capacity of those living in the Hawaiian Home Lands of Papakōlea, Kewalo, and Kalāwahine from expressing their concerns and political preferences together.

Our communities are currently marginalized and the proposed division will continue to worsen this. The current map already has a division of Hawaiian Home Lands which is very concerning. The possible continuation of this proposed map over the next 10 years may perpetuate divisiveness within our homestead and on home lands. During previous hearings, many people gave the Reapportionment Commission the benefit of the doubt

I recognize that this placement of the boundary line may have been made in error while the Reapportionment Commission was working to resolve the concerns of other communities. I believe strongly that all of the contiguous homestead lands in this area should be maintained in one House District, as previous drafts included.

call upon the Reapportionment Commission to recognize our community's concerns and revise this portion of the map. My personal preference is that our community is added to the proposed House District 26. Whichever House District the Commission ultimately adds us to, it is crucial that we are kept together.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Kāhealani Keahi

President

Hui Maka'āinana a Kalāwahine

From: Kristen Alice

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Testimony for Jan. 27

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:24:55 PM

# Aloha,

My name is Kristen Alice and I live in Hilo on the Island of Hawai'i. I ask that you vote "NO" on the HRC Technical Commitee's House District Plan for the Island of Hawaii. I ask that you support and adopt the Community Plan, Boyea v2 for the Hawai'i Island House districts.

Mahalo, Kristen Alice From: <u>dorothy stolzlechner</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] KEEP WAIKOLOA ONE DISTRICT!

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:26:11 PM

## Aloha!

I am a home owner as well as a realtor with Remax and I am against splitting Waikoloa into 2 district!!! Why don't you concentrate on opening g another access road so we don't all fry to death because we can't get out time!!!

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Honored to serve you on the Big Island!
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(RS-71726)

From: <u>Maki Morinoue</u>

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:26:25 PM

## Aloha Hawaii Redistricting Commissioners,

I am testifying and asking you to please vote "No" for the Big Island map generated by the Hawaii Redistricting Commissioner's technical committee because this map continues to break the law. I have been following all the map options and listening in on many of the well articulated points made around our island and on Oahu.

I do not see the Hawaii Redistricting Commissioners taking into strong consideration the warnings and very specific concerns the community have addressed in all the previous meetings. It continues to violate many provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution. The law is there to ensure equal opportunity and representation for ALL living on this island and the only map that meets all the rules and regulations is the **Boyea**Community Map vs 2. Mr. Boyea has listened to critiques and has taken into account input from all around the island to benefit all residents while considering our precious watershed.

I do hope that HRC will do the right thing by not wasting precious time on further delays due to legal issues this could potentially generate.

Mahalo for your time, I understand it is a challenge yet this year you had many intelligent and thoughtful people throughout the process addressing clear straightforward issues to guide and support a better representation. I do hope our voices matter.

Maki Morinoue Holualoa 96725

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## Maki Morinoue

Share your ALOHA

"Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha,"

From: <u>Jessica Mohon</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting of Waikoloa
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:42:00 PM

#### Aloha!

As a resident of Waikoloa on the Big Island of Hawaii, I do not feel the latest Final State House Plan (dated January 26, 2022 v1231) is fair nor appropriate considering the legal mandates you must follow in this redistricting plan. As such, I'm writing to oppose the state House redistricting plan for Hawaii County.

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I ask that the Commission listen to the desires of those testifying on this issue and support to Boyea plan for Hawaii County.

Jessica Mohon

From: BRUCE SADERUP

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:56:10 PM

I like Ralph Boyea plan

Sent from my iPhone

From: Brett Aweau

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony House District Map Opposition

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:06:09 PM

#### Dear Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission:

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit testimony at today's hearing. I am testifying in opposition to the proposed House District map due to possible negative social and economic impacts on our Native Hawaiian community. The proposed House limits the capacity of those living in the Hawaiian Home Lands of Papakōlea, Kewalo, and Kalāwahine from expressing their concerns and political preferences together.

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I call upon the Reapportionment Commission to recognize our community's concerns and revise this portion of the map. My personal preference is that our community is added to the proposed House District 26. Whichever House District the Commission ultimately adds us to, it is crucial that we are kept together.

Mahalo for your considerations,

Brett Aweau 2014 Kamalalehua Place Honolulu HI 96813

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From: L. M. Klungness

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:07:18 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

My name is Lester Michael Klungness, Democratic District 3 Chair. I live in Mountain View on the Island of Hawaii. I ask that you vote "NO" on the HRC Technical Committee's House District Plan for the Island of Hawaii. I ask that you support and adopt the Community Plan, Boyea v2 for the Hawaii island House districts. The former does not meet the legal criteria for reapportionment. The Boyea version 2 plan is the fairest distribution of populations with the smallest overall deviance from the exact proportion of the population that should occur in each House District. Efforts to gain political advantage by gerrymandering the districts should be strictly avoided, by law!



Lester Michael Klungness PO Box 364 Mt. View HI 96771 Hm 808-968-6789 iPh 808-895-3075

web www.LesterFisher.com

From: <u>Cory Harden</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support Boyea plan
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:15:10 PM

Aloha Commissioners, please support the Boyea plan for Hawai'i Island. It meets more constitutional mandates, has a lower deviation, and was developed by the people who know the island best. Not adopting the Boyea plan is likely to draw a lawsuit that will consume money, time, and energy better applied elsewhere. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

From: <u>Jennifer Kagiwada</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hawaii County House Districts Map **Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:27:15 PM

Aloha Chair and Members,

I am writing to voice my strong no vote for the HRC's Technical Committee map as it is unconstitutional and doesn't even attempt to meet the constitutional requirements.

Instead, I urge you to adopt the Boyea 2 map that was developed by the community of Hawaii Island and which meets the criteria for reapportionment maps.

Please do what is right.

Mahalo for your consideration, -Jenn Kagiwada, Hilo

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ariel Murphy
To: Cory Harden

 Cc:
 OE.Elections.Reapportionment

 Subject:
 [EXTERNAL] Re: support Boyea plan

 Date:
 Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:43:12 PM

Bravo Cory! And mahalo!

ariel

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Dawn Ross

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the State House Redistricting Plan for Hawaii County

**Date:** Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:55:12 PM

#### Aloha!

As residents of Waikoloa on Hawaii Island, we do not believe the latest Final State House Plan (dated January 26, 2022 v1231) is fair nor appropriate considering the legal mandates that must be followed in the proposed redistricting plan. As such, we are writing to oppose the state House redistricting plan for Hawaii County.

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Sincerely, Gary and Dawn Ross 68-3894 Kaulele Pl Waikoloa HI 96738

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Mahalo for your consideration.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Tamar detries

Tamar deFries Resident, Kalāwahine Hawaiian Home Lands From: rose sakai

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa village split
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 10:31:43 PM

# To whom it may concern:

As a Waikoloa village homeowner and resident I kindly ask to not DIVIDE our lovely COMMUNITY. We have spent years as a community/together to build this wonderful gem. This will sadly affect our childrens sports. These Coaches and Kids that have been playing together for years could soon be divided? School districts could be divided. These children have already been through so much these past few years. I really hope our children are taken In consider and how much this could impact them. Please please please keep our community as ONE.

Respectfully Rose Sakai From: <a href="mailto:cdgcdg@aol.com">cdgcdg@aol.com</a>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Testimony [Meeting: January 28, 2022, 1:00 PM]

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 1:02:01 AM

To: reapportionment@hawaii.gov

From: Chris Gaughen, Waikoloa Village

ATTN: REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Meeting: January 28, 2022, 1:00 PM, Public Testimony

I am a resident of Waikoloa Village on Hawaii Island. I do **not** support the dividing of my community into two districts. It is important to maintain the concept of an intact community, especially when considering that Waikoloa Village is isolated in location.

From: Mary Smart Mililani Town resident

For: January 28, 2022 Meeting

I had been optimistic that the provisions of the Hawaii Constitution regarding reapportionment would be followed, but no longer. The specific requirements directing that no person or political faction would be advantaged and that the communities of interest would be contiguous and compact are clear however, based on the posted Technical Committee maps, the Hawaii Constitution had little influence on the final outcome.

What I have asked for is what everyone else has asked for – Don't split my community and make it as compact as possible. Are there people who disagree – yes, probably political party activists, incumbents and aspiring incumbents disagree. The Technical Committee plan gives the appearance of accommodating incumbents to the maximum extent possible regardless of compactness, intact community of interests, and contiguity.

As most people understand, residents know which community they live in. Many don't know their House and Senate District number and especially don't know their precinct. When a small community such as Mililani Town is broken up and combined with unrelated communities (Koa Ridge, Waipio Gentry, Waikele), it makes it more difficult to become politically engaged and may be one of the reasons for low voter turn-out. Keeping towns intact may result in more of our population voting in elections. I believe that should be one of the goals of the Reapportionment Committee.

Public input showed the Hawaii Constitution could be followed. If the Commission did the best they could under the circumstances, there must be some unknown "circumstances" that make it impossible to follow the Constitution. Hawaii testifiers asked for rationale and justification for the Technical Committee maps but no irrefutable explanation was given. The excuses were very weak.

I have limited my testimony to Mililani Town and the surrounding communities. Ten years ago Mililani Town was split up so badly that I felt duty-bound to help make it right this time. Mililani Mauka had been undisturbed in the 2010 and the first edition of the 2020 reapportionment structure and should have remained that way. I presumed that by providing map after map that showed the established community of interest involving Mililani Town, Mililani Mauka, Waipio Acres and possibly Launani Valley (Neighborhood Board maps, Board of Education maps, Census data communities, City and County of Honolulu 2021 reapportionment map, Zip Code maps, maps of the area) would be sufficient to bring the community back together. None of these maps came up with a configuration as disjointed and convoluted as the Technical Committee's. As of this date it appears the fact that every other organization's map kept the Mililani area intact wasn't enough.

Communities that were able to get their district maps adjusted to represent their intact "community of interest" are not pleased that the Senate maps violate the criteria of the

Hawaii Constitution. There have been proposals to put two House districts together to form a Senate District. Even though Mililani Town House redistricting has not been resolved, there is value in this proposal.

The question is, will the residents of Hawaii have to wait another ten years to get the apportionment right. There are some residents that are saying that if the maps don't meet the criteria of the Hawaii Constitution that the maps will be challenged in a court of law. If that happens, the Reapportionment Commission may then be required to explain to the public the very questionable dissecting of their communities. Gerrymandering appears to be a distinct possibility. If it isn't, perhaps a better explanation will come forward.

The court may not be asked to resolve the military and student extraction process but it needs to be resolved for the next reapportion process ten years from now. Sooner would be better. The extraction process was based on data provided on December 31, 2021. It is very likely that a number of "permanent" residents were disenfranchised in the rush to get the maps produced. Disenfranchisement of Americans, especially those who are married to deployed military is disgraceful. The Representative and Senators who serve the area in which they will carry the extra burden of supporting those residents who remained in the census count after extraction but also support the military members and dependents (and students) who live in the area whether they were extracted or not. This results in a great disservice to the community. This disenfranchisement of people based on their military status is outright discrimination and the procedure needs to be terminated. Hawaii is the only state in the nation that extracts military and students for state apportionment reasons.

I continue to look forward to the day Mililani Town is not structured to protect incumbents and that the representative for an intact Mililani Town might actually live in Mililani Town. Unless corrections are made soon, it won't be this iteration of reapportionment. It is very disappointing when the requirements of the Hawaii Constitution are ignored.

From: Adeline Poaha

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 3:23:20 AM

### Aloha Hawai'i Reapportionment Commission:

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit testimony at today's hearing. I am testifying in opposition to the proposed House District map due to possible negative social and economic impacts on our Native Hawaiian community. The proposed House Districts limit the capacity of those living in the Hawaiian Home Lands of Papakōlea, Kewalo, and Kalāwahine from expressing their concerns and political preferences together. Our communities are currently marginalized and the proposed division will continue to worsen this. The current map already has a division of Hawaiian Home Lands which is very concerning. The possible continuation of this proposed map over the next 10 years may perpetuate

divisiveness within our homestead and on home lands. During previous hearings, many people gave the Reapportionment Commission the benefit of the doubt I recognize that this placement of the boundary line may have been made in error while the Reapportionment Commission was working to resolve the concerns of other communities. I believe strongly that all of the contiguous homestead lands in this area should be maintained in one House District, as previous drafts included.

I call upon the Reapportionment Commission to recognize our community's concerns and revise this portion of the map. My personal preference is that our community is added to the proposed House District 26. Whichever House District the Commission ultimately adds us to, it is crucial that we are kept together.

Mahalo for your consideration, Adeline & Kalai Poaha Residents of Kewalo From: <u>laura moses</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment for Hawaiian Acres, Big Island Upper Puna

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 4:34:49 AM

Over the last 6 months there has been continued blatant disregard for public testimony and the 8 Constitutional criteria for redistricting are not being followed by the State Reapportionment Commission. High likelihood of a vote happening in their next meeting; today, Friday, Jan., 28th at 1pm.

The final map that they will most likely be approving is NOT what is best for our community. It creates an unnecessarily HUGE House District: connecting Captain Cook ALL THE WAY to Shipman Industrial Area. Their map divides numerous upper Puna Subdivisions and connects Mountain View thru Hilo and all the way to Keaukaha. It connects neighborhoods in Hilo up to Honoka'a. It divides Hilo into 3 different districts. It splits Kona town in half. It also separates lower and upper Waikoloa. TELL THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE NO ON THIS FINAL MAP PROPOSAL!

Mahalo, Laura Moses Hawaiian Acres

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Jennifer Tsuji</u>

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 5:01:58 AM

My name is Jennifer Lienhart Tsuji. I am a resident of Waikoloa for over 20 years. This is my second letter attempting to stress the impotence of the Waikoloa community to stay whole. This decision could mean an opportunity for much needed schools, business, employment, and infrastructure which means jobs jobs jobs. Building a thriving economic community.

So many people have dedicated countless hours toward building parks, churches and community. The plans already in motion could very quickly see growth and prosperity IF Waikoloa remains whole.

Or

The hard working people who have dedicated years of their life to building a betterWaikoloa could be undermined and all their work could be prolonged, or completely swept under the carpet due to lack of commitment or priorities for a split community and split legislative representation.

You have this very difficult decision to make. I do not envy you.

That's why I am writing again to to plead you vote for the Boyea plan and reject the technical plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jennifer Lienhart Tsuji

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mona Peck

To:OE.Elections.ReapportionmentSubject:[EXTERNAL] Final State PlanDate:Friday, January 28, 2022 5:50:37 AM

### Aloha

I've been living in Waikoloa Village since 2011.

I am writing to you to oppose the House's redistricting plan for Hawaii County.

Your plan will split this community apart, by divvying up Waikoloa Village itself, but separating us from all of the Beach resorts; Waikoloa Beach, Mauna Lani and Mauna Kea Beach.

I believe the best plan was submitted by Ralph Boyea in January 2022. This plan does not break up communities.

Please listen to the emails and letters that local residents write.

Only you can change this terrible plan and move forward with keeping our district together. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Mona Peck

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From: <u>Gregg Shankle</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Plan
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 6:40:14 AM

Aloha, I am opposed to the reapportionment plan that divides Waikoloa Village. I support the Boyea plan.

Gregg Shankle 68-3602 Eleele Street Waikoloa Village, Hawaii 96738 From: Karen Sheff

To:  $\underline{\mathsf{OE}.\mathsf{Elections}.\mathsf{Reapportionment}}$ 

[EXTERNAL] No to the proposed Big Island map Friday, January 28, 2022 7:08:30 AM Subject:

Date:

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Kimberley Wessels</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting - Zones 7 & 8

Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 7:16:02 AM

### Aloha

My name is Kimberley Wessels and I own a residence at 68-3831 Lua Kula in Waikoloa Village.

This email is to voice my objection to the proposed final technical plan that would split the village in two. Past meeting notes do not show any public support for the House's proposed split.

Please consider the Boyea Plan. The Boyea Plan will keep my community intact ensuring a united community with one representative protecting the interests of all the citizens of Waikoloa Village.

Regards

Kimberley Wessels

From: <u>Kiyoko Nanni</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] My written testimony: No vote to reapportionment per map drawn by HRC

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 7:24:09 AM

### Aloha public servants in the interest of serving Hawaii island,

Herewith is my written testimony regarding reapportionment on Hawaii Island.

I say NO to the Big Island map generated by the HRC Technical Committee because it violates many provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution, which you may want to review again. Therefore, in my conclusion, it stands to be unconstitutional.

Mahalo, Kiyoko Nanni, Holualoa, Kona, HI From: Gladys Quistorff

**To:** <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting.

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 7:27:23 AM

Hi, my name is Gladys Quistorff and live in Waikoloa Village, "Wehilani" subdivisión. I do not want to see Waikoloa Village split.

Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the "Boyea plan.

Thanks for your consideration.

Gladys Quistorff.

Sent from my iPad

From: Robert Shemwell

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reapportionment Map
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 7:40:27 AM

Hi, my name is Robert Shemwell and I live in Waikoloa Village. I don't want to see Waikoloa Village split! Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Boyea plan.

Thanks, Robert Shemwell

Sent from my iPad

From: <u>Tia Yagi</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Village
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:26:59 AM

This is the testimony I provided to the commission today via email; if you agree with my thoughts, feel free to lift pieces of it for your own email too:

### Aloha!

As a resident of Waikoloa on the Big Island of Hawaii, I do not feel the latest Final State House Plan (dated January 26, 2022 v1231) is fair nor appropriate considering the legal mandates you must follow in this redistricting plan. As such, I'm writing to oppose the state House redistricting plan for Hawaii County.

Your January 26 plan continues to unnecessarily split my community apart, not only dividing up Waikoloa Village itself, but severing us from our adjacent beach communities of Waikoloa Beach, Mauna Lani, and Mauna Kea Beach.

After hearing testimony from others on the Big Island and after reviewing proposed maps submitted by others of the community, I agree with a majority of the public comment that the map submitted by Ralph Boyea (dated January 19, 2022 as Ralph Boyea Community Plan v2) is the best plan for Hawaii County. It doesn't break-up communities like your plan does to my community and keeps us best aligned to the new state Senate districts.

I ask that the Commission listen to the desires of those testifying on this issue and support to Boyea plan for Hawaii County.

Tia Yagi

From: Peter

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do not split Waikoloa Village Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:31:06 AM

### Hello,

Please do not divide our village into two districts. We are already forgotten about out here, and feel like our votes do nothing. Splitting us will not be in our best interests here in the village.

Peter Christensen

From: RM Schulherr

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject:[EXTERNAL] Redistricting Waikoloa VillageDate:Friday, January 28, 2022 8:43:35 AM

I am a resident of Waikoloa Village, and I can see no cogent reason to split our village in two, please do not enact this plan, seemingly designed to reduce what little political power the Village has.

Richard Schulherr Waikoloa Village I VOTE From: Bill Threlkeld

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Boyea Community Plan Vs. HRC Technical Committee plan

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 8:45:34 AM

Hello, my name is William Threlkeld and I live in the Ainaloa subdivision in Pahoa. I support and approve the Boyea a community plan version. It is fair and balanced. I do not support or approve the HRC technical Committee plan for the Hawaii Island House Districts, it violates many provisions of the Hawaii State Constitution.

Please vote "NO" to the big island map generated by the HRC's technical committee

William Threlkeld 16-2109 Aloha Dr Pahoa HI 96778 From: <u>emilytgail emilys.org</u>

**To:** <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>

Cc: <u>emilytgail emilys.org</u>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] please do not split of Waikoloa Village in reapportionmet

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 9:51:48 AM

### Aloha,

I have been following news about reapportionment. As a resident of Waikoloa Village I do not want to see Waikoloa Village split up. Please reject the final plan and consider the Boyea plan I have been hearing about.

Mahalo for your reconsideration.

Emily T Gail 69-3941 Moana Place 3002 Waikoloa, Hi 96738

808 896-6780





Dylan P. Armstrong, Chair ♦ Email: <u>Dylan.P.Armstrona@amail.com</u>

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January 5, 2022

Dr. Mark Mugiiishi, Chair Reapportionment Commission % Mr. Scott Nago, Chief Election Officer Office of Elections 802 Lehua Avenue Pearl City, Hawai'i 96782

> Subject: Joint Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 and Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 Opposition to Proposed Reapportionment Plan and Support for Alternative Plan

Aloha Chair Mugiishi, and Reapportionment Commissioners,

The Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 and Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 each reviewed the 2021 House and Senate redistricting plans that were adopted by the Commission.

Two of our Neighborhood Boards had unanimously adopted Resolutions opposed to the previously proposed reapportionment plan. These Boards simultaneously supported an alternative plan that would respect both Makapu'u Point as a natural boundary between Windward O'ahu and East Honolulu and Ka'ena Point between the North Shore and Leeward O'ahu. The proposed redistricting plan mixes Windward O'ahu and East Honolulu communities within House District 51, thereby diluting the voice of the Enchanted Lake community as well as the Hawai'i Kai Portlock community, and negatively impacts the Native Hawaiian voice by squeezing the Waimānalo area between two dissimilar communities and replacing Enchanted Lake with Portlock which has a lower Hawaiian percentage.

Proposed House District 51 is not compact, in its original form it was barely contiguous, and unnecessarily divides the Hawai'i Kai and Enchanted Lake communities. The same rationale also applies to Senate District 25 (Windward O'ahu) and Senate District 9 (East Honolulu) where Senate District 25 unnecessarily mixes Windward O'ahu and East Honolulu communities.

An alternative redistricting plan (known as the "Hicks Plan") that uses both Makapu'u Point and Ka'ena Point as natural boundaries for House and Senate districts demonstrates that it is possible to keep more communities intact, reduce the population deviation between districts, and in particular, not mix Windward Oahu and East Honolulu communities within a legislative district. On December 18, 2021 the Reapportionment Commission posted a final proposed plan that changed the boundaries of 30 of the 35 O'ahu House districts. These maps are time stamped as being last modified at 10:38 on December 17, 2021, meaning they were finalized before the O'ahu Advisory Council, which is chartered by the Hawai'i Constitution to serve in an advisory capacity to the Reapportionment Commission, had conducted a quorum meeting and provided its recommendations which include using Makapu'u Point as a boundary. The significant Hawai'i Kai, Waimānalo, and Kailua issues with the Reapportionment Commission's original plan approved on October 28, 2021 for public review were made even worse with the final plan! Hawai'i Kai is split even more. Please look at the following maps and ask which is better?

Mahalo nui loa for considering the Boards' testimony. Should you have any questions, please contact the Board Chairs by email.

Sincerely,

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DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG CHAIR, MĀNOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7 IAN ROSS CHAIR, MAKIKI/LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

### Addendum:

At the 1/20/2022 Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Meeting of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10, the Board unanimously voted to oppose any division of the Hawaiian Homestead Communities of Papakōlea, Kewalo, and Kalāwahine between districts by the Reapportionment Commission.

From: <u>Jude Lyon</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] HRC plans/maps 1/28/22 - testimony

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 10:15:01 AM

January 28, 2022 10:15 am

Dear Planning Representatives,

I am writing in response to the Big Isle House Redistricting plan, HRC (state) versus Boyea Community plan.

It is obvious that the HRC plan is a gerrymandering attempt to stop the district of Puna from getting a Representative position, and thus full representation, in the House.

Coupling Puna with Hilo on the redistricting map is ill conceived as the two areas have very little in common. Hilo is a wealthy community with excellent infrastructure, plenty of jobs, a major port, a seat of government, higher education facilities, et al. Hilo's issues are in no way reflective of the issues found in Puna.

Puna (along with Kau'u) has the lowest income and highest poverty rates in the entire state. It is lacking in basic infrastructure, safe roads, community water sources, local sustainable jobs, fully supported educational resources, et al. Handing Puna over to Hilo assures that the concerns of the poorer community will be dominated by the wealth and power of Hilo's political base. Puna's concerns will be widely ignored.

Further, the 2020 census indicates that Puna has grown substantially and has earned its own Representative position in the House. The state plan completely ignores this fact by funneling the voting power to Hilo and areas as disparate as North Kona. What the state HRC plan does is make sure that "the rich get richer while the poor remain poor;" it does so by literally stealing the voice of the people of Puna whose needs are very, very different from the communities of wealth who are redistricting to their advantage. This is intentional gerrymandering, purposefully designed to dominate and control public discourse and further accrue power.

For these reasons, alone, I support the Boyea Community plan. Its design is predicated on the doctrine of fair and equitable representation of the people. I urge the House to drop the HRC plan and adopt the Boyea plan. The people are watching. We see what you are doing, and we do not like it.

Sincerely, Judith E. Lyon 162124 Pearl Dr. Pahoa, HI 96778 From: <u>dave velasquez</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Reapportionment 2022

Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 10:34:55 AM

My name is David L. Velasquez. I have lived in Waikoloa village for the last 9yrs. I don't want to see the current Reapportionment Plan split up Waikoloa to be considered. The plan that best suits Waikoloa and the Hawaii Island is the "Boyea Plan". Please reconsider and use the Boyea plan it is what will represent our interests.

Sincerely, David L Velasquez 808-443-8351 From: <u>Dianne Velasquez</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa Reapportionment Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 10:40:31 AM

### To whom it may concern

My name is Dianne Velasquez and I have lived in Waikoloa village for the last 9 years. I am writing to express my concern about the redistricting plan proposed.

I do not want to have Waikoloa split!!! Please reject the proposed plan and consider the plan that will keep our community represented as a whole.

Thank you

Dianne Velasquez PO Box 384658 Waikoloa HI 96738 From: Russell Ruderman

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote No on HRC, yes on Boyea's Community Plan 2

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 10:55:04 AM

Aloha,

Please Vote No on HRC, yes on Boyea's Community Plan 2 This community plan keeps cohesive communities intact, as it should be.

Mahalo,

Russell

From: Brent Hanson

To: <u>OE.Elections.Reapportionment</u>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikoloa split

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 11:02:50 AM

### Aloha,

My name is Brent Hanson. I live in Waikoloa village. I do not want to see our community split during redistricting. Please consider an alternative.

Mahalo

Linda Groves From:

To:

OE.Elections.Reapportionment
[EXTERNAL] DO NOT CHANGE WAIKOLOA Subject: Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 11:40:57 AM

Please don't devide us--Linda Groves

Monica T From:

OE.Elections.Reapportionment
[EXTERNAL] Oppose To:

Subject:

Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 11:41:49 AM

I live in Waikoloa Village and oppose this division.

Monica Tarver

From: <u>Debbie Ward</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Hawaii Island map **Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 11:56:15 AM

### Aloha, Commissioners,

The Hawaii Island House redistricting map you propose fails to meet the criteria (not guidelines) set out in the Hawaii State Constitution. The community has spoken, and you have failed to listen.

- 1) Districts are not compact: District 5 is 104 miles from one end to the other, and is larger than the other islands combined.
- 2) House Districts are not within the Senate districts
- 3) Socio-economically disparate communities are combined
- 4) The deviation rate is higher than appropriate alternatives
- 5) Community map proposed as the Boyea map has input and approval from large groups within our communities and you have ignored community input.

I am so strongly opposed to the Technical Committee map that I am sure there will be a legal challenge and I am prepared to join it. Please reconsider this gerrymandered and poorly constructed map.

Thank you. Deborah Ward

From: billhicksknb@gmail.com
To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for January 28th Commission Meeting

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 11:59:56 AM

Attachments: Using Technical Committee Oahu House Map to Create Aligned Senate Districts.pdf

Ralph Boyea"s Big Island Community Plan.pdf

Maui County FINAL House and Senate District Alignment.pdf

Aloha Chair Mugiishi and Reapportionment Commissioners,

The Oahu maps proposed by the Technical Committee do not comply with Article IV, Section 6 of the Hawaii Constitution which states, "Where practicable, representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts."

Only 9 of 34 Oahu House districts comply with this provision.

Shouldn't we strive to follow all of the rules first and see what that looks like so we will really know what is "practicable" and what isn't -- and why? Shouldn't following all of the criteria always be the starting point? If some improvement is identified that is so compelling that it would be better than adhering to a particular Constitutional or HRS criteria, then "as practicable" provides an out, but shouldn't that be the exception rather than the rule, with clear and concise justification provided for any such exception?

No compelling justification to deviate from the Constitutional requirement has been offered overall, let alone for each of the 25 instances of infringement. The public deserves to understand what the reasons are should the commission eventually decide that following the Constitutional and HRS criteria is not "practicable".

An alternative ALIGNED Oahu Senate Plan was submitted that demonstrated it is fully practicable to achieve all 34 Oahu House districts in full compliance with all of the Constitutional and HRS requirements by simply joining two House districts drawn by the Technical Committee to form each Senate district. The ALIGNED Oahu Senate Plan also achieves lower total population deviation. The ALIGNED Oahu Senate plan also restores Makapu'u Point as the natural boundary between Senate districts 9 and 25, consistent with the historical practice of not mixing East Honolulu with Windward Oahu that has been respected in all House district, Congressional district, and City Council district maps. The attached ALIGNED Oahu Senate Plan brief is included as part of this written testimony.

Many people have testified that if it is "practicable" to adhere to the Constitutional criteria, then the Constitutional expectation is that "shall" be done. This isn't merely an academic exercise or a Constitutional anomaly. It has a real bearing on the quality and effectiveness of our representation! If every House District is fully contained within one Senate District, then all elected officials would have a better shared understanding of the community's needs for schools, roads, and other infrastructure, enabling them to be more effective at representing their district.

Reapportionment Commission Chair Mugiishi might even agree with the concept of using Aligned House and Senate Districts from his comments made on December 22, 2021. The context was House District 51, but it is universally applicable. He said "If you have a district that has synergy between the representative getting elected by the same constituency as the senator, you have a much better chance of effecting meaningful change for your community. And so I'm trying to understand why people would object to aligning their Senate map and their House map? I would think that would be a wonderful thing to do."

On December 17, 2021 the Oahu Advisory Council (OAC) reported "... the OAC recommends

that after there is evidence and confidence of accurate extraction numbers, Oahu maps be drawn in accordance with Article IV in its entirety, which will establish Ka'ena Point and Makapu'u Point as natural boundaries for both house and senate districts."

The alternative Aligned Oahu Senate Plan was submitted to the Reapportionment Commission and has been available for commissioner review and public comment in the Commission's January 20, 21, 22, 26, and 28 meetings, the same as the Technical Committee's Plan that was first introduced at the January 13 meeting.

Chair, at multiple meetings I have requested that the Reapportionment Commission's professional staff present a detailed side-by-side comparison of these two Senate plans. The purpose of these requests was to ensure that every individual commissioner, as well as the public, has full awareness of the differences between the two Senate plans before a vote is taken to potentially approve a Technical Committee plan that is not in accordance with the Constitution. Unfortunately, that side-by-side comparison has not happened.

I nonetheless urge each commissioner to reject the Technical Committee's proposed Oahu Senate plan on the basis that it does not comply with the Constitution.

Furthermore, the same situation exists on the Big Island where only 3 of 8 House districts comply with this same Constitutional provision. In fact, three of the four Big Island Senate districts proposed by the Technical Committee each contain 4 House districts instead of two. Ralph Boyea's Community House Plan uses the same approach of each Big Island Senate district containing exactly two House districts, demonstrating it is fully practicable to achieve all 8 Big Island House districts in full compliance with all of the Constitutional requirements. Mr. Boyea's testimony and those of many other Big Island residents have already been presented, but the Big Island House issue is similar to the Senate issue on Oahu, so I am also including the attached brief Big Island synopsis part of my testimony.

The same disregard for the same Constitutional criteria also exists with the Maui County Senate map. The Maui plan that has been in existence for the past 10 years exactly aligned each Senate district with two House districts. The current plan proposed by the Technical Committee does not. Rather than containing exactly two House districts, the committee's Maui plan has Senate District 6 containing 5 different House districts and Senate District 5 containing 4 different House districts. Since the Maui Senate issue is similar to the Oahu Senate issue, I am also including the attached brief Maui synopsis as part of my testimony.

I also submitted an alternative Congressional Plan that is ALIGNED with the Technical Committee's Oahu House Plan and is fully in accordance with ALL criteria. Chapter 25 of the Hawaii Revised Statues says quote "Where practicable, state legislative districts shall be wholly included within congressional districts." In the Technical Committee's plan, 6 House districts and 5 Senate districts cross the Congressional District boundary. House Districts are the smallest districts and offer the most granularity in their construction. It is best to construct compliant House districts first and use them as building blocks for not only Senate districts, but also for Congressional districts. Construct the Congressional districts last and not first. Since the ALIGNED Congressional Plan demonstrates that it is entirely practicable for no House district to cross the Congressional district boundary it is reasonable to expect that it shall be done.

The public has placed its sacred trust in this Commission to represent the public interest. Commissioners, it truly saddens me to say this, but we are now on a collision course where it is likely that the Hawaii Supreme Court will be asked for its opinion on the Constitutionality of the approach that your Technical Committee is proposing. If that is the choice that is made today, we can only hope that the delay for a ruling thereby caused will be as short as possible.

Please support stronger community representation and adherence with the Constitutional criteria that House districts are to be fully contained within one Senate district!

Mahalo nui loa!!

Aloha, Bill Hicks

Technical Co	mmittee's "Alignmer	nt" of Oahu House	Districts Within a Si	ngle Senate Distr	ict as Practicable
House District	Senate District(s)	House District	Senate District(s)	House District	Senate District(s)
18	9, 25	30	14, 15	41	20, 21, 22
19	9, 10	31	15	42	19, 20, 21
20	10, 11	32	14, 15, 16	43	21
21	10	33	16	44	21, 22
22	10, 11	34	15, 16, 19	45	22
23	10, 11, 12	35	15, 18, 19	46	17, 18, 23
24	10, 12	36	18, 19	47	23
25	11, 12, 13	37	17, 18	48	23, 24
26	11, 13	38	17, 18	49	23, 24, 25
27	11, 13, 14	39	18, 19, 20, 21	50	24, 25
28	12, 13, 14, 15	40	20	51	25
29	14				
Senate District	House Districts	Senate District	House Districts	Senate District	House Districts
9	18, 19, 20	15	28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35	21	39, 41, 42, 43, 44
10	19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	16	32, 33, 34	22	41, 44, 45
11	22, 23, 25, 26, 27	17	37, 38, 46	23	46, 47, 48, 49
12	23, 24, 25, 28	18	35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46	24	48, 49, 50
13	25, 26, 27, 28	19	34, 35, 36, 39, 42	25	18, 49, 50, 51
14	27, 28, 29, 30, 32	20	39, 40, 41, 42		
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House District	Senate District(s)	House District	Senate District(s)	House District	Senate District(s)
18	9	30	16	41	20
19	9	31	16	42	21
20	10	32	14	43	21
21	10	33	14	44	22
22	11	34	17	45	22
23	12	35	17	46	23
24	12	36	19	47	23
25	15	37	18	48	24
26	11	38 39	18	49	24
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29	13	40	20	21	25
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10	20, 21	16 17	30, 31	22	44, 45 46, 47
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14	32, 33	20	40, 41		

### TC's Big Island "Alignment" of House Districts Within a Single Senate District

	Senate		
House District	District(s)	Senate District	House Districts
1	1, 4	1	1, 2, 3, 5
2	1	2	3, 4, 5
3	1, 2	3	4, 5, 6, 7
4	2, 3	4	1, 5, 7, 8
5	1, 2, 3, 4		
6	3		
7	3, 4		
8	4		

### Boyea Plan Big Island Alignment of House Districts Within a Single Senate District

	Senate		
House District	District(s)	Senate District	House Districts
1	1	1	1, 2
2	1	2	3, 4
3	2	3	5, 6
4	2	4	7, 8
5	3		
6	3		
7	4		
8	4		

### TC's Maui County "Alignment" of House Districts Within a Single Senate District

	Senate		
House District	District(s)	Senate District	House Districts
9	5, 6	5	9, 10, 11, 14
10	5, 6	6	9, 10, 11, 12, 14
11	5, 6	7	12, 13
12	6, 7		
13	7		
14	5, 6		

### Aligned Maui Senate Plan With House Districts Within a Single Senate District

	Senate		
House District	District(s)	Senate District	House Districts
9	5	5	9, 10
10	5	6	11, 14
11	6	7	12, 13
12	7		
13	7		
14	6		

# Using the Technical Committee's Oahu House Map to Create Aligned Senate & Congressional Districts

Bill Hicks January 16, 2022

# <u>Aligned Oahu Senate Plan & Aligned Oahu Congressional Plan</u> <u>Complies With All Constitutional and HRS Requirements</u>

### Constitution Article IV Section 6:

- July "...the average number of permanent residents in each district is as nearly equal to the average for the basic sisland unit as practicable." YES Total Deviation 3.73% (Tech Committee Plan 4.93%)
- \(\frac{1}{2}\)"...districts shall be contiguous." \(\frac{YES}{2}\)
- \(\frac{1}{8}\)"...districts shall be compact." \(\frac{1}{2}\)ES
- ½"...district lines shall follow permanent and easily recognized features, such as streets, streams and clear geographical features..." YES incl. Makapu'u Point (Tech Committee Plan does not for SD 25)
- "...representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts." <u>YES ALL of them</u> (Tech Committee Plan only 9 House Districts are; 2 HDs cross 4 SDs, 10 cross 3 SDs, and 13 cross 2 SDs)
- "...submergence of an area in a larger district wherein substantially different socio-economic interests predominate shall be avoided." <u>YES</u>

### Hawaii Revised Statues Chapter 25 Section 2:

• 3...state legislative districts shall be wholly included within congressional districts" YES – ALL House and 16 of 17
Senate with the Aligned Oahu Congressional Plan aligned with House Districts (Technical Committee plans have 6
House & 5 Senate Districts that cross the CD1/CD2 boundary)

# Methodology

Start with the Technical Committee's 34 Oahu House Districts first as they were likely constructed with better granularity.

- "...representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts".
- Approach: Join 2 House Districts to form 1 Senate District. There will be greater synergy with every representative only needing to coordinate with one Senator (the Technical Committee's plan was up to 4 Senators) and every Senator only needing to coordinate with 2 Representatives (the Technical Committee's plan was up to 6 Representatives). (Accomplished with Aligned Senate Plan)
- "...state legislative districts shall be wholly included within congressional districts."
- Placing 25 Oahu HDs within CD1 and 9 Oahu HDs within CD2 achieves acceptable population deviation <1%.
- Approach: Place 25 HDs wholly within CD 1 and 9 HDs wholly within CD 2.
   (Accomplished with Aligned Congressional Plan; note that all HDs & 16 of 17 SDs are wholly within one CD but one SD must straddle the line. The Technical Committee's plan had 6 House and 5 Senate Districts cross CD lines on Oahu.)

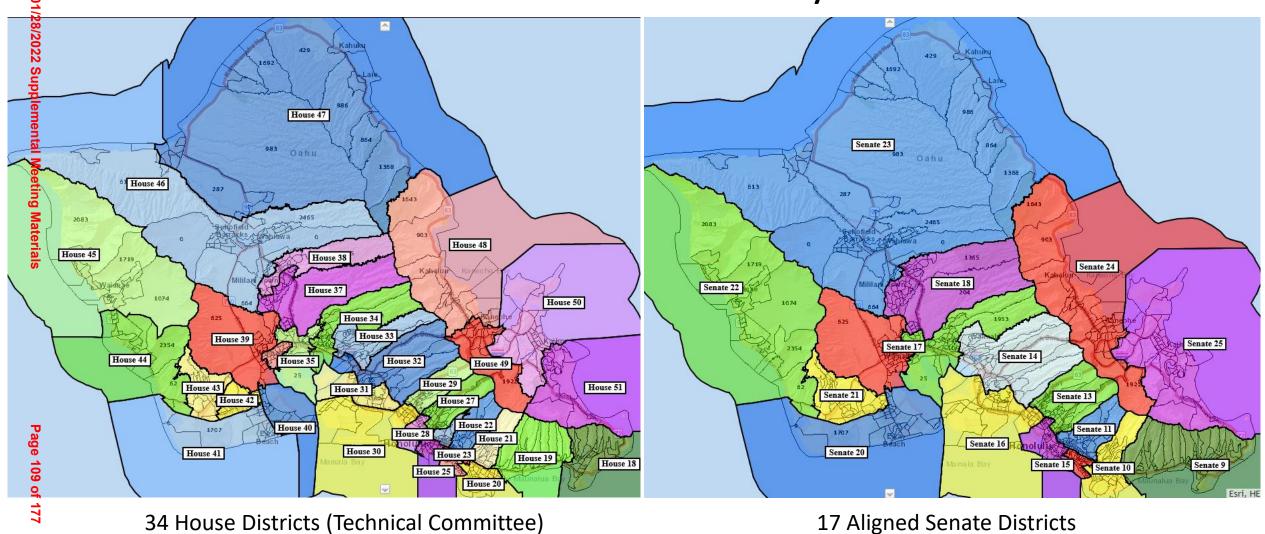
# Value of Aligning House and Senate Maps

 Reapportionment Commission Chair Mugiishi might even agree with the concept of using Aligned House and Senate Districts from his comments made on December 22, 2021. The context was House District 51, but it is universally applicable. He said "If you have a district that has synergy between the representative getting elected by the same constituency as the senator, you have a much better chance of effecting meaningful change for your community. And so I'm trying to understand why people would object to aligning their Senate map and their House map? I would think that would be a wonderful thing to do."

## Which is Better?

Technical Committee's "Alignment" of House Districts Within a Single Senate District as Practicable						
Senate District	House Districts	Senate District	House Districts	Senate District	House Districts	
9	18, 19, 20	15	28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35	21	39, 41, 42, 43, 44	
10	19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	16	32, 33, 34	22	41, 44, 45	
11	22, 23, 25, 26, 27	17	37, 38, 46	23	46, 47, 48, 49	
12	23, 24, 25, 28	18	35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46	24	48, 49, 50	
13	25, 26, 27, 28	19	34, 35, 36, 39, 42	25	18, 49, 50, 51	
14	27, 28, 29, 30, 32	20	39, 40, 41, 42			
	Aligned S	enate Plan's Alignment of	House Districts Within a Sing	le Senate District		
Senate District	House Districts	Senate District	House Districts	Senate District	House Districts	
9	18, 19	15	25, 28	21	42, 43	
10	20, 21	16	30, 31	22	44, 45	
11	22, 26	17	34, 35	23	46, 47	
12	23, 24	18	37, 38	24	48, 49	
13	27, 29	19	36, 39	25	50, 51	
14	32, 33	20	40, 41			

#### Each Senate District Consists of Exactly 2 House Districts



Aligned Senate Plan (w/Technical Committee House Map)

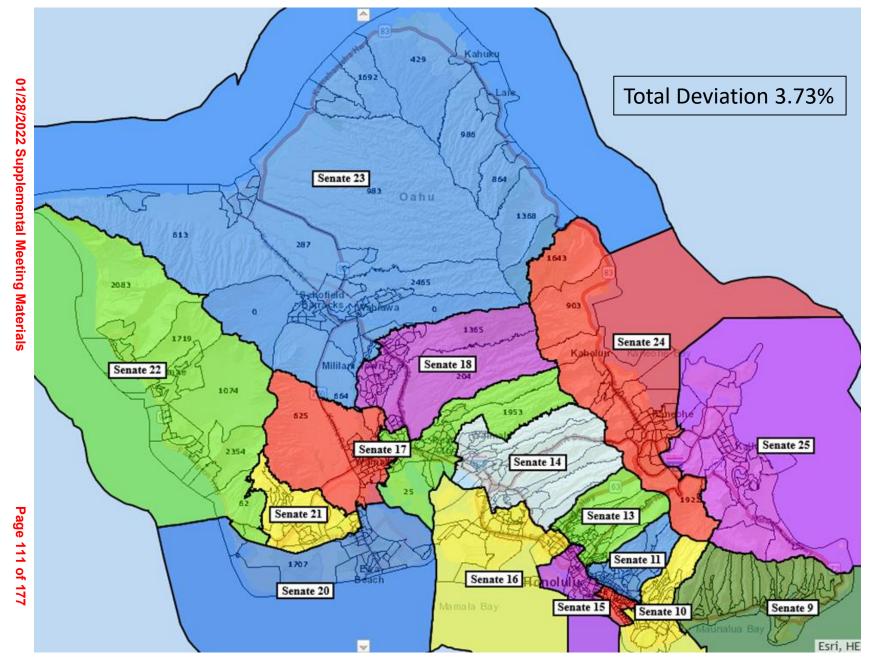
## "...representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts" Hawaii Constitution Article IV Section 6

Aligned Plan: ALL 34 House Districts are contained within 1 Senate District

Uses Technical Committee's House Plan & forms Senate Districts from 2 House Districts

#### Technical Committee's Senate Plan:

- Only 9 House Districts are contained within 1 Senate District
- 13 House Districts are contained within 2 Senate Districts
- 10 House Districts are contained within 3 Senate Districts
- 2 House Districts are contained within 4 Senate Districts
- No Senate District contains only 2 House Districts; there could've been 17 of these
- 3 Senate Districts each cross 6 House Districts; another 4 cross 5; and 5 cross 4
- Even on Maui (3 Senate/6 House) and the Big Island (4 Senate/8 House) no Senate District contains only 2 House Districts



Oahu Senate Plan Aligned with Technical Committee's House Map

#### Aligned Senate Plan w/TC's House Map

SD	Dev	/iation	%
9	-	132	-0.25%
10	_	391	-0.73%
11		84	0.16%
12	-	146	-0.27%
13		699	1.31%
14		158	0.29%
15		343	0.64%
16		347	0.65%
17		404	0.75%
18		204	0.38%
19		461	0.86%
20		319	0.60%
21	-	762	-1.42%
22		712	1.33%
23		80	0.15%
24	-1	.096	-2.05%
25	-1	283	-2.40%

Technical Committee's Oahu Senate Plan

#### **Technical Committee Plan** SD Deviation % -1.10% - 590 10 55 0.10% 11 0.10% 258 0.48% 13 998 1.86% 1302 2.43% 14 1197 2.23% 811 16 1.51% 17 -1211 -2.26% 18 -1271 -2.37% 19 1104 2.06% 848 1.58% 21 1172 2.19% 22 -1122 -2.09% 23 -1087 -2.03% 24 -1340 -2.50% 25 -1176 -2.20%

#### Oahu Senate Differences

Aligned Plan Technical Committee

Total Deviation 3.73% 4.93%

Makapu'u Point Yes No

HD w/i 1 SD Yes No

HD w/i 1 CD Yes No

East Honolulu: Aligned uses Makapu'u Point; TC doesn't

Downtown

Central Oahu

Leeward Oahu

**North Shore** 

Windward Oahu: Aligned uses Makapu'u Point; TC doesn't

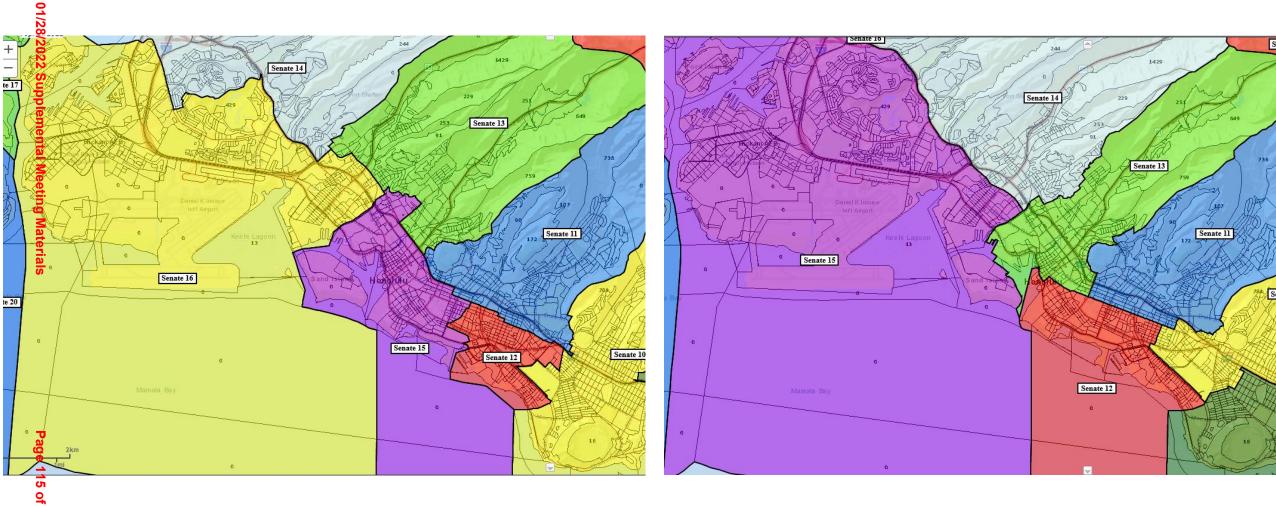
#### East Honolulu Overview

Aligned Plan (w/TC House Map)

Senate 11 Senate 12 Senate 25 Senate 10 Senate 12 Esri, HERE, Garmin, NGA, USGS | Esri Redistric

Technical Committee Plan

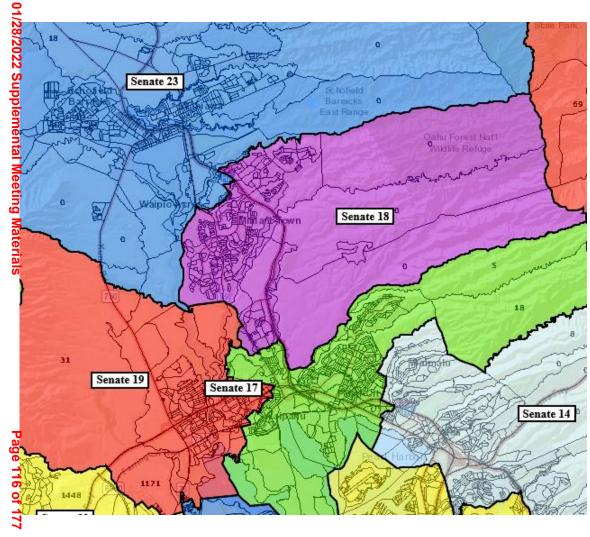
#### **Downtown Overview**



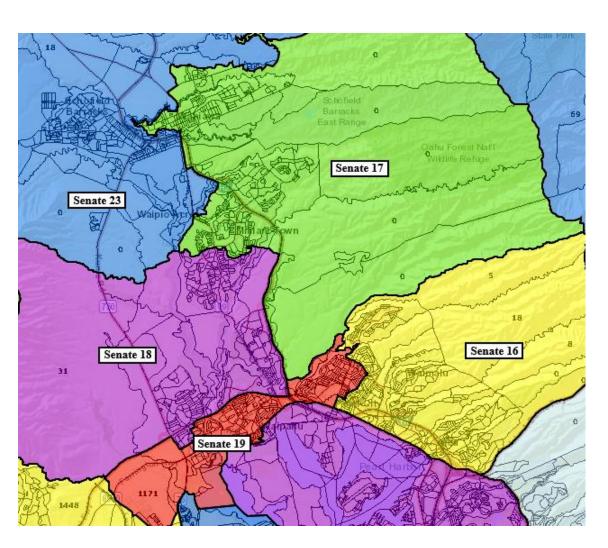
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#### Central Oahu Overview

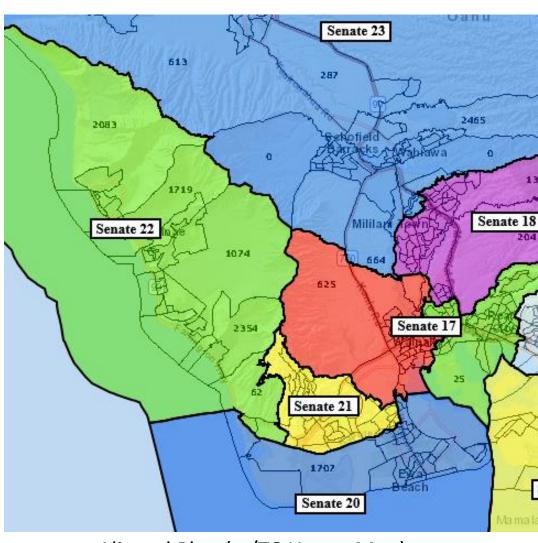


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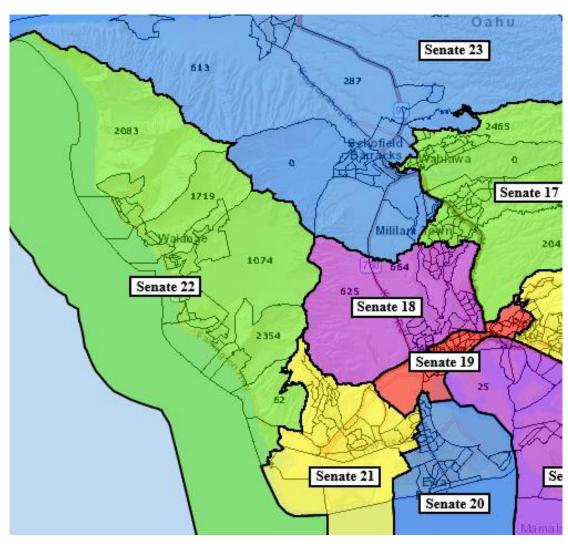


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#### Leeward Oahu Overview

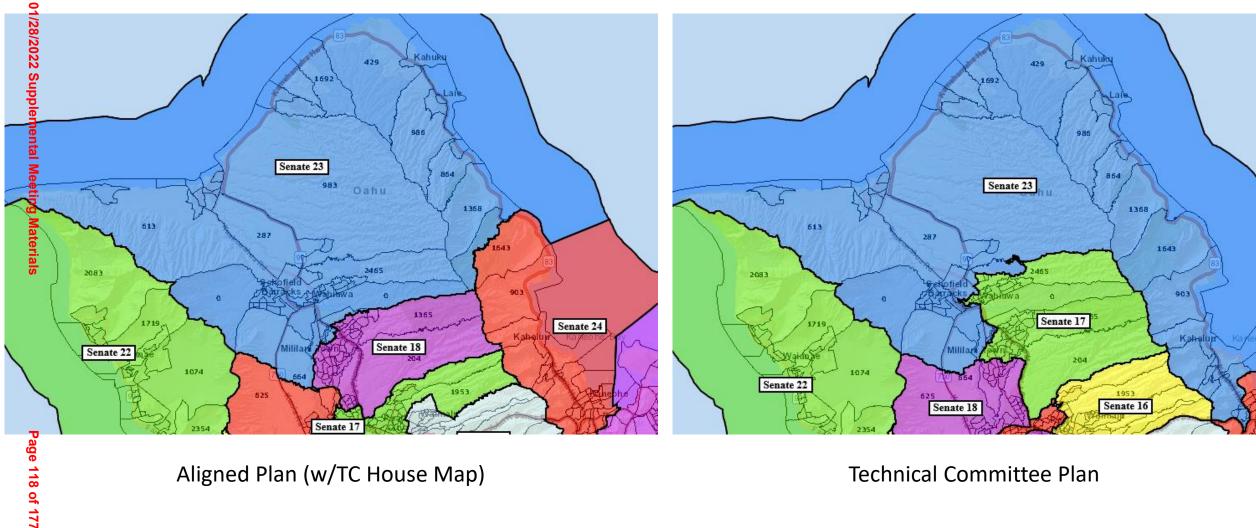


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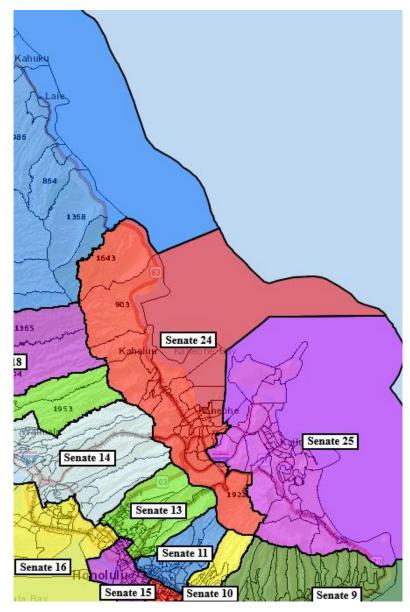
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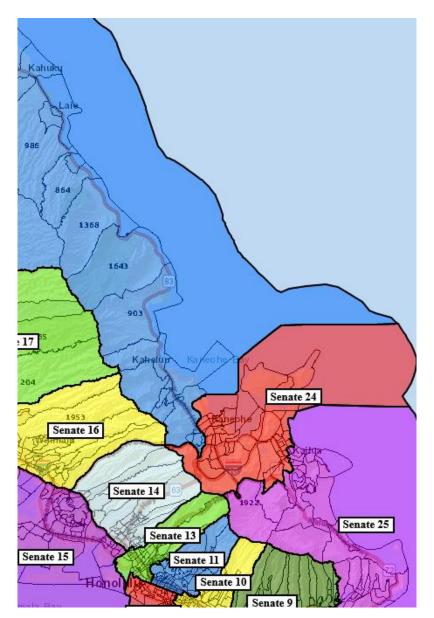
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#### Windward Oahu Overview

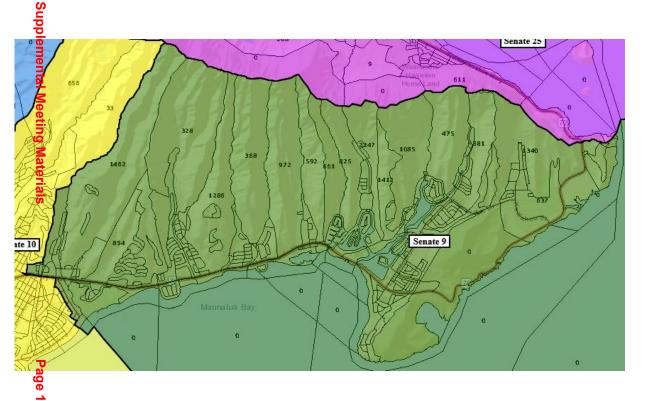


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#### Exactly Aligned with TCs House Districts 18 & 19

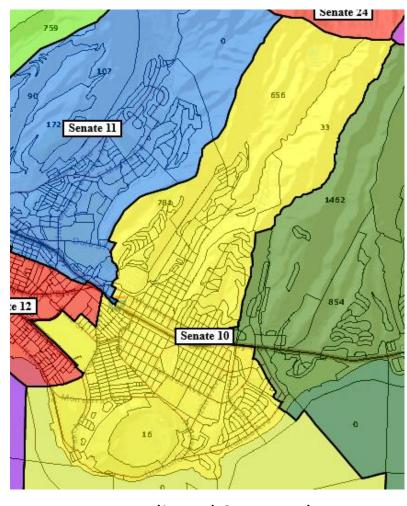




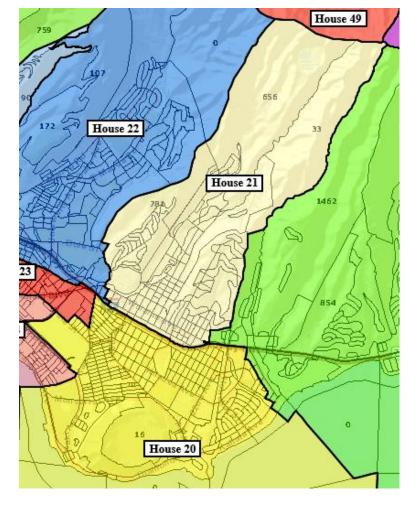
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Technical Committee's House Map

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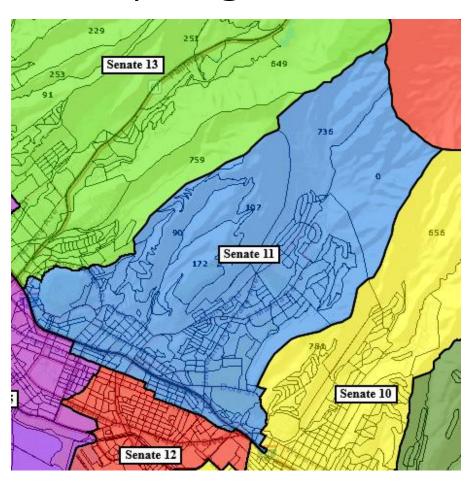


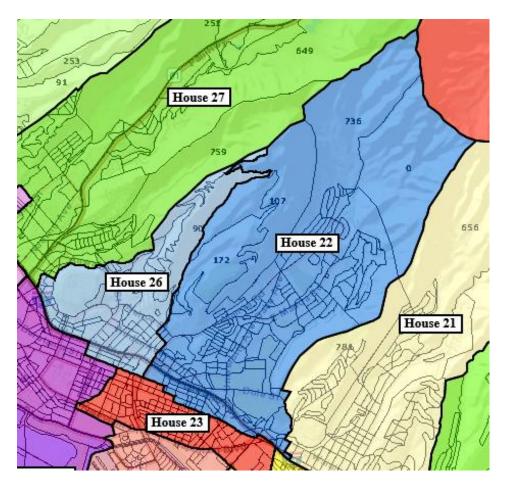
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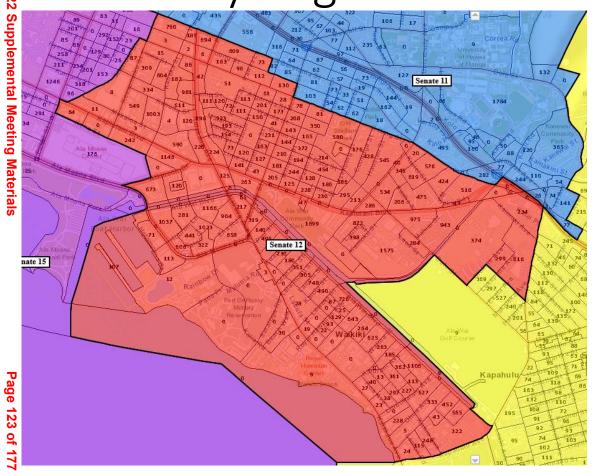


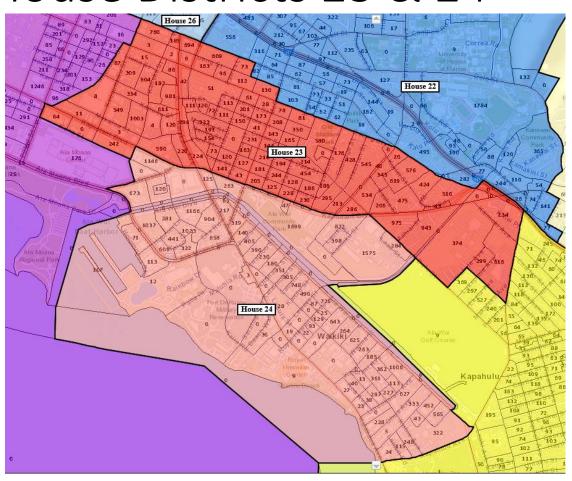


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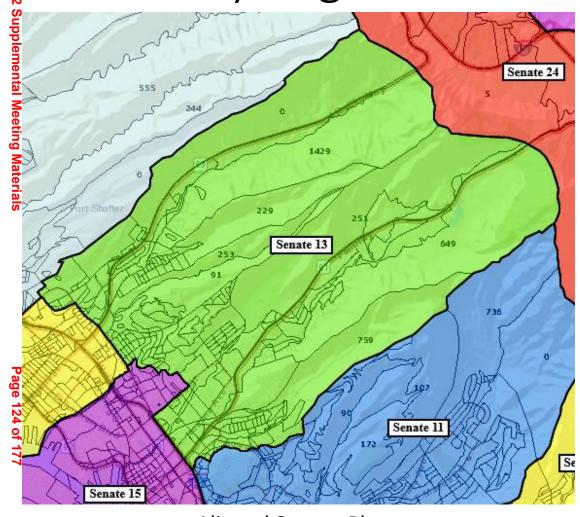
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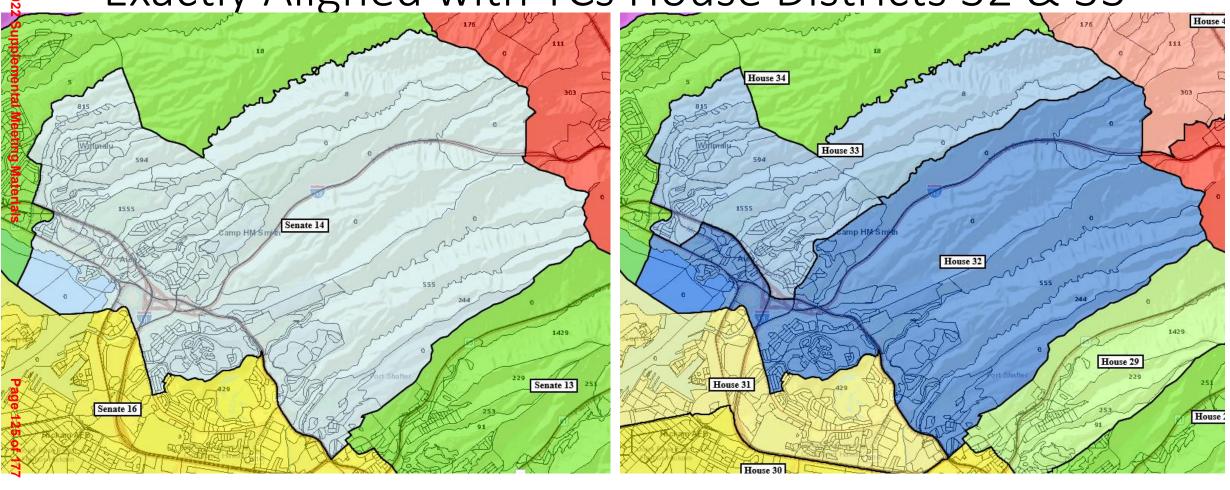


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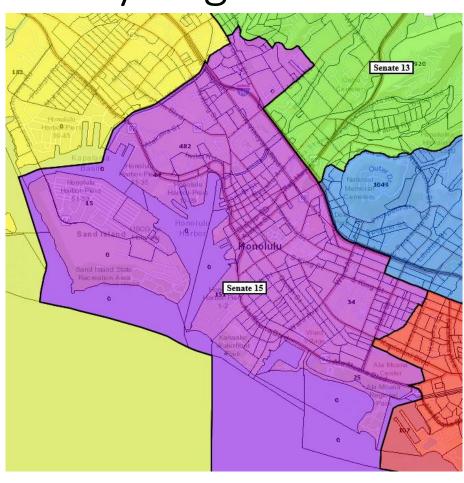
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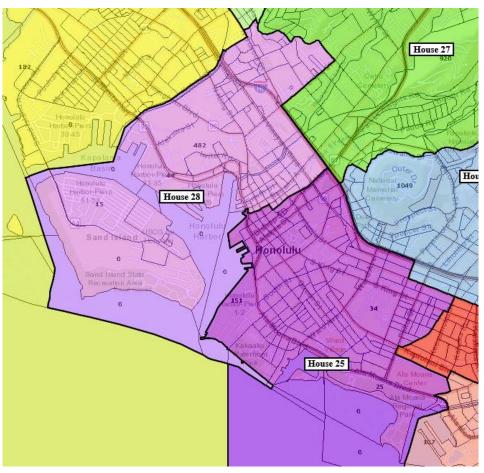


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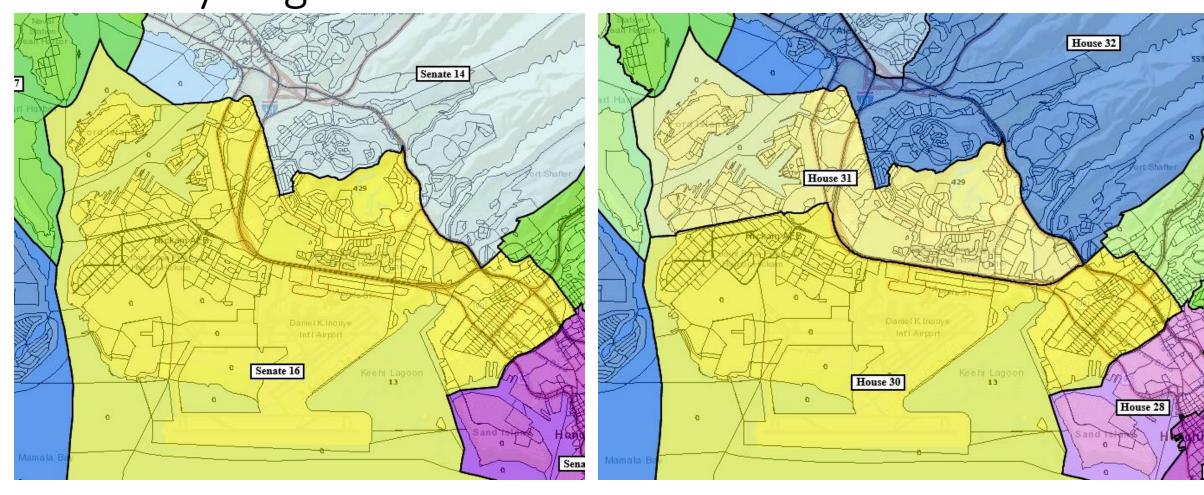




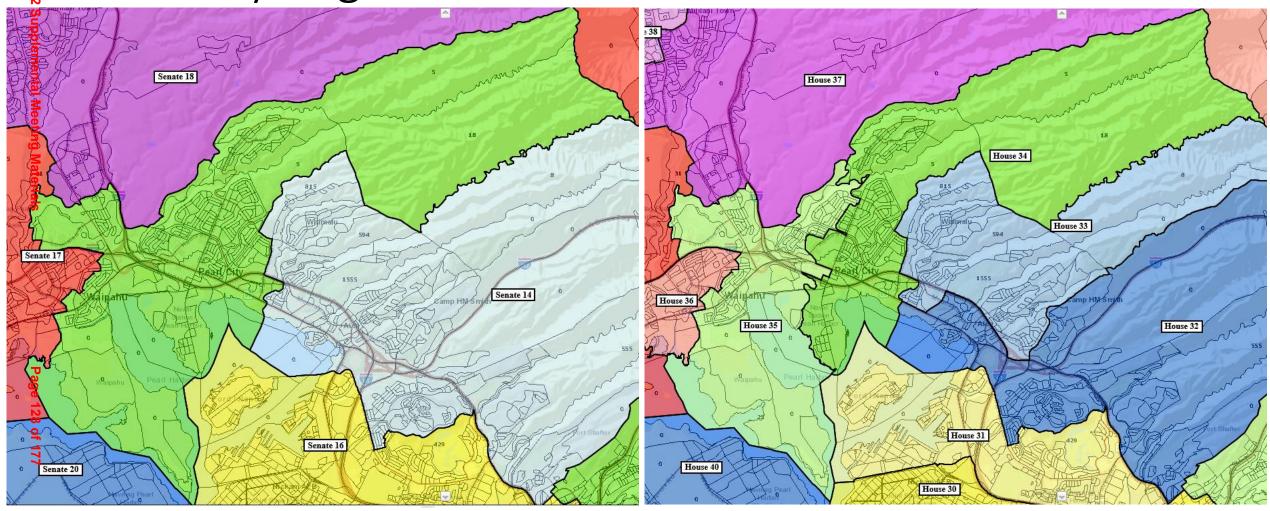
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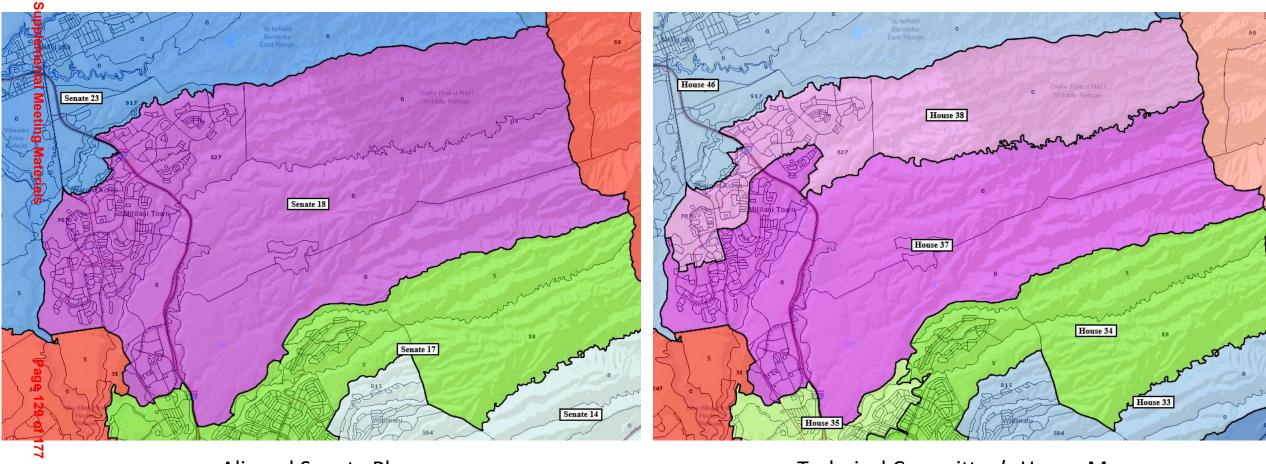
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Exactly Aligned with TCs House Districts 34 & 35



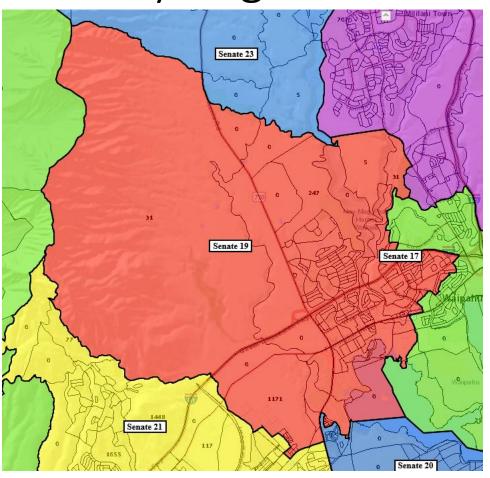
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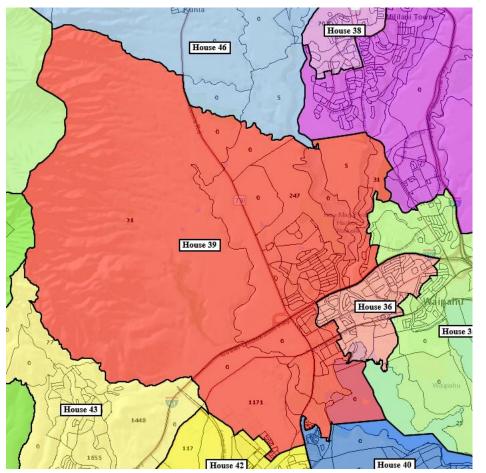


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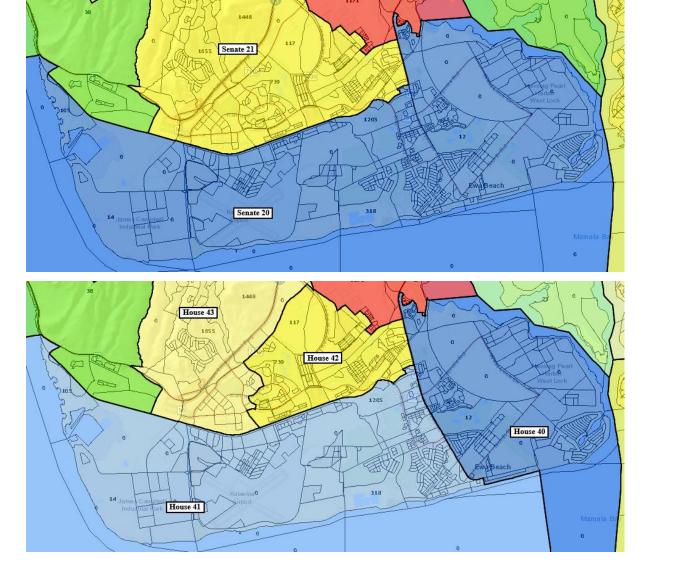
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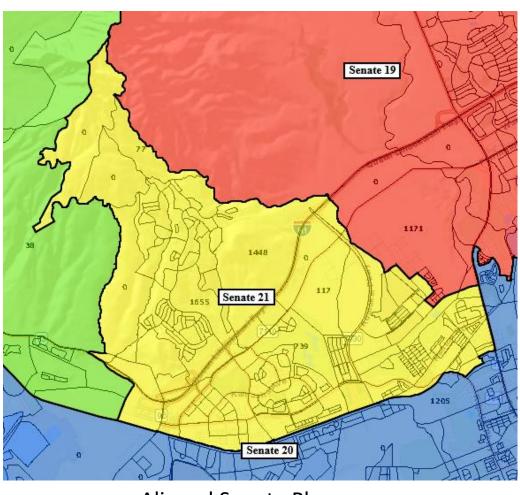
Exactly Aligned with TCs House Districts 40 & 41

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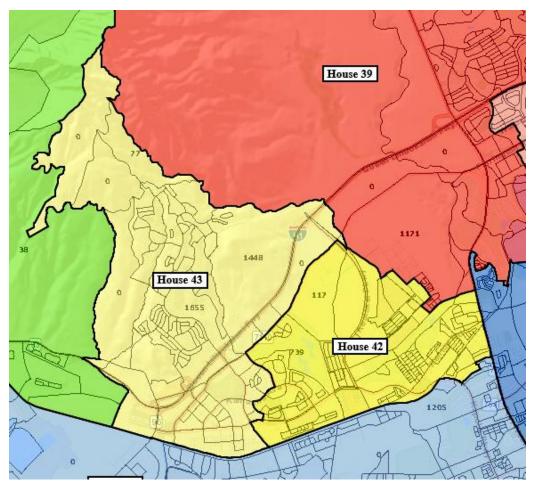
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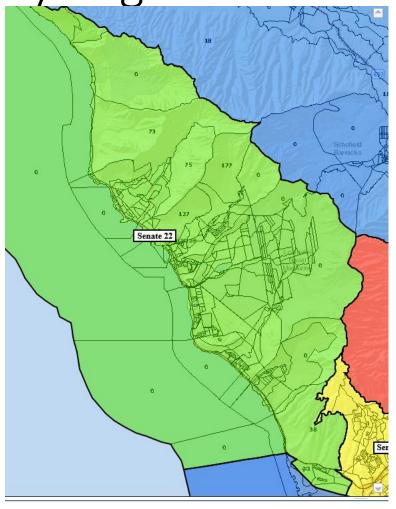


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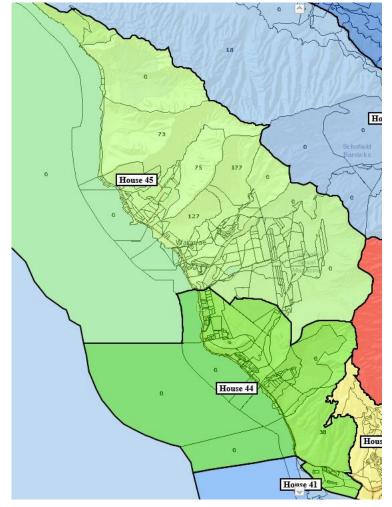


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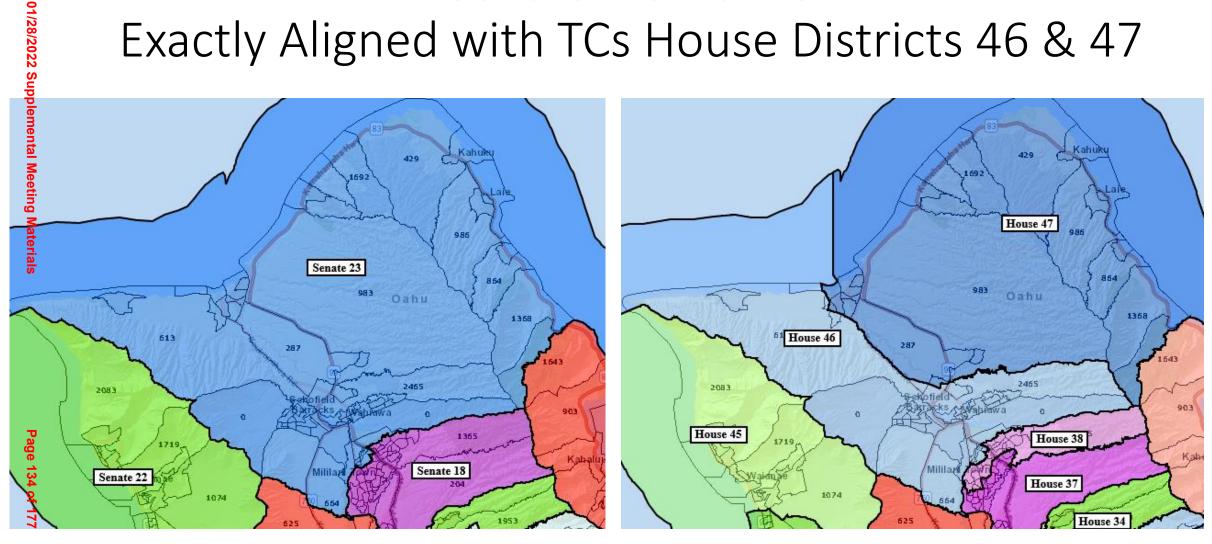


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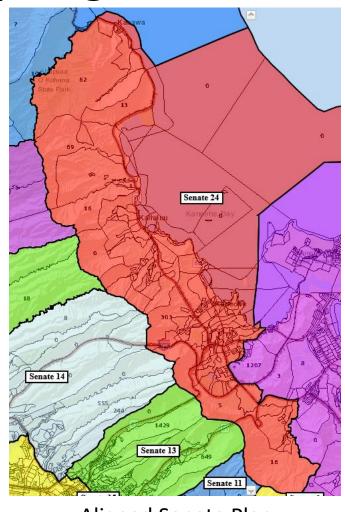


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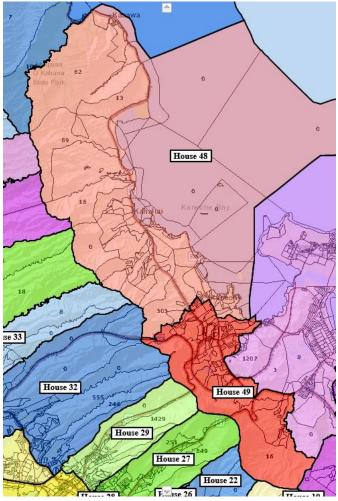
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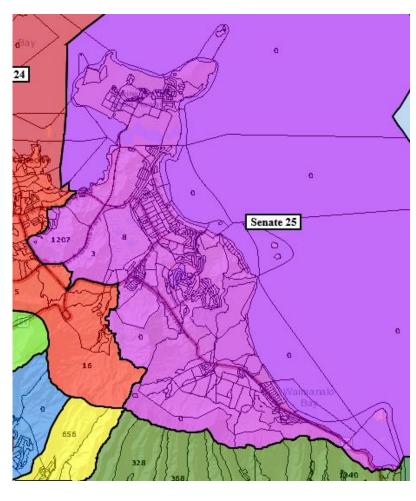


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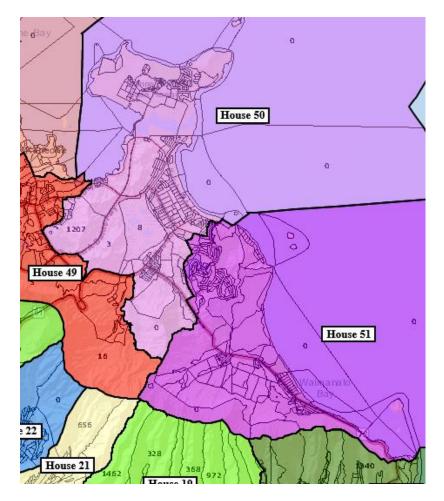


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#### Exactly Aligned with TCs House Districts 50 & 51



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# "...state legislative districts shall be wholly included within congressional districts."

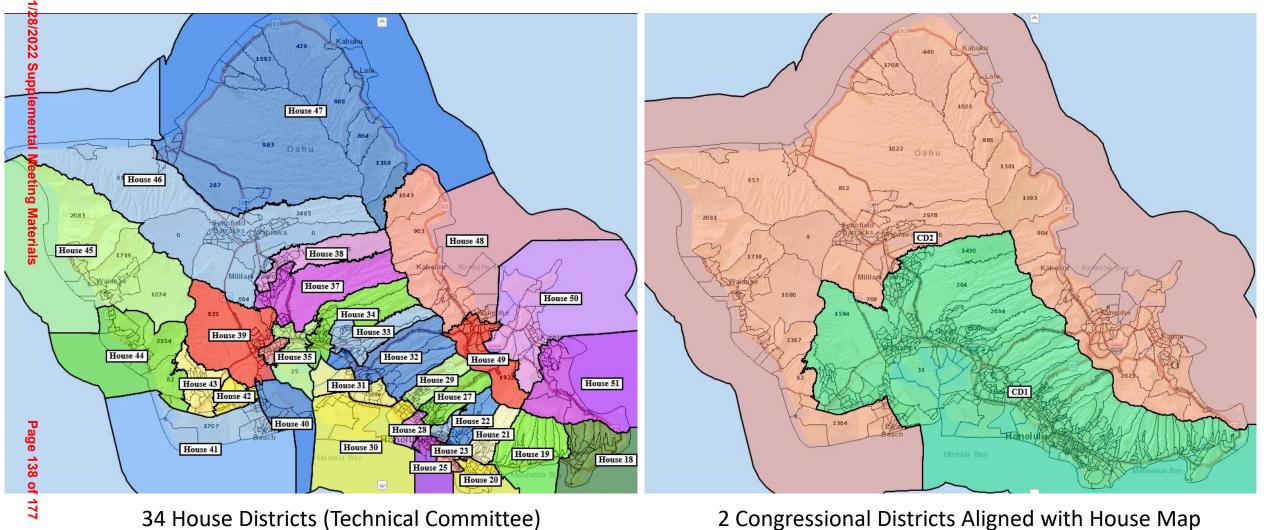
Chapter 25 Hawaii Revised Statues

Aligned Plan: ALL 34 House Districts are contained within 1 Congressional District

 Uses Technical Committee's House Plan & forms the Congressional District boundary along House District lines

- Technical Committee's Plan:
  - On Oahu 6 House and 5 Senate Districts cross the Congressional District boundary

#### Every House District Fully Contained Within a Congressional District



Aligned Congressional Plan (w/Technical Committee House Map)

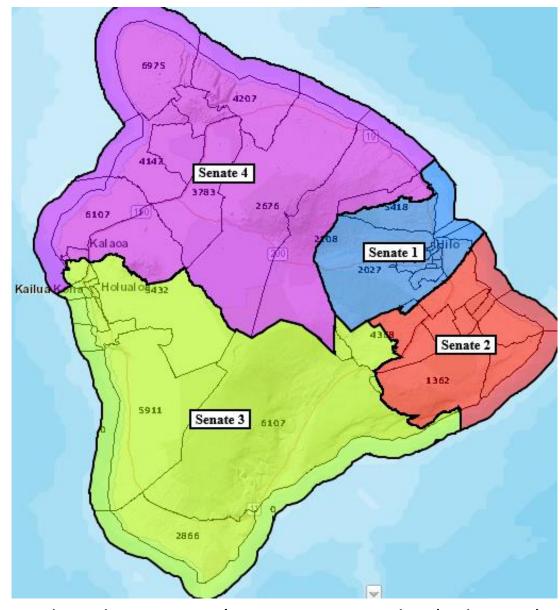
#### Recommendations

- I urge the Reapportionment Commission to carefully examine the advantages of using an aligned approach for the Oahu Senate and Congressional maps.
  - It is logical
  - It provides greater coordination between 1 Senator and 2 Representatives who are all familiar with a community's local needs for schools, roads, and infrastructure
  - It complies with ALL Constitutional and HRS requirements
- Additionally on December 17, 2021 the Oahu Advisory Council recommended:
  - "Furthermore the OAC recommends that after there is evidence and confidence of accurate extraction numbers, Oahu maps be drawn in accordance with Article IV in it's entirety, which will establish Ka'ena Point and Makapu'u Point as natural boundaries for both house and senate districts."

# Ralph Boyea's Big Island Community House Plan

Bill Hicks January 27, 2022

Ralph Boyea's Community Hawaii House Plan (8 districts)



Technical Committee's Hawaii Senate Plan (4 districts)

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# Aligned Big Island House Plan Complies With All Constitutional Requirements

#### Constitution Article IV Section 6:

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- "...submergence of an area in a larger district wherein substantially different socio-economic interests predominate shall be avoided." YES Especially the Puna Area

## Methodology

Start with the Technical Committee's 4 Big Island Senate Districts first as the committee's 8 new House districts have significant flaws - including House District 5 that stretches from Keaau (south of Hilo) to Honaunau (south of Kailua-Kona) that covers ALL 4 Big Island Senate districts.

"...representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts".

• Approach: Create 2 House Districts out of each Senate District. There will be greater synergy with every representative only needing to coordinate with one Senator (for 5 of 8 HDs, the Technical Committee's plan would require 2 Senators, and 4 Senators for HD 5) and every Senator only needing to coordinate with 2 Representatives (the Technical Committee's plan was 4 Representatives for 3 SDs, and 3 for the remaining SD). (Accomplished with Ralph Boyea's Community House Plan)

## Value of Aligning House and Senate Maps

- This isn't merely an academic exercise or a Constitutional anomaly. It has a real bearing on the quality and effectiveness of our representation! If every House District is fully contained within one Senate District, then all elected officials would have a better shared understanding of the community's needs for schools, roads, and other infrastructure, enabling them to be more effective at representing their district.
- Reapportionment Commission Chair Mugiishi might even agree with the concept of using Aligned House and Senate Districts from his comments made on December 22, 2021. The context was House District 51, but it is universally applicable. He said "If you have a district that has synergy between the representative getting elected by the same constituency as the senator, you have a much better chance of effecting meaningful change for your community. And so I'm trying to understand why people would object to aligning their Senate map and their House map? I would think that would be a wonderful thing to do."

## Which is Better?

	TC's Big Island "Alignment"	of House Districts Within a Single	Senate District
House District	Senate District(s)	Senate District	House Districts
1	1, 4	1	1, 2, 3, 5
2	1	2	3, 4, 5
3	1, 2	3	4, 5, 6, 7
4	2, 3	4	1, 5, 7, 8
5	1, 2, 3, 4		
6	3		
7	3, 4		
8	4		
	Boyea Plan Big Isla	and Alignment of House Districts	Within a Single Senate District
House District	Senate District(s)	Senate District	House Districts
1	1	1	1, 2
2	1	2	3, 4
3	2	3	5, 6
4	2	4	7, 8
5	3		
6	3		
7	4		
8	4		

# "...representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts" Hawaii Constitution Article IV Section 6

Aligned Plan: ALL 8 Big Island House Districts are contained within 1 Senate District

- Uses Technical Committee's Senate Plan & forms 2 House Districts from each Senate District
- Technical Committee's Big Island House Plan:
  - Only 3 of 8 Big Island House Districts are contained within 1 Senate District
  - House District 5 crosses all 4 Big Island Senate Districts and 4 of the others cross 2 SDs
  - None of the 4 Senate Districts contains only 2 House Districts; it could've been all 4

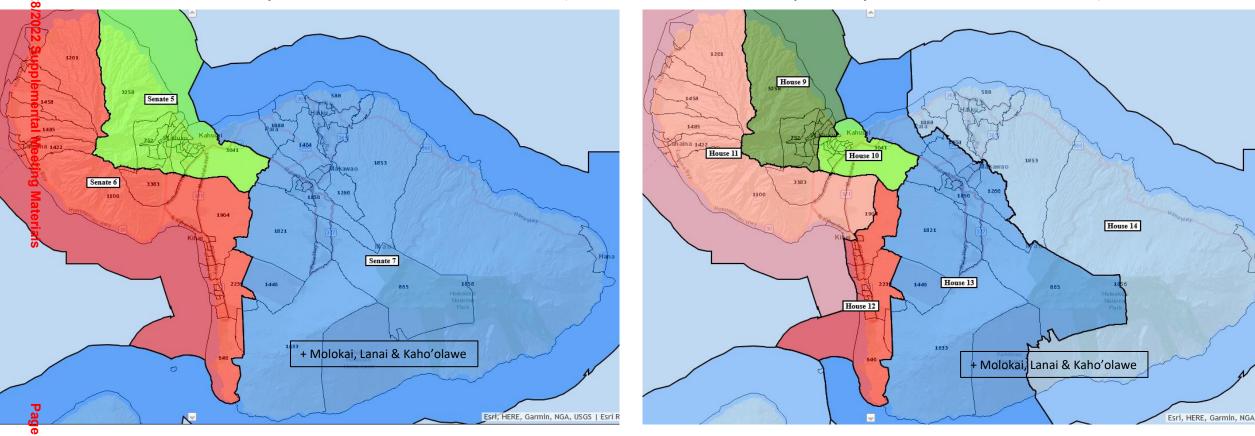
# Why Aren't Maui County's House & Senate Districts Aligned Any More?

Using the Technical Committee's Maui House Map to Create Aligned Senate Districts

Bill Hicks January 27, 2022

#### Maui County Existing ALIGNED Senate District Map (2012)

SD 5 exactly ALIGNED with HDs 9 & 10\*; SD 6 exactly ALIGNED with HDs 11 & 12\*; SD 7 exactly ALIGNED with HDs 13 & 14\* (\*The Commission's Map has updated the HD numbers)

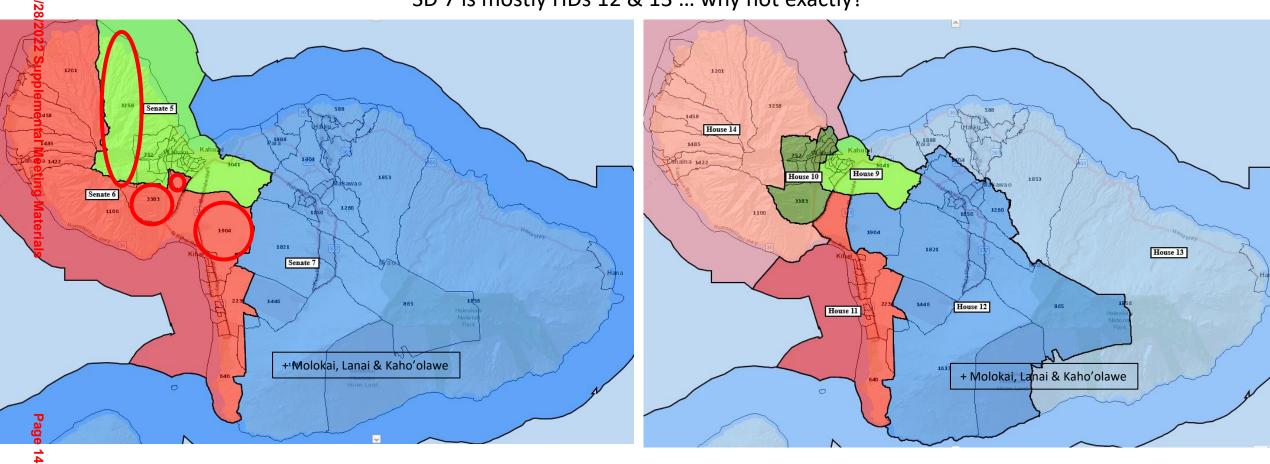


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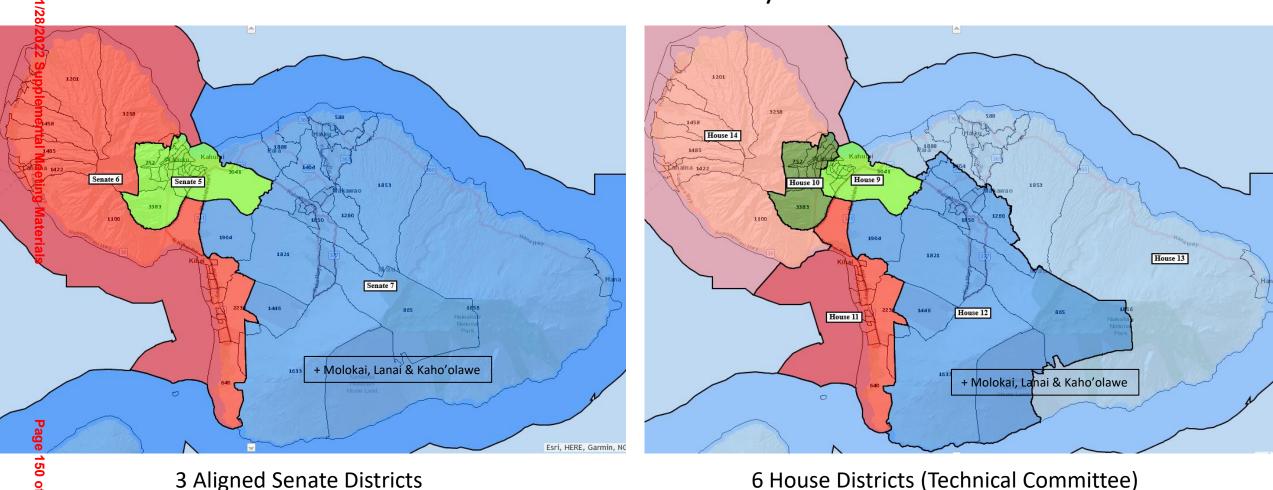
#### Why Aren't the Maui County House and Senate Districts Aligned?

SD 5 is mostly HDs 9 & 10 ... why not exactly? SD 6 is mostly HDs 11 & 14 ... why not exactly? SD 7 is mostly HDs 12 & 13 ... why not exactly?



Hawaii State Constitution Article IV Section 6 says "Where practicable, representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts". With 3 Senate Districts and 6 House Districts, this should be achievable in Maui County!

# Maui County ALIGNED Senate District Map Each Senate District Consists of Exactly 2 House Districts



Hawaii State Constitution Article IV Section 6 says "Where practicable, representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts". With 3 Senate Districts and 6 House Districts, this IS PRACTICABLE to achieve in Maui County!

# Aligned Maui Senate Plan Complies With All Constitutional Requirements

#### Constitution Article IV Section 6:

- 3 ... the average number of permanent residents in each district is as nearly equal to the average for the basic island unit as practicable." YES Total Deviation 0.80% (Tech Committee Plan 0.89%)
- \(\frac{1}{2}\)"...districts shall be contiguous." \(\frac{YES}{2}\)
- \(\frac{1}{8}\)"...districts shall be compact." \(\frac{YES}{2}\)
- geographical features..." YES
  - "...representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts." YES ALL of them (Tech Committee Plan only 1 of 6 House Districts are)
- "...submergence of an area in a larger district wherein substantially different socio-economic interests predominate shall be avoided." YES

## Methodology

Start with the Technical Committee's 6 Maui House Districts first as they were likely constructed with better granularity.

"...representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts".

Approach: Join 2 House Districts to form 1 Senate District, in the same manner in which this was done 10 years ago. There will be greater synergy with every representative only needing to coordinate with one Senator (for 5 of 6 HDs, the Technical Committee's plan would require 2 Senators) and every Senator only needing to coordinate with 2 Representatives (the Technical Committee's plan was 5 Representatives for SD 6 & 4 for SD 5). (Accomplished with Aligned Senate Plan)

## Value of Aligning House and Senate Maps

- This isn't merely an academic exercise or a Constitutional anomaly. It has a real bearing on the quality and effectiveness of our representation! If every House District is fully contained within one Senate District, then all elected officials would have a better shared understanding of the community's needs for schools, roads, and other infrastructure, enabling them to be more effective at representing their district.
- Reapportionment Commission Chair Mugiishi might even agree with the concept of using Aligned House and Senate Districts from his comments made on December 22, 2021. The context was House District 51, but it is universally applicable. He said "If you have a district that has synergy between the representative getting elected by the same constituency as the senator, you have a much better chance of effecting meaningful change for your community. And so I'm trying to understand why people would object to aligning their Senate map and their House map? I would think that would be a wonderful thing to do."

## Which is Better?

TC's Maui County "A	lignment" of House Districts With	nin a Single Senate District				
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10	5, 6	6	9, 10, 11, 12, 14			
11	5, 6	7	12, 13			
12	6, 7					
13	7					
14	5, 6					
Aligned Maui Senate Plan With House Districts Within a Single Senate District						
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# "...representative districts shall be wholly included within senatorial districts" Hawaii Constitution Article IV Section 6

Aligned Plan: ALL 6 Maui House Districts are contained within 1 Senate District

• Uses Technical Committee's House Plan & forms Senate Districts from 2 House Districts

#### Technical Committee's Senate Plan:

- Only 1 of 6 Maui House Districts are contained within 1 Senate District
- 5 of 6 Maui House Districts are contained within 2 Senate Districts
- Only 1 of 3 Senate District contains only 2 House Districts; it could've been all 3
- 1 Senate District crosses 5 House Districts!!; another crosses 4

From: Ariel Murphy

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Just please follow our Constitution: Written testimony for HRC hearing of January 28, 2022

**Date:** Friday, January 28, 2022 12:38:20 PM

#### Aloha! I am Ariel Murphy from the Big Island.

I am disappointed that the Commission does not seem to value public testimony. I say this because when Commisioner Nonaka was asked why public testimonies were not considered in making revisions to the different maps, he dismissed public testimony as merely oppositional to the Technical Committee's maps. Why then is the Commission allocating time for public testimony if it refuses to consider the people's voice?

I am further appalled at Commissioner Nonaka's superfluous statement about lacking time to revise the maps. The Technical Committee had plenty of time to change the maps. Were the members of the Technical Committee merely tweedling their thumbs all this time the public was asking for revisions?

I am not sure the members of the Commission understand the gravity of your work. The outcome of this redistricting exercise will affect our lives for years. You are not merely moving lines and drawing maps. You are defining the manner our communities will be represented and how their needs will be met in the coming years.

Please follow our Constitution. IT is not just a piece of paper you know. That is what we, the public in our testimonies have been asking you to do all along. Just please follow the Constitution. And if you do so, you will have to vote "No" to the Technical Committee's map and change it to reflect the desires of our communities as, indicated in both the Boyea map for the Big Island and the Bill Hicks map for Oahu. Please take your duty to heart and follow our Constitution.

Mahalo! Ariel Murphy

**Aloha and Namaste!** 

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Member, Government Affairs Committee, Hawaii Island Board of Realtors (HIR)

Board Member, Philippine Women's Alliance of Hawaii (PWAH)

"Look for the light! Study the light in everybody you come across. Notice it in total strangers. Notice it in people you love. Notice it even in people you think you don't like. Every time you're in contact with anyone, look for the light. Open yourself up to the resonance and notice the change that happens within you." - Karen Walsfrond (writerphotoessayist, engineer and lawyer)

From: <u>Andrea Anakalea</u>

To: OE. Elections. Reapportionment

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Technical Buyea's Plan

Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 1:14:32 PM

Aloha,

My name is Andrea Anakalea and I live in Waikoloa Village. I don't want to see Waikoloa Village to split!

Please reject the proposed final technical plan and consider the Buyea's plan.

Many mahalos,

Andrea A.

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Andrea Anakalea

From: <u>Jody Green</u>

To: OE.Elections.Reapportionment
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: State Maps
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 2:24:56 PM

From: Jody Green

Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 2:21 PM

To: reapportionment@hawaii < reapportionment@hawaii >

**Subject:** State Maps

Dear Technical Committee on Reapportionment,

I am deeply saddened that you are not listening to all the many testimonies against the current maps you are presenting on this day. Makapu'u is the desired boundary to combine State and City neighborhoods as designated by the Constitution. You have had ample time to consider the Hicks and Boyer plans that the public and affected neighborhood boards support. To claim there is not time to redraw the maps is not true. You asked for public input and have ignored it.

Shame on you folks for not listening to the residents' concerns and ignoring testimony upon testimony. What an irresponsible and blatant example of bureaucratic barriers you have shown to the residents of this state. Hawaii Kai should not include any part of Waimanalo. What a waste of the public's time and energy that was not even considered.

Jody Green

Waimanalo resident since 1952

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION
ON THE MODIFIED PROPOSED
FINAL LEGISLATIVE AND
CONGRESSIONAL
REAPPORTIONMENT AND
REDISTRICTING PLANS
RECOMMENDED BY THE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
PERMITTED INTERACTION
GROUP

## Hawaii Reapportionment Commission Final Plan Approval

#### **Summary of Reapportionment Project Delays and Accomplishments**

- Census reapportionment data is usually received in March-April of reapportionment year. This cycle we received the data on August 12, 2021.
- The Technical Permitted Interaction Group's Congressional Plan was presented September 9, 2021; the first Technical Permitted Interaction Group's legislative plan was presented on October 14, 2021; the second Technical Permitted Interaction Group's legislative plan was presented on December 22, 2021; the third Technical Permitted Interaction Group's legislative plan was presented on January 13, 2022.
- The first and second plans were impacted by an insufficient non-permanent resident population extraction base provided by DMDC (June 2, 2020).
- The third plan was the result of a correct non-permanent resident population extraction base provided by DMDC (December 31, 2021).

## Hawaii Reapportionment Commission Final Plan <u>Approval</u>

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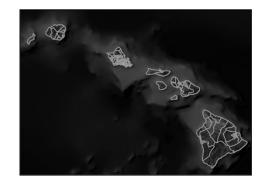
The public had access to the redistricting software and data base at the same time as the Technical Permitted Interaction Group throughout the process.

There were 11 meetings of the Commission, 13 Advisory Council meetings and 11 Public Hearings from September 9, 2021, through January 26, 2022.









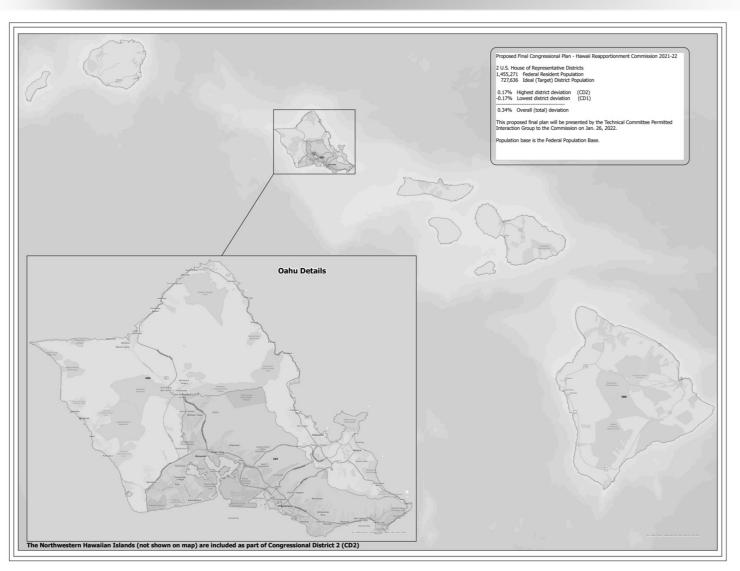
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### **Proposed Final Districts**

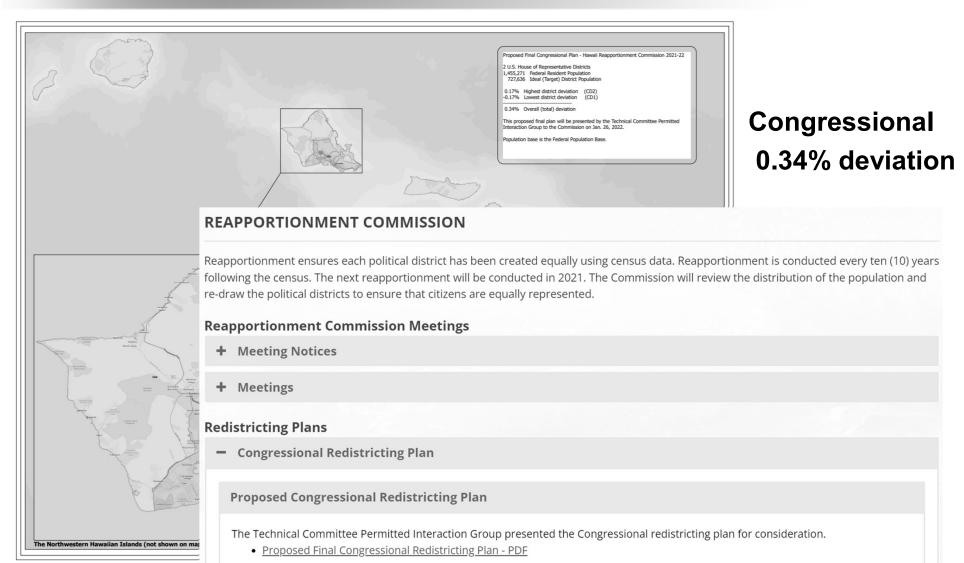
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## **Proposed Final Congressional Districts**



Congressional 0.34% deviation

#### **Proposed Final Congressional Districts**



• Proposed Final Congressional Redistricting Plan - Interactive Map

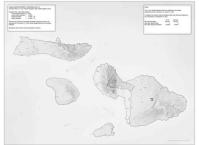
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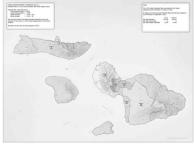
Hawaii Senate 0.97% deviation



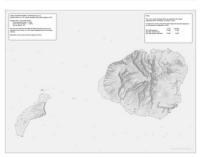
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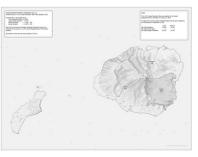
Maui Senate 0.89% deviation



Maui House 4.44% deviation



Kauai Senate 0.00% deviation



Kauai House 0.57% deviation



Oahu Senate 4.93% deviation



Oahu House 4.05% deviation

#### **Proposed Final Legislative Districts**

#### REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Reapportionment ensures each political district has been created equally using census data. Reapportionment is conducted every ten (10) years following the census. The next reapportionment will be conducted in 2021. The Commission will review the distribution of the population and re-draw the political districts to ensure that citizens are equally represented.

#### **Reapportionment Commission Meetings**

- + Meeting Notices
- + Meetings

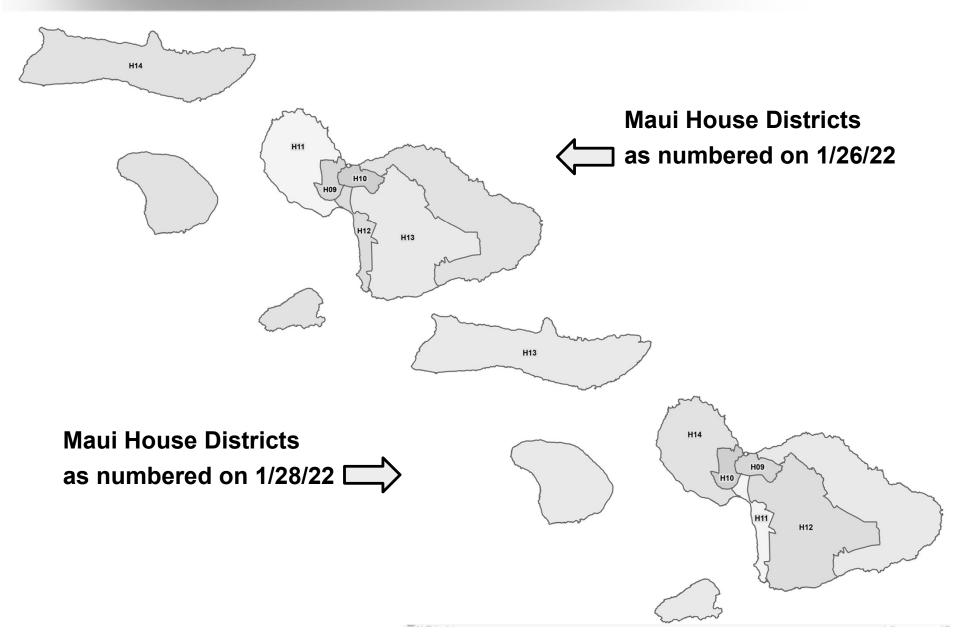
#### **Redistricting Plans**

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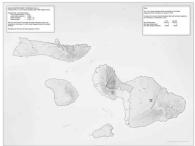
Proposed Final District Maps Based on the Adopted Revised Permanent Resident Population Data to Present on 1/26/22

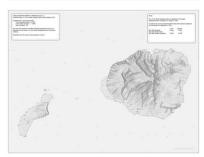
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#### **Proposed Final Legislative Districts - Renumbering**









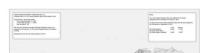


Hawaii State Senate Staggered Terms - sorted by term years

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4	49,800	0	0.0%	
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19	54,664	13,827	25.3%	
22	52,438	0	0.0%	
23	52,473	2,973	5.7%	
24	52,220	11,163	21.4%	
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5	55,121	55,121	100.0%	
8	73,004	73,004	100.0%	
9	52,970	52,970	100.0%	
10	53,615	50,064	93.4%	
11	53,613	47,169	88.0%	
13	54,558	54,370	99.7%	
14	54,862	54,862	100.0%	
15	54,757	46,063	84.1%	
17	52,349	41,593	79.5%	
20	54,408	54,408	100.0%	
21	54,732	52,631	96.2%	
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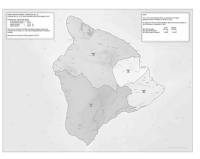
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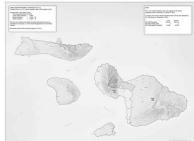
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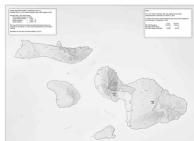


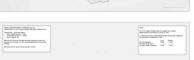
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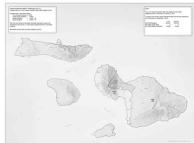


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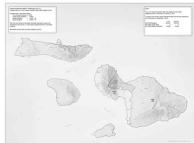


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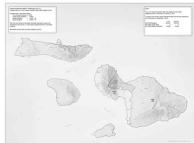


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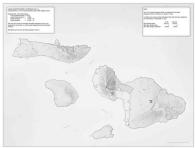


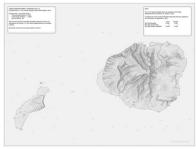
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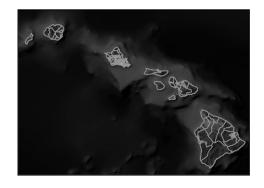
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# The Constitution of the State of Hawaii

## **Proposed Final Districts**

Hawaii Reapportionment Commission January 28, 2022

## Hawaii Reapportionment Commission Final Plan <u>Approval</u>

#### **Next Steps**

The Commission will file the plan today with the Chief Election Officer.

With the approval today of the Final Plans, election officials will be able to move forward with meeting their responsibilities related to updating the statewide voter registration system to assign voters to their new voting precincts, opening candidate filing (March 1-June 7), and subsequently beginning to mail ballots out in a timely manner in compliance with state and federal law (June 29) for the Primary Election (August 13).