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Aloha Chair and Members of the Council,

I am writing in strong support of Bill 3007.

I am a 45 year old resident on the west side of Kauai. Born and raised in Kekaha, where my husband and I still live and are raising our family today.

Kekaha residents disproportionately bear the burden of the entire island's waste. While the whole county generates this trash, our small west-side community is dealing with it's long term environmental, health, and quality-of-life impacts.

I urge the council to pass Bill 3007 to ensure that any solution going forward does not involve placing another landfill on the west side.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Aloha,
Cherith Andrade

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL NO. 3007
Protect West Kaua'i From a New Landfill

To: Kaua'i County Council
Re: Bill No. 3007 – Landfill Prohibited Sites

Aloha Kaua'i County Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong support of Bill No. 3007 to protect West Kaua'i from the construction of another landfill.

West Kaua'i has carried the burden of being home to Kaua'i's only landfill for generations. Our community should not be expected to continue shouldering a disproportionate share of the island's waste. The people of Kekaha, Waimea, and the surrounding West Side deserve the same consideration, environmental protection, and quality of life as every other community on our island.

Our 'āina is more than a place to dispose of waste. It is our home, our source of food, our connection to our kūpuna, and what we hope to preserve for our keiki and future generations. The coastal environment, groundwater, agricultural lands, and surrounding ecosystems are too important to risk placing another landfill in an area that has already carried this responsibility for decades.

I believe waste management is a shared responsibility. The impacts of our islandwide waste should not fall disproportionately on one community simply because a landfill is already located there. Fairness means considering the health, safety, environmental concerns, and long-term well-being of all residents—not just the convenience of where waste can be placed.

I support Bill No. 3007 because it establishes an important boundary against placing another landfill near an existing or recently active landfill. I also encourage the County to continue exploring responsible alternatives, including waste reduction, recycling, composting, reuse, and other long-term waste management solutions that reduce our dependence on landfills.

We cannot change the decisions made in the past, but we can make better decisions for the future. West Kaua'i should not have to accept another landfill as the answer to Kaua'i's waste problem.

Please support Bill No. 3007 and help protect our 'āina, our communities, and the generations who will inherit this island after us.

Mahalo for your time, your consideration, and your service to the people of Kauaʻi.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrian Muraoka

Kekaha Resident

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TESTIMONY OF NĀ KIA'I KAI BEFORE THE KAUA'I COUNTY COUNCIL, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & VETERANS SERVICES

SUBJECT: STRONG SUPPORT FOR BILL 3007

HEARING DATE: November 18, 2026

Aloha Chair Carvalho, Vice Chair Cowden, and Committee Members,

My name is Kawai Warren. On behalf of Nā Kia'i Kai, a group of community members, subsistence gatherers, cultural practitioners, and lineal descendants who rely on the nearshore waters of West Kaua'i, I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT of Bill 3007.

Nā Kia'i Kai has long stood as a voice for the protection of our ocean, our reefs, and our traditional gathering grounds. Bill 3007 provides essential protections necessary to safeguard our fragile coastline from unsustainable development, severe climate impacts, and environmental degradation.

Our support for Bill 3007 rests on four critical pillars:

1. Protecting Nearshore Fisheries (Kai)

West Kaua'i's nearshore ecosystems are the primary source of food and cultural connection for our West Side families. Our reefs—stretching from Kekaha to the Mānā Plain—feed our community with limu (seaweed), wana and hā'uke'uke (sea urchins), and critical food fish like manini, pāpio, and ulua.

The existing landfill Phase I (Unlined) and Phase II cause sediment runoff and groundwater pollution, heavy metal mobilization, and toxic leaching into our nearshore waters. When heavy rains wash contaminated fill and toxic waste through the drainage ditch system and into the ocean, it smothers native limu spores, clogs the delicate respiratory systems of our urchins, and concentrates heavy metals up the marine food chain. Bill 3007 prevents future landfills from being constructed on the West side, ensuring that the water quality feeding our reefs is protected for generations of subsistence gatherers.

2. Mitigating Impacts from Sea Level Rise (SLR)

The Mānā Plain is one of the most vulnerable low-lying coastal environments in the State of Hawai'i. Science and state modeling show that sea level rise is not a distant future event—it is happening now. As sea level rises, the underlying groundwater table beneath the landfill's Phase I portion is forced upward, mixing highly toxic waste from Hurricanes Iwa and Iniki as well as the legacy industrial waste into our ground water.

Constructing another landfill on the Mānā Plain would create yet another environmental stressor prone to sea level rise. The County should establish waste management solutions outside of West

Kaua'i, and Phase I should be dug up and placed at this new facility, to start the ground water healing process.

Furthermore, the upward groundwater pressure and the increased weight caused by the vertical expansion of Phase II could breach its liner, sending more toxic waste into our ground water.

Bill 3007 would prevent the construction of landfills in this sea-level rise prone area. Allowing landfill development and expansion on coastal land that is being steadily inundated from below guarantees environmental failure.

3. Tsunamis, Hurricanes, and Coastal Hazards

The entirety of the Kekaha coastal fringe and Mānā Plain sits directly within the state-designated Tsunami Inundation Zone. History proves that West Kaua'i is at extreme risk from high-energy marine hazards, high tides, and tsunamis.

Building new hazardous landfills within a tsunami inundation zone poses an existential risk to West Kaua'i. A single severe tsunami event striking coastal landfills would wash heavy metals, toxic chemicals, and municipal debris directly into the ocean, completely destroying miles of nearshore reef line and creating an unmitigated public health disaster.

And as we've seen recently, the Mānā Plain is also extremely vulnerable to hurricanes and other coastal hazards, with Hurricane Lowell unearthing boulders along the highway and launching them into people's front yards. Hurricanes and other storms could similarly damage new and existing landfills in the area.

Bill 3007 establishes necessary protections that align county landfill siting policies with natural hazard maps, keeping high-risk land uses out of harm's way.

4. Environmental Justice

The Kekaha landfill opened in 1953 and has been the island's only landfill for decades. Yet, Kekaha residents make up just 4% of the island's population. Considering the numerous other sources of pollution and environmental degradation Kekaha has endured over the past century, it is unfair to expect our community to take on another landfill.

Bill 3007 would represent one step toward restoring environmental justice in West Kaua'i and bringing fairness into the County's landfill siting decisions.

Conclusion & Call to Action

We cannot continue to treat West Kaua'i as a dumping ground or assume our marine environment can infinitely absorb the impacts of ill-sited infrastructure. The fact that the County is so focused on building more housing without a long-term waste management plan in place shows misalignment in priorities.

Bill 3007 is a critical step toward environmental justice, climate adaptation, and resource protection for Kaua'i. On behalf of Nā Kia'i Kai, I urge the County Council to PASS Bill 3007.

I am also attaching a petition signed by 36 people from West Kaua'i in support of Bill 3007.

Mahalo for your leadership, your dedication to our island's future, and the opportunity to offer this testimony.

Sincerely, Kawai Warren
Chair, Nā Kia'i Kai West Kaua'i, Hawai'i

Attachment

Protect Kekaha from the Next Landfill

For decades, the Kekaha community has hosted Kaua'i's only landfill. The Kekaha landfill opened 70 years ago and was originally just a hole in the ground right next to the ocean with no liner at all. Over the years, it grew into a mountain towering over the shoreline. We have no choice but to deal with the smells, the rubbish trucks, the flies, and the feeling that because our community is small and impoverished, no one else cares.

Kekaha has endured enough hardship over the years from the landfill – and many other sources of pollution in our community – that it is only fair that Kekaha get a pass from hosting the next landfill. That is why we are urging the Kaua'i County Council to pass Bill 3007 that says:

> "The County shall not construct a new landfill within a six-mile radius of an existing active landfill or a landfill that has accepted waste within thirty (30) years prior to the construction of the new landfill."

If you agree, please provide your name and contact information below. This petition will be presented to the Kaua'i County Council at its hearings on Bill 3007 in November 2026.

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November 18, 2026 Council Meeting
Agenda Item A.1
Support for Bill No. 3007

Aloha Chair Rapozo, Vice-Chair Kualiʻi, and Members of the Kauaʻi County Council:

Kumano I Ke Ala ("Kumano") respectfully submits this testimony in **strong support** of Bill No. 3007. Kumano is a Native Hawaiian-founded and Native Hawaiian-led nonprofit organization rooted in West Kauaʻi. Through restoring loʻi, growing kalo, engaging youth in ʻāina-based learning, and stewarding nearly 100 acres of land, we work to revitalize traditional food systems, strengthen connections to ʻāina, and cultivate the next generation of community stewards.

Our support for Bill 3007 is rooted directly in that work. Through our work, we see firsthand how communities live with the cumulative impacts of land-use decisions long after those decisions are made. Working to restore lands that have sustained our communities for generations has reinforced the importance of planning that accounts not only for future needs, but also for the realities communities already carry.

When we look across West Kauaʻi, we see more than parcels on a map. We see lands capable of producing food, supporting cultural practice, restoring ecological function, strengthening community resilience, and connecting our ʻōpio to place. We see places that carry both deep history and tremendous potential. They are places where communities continue to invest in a resilient future rooted in stewardship, cultural perpetuation, and local food production.

Bill 3007 reflects an important principle: land carries the legacy of the decisions that came before us, and future decisions should be informed by that legacy. Communities experience the effects of land-use decisions cumulatively and over generations, not in isolation. In West Kaua'i, generations of land-use decisions have concentrated significant environmental and industrial impacts in the same region, including the Kekaha landfill that has been operating for over 70 years and has been expanded many times.

Planning for the future requires understanding the history of a place, the impacts communities already live with, and the opportunities we hope to preserve. Bill 3007 advances that approach by ensuring that past and present conditions are part of the conversation about future landfill decisions. In doing so, it reflects the kind of stewardship and responsibility that Kumano seeks to cultivate through its work on the land every day.

For that reason, Kumano respectfully urges the Council to pass Bill No. 3007.

Me ke aloha ʻāina,

Kaina Makua
Executive Director
Kumano I Ke Ala

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Aloha fellow Kaua'i kama'aina,

Imagine walking in the sand along kekaha beach during a beautiful sunrise to check your fishing poles out at Kokole point, a totally peaceful and serene hawaiian morning, only for it to be absolutely tainted by the unmistakable stench of rotting garbage, a persistent and inescapable putrid scent that you cannot ignore. This an all too familiar and unfortunate experience that I, and many other west side locals have had to put up with year after year, knowing we are the carriers of everyone else's garbage. Out of sight, out of mind. Besides the stench, there are windy days where I have been out in the surf in Kekaha when you can watch an updraft trash-tornado of sorts, flying loose opala thousands of feet into the sky going who knows where, seemingly endless and unavoidable business as usual. This is just a few of the numerous "inconveniences" that we west side residents endure thanks to that landfill. Enough is enough. Yes we desperately need a new waste solution for Kaua'i, but it is NOT FAIR to consider a new landfill to be placed in the backyard of our westside ohana again.

My name is Chris Ka'iakapu and I am a kanaka oiwi of the Kona moku. I am writing to express my **strong support for Bill 3007**, which would prevent Kaua'i County from unfairly and unjustly siting another landfill on the west side.

Bill 3007 will provide immediate relief and address one critical piece of the puzzle. I strongly support Bill 3007 and urge the County to find a new site and close the current Kekaha Landfill as quickly as possible.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Davalos' 2007 Testimony to Council

Lisa Davalos
P. O. Box 373
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November 16, 2026

Aloha Chair Ropozo and Members of the Kaua'i County Council,

My name is Lisa Davalos and I have been an educator at Waimea High School for 35 years and a resident of Kekaha for nearly 25 years. I submit this testimony in strong support of Bill 3007. The future landfill should be located in a more central location on Kauai and not include an expansion in Kekaha.

The landfill sits in a fragile place, and continuing to use and expand it puts the Westside's fishing spots, beaches, reef, and food sources at risk. For more than seventy years it has taken in the waste of our entire island. It sits along our shoreline, less than a mile and a half from Kekaha town. Every year it has grown taller, and the County is now proposing another vertical expansion that would push it still higher. For most of Kaua'i, the landfill is out of sight and out of mind. For those of us who live here, it is part of our community. We see the trucks rush by from all over the island, and we have watched with concern as the rubbish piles higher and higher. To be honest, it is a sight that scares me. Because the landfill is so close to the ocean, a tsunami or major storm could cause a catastrophe that does lasting damage to our community.

The landfill is also not the only burden the Westside has been asked to carry. For years, our community has lived beside large agricultural fields and testing facilities with the toxic chemical use that comes with them. Many Westside families have spent years asking what is in our air, soil, and water, and what it means for our health and our keiki. When you add an expanded, neverending islandwide landfill on top of that, the message to our community is clear: West Kaua'i is where the island's problems are sent. We have fulfilled our kuleana. It is time for the burden to be shared fairly with landfill planning somewhere central on Kauai.

The future landfill should be located in a more central location on Kauai and not include an expansion in Kekaha. I believe the County of Kaua'i has a responsibility to *all* of its people, our 'aina and ocean. I urge the Council to keep pushing for real solutions to reduce our waste, including curbside recycling, composting, and stronger waste-reduction programs, so that Kaua'i needs less landfill space in the first place.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Lisa Davalos

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Aloha Chair Rapozo, Vice-Chair Kualiʻi, and Council Members,

My name is Julia Matseshe, and I am a resident of Waimea. I am writing in support of Bill 3007 and its proposed limit on siting a new landfill within six miles of an active landfill or one that has operated within the past 30 years. We share one island, so my concern goes beyond whether one community should receive another landfill. Wherever waste is managed, reducing its toxic burden and protecting our shared ʻāina, water, and air is an islandwide responsibility.

This siting limit needs to be considered as part of a broader plan to reduce waste, divert food scraps, and safely manage what remains. As planning progresses, we ask that the County provide public updates explaining how the bill relates to the proposed Maʻalo landfill and Cell 3 expansion, including how environmental review and long-term monitoring inform those plans, to help build community understanding and trust.

The State's 2026 waste study estimated that food waste is about 15% by weight of the waste sampled at Kekaha. The County's solid waste plan proposed a compost demonstration. As that work progresses, we ask that the County share its status and opportunities for partnerships with farms, nonprofits, and community groups around Kauaʻi, to help return useful compost to the soil while simultaneously reducing the amount of waste going into our landfill.

I appreciate the County's existing household hazardous-waste events and battery recycling program. As these programs develop, we ask that the County make information about them easier to find and consider more convenient collection opportunities across the island, to help more residents dispose of these materials responsibly.

Thank you for your work and for the opportunity to testify. I support Bill 3007 and continued efforts toward a safe, sustainable, islandwide approach to waste.

Mahalo,

Julia Matseshe

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Aloha Chair Rapozo and Members of the Kauai County Council,
My name is Lisa Davalos and I teach Participation in Democracy at Waimea High School. My students learned how to submit public testimony in class and some students wanted to share their testimony with you regarding Bill 3007. You will find them attached.

Mahalo,
Lisa Davalos

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Aloha to the Members of the Kauai County Council,

My name is ZG and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of Bill 3007, which prevents the construction of a new landfill within a six-mile radius of an existing, operational landfill.

I am a resident of Kalaheo and a student at Waimea High School. My dad's family grew up in Kekaha, and I have family who lives there to this day. I am concerned about the possibility of a new landfill being constructed in Kekaha. Not only is the location fuel inefficient, but its close proximity to the ocean poses a major risk of pollution if a tidal wave makes landfall. This could negatively affect both marine and land animals. The new landfill should be constructed in a centralized location that is adequately distanced from the ocean. The land deserves a break after serving the entire island of Kauai for over 70 years.

Additionally, it is unfair that Kekaha residents must put up with the waste of the entire island. They should not have to do so a second time. No place nor people should have to carry this burden, especially not twice. Unfortunately, a new landfill must go somewhere, but that place should not be Kekaha.

For these reasons, I humbly endorse Bill 3007 out of deep consideration for the Kekaha and its people. I respectfully ask the members of Kauai County Council to do the same. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to share my testimony.

Sincerely,
ZG

Aloha Kaua'i County Council Members

My name is J.D, and I am a 16 year old student from Waimea Highschool in support of the 3007 Bill. Regarding Bill 3007–West Kauai has been treated as the dumping ground of Kauai for decades, and as a child who grew up on the west side, I want a cleaner and safer environment for the future of the West-side and the keiki. For the sustainability and safety of West-Kauai's future, Council members, I hope you consider the community and people of the West-side, as this bill will affect future generations, communities.

As a young person who has spent his entire life in the West-side, I want to see a cleaner and safer environment for our keiki people. And a community with extra protection or reinforcement into the current landfill so that any natural events like a flood or hurricane wouldn't cause any more damage.

I respectfully ask that you support the 3007 bill and consider about the people and keiki of West Kaua'i

Mahalo,

J.D

Aloha Kaua'i County Council Members,

My name is A.T., and as a student who was born and raised on the Westside of Kaua'i, I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of Proposed Draft Bill No. 3007. As a young community member of West Kaua'i, I believe our community does not deserve the amount of trash that is brought upon us every day. This bill will help protect West Kaua'i and provide progress by preventing further environmental harm that will ultimately affect our future generations.

I support Proposed Bill No. 3007 because it prevents harmful pollutants from harming West Kauai's residents. Statistics show that residents who live in proximity to landfills pose a higher risk of developing respiratory issues. The physical health of our aina and people has been affected for decades because of this landfill. Passing this bill will help serve environmental justice for our aina and the people who reside in it.

Growing up in West Kaua'i, I have seen our air quality get even worse day by day–this could stem from the Kekaha landfill and other factors. Protecting our environment through Bill No. 3007 is essential in potentially reducing health risks for my 'ohana by improving our air quality. It will prioritize well-being for not only my 'ohana and me, but our whole community. Our community is special and tightly knit, but I hope that you council members will take a stand for our community like how we do with each other everyday.

Building on these points, I urge you, the Kaua'i County Council to support Proposed Draft Bill No. 3007. Our community has dealt with the burden of the landfill for far too long, and this bill will provide steps toward protecting what many call "home". It will provide environmental justice and safekeep the physical health of those who reside on the Westside of Kaua'i.

Mahalo for your time and the opportunity to take my testimony into consideration.

Sincerely,
A.T.

Aloha Chair and Members of the Kauai County Council.

My name is Wade Silva and I am submitting this testimony in support of Bill No.3007.

I was born and raised on the West side of Kauai, and I am a student at Waimea High school.
This community is more than simply where I'm from, It is my home. My roots are here, my family is here, and I have spent all my life seeing firsthand the strength, challenges, and change that Kekaha and the West of Kauai have experienced.

Because of my deep connection to Kekaha, I care extremely about decisions that impact our community, aina, families, and future of our community. I believe in the choice of the people who were born and raised here, and continue to work and serve our community and aina. We all have our responsibilities in our communities as we think about what is hurting our aina and people of Kekaha. We have to think about the future of our people of West Kauai if we don't do something now and what will it look like for our future families and children.

As a student and athlete that helps our around the community I see how decisions made within our county affects many families on the West side. Students and kids all over the island deserves to grow up on an island where we can all go out with clean environment so families and our communities can go out to beaches and places on the West side of Kauai not worrying about trash all over aina, getting sick or catching diseases from trash going into our oceans and drinking water. We have a responsibility to think how our community of Kekaha and West Kauai needs the help today but also what kind of Kauai we are setting our future Ohana and community with.

Our community and families of Kekaha shouldn't have to worry about their children's and families health and safety because the landfills keep growing and one day will infect our water. On the Westside of Kauai the beaches are the main thing we all love to go to from all over the island. Now imagine how our lives will change when the trash impacts our water and takes away a key part of our island. When the trash gets in our water then it will slowly get into our drinking water and cause diseases and get our community sick and might spread. Our ocean is a key part of our island. It's where we get our food like fishermen and divers, we all eat fish and if trash gets in our waters and into our fish we lose our food and make living way harder for families.

For those reasons, I respectfully stand in strong support of Bill No.3007. I ask the Kauai County Council to listen and hear out the Ohana’s and citizens of Kekaha and West

Kauai and consider how the decision made today will affect the families and generations who will call Kauai home tomorrow.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my testimony and for your service to the people of Kaua'i.

Sincerely,
Wade Silva

Aloha Chair Rapozo and other KOC members.

My name is E.R. and I am a junior at Waimea Highschool.
The bill I would like to address is Bill 3007. I would like to support this bill because it will not only affect us now in the present, but in the future as well. The landfill that we currently have in Kekaha is in a tsunami zone and should one ever hit us, all of that garbage would be scattered across the westside. With the current size of the Kekaha landfill, the time that would be required to clean up all of that trash could be several years, if not decades, which means that the next generation may not be able to enjoy all of the activities that the westside has to offer, because they need to clean up several tons of trash.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my testimony.
Sincerely, E.R.

Hi my name is KM I am from Eleele Kaua'i, I respectfully would like to submit this testimony in support of proposal Bill 3007, This Bill will protect west aina, kai and wai from further environmental harm. I strongly support this bill because not only am I from the west side of Kaua'i but I'm sure others from this island no matter what "side" can see the harm that could happen if they add another dump to the west of Kaua'i which in this case is Kekaha. A really good reason is what if we have a severe weather event such as a tsunami? Where would all the trash go? It would affect everyone on the west side of Kaua'i houses. This is one of many of the problems that could happen. Weather is not the only problem but, why do they have to put it on the west side? To the people of the west side it makes them feel like their homes are being treated like trash. So please help the people of the west side.

Aloha Kauaʻi County Council Members,

My initials are M.V.L. I'm from Kalaheo, Kauaʻi, a Junior at Waimea High School. I am submitting this testimony in support of Bill No. 3007, which would help protect the West Side community from the placement of another landfill. I support this bill because I believe the people of the West Side, especially those living in Kekaha, have already done more than their fair share.

For decades, the only landfill on Kaua'i has been located in Kekaha. As the amount of waste continued to grow, the landfill was expanded, with layers upon layers of trash being added to an already heaping pile. Now that expansion is no longer considered a sufficient solution, the conversation has turned toward establishing a second landfill.

What I find difficult to understand is why the West Side continues to be considered when discussing where another landfill should go. We live on an island with limited land and resources, but that does not justify repeatedly placing the burden of our entire island's waste on the same community. The needs of the people should matter just as much as the needs of the island as a whole. Although benefits and compensation have been offered to residents of the West Side community, I do not believe that money or temporary benefits can make up for the long-term consequences of having to live near a landfill. The well-being of a community should never be something that can simply be compensated for. We should be looking at how to prevent burdens like these from continuing in the first place.

I ask the Council members to put themselves in the shoes of the people who live within Kekaha and the surrounding areas. How would you feel knowing that your community is home to the island's only landfill, and that could potentially turn into another? It is unfair to expect one side of the island to continue shouldering this responsibility. I urge the Council to support Bill No. 3007. The West Side community deserves to be heard and respected. The future of Kauaʻi shouldn't come at the expense of the people who call the West Side home.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

- M.V.L.

Bill 3007 Testimony

Aloha Chair and Council Members,

My name is R.G., I was born and raised on the West side of Kauai and I am writing to you about my strong support of Bill #3007.

I believe another landfill should not be built on the West Side of Kaua'i. Even though I don't live in Kekaha but in Eleele, the community has already carried the burden of being home to Kaua'i's landfill for many years. It is unfair to continue placing this responsibility on the same community when the entire island contributes to the waste.

Building another landfill in the same area could create even more environmental concerns, especially for our land, ocean, wildlife, and the people who live nearby. Our West Side community deserves to have a clean and healthy environment just like every other community on Kaua'i.

We should not have to keep sacrificing our land and natural resources to manage what was produced by the entire island. Instead the County should look into other locations and better long-term solutions for handling our garbage.

I hope the Council understands how important it is to protect the West Side and its people. We deserve to be treated fairly, and future generations deserve to enjoy a healthy environment. Please support Bill # 3007 and help prevent another landfill from being built near the existing Kekaha Landfill.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Aloha Chair Rapozo and members of the council:

My name is DA and I attend Waimea High School. I am 17 years old and I am from Hanapepe. I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of the proposed draft Bill 3007, which would prohibit the construction of a new landfill within a 6-mile radius of an existing landfill.

Growing up and still growing up on the west side of Kauai, I frequently go to the beach and pass the Mana stretch. In the not so distant future I can envision the beautiful beaches engulfed in trash and the water in an unpleasant shade of brown. This would be due to the dump expanding and potentially multiplying. I strongly believe that the west side has fulfilled its Kuleana of hosting a dump.

This is why I am in favor of Bill 3007. To ensure that myself, the community, and even my kids can enjoy the beautiful aina. To ensure no more dumps will be on the west side.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my testimony and your consideration.

Sincerely,
DA.

Aloha Kauai County Council Members,

My name is I.G and I have lived on the west side my whole life and I am still currently a student here today. I am submitting this testimony in support of Bill 3007 that there will be no dump able to be made within six miles of a dump that already exists. I think that is a good idea, not only because of things that may happen in the future but also because of our environment and the way that having too much of the dump in one area will impact it negatively.

While the environment will be negatively affected it is also important to remember that building another dump will not solve the problems the current dump has. Eventually this new dump will get too big and full. It's not stopping a problem, it's delaying it for future generations. And I don't think that's right.

I think we should work to find some new way of reducing our waste and making it eco friendly. I mean, one of the most important aspects of Hawaii is our ecosystem. And if there's trash flying all around it then that isn't healthy. For the people, plants and animals alike. And certainly not in a way that will preserve Hawaii's beauty for many years to come.

Mahao for your time and consideration,

I.G

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In Support of Bill 3007

Aloha Chair Rapozo and Members of the Kauai County Council,

My name is M. R, and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of Bill No. 3007,

I was born and raised in Kalaheo, and I am currently attending Waimea High in my Junior year. As a student that commutes to the West Side daily, I wouldn't like our already expanded landfill to be expanded again. Lots of my friends don't deserve what will happen to their home town if the landfill is expanded.

Kekaha has already fulfilled its kuleana to dispose of waste for the past 70 years. It is surely time for a different area of the island to bear the burden of a landfill and lift the burden off of Kekaha. I think a big reason they don't want another landfill is because they believe it would be unsightly and ruin touristy areas.

The proximity of our current landfill already goes against code as it is. The area of the landfill is considered a tsunami risk zone. We should be resourceful and expect the expansion to be a liability to Kekaha residents. It would be a tragedy if a tsunami washed the landfill into Kekaha. This can be prevented if we make the smart decision to prevent the expansion.

The actual soil the landfill sits on is also an environmental risk. The soil is so soft that some of the bacteria and waste water can seep into the Earth and eventually be flown into the ocean. Many native Hawaiian sea life could be endangered and spread diseases amongst those by Kekaha or the West Side. Personally I think the council is neglecting these risks because they simply don't care for the West Side because of its lower tourism rates.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration

M.R
Kalaheo Resident and West Side Student

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Aloha Kauai County Council,

I support Bill no. 3008 to help allow long-time 'ohana who have held and cared for their lands for generations to be able to keep those lands in the face of rising financial property tax costs. Families should not have to choose between selling their lands or paying tax assessments they cannot afford.

Mahalo for your consideration,
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Aloha Chair and Members of the Kauaʻi County Council,

My name is Kekai Coakley, and I serve on the board of Kaaloa, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving land in Waiʻoli Valley, Hanalei. I am submitting testimony in strong support of Bill No. 3008.

Bill 3008 would give eligible families meaningful property tax relief, helping them hold on to their ancestral lands today and pass them on to future generations.

Mahalo for your consideration and for supporting the preservation of ʻāina kūpuna.

Respectfully,
Kekai Coakley
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