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The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Chair Waters and Committee Members:

Re: HB 2297 Establishing a Blue Ribbon Committee to Reorganize the City
and County of Honolulu into Two Separate Counties

In order to properly address the needs and opportunities and to adequately prepare for the future of the existing and new communities on the West side of the Island of Oahu, an implementation plan must be prepared that will guide the public and private sectors, including the military communities throughout the transition and reorganization of Oahu's West side into a separate County.

In order to formulate such an implementation plan, it is recommended that a blue ribbon committee be comprised of Hawaii residents, preferably with interest and/or backgrounds in: diversified agriculture; water resources and reuse; alternative-cost effective energy generating systems, i.e., solar, wind, ocean-cooling and wave energy-generation systems; affordable transportation, housing, post-secondary educational and/or continuing technical training, trade, agricultural extension and distance-learning programs, to include, but not limited to, development of recyclable natural resources, materials and byproducts for use in the propagation, cultivation, building, rebuilding, restoration, replacement, repair and maintenance of new and/or existing residential, commercial, recreational and other sustainable programs and projects.

Moreover, a significant element of the implementation plan will be its "Green" approach in developing pedestrian-friendlier and safer communities for the second County.

The City and County of Honolulu is faced with funding and implementing a new fixed-guideway system; replacing its aging water and sewerage infrastructure and expanding its services to accommodate future population densities within the primary urban center. This measure will provide an orderly transition for a second County on Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this Committee. I will be happy to address your questions and comments concerning HB 2297.

Sincerely,


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