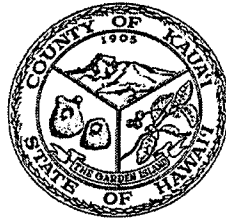


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L A T E

**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

March 17, 2011
Conference Room 211, State Capitol
9:00 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON H.B. No. 1270, HD 1, RELATING TO TAXATION

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID IGE, CHAIR, THE HONORABLE MICHELLE KIDANI,
VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is George K. Costa, Director of the Office of Economic Development, providing this written testimony on behalf of the County of Kaua'i (County).

The County strongly opposes H.B. 1270 HD 1 as it contains a blanket, automatic repeal of all listed tax credits by December 31, 2013. We are especially concerned with the repeal of the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit, the Ethanol Facility Tax Credit, the Motion Picture, Digital Media and Film Production Income Tax Credit and the Important Agricultural Lands Tax Credit.

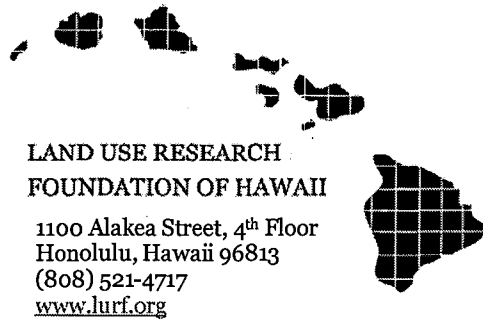
Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit : This particular tax credit is helping to grow the renewable energy industry statewide and create hundreds of quality green jobs. Kaua'i has shown tremendous growth in the renewable energy sector, led by the County's efforts to install photovoltaic power (PV) systems at county facilities. At the end of calendar year 2011, we will have over 235 kW of PV installed. Commercially, we have the largest PV system in the state at a little over 1.2 mW in Kapa'a. Repeal of this tax credit would do irreparable harm to the existing renewable energy companies in the state.

Ethanol Facility Tax Credit: Repealing this tax credit would basically shut the door on any potential ethanol development statewide. On Kaua'i, we have potential developers still working to secure lands for ethanol production. This type of renewable energy production is labor intensive and has the potential of generating hundreds of agriculture-related jobs. Developers use the tax credit in creating their financial plans to attract investors and financing.

Motion Picture, Digital Media and Film Production Income Tax Credit: Repeal of this particular tax credit would cripple, if not destroy the film industry in Hawai'i. Kaua'i in particular, has had tremendous success in attracting major film productions to do work on the island. In the past, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Throw Mama from the Train, Outbreak, Tropic Thunder and Jurassic Park have all filmed on Kaua'i and in other locations statewide. Just last year, several film productions including four major ones being released this year include Descendants (George Clooney), Just Go With It (Adam Sandler & Jennifer Anniston), Soul Surfer (featuring Kaua'i's own Bethany Hamilton) and Pirates of the Caribbean (Johnny Depp) was a major boost to Kaua'i's economy. The tax credit has been a major reason Hawai'i and Kaua'i have a strong lure for the film industry worldwide.

Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Tax Credit: The IAL tax credit is designed to encourage investments in agriculture and help to keep our farming community viable. The IAL law has resulted in the designation of thousands of acres of agricultural lands as IAL via voluntary petitions from private landowners. Kaua'i has benefited from the IAL law, which will save our important agricultural lands from being lost to development. Once lost, these lands will signal the end for agriculture on Kaua'i and in the state. This tax credit is one of the key incentives in the IAL process. Elimination of this tax credit will negatively impact the IAL initiative passed by the Legislature in 2008.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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March 17, 2011

Senate David Ige, Chair and Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Opposition to HB 1270, HD1, Relating to Taxation.
(Automatic repeal of tax credit and exemptions on December 21, 2012)

Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in CR 308

My name is Dave Arakawa, and I am the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF), a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

LURF respectfully **opposes** the portions of HB 1270, HD1 which affect the following tax credits and exemptions, particularly those affecting renewable energy projects, low income housing and Important Agricultural Lands (IAL), and those provisions which provide for an automatic repeal of those tax credits and tax exemptions at a graduated level:

- Section 235-4.5 (taxation of trusts, beneficiaries; credit);
- Section 235-9.5 (stock options from qualified high technology businesses excluded from taxation);
- Section 235-12.5 (renewable energy technologies; income tax credit);
- Section 235-17 (motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit);
- Section 235-55.7 (income tax credit for low-income household renters);
- Section 235-110.51 (technology infrastructure renovation tax credit);
- Section 235-110.8 (low-income housing tax credit);
- Section 235-110.93 (important agricultural land qualified agricultural cost tax credit);
- Section 237-24 (general excise tax; amounts not taxable);
- Section 237-24.3 (general excise tax; additional amounts not taxable);
- Section 237-24.5 (general excise tax; additional exemptions);
- Section 237-24.7 (general excise tax; additional amounts not taxable);
- Section 237-24.75 (general excise tax; additional exemptions);
- Section 237-27.6 (general excise tax; solid waste processing, disposal, and electric generating facility; certain amounts exempt);
- Section 237-29 (general excise tax; exemptions for certified or approved housing projects);
- Section 237-29.53 (general excise tax; exemption for contracting or services exported out of State);
- Section 241-4.6 (renewable energy technologies; income tax credit);

- Section 241-4.7 (low-income housing); and
- Section 241-4.8 (high technology business investment tax credit)

HB 1270, HD1. The stated purpose of this bill is to provide a review of all tax credits and exemptions to facilitate the authorization or reauthorization of successful programs and to do so at a cost that can be accommodated by the state's annual budget. This bill also includes automatic repeal dates on a graduated level of all tax credits, exemptions and exclusions starting in 2013 through 2016. This bill would require any person claiming a particular tax credit, exclusion or exemption to attach to the person's claim, statistical information requested by the applicable department on a form provided by the department. Each applicable department will be required to develop forms requesting statistical information for those claiming the tax credits, exemptions or exclusion. Departments will be required to prepare a report to the legislature no later than September 30 of each year with summary and statistical information on each tax credit, exclusion, or exemption. HB 1270, HD1 also sets a deadline of March 30 of the year following the year on when the tax credit and statistical information must be provided. The bill allows no extension of this deadline.

LURF respectfully **opposes** the portions of HB 1270, HD1 which affect the above-referenced tax credits and exemptions, particularly those affecting renewable energy projects, low income housing and IAL, and those provisions which provide for an automatic repeal of those tax credits and tax exemptions at a graduated level.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 16, 2011

VIA: Email to WAMTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 17, 2011
9:00 a.m.

RE: HB 1270, Relating to Taxation

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in opposition of HB 1270 as it applies to the repeal of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the repeal of the General Excise Tax exemption for affordable housing projects.

Both of these programs provide the incentives that make it possible to build the rental housing and homes that would not be otherwise financially feasible.

Not only is this a benefit to the many low-income families and seniors in our communities, but it also keeps companies like mine in business and allows us to supply building materials which in turn enables us to employ over 250 people necessary to service our customers statewide.

Please **remove the repeal** of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the repeal of the General Excise Tax exemption for affordable housing projects before passing this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Choi".

Scott A. Choi
Chief Financial Officer

The Pacific Resource
PARTNERSHIP



L A T E

Testimony of C. Mike Kido
External Affairs
The Pacific Resource Partnership

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

HB 1270, HD1 – Relating to Taxation
Thursday, March 17, 2011
9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 211

Chair David Ige, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani and Members of the Committee:

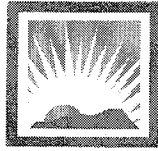
My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs for the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP opposes HB 1270, HD1 – Relating to Taxation which requires the Department of Taxation to evaluate certain tax credits and tax exemptions and report to the Legislature. This Bill also provides automatic repeal of the tax credits and tax exemptions.

PRP understands the difficult economic challenges the State is facing however, repealing some of the few existing incentives available that could help stimulate Hawaii's economy would be even more of a detriment to our local economy.

Reducing the amount of tax credits allowable for affordable housing projects would exacerbate Hawaii's existing housing shortage crisis, and jeopardize much needed job creation.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on HB 1270, HD1.



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Hawaii Solar Energy Association
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SENATE

Mark Duda

9:30AM

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

HB 1270 HD1

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

HSEA opposes the provisions of HB 1270 HD1 that refer to the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit (Section 235-12.5) because of the negative impact it will have on Hawaii's growing solar energy industry.

Although not all tax incentives are worth pursuing, there is sound economic logic for supporting nascent industries. In Hawaii, the solar industry, while growing, has yet to hit its stride. As a result, policy support remains crucial to helping it reach the point where it can be a leading pillar of Hawaii's economy, as it diversifies from its historical reliance on a handful of cyclical sectors. The solar industry is trending in the right direction, however, as installed costs for solar systems are declining due to reduced input costs, financial innovation, and competitive pressures on industry participants.

Public investment in the solar industry yields a number of ancillary benefits. First, it is the easiest to deploy and most immediately available renewable energy option in the state. Solar energy is, therefore, the primary way that renewable energy can reduce Hawaii's dependence on foreign oil imports today.

Second, solar has economic benefits because of the impact it has on reducing and/or eliminating the operating costs for businesses and homeowners that purchase solar systems. In both cases the money saved by investors in solar systems is spent to drive the state's economy forward through increased consumption and investment spending.

In short, a credit like that available under section 235-12.5, if well calibrated, can move the market without delivering an excessive level of subsidy. In this context, the 235-12.5 credit has substantial policy justification in the context of Hawaii's risky reliance on imported fuels, its need to encourage the development of new economic sectors, its need to help existing businesses reduce their energy costs, and the need to avoid further hurting an already fatigued construction industry.

HSEA does not oppose a review of any or all tax credits, however, we respectfully request that such review occur before any repeal of the Section 235-12.5 credit is contemplated. In conducting the review, the issue of appropriate reporting requirements should be discussed. The current reporting requirements in this measure, especially for renewable energy technologies for residential systems are onerous and unclear. The following specific reporting requirements will be difficult to address by tax filers and will limit the Departments' ability to gather meaningful information with to evaluate the 235-12.5 credit:

Point (3) : The tax filer will have no information on the number of people that work on a specific job; on the share of their daily, weekly, or annual hours that are spent on that job; etc., much less the number of jobs created by the project.

Point (4): The public purpose of the tax credit as it pertains to the tax payer is unclear and will almost certainly not result in meaningful information as all filers will enter "reduce oil dependency"; "reduce carbon emissions"; "save money"; "diversify the state's economy" or a combination of the above. In general, it does not seem appropriate to ask the recipients of an incentive why the state offered the incentive to them.

Point (5): The meaning of "Job quality standards is unclear and will not elicit meaningful information from the tax filer.

In light of the early stage of the solar industry and the challenges in reporting the required information, HSEA would respectfully ask that you conduct an appropriately crafted review of the credits before contemplating repeal of the Section 235-12.5 credit.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mark Duda
President, Hawaii Solar Energy Association

About Hawaii Solar Energy Association

Hawaii Solar Energy Association (HSEA) is comprised of installers, distributors, manufacturers and financiers of solar energy systems, both hot water and PV, most of which are Hawaii based, owned and operated. Our primary goals are: (1) to further solar energy and related arts, sciences and technologies with concern for the ecologic, social and economic fabric of the area; (2) to encourage the widespread utilization of solar equipment as a means of lowering the cost of energy to the American public, to help stabilize our economy, to develop independence from

fossil fuel and thereby reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change; (3) to establish, foster and advance the usefulness of the members, and their various products and services related to the economic applications of the conversion of solar energy for various useful purposes; and (4) to cooperate in, and contribute toward, the enhancement of widespread understanding of the various applications of solar energy conversion in order to increase their usefulness to society.

**TESTIMONY OF KEONI WAGNER ON BEHALF OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES
REGARDING H.B. NO. 1270, HD 1, RELATING TO TAXATION**

March 17, 2011

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To: Chairman David Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

My name is Keoni Wagner and I am the Vice President for Public Affairs for Hawaiian Airlines presenting this testimony on behalf of Hawaiian regarding H.B. No. 1270, HD 1.

Hawaiian Airlines understands the difficulty of finding solutions to balance the state budget and the severe economic situation facing the state. We wholeheartedly support the idea of evaluating the impacts of existing tax exemptions in the interest of knowing what effect their elimination or alteration would have on the State. However, we believe that certain provisions of this bill will undermine the state's economic recovery and we must oppose it because of its adverse impacts on our company going forward.

Hawaiian Airlines is the only carrier serving Hawaii from the mainland that is entirely focused on Hawaii and the only carrier whose economic well being is tied directly to that of our home state. The company is reinvesting profits in expansion and is actively pursuing a growth strategy that is aimed at adding service and new routes to bring more visitors to Hawaii. We are increasing service to Tokyo and Osaka in Japan and to Korea. This growth will increase tourism and tax revenues to the state. Last year, the HTA estimated that our Haneda flight alone would boost visitor spending in Hawaii by more than \$130 million.

The company has committed to investing in a fleet of new long range aircraft to fulfill its vision to become an even larger contributor to Hawaii tourism and has taken possession of three (3) new aircraft since Spring 2010 with two more arriving in 2011.

We have hired more than 600 new employees over the past two years and plan to hire more in the next few months.

The current exemptions that exist in the law are helping to promote this growth at Hawaiian. Elimination of any of the current tax exemptions which pertain to airline operations would have a disproportionate effect on the local airlines. Carriers not based in Hawaii have little exposure to state taxes compared to Hawaiian, so the impact on Hawaiian is much larger.

While 2010 was a positive year for Hawaiian the risk factors this year are greater. For example:

- a. Oil prices have been steadily increasing and recently hit a two-year high. Our fuel costs are projected to be 50 percent higher this year than in 2010.
- b. Labor costs are higher with new contracts in effect
- c. Aircraft maintenance costs are projected to be higher
- d. Investments in opening new routes and markets

Hawaiian already pays the state more than \$45 million annually in taxes and landing fees and its employees also contribute more than \$9 million in state taxes. Loss of the current tax exemptions would raise Hawaiian's tax burden by up to \$12 million in 2012 and this amount would multiply in successive years as we bring additional new aircraft into Hawaii. The total increased tax burden on our company would be up to \$73 million over four years

Increasing the tax burden at this time will have a dampening effect on Hawaiian's growth plans and undermine our efforts to add jobs and increase tourism revenues for the state. Accordingly, we respectfully oppose this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

To: David Y. Ige, Chair
Michelle Kidani, Co-Chair
State of Hawaii, Senate Ways and Means Committee

L A T E

Thursday, March 17, 2011

From: Karen Archibald

OPPOSITION TO HB 1270, HD 1, Relating to Taxation

I believe it is a mistake to repeal of Section 235-I 7, HRS, motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit (Act 88). Film and Television productions have brought tremendous economic benefit to Hawai'i that brings in tax revenue in the form of jobs and vendors as well as provide jobs for hundreds of people who would otherwise be unemployed.

No tax credits means productions will look elsewhere for locations. That means NO tax dollars, discounted or otherwise for the State of Hawai'i. The cost of bringing production work to Hawai'i is very high, and without the incentive of tax credits we risk losing a clean, sustainable industry that brings millions of dollars and many hundreds of jobs to the state. In this current economy it is short-sighted to see the tax credits as a loss of income to the state, when, in fact, they do the opposite. The credits bring in business. The cost cannot be calculated based on the revenue lost from the tax credits because there may not be any revenue at all without them.

Please think long term and with the good of the people of the state in mind and do NOT pass HB 1270.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Ways and Means Committee
Hawaii State Capital
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RE: In Opposition of HB 1270 Section 235-7 HRS

March 16, 2011

Aloha Kakou Senators,

As a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 665, the Union behind entertainment. IATSE is largest labor union in the entertainment and related industries and were formed more than a century ago. In Hawaii IATSE Local 665 was formed in 1937.

I would like formally oppose HB 1270 specifically section 3 (2) on page 5, responding to repealing the tax credit for motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit.

I do believe accountability, reportability, and reliability of all requested information by this bill is good and needed.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

A hui ho, malama pono,
Ben Shafer

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HAWAII STATE SENATE 26TH LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
9:00 AM - March 17, 2011 - Conference Rm 211**

RE: HB 1270, HD 1 RELATING TO TAXATION.

Chair Senator David Ige, V. C. Chair Sen. Michelle Kidani and Members:

Good Morning. My name is Dante Carpenter and I speak against HB 1270 HD1 Relating to Taxation. I have been President and a member of the Board of Directors of Country Club Village, Phase 2, Association of Apartment Owners (CCV), for nearly 15 years. Located in Salt Lake Area, PWI is comprised of two (2) 20 story condominium towers with a total of 439, 2 & 3 bedroom units.

While the preamble states that the "purpose of this Act is to provide a review of all tax credits and exemptions to facilitate the authorization or reauthorization of successful programs ..." One of the sections, i. e. Section 3(b) cited below, would repeal the exemption that condos and community associations now have for the collection of maintenance fees on December 13, 2014.

This could be disastrous to condominium associations since often they are not able to collect sufficient maintenance fees to repair and maintain their projects in accordance with HRS 514A or 514B. This may be exacerbated by the current recession, which has resulted in a number of unit owners not paying their maintenance fees (forcing foreclosure proceedings), thus forcing other neighboring condo homeowners to make up the shortfall every year.

Further, services such as individual metered water, sewer, street lighting, road maintenance and refuse collection services are provided at no extra cost to the individual "subdivision" homeowner. However, the condominium owner must pay equivalent real property taxes and incur additional costs, as well, to both provide and maintain the above "community services" within its own complex.

We strongly recommend portions of HB1270, HD 1 which relate to home ownership in any and all its forms, be exempted from this bill. Otherwise, please hold this bill indefinitely!

Thank You very much.

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HAWAII STATE SENATE 26TH LEGISLATURE

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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Thank You very much.



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THE SENATE
26th LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION of 2011

COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
Senator David Y Ige, Chair

3/17/11

SB 1270
Relating to Taxation

Chair Ige and Members of this Committee,

My name is Max Sword, here on behalf of Outrigger Hotels Hawaii, to comment on this bill.

We would request the removal line 3 & 4, page 7 of this bill. This paragraph deals with the exemption of pass thru wages and benefits from the GET, as it pertains to timeshares.

This exemption was initiated, so that local management companies can use their own local employees, without incurring an assessment of the GET. Without this exemption the local employees would have to become employees of the owners of the building.

There would be no revenue gain or loss either way.

We believe that since there is no revenue loss or gain and this exemption is for the benefit of the local the companies and employees, this issue is a policy issue, not a fiscal one.

Finally, this section of the HRS comes up for revue in 2015 anyway.

For these reasons, we request that above mentioned paragraph should be omitted from this bill.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify.

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Testimony in Strong Opposition to
HB1270, HD1
being heard on March 17, 2011 at 9a.m.
in Room 211

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Solar Alliance¹ opposes HB 1270, HD1 because of the negative impact it will have on Hawaii's growing solar energy industry by prematurely terminating the tax credit available under section 235-12.5. Although not all tax incentives are worth pursuing, there is sound economic logic for supporting nascent industries *while these industries get up and running, attracting investment and creating new jobs.*

The solar industry is trending in the right direction, as installed costs for solar systems are declining due to reduced input costs, financial innovation, economies of scale, and competitive pressures on industry participants. In Hawaii, the solar industry is growing, but has yet to hit its stride. As a result, policy support from the State remains crucial to helping the Hawaii solar industry reach the point where it can be a leading pillar of Hawaii's economy, as the State diversifies from its historical reliance on a handful of cyclical sectors.

Continued policy support from the State enables increased investment in Hawaii's solar industry, resulting in the creation of additional local jobs. Among other things, the 235-12 credit puts projects that otherwise would not exist "over the top"

¹ *The Solar Alliance is a state-focused association of solar manufacturers, integrators, and financiers specifically working with state administrators, legislators, and utilities to establish cost-effective solar policies and programs. Our experience in Hawaii includes, but is not limited to, (i) being an intervenor in the Public Utilities Commission's ("PUC") Feed-in Tariffs Investigation; (ii) having a member be an intervenor in the Commission's Intra-Governmental Wheeling Docket; (iii) having a member serve on the Generating Committee of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative ; and (iv) having a member serve on the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum since it convened in 2003.*

financially, accelerating deployment of solar systems in Hawaii and leading to increased availability of solar systems to residents, businesses, and government entities at lower cost.

Public investment in Hawaii's solar industry yields a number of ancillary benefits. First, it is the most immediately available and, therefore, the primary way that renewable energy can reduce Hawaii's dependence on foreign oil imports and stabilize and reduce electricity costs, and increase the State's energy security.

Second, solar has economic benefits because of the impact it has on reducing and/or eliminating the operating costs for businesses and homeowners that purchase solar systems. In both cases the money saved by Hawaiian businesses and residents who install solar systems is spent to drive the state's economy forward through increased consumption and investment spending.

In short, the 235-12.5 credit is sound policy given Hawaii's risky reliance on imported fuels and the substantial local economic activity generated by the credit. It also directly addresses the State's interests in supporting the already fatigued construction industry, encouraging development of emerging economic sectors like renewable energy, and helping existing businesses, residents, and the government itself reduce their energy costs now and in the long term.

The Solar Alliance does not oppose a review of all the tax credits, which should be calibrated to move the market and should not be available in perpetuity. Solar Alliance respectfully requests that such review occur before the Legislature takes action to repeal Section 235-12.5. Also in conducting the review, the issue of appropriate reporting requirements should be discussed. The current reporting requirements in the bill, especially for renewable energy technologies for residential systems, are too onerous.

Therefore, The Solar Alliance would respectfully ask that you hold this bill. If you intend to limit other tax credits through the bill, we request that the bill be amended to conduct the review before repealing Section 235-12.5

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to HB 1270, HD1 .

HAWAII FILM & ENTERTAINMENT BOARD

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 17, 2011 – 9am
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: HB 1270 HD1 – RELATING TO TAXATION

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-chair Kidani and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Film and Entertainment Board, whose members include all of the film industry labor unions, associations and film commissions **STRONGLY OPPOSE portions of HB 1270 HD1 in reference to 235-17 and request that item 2 in section 3 on page 5 be removed.**

The film industry is a proven REVENUE GENERATOR and JOB CREATOR and the inclusion of 235-17 in HB1270 will jeopardize this.

Production companies base large financial decisions on business certainty and a credit valid for only two years will provide virtually no business certainty. This measure **would effectively kill any consideration of new television series** that looks for a five-year window and the measure **implies that the state harbors a tentative approach to supporting future industry development.**

In calendar year 2010 the film industry was responsible for more than \$400 million in direct expenditures and over \$650 million in economic impact at **NO COST TO THE STATE. The program was designed to be revenue neutral.** Additionally, production companies can only claim the credit **after they spend the money** so there is **no initial outlay by the state.**

The film industry also generated **over 6000 full-time equivalent LOCAL industry jobs** and supported thousands more at local businesses including but not limited to hotels, restaurants, rental cars, dry cleaners, lumber yards, plant nurseries, office supply companies and hundreds of others.

But NONE of this kind of economic or job generation will occur unless we have a stable credit with some longevity.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Brenda Ching,
Chair

Attachments: Act 88 Petition document (8 pages with 463 names)

2011 Legislative Session -- Act 88 Petition					
"Act 88 has been a good credit for Hawaii. Please don't make changes to it that will reduce its ability to attract production."					
	Last Name	First Name	Profession	City / Town	Zip Code
1	Yoshida	Joji	Actor	Honolulu	96816
2	Boria	Louie	Actor	Waipahu	96797
3	Spangler	Randy	Location Manager	Honolulu	96816
4	Spangler	Stephanie	Location Manager	Honolulu	96821
5	Rogers	Scott	Acting coach	Honolulu	96816
6	Ishii	Gayle	Actor	Honolulu	96816
7	Jenkins	Margie	Casting Director	Kailua	96734
8	Akamine	Chanell	Singer/Actor/Writer/Producer/Director	Honolulu	96819
9	Chmolack	Arlene	Reservations Manager	Honolulu	96815
10	Kanda	Dean J.	Teamster Union Driver	Honolulu	96815
11	Jeppeson	Patrick	Actor	Honolulu	96815
12	Stroud	Donald	Actor	Honolulu	96825
13	Hidano	Audrey	Office Manager	Honolulu	96817
14	Stern	Herman	Actor	Honolulu	96813
15	Wittsfadt	Rob	Location Coordinator	Kailua	96734
16	Kauanui	Melissa	Resident	Kaneohe	96744
17	Kupo Jr.	A.	Driver	Waimea	96796
18	Chun	Lynette	Actor	Lahaina	96767
19	Okubo	Allan Y.	Actor	Honolulu	96816
20	Kogan	Martin	Actor	Honolulu	96815
21	Cinemasen	Toshiro	Actor	Honolulu	96811
22	Suenaga	Gregory	Actor	Honolulu	96814
23	Zalopany	Michael G.	Actor	Honolulu	96825
24	Gibson	Norman	Actor/EAP Counselor	Honolulu	96816
25	Randall	Donald	Loc Coord/Line Prod/Prod Mgr	Honolulu	96816
26	Janklowicz	Gilad	Actor/Writer	Honolulu	96815
27	Whiting	Robert	Actor	Honolulu	96816
28	Garcia	Libette	Actor	Honolulu	96815
29	Barry	Beth	Actor/Teacher	Honolulu	96822
30	Lindstrom	Sven	Actor	Kailua	96734
31	Solomon	Randy	Actor	Laie	96762
32	MacPherson	Howard	Actor	Kihei	96753
33	Cardenas	Henry "BullDog"	Actor/Director/Designer/Artist	Mililani	96789
34	Cardenas	Nara	Artist/Actor	Mililani	96789
35	Conybeare	Chris	Filmmaker/Attorney/TV Journalist	Honolulu	96813
36	Seabock	Robert	Actor	Pearl City	96782
37	Des Jarlais	Dean	Gaffer/Equipment Owner	Waimanalo	96795
38	Rosner	Danny	Key Grip/Equipment Owner	Honolulu	96822
39	Brown	Ryan	Agent	Kaneohe	96744
40	Collado	Lislene	Administrative Assistant	Honolulu	96816
41	Nash	Amy	Resident	Honolulu	96816
42	Tom	Richard	Resident	Aiea	96701
43	Johnston	Daniel	Resident	Honolulu	96816
44	Goldstein	Allan	Massage Therapist	Kailua	96734
45	Nagai	Musu	Resident	Honolulu	96814
46	Hobson	Thomas	Resident	Kailua	96734
47	Stanton	Tim	Hawaii Philharmonic Orchestra Director	Honolulu	96821
48	Stafford	Priscilla	Set Production Assistant	Honolulu	96816
49	Sato	Dana	Rig Electrician	Kaneohe	96744
50	Hernandez	Oscar	Studio Teacher	Honolulu	96816
51	Wo	Susan	Studio Teacher	Honolulu	96816
52	Richmond	Fairai	Location Assistant	Kula	96790
53	Woolsey	Raygan	Electrician	Wahiawa	96786

54	Sikkink	Andrea	Extra/Model/Operations Director	Mililani	96789
55	Hendrix	Jeremey	Actor/Musician	Honolulu	96813
56	Goldstein	Hesh	Resident	Honolulu	96821
57	Yee	Jade	Bookkeeper/Mec Engineer. Draftsperson	Honolulu	96825
58	Jurbala	David	Resident	Honolulu	96822
59	Sine	Jennie Lee	Actor	Kailua	96834
60	Nakamoto	Renee	Resident	Honolulu	96821
61	Umetsu	Amy	Student/Extra	Mililani	96789
62	Millar	Selina	Extra	Kailua	96734
63	Bao	Vicky	Resident	Honolulu	96822
64	Nichols	Rob	Banker	Kailua	96734
65	Hijirida	Denise	Resident	Ewa Beach	96706
66	Oi	Edward	Information Specialist	Mililani	96789
67	Hoban	Sean Douglas	Actor	Honolulu	96817
68	Shelley	Martin	Actor	Waianae	96792
69	Deal	Lan	Photo Double/Stand-in	Mililani	96789
70	Asing	Tiffany	Actor/Studio Teacher/Make-up Artist	Honolulu	96725
71	Sung	Steven	Actor	Honolulu	96825
72	Ahern	Brendan	Actor	Honolulu	96816
73	Tanaka	Sandra	Resident	Honolulu	96816
74	Morolagini	Monika	Extra	Kailua	96734
75	Koseki	Glenn	Resident	Kapolei	96707
76	Gompertz	Donna	Actor	Honolulu	96817
77	Shimakuku	Roslyn	Extra	Wahiawa	96786
78	Reed	Leroy	Transporation Coordinator	Honolulu	96816
79	Bertelmann	Carl	Driver	Kaneohe	96744
80	Reed	Harland	Driver	Honolulu	96816
81	Okada	Edgar	Resident	Kona	96745
82	Bannister	John	Resident	Honokaa	96727
83	Joy	Adam	Driver	Aiea	96701
84	Brownholtz	Jennifer	Actor	Honolulu	96813
85	Cicata	Mike	Actor	Honolulu	96813
86	Jackson	Diana	Casting Assistant	Kailua	96734
87	O'Lachlan	Alex	Actor	Honolulu	96817
88	DeRego	Larry	Caterer	Wahiawa	96786
89	Savage	Timothy	Director	Honolulu	96816
90	Steininger	Karl	Police	Honolulu	96826
91	Fong	Matthew	Resident	Aiea	96701
92	Tomasu	Glen	Resident	Honolulu	96825
93	Stacey	Donald	Resident	Beverly	01915
94	Wheeler	Jaime	Healthcare Administrator	Honolulu	96816
95	Cho	Michael	Technical Advisor/Law Enforcement	Kapolei	96707
96	Nakamura	David	Resident	Waipahu	96797
97	Coumbis	Theo	Actor	Kailua	96734
98	Ticconi	Michelle	Actor/Model	Honolulu	96822
99	Gillespie	Patricia	Actor/Filmmaker/Teacher	Honolulu	96822
100	Wiss	Larry	Actor	Honolulu	96813
101	Polson	Samuel	Writer/Actor	Honolulu	96822
102	Simms	Christopher	Actor	Kaneohe	96744
103	Dunbar	Edward S.	Actor	Ewa Beach	96706
104	Fishburn	Anna	Casting Director	Honolulu	96826
105	Maekawa	Mike	Producer	Honolulu	96815
106	Jenkins	Leroy	Producer	Kailua	96734
107	Blake	Jason	Actor/Writer/Producer	Kapaa	96746
108	Choy	Rebecca	Contract Assistant	Honolulu	96816
109	Cannon	Glenn	Actor	Honolulu	96814
110	Sakata	Jon	Stunts	Holualoa	96725
111	Silberstein	Morris	Coordination Company	Honolulu	96816
112	Tatum	Chris	Area Vice President Marriott Resorts Hawaii	Honolulu	96815

113	Lawrence	Jessika	Actor/Investor	Honolulu	96822
114	Farmer	David	Actor	Honolulu	96813
115	Saldania	Gina	Actor	Honolulu	96821
116	Maltby	Becky	Actor	Honolulu	96816
117	Craven	Kevin	Actor	Honolulu	96816
118	McCarty	Gary	Actor	Honolulu	96817
119	Pomes	Don	Actor	Honolulu	96815
120	Schmidt	Valerie	Resident	Honolulu	96822
121	Moody	Fuzzy	Stuntman	Honolulu	96816
122	Cho-Moody	Sylvian	Actor	Honolulu	96816
123	Manderville	Celeste	Actor/Model	Mililani	96789
124	O'Hanlon	George	Actor	Honolulu	96817
125	Waidyatilleka	Catherine	Resident	Honolulu	96821
126	Rosen	David	Director	Honolulu	96817
127	Schweitzer	Marsha	Musician	Honolulu	96822
128	Ward	Wayne	Actor/Acting Coach/Pres The Actors Workshop	Honolulu	96825
129	Kato	Stephan Y.	Producer	Honolulu	96826
130	Camacho	Angel	Resident	Pearl City	96782
131	Ramos	Bryson	Administrative	Honolulu	96814
132	Shinoda	Robert	Manager/Contractor/Musical Director	Honolulu	96821
133	Cronburg	Pete	Actor	Honolulu	96822
134	Stitham	Mark	Actor	Kailua	96734
135	Haines	Colby	Actor	Ewa Beach	96706
136	Fujisawa	Kenji	Producer Gemini Productions	Honolulu	96828
137	Esecson	Matt	Actor	Kailua	96734
138	Larkin	Susan L.	Casting Director	Honolulu	96815
139	Saldania-Roundtree	Clea	Actor	Honolulu	96821
140	Olivares	Douglas	Motion Picture Camera Operator	Honolulu	96816
141	Silva, Jr.	Anthony J.	Director/Producer	Kailua	96734
142	Sears	Leo	Producer/Director/Writer	Waikoloa	96738
143	Joseph	Genie	Producer	Honolulu	96822
144	Stevens	Robert	Actor	Honolulu	96819
145	Igari	Hirohide	Camera man	Honolulu	96816
146	Cockett	Isaac	Hotel Manager	Kapaa	96746
147	Page	Brandon	Production Manager/Coordinator	Kailua	96734
148	Groder	Richard	Driver	Kailua	96734
149	Tudor	Frederic	Actor	Honolulu	96825
150	Ladera	Harry	Production Manager	Honolulu	96815
151	Staggs	Tomoko	Production Coordinator	Kaneohe	96744
152	Wexler	Howard	Producer	Venice	90291
153	Gomes	Dexter	Production Coordinator	Ewa Beach	96706
154	Nishitani	Koki	Production Coordinator	Honolulu	96815
155	Nakamura	Nao	Production Coordinator	Honolulu	96815
156	Abalos	Misty	Extra	Wahiawa	96786
157	Anderton	Jason	Resident	Pearl City	96782
158	Apo	Jocelyn	Accountant	Kailua	96734
159	Awana	Rebel	Mechanic	Honolulu	96826
160	Benson	Mark	Driver	Pearl City	96782
161	Braaten	Judie	Operator	Honolulu	96815
162	Bryant	Lianne	Database Coordinator	Honolulu	96826
163	Crisostomo	John	Driver	Waipahu	96797
164	Datoy	Judah Dave I.	Clerk	Honolulu	96825
165	Garcia	Sheryl L.	Project Manager	Kapolei	96707
166	Goles Jr.	Richard	Mechanic	Waipahu	96797
167	Gomes	Ronald	Driver	Honolulu	96813
168	Halm	Rodney	Mover	Kailua	96734
169	Hidano	Cherylne	Progarm Officer	Honolulu	96817
170	Hirata	Tammy	Bookkeeper/Clerk	Ewa Beach	96706
171	Hurd	John	Resident	Pearl City	96782

172	Hurley	Loyce	Hotel Worker	Honolulu	96815
173	Ida	Glen	Resident	Kaneohe	96744
174	Ishikawa	Jeanne	Business Agent	Honolulu	96819
175	Johnson	Jill	Business Representative	Kailua	96734
176	Kahala	Nadine	Business Representative	Waianae	96792
177	Kaluna	Kaulana	Grip	Honolulu	96817
178	Kanakanui, Sr.	Kevin K.C.	Driver	Honolulu	96813
179	Kaneaiakala	Chad K.	Driver	Waimanalo	96795
180	Kauloa	Rachel	Resident	Honolulu	96822
181	Kauwalu	Cherilyn L.	Executive Assistant	Waianae	96792
182	Keamohuli	William	Driver	Honolulu	96813
183	Kilakalua	Sam	Driver	Waianae	96792
184	Kim	Sean	Attorney	Honolulu	96813
185	Kolowena	Ezra	Driver (moving company)	Nanakuli	96792
186	Kozuma	Ron	President, Hawaii Teamsters Local 996	Honolulu	96819
187	Kuahine	Benjamin	Heavy Equipment Operator	Pearl City	96782
188	Lagan	Michael	Driver	Ewa Beach	96706
189	Lee	Lance	Driver	Honolulu	96817
190	Liua	West	Driver	Kapolei	96707
191	Martinez	Richard	Owner, Jose Restaurant	Honolulu	96816
192	Mashimoto	Mitzi	County Clerk	Mililani	96789
193	Matsumoto	Chris	Construction Worker	Waianae	96792
194	Mau	Rodney	Inspector	Kailua	96734
195	McCormick	Sam	Massage Therapist	Honolulu	96821
196	McKenzie	Andrea	Resident	Honolulu	96828
197	Meixell	Angela	Educator	Waimanalo	96795
198	Meyer	Brian	Resident	Kaunakakai	96748
199	Millman	Laura	Resident	Honolulu	96815
200	Moniz-Keliiniu	Renee	Nursing Assistant	Ewa Beach	96706
201	Nakasone	Ray	Resident	Aiea	96701
202	Newman	Michael	Driver	Honolulu	96825
203	Nielsen	Janice S.	Clerk	Waiialua	96791
204	Nunies	Bernard K.	Business Representative	Honolulu	96817
205	Ohelo	Darryl	Business Agent	Ewa Beach	96706
206	Oliva	Lea	Clerk	Mililani	96789
207	Pang Kee	Andrew	Driver	Honolulu	96814
208	Pascua	Bruce	Driver	Wahiawa	96786
209	Patterson	George	Wholesale Distributor	Honolulu	96815
210	Patterson	Patricia	Driver	Honolulu	96815
211	Patterson	Todd	Sales Representative	Honolulu	96825
212	Peneku	Patrick V.T.	Driver/Forklift Operator	Waianae	96792
213	Pressman	Edith	Resident	Honolulu	96815
214	Ranion	Vidal	Resident	Mililani	96789
215	Roach Sr.	Bobby	Driver	Mililani	96789
216	Rodrigues	John J.I.	Driver	Honolulu	96821
217	Santos Jr.	Frank	Driver	Honolulu	96825
218	Sebastian	Flordwin	Driver	Kapolei	96707
219	Shibata	Tammy	Driver	Waipahu	96797
220	Shimokawa	Junko	Driver	Honolulu	96822
221	Silva	Georgette	President, Pineridge Farms, Inc.	Honolulu	96819
222	Silva	Joaquin J.	Vice President West Oahu Aggregate Co.	Honolulu	96819
223	Takeshita	Sandra T.	Consultant	Kailua	96734
224	Tavares	Gerald	Driver	Honolulu	96817
225	Tokuhara	Lee Ann	Student	Honolulu	96826
226	VanGerson	Judy	Resident	Laie	96762
227	Wilson	Robert	Driver	Kaneohe	96744
228	Wojcieski	Linda L.	Driver	Honolulu	96817
229	Young	Aurora	Medical Assistant	Mililani	96789
230	Levy	James	Grip/Electrician	Honolulu	96825

231	Kometani	Vicky	PR Account Executive	Kailua-Kona	96740
232	Ching	Brenda	Executive Director	Honolulu	96814
233	Ah Sam	Jeff	Actor	Honolulu	96813
234	Alvarez	Emma Rhia Lucas	Accountant	Ewa Beach	96706
235	Belden	Michael	Driver	Waipahu	96797
236	Bourza	Juan Manuel	Actor	Honolulu	96815
237	Cassel	Ronald	Resident	Honolulu	96817
238	Castillo	Marysol	Extra	Honolulu	96818
239	Chacker	Maurice	Audio	Mililani	96789
240	Concepciun	Richard	Actor	Ewa Beach	96706
241	Cryan	Jacqueline	Stunt	Honolulu	96815
242	Endo	Keith	Resident	Honolulu	96815
243	Feary	Shawn	Driver	Kapolei	96707
244	Feary	Monique	Administrator	Kapolei	96707
245	Accison	Francis	Actor	Honolulu	96825
246	Furuya	Henrietta	Store Manager	Honolulu	96816
247	Galera	Gaylon	Driver	Honolulu	96817
248	Garner	Michael	Driver	Waianae	96792
249	Goles	Brenden	Resident	Waipahu	96797
250	Goles	Sandra	Resident	Waipahu	96797
251	Goles-Hahn	Ayessandra	Resident	Waipahu	96797
252	Gracario	Lymari	Actor	Honolulu	96815
253	Greenia	Bridgette	Extra	Honolulu	96814
254	Harris IV	Alexander K.	Operator	Waipahu	96797
255	Harris	Trudy	Business Owner	Waipahu	96797
256	Hernandez	Jamilah	Extra	Honolulu	96819
257	Ho	Maimiti	Extra	Waimanalo	96795
258	Howard	Karen	Controllor	Mililani	96789
259	Ikei	Sherman	Resident	Honolulu	96815
260	McMillan	Ann Jimenez	Actor	Haleiwa	96712
261	Ka'aiali'i	Hinano	Resident	Pearl City	96782
262	Ka'aiali'i	Richard	Resident	Pearl City	96782
263	Ka'aiali'i	Shantelle	Accountant	Pearl City	96782
264	Ka'aiali'i	Terrilyn	Contractor	Pearl City	96797
265	Kaluna	Frederick	Driver	Honolulu	96822
266	Kaneshiro	Chelsea	Nurse	Aiea	96701
267	Kaneshiro	Paul	Fire Fighter	Aiea	96701
268	Kaolelopono	Lana	Receptionist	Honolulu	96819
269	Kashina	Garrick	Sales Consultant	Kaneohe	96744
270	Kawakami	Chad	Driver	Honolulu	96821
271	Kawakami	Momo	Resident	Honolulu	96821
272	Kihewa	Shon	Bus Operator	Honolulu	96819
273	Knight	Bernadette	Baker	Kahului	96732
274	Kojima	Frank	Construction Worker	Honolulu	96717
275	Latu	Paula	Driver	Honolulu	96815
276	Loa	Willa	Human Resources	Honolulu	96819
277	Loo	Kelly	Dispatcher	Ewa Beach	96706
278	Magill	Patricia	Actor	Waianae	96792
279	McAdams	Karly	Social Worker	Honolulu	96813
280	McAdams	Miguel	Project Manager	Honolulu	96813
281	Modelski	Lorina	Executive Assistant	Mililani	96789
282	Morita	Laura	Resident	Honolulu	96824
283	Nocon	Amalia	Accountant	Aiea	96701
284	Noga	George	Driver	Ewa Beach	96706
285	Ohira	Chad	Resident	Waipahu	96797
286	O'Neal	Hanalei	Partsman	Kaneohe	96744
287	Osborn	Norman F.	Driver	Mililani	96789
288	Parrish	Robert	Mechanic	Wahiawa	96782
289	Pascua	Ronnie	Construction Worker	Waipahu	96797

290	Peralta	Deanna	Sales	Waipahu	96797
291	Peralta	Dionna	Cashier	Waipahu	96797
292	Ramirez	Deborah	Extra	Waianae	96792
293	Reed	Jonathan	Driver	Kahuku	96731
294	Rosete	Rene	Extra	Honolulu	96819
295	Saignsa	Michelle	Resident	Honolulu	96816
296	Satta	Dean	Extra	Honolulu	96815
297	Schneider	Tammy	Actor	Honolulu	96815
298	Seggar	Shane	Production Assistant	Waipahu	96797
299	Shibuya	Kazue	Resident	Honolulu	96821
300	Shibuya	Setsu	Resident	Honolulu	96821
301	Silva	Mark	Mechanic	Honolulu	96817
302	Smith	Michelle	Extra	Wahiawa	96786
303	Strode	Kalai	Driver	Honolulu	96830
304	Sua	David	Driver	Honolulu	96825
305	Sutton	Rachel	Casting Director	Honolulu	96816
306	Suzuki	Coryne	Resident	Kaneohe	96744
307	Tanoai	Felita	Movie Industry Staff	Honolulu	96822
308	Thabet	Michael	Actor	Ewa Beach	96706
309	Thornburg	Kolyn	Mechanic	Ewa Beach	96706
310	Toyama	Stanley	Bus Operator	Honolulu	96818
311	Unabja	James	Actor	Honolulu	96816
312	Ursua	Rodrigö	Cook/Driver	Wahiawa	96786
313	Vasquez	Jonathan	Extra	Honolulu	96822
314	Wong	Darren	Driver	Honolulu	96815
315	Wong	Robert	Driver	Kaneohe	96744
316	Yap	Alice	Resident	Kahului	96732
317	Yoza	Shanelle	Construction Dispatcher	Waipahu	96797
318	Witeck	Lucy	Resident	Honolulu	96817
319	Bernales	Teresita	Resident	Kailua	96734
320	Ching-Johnson	Valerie	Resident	Kula	96790
321	McKeague	Tim	Coordinator/Safety Officer	Kailua	96734
322	Medeiros	Melissa	Makeup Artist	Milliani	96789
323	Hughes	Robert S.	Writer	Kailua	96734
324	Duarte	William W.	Driver	Kaneohe	96744
325	Gueso	Michael	Driver	Ewa Beach	96706
326	Hernandez	William	Driver	Kailua	96734
327	Howley	Wanda	Actor	Honolulu	96817
328	Hughs	Grady	Driver	Kailua	96734
329	Kaakimaka	Blaine	Driver	Honolulu	96825
330	Lum	Eugene	Driver	Aiea	96701
331	Medeiros	Joseph	Driver	Honolulu	96824
332	Miranda	Melvin	Driver	Kamuela	96743
333	Serna	Jose	Actor	Ewa Beach	96706
334	Silva	Herman J.K.	Driver	Honolulu	96826
335	Tangonan	Daniel	Driver	Kaneohe	96744
336	Yoshikawa	Clinton	Driver	Honolulu	96815
337	Cole	Jessica	Supervisor	Honolulu	96816
338	Munoz	Michael	Stuntsman/Actor	Lahaina	96761
339	Munoz	Marisa	Actor	Lahaina	96761
340	Kim	Jalene	Location Manager	Honokaa	96727
341	Cuadra	Robert	Electrician	Honolulu	96825
342	Garab	Dan	Sound Technician	Honolulu	96815
343	Hughes	Kathleen	Painter	Keaau	96749
344	White	Mariah Serine	Actor	Honolulu	96815
345	Corley	George	Actor	Honolulu	96825
346	Fong	Colin	Stunt Coordinator	Honolulu	96822
347	Cunningham	David	Director	Kailua-Kona	96740
348	Michael Gregg	Denny	Grip	Kapaa	96746

349	Winston	Randall	Producer	Los Angeles	90048
350	Walter	William	President, W.H. Shipman, Ltd.	Keeau	96749
351	Suapaia	Jason	Executive Producer	Honolulu	96814
352	Kelii	Thomas	Electrician	Mountain View	96771
353	Mendez	Sonya	Actor	Honolulu	96820
354	Aquino	Laura	Public Relations	Kailua-Kona	96740
355	Tarleton	Catherine	Writer/Publicist	Waikoloa	96738
356	Kennelly	Keala	Actor	Haleiwa	96712
357	Doyle-Hummel	Katie	Casting Director	Kaneohe	96744
358	Tamura	Todd	Driver	Laie	96762
359	Cazinha	Patrick	Rigger	Kaneohe	96744
360	Skaggs	Jason	Welder	Waimanalo	96795
361	Takahashi	James	Grip	Honolulu	96826
362	Pouliot	Marie-Noelle	Costumer	Honolulu	96815
363	Downing	Michaël	Art Director	Kula	96790
364	Sato	Kenneth K.	Construction Worker	Kaneohe	96744
365	Reynolds	John	Sound Mixer	Kailua	96734
366	Brady	Allan	Gaffer	Kapolei	96707
367	Carter	Irene Kay	Wardrobe	Honolulu	96816
368	Tereschuk	Michaël	Wardrobe	Honolulu	96822
369	Chong	Katrin	Production Shipping Coordinator	Honolulu	96817
370	Clark	Shalyn	Production Assistant	Ewa Beach	96706
371	Pyburn	Gail L.	Location Manager	Papaikou	96781
372	Bernstein	Ari	Director of Digital Media	Kamuela	96743
373	Goto	Mona	Office Coordinator	Honolulu	96830
374	England	Hugh	Wardrobe & Props	Haiku	96708
375	LeBuse	Eric	Driver	Honolulu	96819
376	Crum	Rick	Set Lighting / SFX / Electrician	Kaneohe	96744
377	Rego	Debra	Hair Stylist	Honolulu	96817
378	Prickett	Charlene	Television Producer	Papaikou	96781
379	Nealy	Keith	Owner, Keith Nealy Productions	Hawi	96719
380	Powell	William	Production Controller	Honolulu	96825
381	Cole	Terry	Accountant	Toluca Lake	91602
382	Griffith	Robert	Accountant	Honolulu	96825
383	Choi	Kimberly	Accountant	Pearl City	96701
384	Nakamoto	Nicole	Accountant	Honolulu	96817
385	Standley	Jacob	Accountant	Honolulu	96817
386	Porreca	James N.	Accounting Clerk	Honolulu	96822
387	Flores	Serena	Coordinator	Milliani	96789
388	Hearn	Alexandra	Production Assistant	Honolulu	96816
389	Ockerman	Irma	Executive Producer	Volcano	96785
390	Ockerman	Phillip	Executive Producer	Volcano	96785
391	Woo	Denyse	Director/ Producer	Volcano	96785
392	Spotkaeff	Alexander	Driver	Waianae	96792
393	Niko	Ekepati Masa	Driver	Ewa Beach	96706
394	Wilson	Thomas	Driver	Kaneohe	96744
395	Margolies	Joshua	Actor	Kaneohe	96744
396	Porter	Stockton	Production Assistant	Kailua	96734
397	Porter	Mabby McDiarmid	Travel Agent/Music Company Owner	Kailua	96734
398	Campanella	Bonnie L.	Actor	Kailua	96734
399	Jennings	Grayham	Production Assistant	Kailua	96734
400	Fong	Michaël	Costumer	Honolulu	96816
401	Ching	Cody	Costumer	Honolulu	96817
402	Lebat	Sandra	Actor	Kaneohe	96744
403	Morgan	Chris	Key Assistant Location Manager	Honolulu	96813
404	Geiger	Wayne	Actor	Honolulu	96825
405	Reed	Antoinette	Costumer	Kamuela	96743
406	Frauenholz	Diane	Script Supervisor	Aiea	96701
407	Braly	David	Electrician	Honolulu	96815

408	Hoover	Travis	Sound Technician	Kaaawa	96730
409	Mozo	Allen	Technician/Artist	Haleiwa	96712
410	Thurston	James	Grip	Honolulu	96816
411	Sakamoto	Ted	Grip/Electrician	Aiea	96701
412	Yurong	Kamuēla	Special Effects	Aiea	96701
413	Apeles	Chris	Special Effects	Kapolei	96707
414	Fujimori	Darin	Stunts	Honolulu	96814
415	Frank	Keith	Special Effects	Waimanalo	96795
416	McClelan	Marc	Actor	Kaneohe	96744
417	Grimes	Glenh	Grip	Kailua	96734
418	Link Jr	Richard Oscar	Boom Operator	Haleiwa	96712
419	Rankin	Cynthia	Regional Director of Corporate Communication	Honolulu	96825
420	Fischer	Justin	On-set Dresser	Honolulu	96825
421	Lam	Arnold W.	Actor	Honolulu	96817
422	Kim	Sekwār	Actor	Honolulu	96826
423	Yano	Mitchell	Optician	Honolulu	96816
424	Terry	William	Director	Honolulu	96815
425	Garrett	Cyland	Server	Honolulu	96815
426	Calderon	Melissā	Actor	Aiea	96701
427	Jutte	Amanda	Actor	Honolulu	96814
428	Phan	Yen A.	Actor	Honolulu	96826
429	Hodges	Samuel	Actor	Honolulu	96817
430	Miyata	Joanne	Hair Stylist	Honolulu	96825
431	Preiser	Karen	Makeup Artist	Honolulu	96816
432	Ilien	Martin	Security	Honolulu	96815
433	Ribuea	Mokuahi	Grip	Honolulu	96813
434	Ahuna	Archie	Special Effects Foreman	Kaneohe	96744
435	Santos	Paul	Electrician	Kaneohe	96744
436	Deguaire	Paul	Craft Service	Waianae	96792
437	Aresta	Erika	Costumer	Honolulu	96817
438	Kaloi	Kam	Security	Kailua-Kona	96760
439	Tukuafu	Torry	Camera Operator	Honolulu	96817
440	Wallace	Brian	Grip	Honolulu	96816
441	Helius	Daniel	Video Engineer	Honolulu	96816
442	Kepani	Kaao	Production Assistant	Honolulu	96822
443	Wallace	David	Grip	Honolulu	96816
444	Richard	Scott	Security	Honolulu	96826
445	Correa	Kelii	Greens	Honolulu	96821
446	Broadly	Michael	On-set Paramedics	Mililani	96789
447	Tang	Victoria	Actor	Honolulu	96822
448	Ho	Joseph	Actor	Honolulu	96822
449	Murakami	Ashley	Actor	Kapolei	96707
450	Douglas	Sean	Actor	Honolulu	96817
451	Watchman	Dustin	Actor	Honolulu	96826
452	Freitas	Louie	On-set Greens	Waianae	96792
453	Uyeda	Eric	Craft Service	Kapolei	96709
454	Camenson	Ann	Driver	Kaneohe	96744
455	Fano	Peter	Driver	Waianae	96792
456	Kanoa	Victor	Driver	Honolulu	96813
457	Scobie	David	Driver	Waianae	96792
458	Constantinau	Waleā	film commissioner	Kaneohe	96744
459	Confair-Sensano	Renee	Production Supervisor	Wahiawa	96782
460	Mason	John	film commissioner	Kailua-Kona	96740
461	Mago	Peter	Business Owner	Kaneohe	96744
462	Skinner	Georja	Administrator	Honolulu	96813
463	Hankins	Dana	Producer	Honolulu	96818



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L A T E

Topic: HB79 HD1 Relating to State Funds – Special Funds Repeal

To: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Senator David Ige, Chair; Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

When: March 17, 2011, Thursday at 9:00 am

Place: Conference Room 211

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OPPOSING HB79 HD1

**ALOHA CHAIR IGE, VICE CHAIR KIDANI, AND WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

My name is Larry Williams, executive director of The Salvation Army Addiction Treatment Services, which provides a comprehensive continuum of substance abuse treatment services for more than 1,200 adults annually. I oppose **House Bill No. 79** for the following reasons:

HB79 HD1 would eliminate the **Drug Demand Reduction Assessment (DDRA) Fund**. The DDRA currently generates monies via levy of fines on DUI and other drug offenders that can be used for substance abuse treatment.

Using these funds for substance abuse treatment represents the best use of this special fund as repeating DUI offenders and other drug abusers are far more costly to the state than not treating, while substance abuse treatment is effective at both stopping the offense and saving money for the state.

Since the legislature can transfer monies out of the DDRA Fund during times of dire need, please continue this special fund so it can accumulate during prosperous years.

I respectfully request that the **Senate Ways and Means Committee defer or amend HB79 HD1 by deleting reference to the Drug Demand Reduction Assessment Fund.**

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input regarding this important subject matter.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:23 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: lynnehi@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: lynne matusow
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lynnehi@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I am opposed to Section 4 (2) which would repeal the exemption that condos and community associations now have for the collection of maintenance fees. This would cost us at least \$30,000--which translates into one and a half jobs. Our owners continually grumble about escalating fees--needed for major repairs of aging buildings. We are estimating that spalling for our building will cost \$300,000 annually, for at least three years, but have been advised that total repair costs usually run 2 to 3 times estimated. Some owners can't even pay their fees. This is not a solution to the state's budget woes. It instead could lead to higher unemployment.

A similar provision was added during conference committee last session and derailed by major opposition.

Please remove this item from the bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:24 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: susang@hmcmtg.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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L A T E

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Susan Gregg
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: susang@hmcmtg.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

Condominiums and Homeowners associations are non-profit organizations but more importantly peoples homes. Dues and Fees are collected for maintenance and long term repairs and replacement. This additional tax burden should not be approved any more than you would approve taxation on a sigle family residents funds to do repairs and maintenance. I urge you to vote against this proposal.

From: joshua miller [thaidown@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:24 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: we oppose HB1270 on 3/17/11

L A T E

Hawaii Legislature, Please do not pass this bill as the film industry has been our saving grace over the years (local 665 union member since 1994).We know this tax incentive is the main reason for our industries recent upturn! DON'T KILL US NOW!

MAHALO, JOSHUA MILLER

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:28 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: bruceh@hmcmtg.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Bruce Howe
Organization: CAI-LAC
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bruceh@hmcmtg.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

The imposition of this tax on the money collected from owners of condos and community associations to pay their mutual bills is not only unfair but would be devastating in these times when foreclosures and delinquent payments from owners have pushed many associations to the brink of financial disaster.

The only fair way to increase the funds generated by the GET is to raise the rate by 1% across the Board.

Please delete condominiums and community associations from this bill eliminating exemptions from the designated organizations.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:37 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: glennskidmore@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Glenn Skidmore
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: glennskidmore@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

This is the wrong bill at the wrong time. Time to cut your spending and cut our taxes, not look for ways to increase it.

From: props@hawaiiopera.org
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:38 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: HB 1270 Hearing tomorrow 03.17.11

L A T E

I am opposed to specifically repealing of Section 235-I 7, HRS, motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit (Act 88).

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), wrote the following in their testimony opposition to HB 1270, "Hawaii has built and sustained an excellent global reputation for its film industry. A repeal of Section 235-I 7, HRS, motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit (Act 88), would severely impact Hawaii's ability to remain competitive in the global landscape of film and television production, by suspending all tax incentives for film, television and digital media production. The Act

88 tax incentive has helped to attract more than \$700 million in direct production expenditures since its effective date of July 1, 2006, delivering a cumulative economic impact of \$1.2 billion, keeping people employed by contributing over 6,000 jobs in production, small business and visitor industries statewide. This credit remains crucial to Hawaii's ability to maintain and grow a clean industry that has a proven track record of riving economic development and developing our workforce".

I am in agreement with these statements. Mahalo, Gen Boyer IATSE Local 665

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:39 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: mikeh@hmcmtg.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211

Testifier position: oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Mike Hartley

Organization: Hawaiiana Management Company

Address:

Phone:

E-mail: mikeh@hmcmtg.com

Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:43 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: lynnehi@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Honolulu Tower AOA0/Lynne Matusow
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lynnehi@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

In 2010, at the last minute, the legislature attempted to impose a 1% GET on maintenance fees for condos, co-ops, and homeowners associations. Because of a loud hue and cry, that provision was removed in conference committee.

It now appears that the House wants to repeal the exemption as of Dec. 31, 2014. Yes, the State is facing hard times, but so are we. Our maintenance fees go toward paying our bills, including water, sewer, electric, employee salaries, and fund the mandated reserve funds for capital improvements. On O'ahu, we and many others pay the county to haul away garbage which the county won't and have to hire private contractors to do the work. Many of our owners are on fixed incomes. We can't pay this additional amount, be it 1%, 2%, or even 4.5%. Many of our buildings are 20, 30, 40 years old and in need of major expensive repairs, including spalling, replacing antiquate plumbing, elevator modernization, etc. Honolulu Tower is spending more than \$1.2 million to modernize the elevators and expects to pay at least \$300,000 annually for the next three years for spalling repairs. Keep taxing us and their the properties will fall into disrepair or we will have to lay off workers. A 1% tax would equal one and a half workers, each additional per cent would be another one and a half workers.

Last year, with two days notice, we sent over 100 signatures from residents in opposition. As we just learned about the bill, it is too late to do another petition drive. The Board last year voted against the tax, and that position has not changed.

Please delete this provision from the bill.

Alvin Au, President, Honolulu Tower AOA0 Lynne Matusow, Secretary, Honolulu Tower AOA0

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:45 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: marcu@hmcmtg.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marc Udoff
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: marcu@hmcmtg.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

Although this date is more than 3 years away, a repeal would be disastrous to condominium associations since they have not been able to collect sufficient maintenance fees to repair and maintain their projects and this has been occurring for years. This is currently exacerbated by the current recession which has resulted in many unit owners not paying their maintenance fees (and going into foreclosure) and forcing the other unit owners to make up the shortfall every year. In 3 years the buildings will be 3 years older and our experience has been that the cost and frequency of repairs and maintenance increases as the buildings age. This bill has crossed over to the Senate and is set for hearing before WAM. Speaking for condo and community associations, we would appreciate an amendment deleting this section as it affects collection of our maintenance fees.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:46 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: waikapu@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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L A T E

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Glen Yasue
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: waikapu@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:47 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: russellgouveia@boydgaming.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Russell A. Gouveia
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: russellgouveia@boydgaming.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:
contemplated action is detrimental to the health of condominium associations for various reasons including higher energy costs, delinquent accounts and increased expenses threatening the economic health of associations.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:50 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: janet0428@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Janet
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: janet0428@msn.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:00 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: smee@charter.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Debbie Smee
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: smee@charter.net
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

This is disastrous to condo associations already in trouble due to the economy and high foreclosure. This avenue is not the way to help balance the budget.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:01 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: celeste47@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Celeste S Makrevis
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: celeste47@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I very much oppose the repeal of the exemption that condos and community associations now have for the collection of maintenance fees on 12/31/2014. This would put an unfair burden of taxation on those of us who live in condominiums or Home Owner Associations. Are you going to tax the money that individual homeowners and renters spend on their homes and apartments? Please be fair!

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Makrevis
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:04 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: lindam@hmcmgt.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Linda Morabito
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lindam@hmcmgt.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

We understand the state is looking for more tax income, however homeowner associations are non-profit, the dues go directly to paying for expenses. How can the state differentiate between non-profits, once you tax this group the state should then start taxing every other non-profit group in the state. In addition, to further burden our homeowner associations will risk jobs and reduce their spending which puts a lot more people out of business.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:10 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: onearcherlane@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Poorbaugh
Organization: AOA One Archer Lane
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: onearcherlane@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

Adding a 5% burden to Condominium Maintenance fees is an increase that our Association, and most others, can not sustain. It would require special meeting to raise maintenance fees, and then that raise would also be increased by a new tax burden. These maintenance fees are taxed when the Association spends the money with vendors and suppliers to maintain their home- Taxing the fees and then taxing them again when spent really is a double taxation burden and we plead for relief that you continue to exempt Association fees.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:13 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: margobrower@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Margo Brower
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: margobrower@msn.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I am a Realtor and I sit on the Board of the building where I reside. Please do not impose a GETax on the maintenance fees. Owners will be struggling under additional tax burdens in a poor economic environment. Many buildings already are unable to sustain enough cash flow due to foreclosures and delinquent owners. Passing this additional burden will definitely hurt the real estate market in Hawaii. You need to stimulate the real estate industry, not shut it down further.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:14 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: mluppino@pol.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark Luppino
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mluppino@pol.net
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

The provision to start taxing condo maintenance fees will be an extreme hardship. To consider that condo owners are already taxed for public services they don't receive, like trash pickup, and maintenance of electrical and plumbing distribution systems, for which we have to pay separately, it is unfair to shift even more tax burden to condo owners. Many condo owners are trying to just get into housing, and this is going to force many out.



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L A T E

March 17, 2011

To: Senator David Ige, Chair
Hawaii State Senate

From: Claudia Shay
Executive Director

RE: Testimony Opposing H.B. 1270

The Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii is submitting testimony opposing H.B. 1270 which repeals general excise tax exemptions for affordable housing projects. Given the need for approximately 32,580 housing units in the State of Hawaii, it is critical to offer tax incentives to developers to build affordable housing. With the high cost of land, building materials, labor, and rising shipping costs, it is critical to provide tax exemptions to developers to build the housing which is desperately needed in Hawaii, particularly for low income families. Low income families, who represent the "workforce" of Hawaii presently cannot afford an average priced single family house at \$500,000. Therefore, it is necessary to offer incentives to developers to build housing affordable to the "workforce" of Hawaii.

In the past 28 years SHHCH has completed 46 projects assisting 591 low income families on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Molokai to build their own houses. These projects were exempt from the general excise tax and provided substantial savings; thereby, remaining affordable to low income families. Given the overwhelming need for affordable housing in Hawaii, now it not the time to repeal tax exemptions.

**HB 1270 HD1
RELATING TO TAXATION**

L A T E

**PAUL T. OSHIRO
MANAGER – GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC.**

MARCH 17, 2011

Chair Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means:

I am Paul Oshiro, testifying on behalf of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. (A&B) on HB 1270 HD1, "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION."

General Excise Tax Exemption Repeal

This bill establishes a review of all general excise tax exemptions, and repeals certain general excise tax exemptions over the next few years. While we understand the fiscal constraints that the Legislature must deal with, we are concerned with the negative impact that this measure may have upon Hawaii's businesses, residents, and economy. Many of the tax exemptions that are proposed for repeal appear to have been enacted to mitigate multiple taxation of the same revenue and the pyramiding effect of the general excise and use tax. We anticipate that the repeal of these tax exemptions, along with the pyramiding effects of the newly imposed general excise tax on these items, may increase the cost of goods and services to the Hawaii consumer. In addition, the increased costs that businesses are unable to pass on to the consumer due to market circumstances could impact businesses' employment decisions or render the business to be less financially viable, both of which may negatively impact Hawaii's efforts towards economic recovery.

For maritime operations, this bill will repeal tax exemptions for numerous services that are essential for the transportation of goods and materials to Hawaii which include the loading and unloading of cargo and related services (i.e. stevedoring services), shipbuilding and ship repair services, tugboat and pilot services, and the towing of ships, barges, or other vessels. With approximately 98% of Hawaii's imported goods passing through our harbors including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel, we anticipate that taxing these essential maritime services may result in an increase in the cost of goods and services to Hawaii's residents and businesses.

Of particular concern is the repeal of the general excise tax exemption for the loading and unloading of cargo (i.e. stevedoring services) in Section 3, Subsection (b) (2). Should this tax exemption be repealed and the general excise tax imposed on stevedoring activities, it is anticipated that the cost of virtually everything that is brought into or transported out of the State would be directly increased, resulting in a concurrent increase in the overall cost of living in Hawaii and in our export products becoming less price competitive in the world market place. In addition, with the imposition of the general excise tax on stevedoring services at the initial point of entry of shipments to Hawaii, we anticipate that the inherent pyramiding effect of the general excise tax may further increase the cost of imported goods prior to purchase/use by Hawaii's residents and businesses.

The repeal of the general excise tax exemption for gross proceeds received from tangible personal property shipped out of State (Section 3, Subsection (b) (9)) is also of significant concern. This tax exemption, which covers gross proceeds from the

manufacturing, production, or sale of products shipped to a point outside of the State where the items are subsequently resold or otherwise consumed, presently supports and assists Hawaii businesses who export locally made products to other destinations. For HC&S, Hawaii's last sugar plantation, the repeal of this tax exemption would directly impact the sale of our Hawaii grown and manufactured sugar to the C&H sugar processing facility in the mainland United States. This imposition of the general excise tax on our Hawaii grown sugar may negatively impact the overall financial viability of HC&S and our ability to financially compete with other sugar producers in the market place. We anticipate that other Hawaii products exported for sale may also be similarly impacted.

Should you decide to pass this bill out of your Committee, we respectfully request your consideration to delete from the purview of this bill, the above mentioned general excise and use tax exemptions for stevedoring services (Section 3, Subsection (b) (2)) and for tangible personal property shipped out of State (Section 3, Subsection (b) (9)).

Important Agricultural Lands Tax Credit Repeal

This bill also establishes a review of tax credits, and repeals certain tax credits over the next few years.

One of the tax credits that this bill repeals is the IAL Qualified Agricultural Cost Tax Credit (Section 3, Subsection (c) (3)), which is a part of the comprehensive package of IAL incentives in Act 233 (2008). Not only will this IAL Tax Credit encourage investment in agricultural infrastructure and operations on IAL, it will greatly assist these dedicated farmers with the basic costs of farming, assisting their viability. Furthermore, this tax credit, as part of the comprehensive package of IAL incentives, is central to the

IAL law—intended to encourage farmers and landowners to consider the voluntary designation of their agricultural lands as IAL, a process that is currently ongoing and will provide for much quicker designation of IAL. To date, the IAL Law has resulted in the designation by the LUC of over 30,000 acres of agricultural lands as IAL from voluntary petitions by Alexander & Baldwin for its lands on Maui and Kauai, and we believe significantly more acreage will be designated through the voluntary landowner petition process. Two voluntary petitions have recently been announced and are pending LUC action.

While we understand the fiscal constraints that the Legislature must deal with, we believe that impacting the core aspects of the IAL law may negatively impact the outcome. We also believe that the IAL law should be given a chance to work, the way the Legislature intended it to work when it passed the law. We respectfully request that the provision that repeals the IAL Tax Credit (Section 3, Subsection (c) (3)) be deleted from this bill.

Filing Deadline For Tax Returns

This bill includes a provision which would require a taxpayer claiming a tax credit, exclusion, or exemption listed in this bill, to file their tax return along with additional statistical information to the Department of Taxation by the due date for the tax return or March 30, whichever is sooner, in the year following the year in which the tax credit, exclusion, or exemption is being claimed. The bill also includes a provision that prohibits the Department of Taxation from giving any taxpayer an extension on this deadline. For large corporate taxpayers doing business in the form of a group of affiliated corporations or other entities with a consolidated tax return, the sheer

complexity of these returns would make it difficult for the corporate taxpayer to file their tax returns by the above mentioned deadline of March 30. For Alexander & Baldwin, an extension is often requested from the Department of Taxation, with our consolidated tax returns typically filed by October 20. We respectfully request your consideration to amend this bill to change the March 30 deadline for the filing of tax returns and statistical information to October 20, along with appropriate modifications to other deadlines included in this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



L A T E

TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Honorable Senator David Ige, Chair

RE: Testimony in Opposition to HB1270 HD1 Relating To Taxation.

Testimony is 1 page long.

HEARING: Thursday, March 17, 2011 9:00 a.m., Room 211

Chair Ige and members of the Committee:

I appreciate this committee's consideration of HB1270 HD1, and welcome this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to the bill as it relates to the renewable energy tax credit, HRS 235-12.5.

My name is Larry Gilbert, and I am the Managing Partner and Chief Executive of Kairos Energy Capital LLC. Kairos Energy Capital is a Hawai'i merchant bank that focuses entirely on providing and arranging funding for renewable energy projects. We have become one of the leading experts in Hawai'i in solar project financing. Notable financing which we have completed include solar panels on all of the Neighbor Island airports for the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (one of the largest solar project financings done in Hawai'i) and the refinancing of the Hawi Wind Farm on the Big Island.

HB1270 HD1 proposes to sunset a large number of the State's tax credit incentives, including sunsetting the renewable energy credit of HRS 235-12.5 effective December 31, 2015. It also proposes to require the Department of Taxation to collect data regarding each of the tax credits. The renewable energy credit is supporting one of the few strong segments of our economy, the solar PV industry, which currently employs over 500 people. The credit is essential for attracting the capital necessary to pay the large up-front costs of these systems, whose long term benefits are proven. The renewable energy credit has the additional advantage of receiving "matching" money from the Federal government, in the form of a 30% tax credit. The Federal credit expires one year later than the proposed expiration of 235-12.5.

We do not oppose the idea of adding a sunset clause to the renewable energy credit, and in fact support the notion of having the Tax Department collect data about the efficacy of the credit. We would suggest, however, that if a sunset is to be added to HRS 235-12.5, it be made the same as that of the Federal credit, i.e. December 31, 2016, so as to take advantage of the "matching" funds. We would also suggest that the bill be amended to allow the Tax Department more discretion in determining which data are appropriate to collect for each credit type, rather than the "one size fits all" requirements of the current bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony, and please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Larry Gilbert
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 5:51 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: rmakrevis@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Richard R Makrevis
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rmakrevis@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I very much oppose the repeal of the exemption that condos and community associations now have for the collection of maintenance fees on 12/31/2014. This would put an unfair burden of taxation on those of us who live in condominiums or Home Owner Associations. Respectfully submitted, Richard R. Makrevis Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:04 PM
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Cc: herklotzm001@hawaii.rr.com
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michelle de la Rosa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: herklotzm001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

as a condo owner it is difficult as it already is to pay maintenance fees but we do it for up keep on our property/condo that we occupy full time with our children. If this bill were passed, it would only create additional hardship on our family in that the association would have to increase maintenance fees by 5% to pay the GET tax. Therefore, i am opposed to this proposed bill HB 1270

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:09 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: hirakie002@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Edwin H. Hiraki
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: hirakie002@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

There are lot of us who are seniors on fixed incomes. With the rising costs of maintenance fees, contributed by rising costs of water, electricity etc. Our fees have gone up from less than \$100 to our present monthly fee of \$655.98. And now you want to tax us...what are you elected officials thinking. Look at what we now pay and add that to other expenses like a mortgage...please give us a break !!!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:33 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Rayhonolulu@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: raymond tremblay
Organization: AOA WAIKIKI SUNSET, HON. HI
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Rayhonolulu@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:
i AM OPPOSED TO HB1270.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:34 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Rayhonolulu@yahoo.com
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L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: raymond tremblay
Organization: AOA WAIKIKI SUNSET, HON. HI
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Rayhonolulu@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:
i AM OPPOSED TO HB1270.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:19 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: volkrand@comcast.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Elaine Volk
Organization: Hualalai Terrace Community Association
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: volkrand@comcast.net
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

As a member of the board of directors of a residential non-profit community association of single-family dwellings, I recommend rejection of this bill. In order to keep fees low, we collect minimal maintenance fees only and no excess revenue that could be construed to be taxable income. No officer is paid and there are no employees. This would be taxation of non-revenue and non-profit residential dwellings, unlike a hotel-type condominium, which is already taxed as such.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:40 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: anone986@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Arnold Yoshioka
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: anone986@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:45 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: kibblesm@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: A. Shak
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kibblesm@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:
Please VOTE NO, I am opposed to HB1270>

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 8:04 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: diego8roig@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: DIEGO ROIG
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: diego8roig@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I oppose this bill on the grounds maintenance fees are used completely (all 100%) for the upkeep, daily running, and continued maintenance of grounds, facilities, and costs for labor, etc... and in no way should constitute income, let alone taxable income.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 8:41 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: rnakas@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: ricky s.nakamura
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rnakas@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 8:42 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: mwm@lava.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Macmillan
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mwm@lava.net
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

As soon to be pensioner and owner of a townhome, I oppose any measure that will tax AGAIN moneys that I have paid in to maintain my home. If a single family homeowner does not have to pay taxes TWICE on moneys he/she puts aside to maintain his/her home, why should I because I have chosen to live in a small-footprint home?

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 8:44 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: ukeplayer16@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Erik Yasuda
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ukeplayer16@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

This bill was just brought to my attention. The preamble states that the "purpose of this Act is to provide a review of all tax credits and exemptions to facilitate the authorization or reauthorization of successful programs . . ." One the sections, i.e. Section 4(2) (cited below) contemplates a repeal of the exemption that condos and community associations now have for the collection of maintenance fees on 12/31/2014. Although this date is more than 3 years away, a repeal would be disastrous to condominium associations since they have not been able to collect sufficient maintenance fees to repair and maintain their projects and this has been occurring for years. This is currently exacerbated by the current recession which has resulted in many unit owners not paying their maintenance fees (and going into foreclosure) and forcing the other unit owners to make up the shortfall every year. In 3 years the buildings will be 3 years older and our experience has been that the cost and frequency of repairs and maintenance increases as the buildings age. This bill has crossed over to the Senate and is set for hearing before WAM. Speaking for condo and community associations, we would appreciate an amendment deleting this section as it affects collection of our maintenance fees.

Section 4. Repeal on December 13, 2014

(2) Section 237-24.3 (general excise tax; additional amounts not taxable);

Amounts received by the manager, submanager, or board of directors of: (A) An association of owners of a condominium property regime established in accordance with chapter 514A or 514B; or (B) A nonprofit homeowners or community association incorporated in accordance with chapter 414D or any predecessor thereto and existing pursuant to covenants running with the land, in reimbursement of sums paid for common expenses;

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:08 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: ssloftis@earthlink.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Susanna Loftis
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ssloftis@earthlink.net
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:23 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: diane.mark@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Diane Mark
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: diane.mark@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

From: Brenna Charlebois [brenna.charlebois@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:09 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB1270

L A T E

HB1270
Thursday, March 17, 2011
9:00 a.m.

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Brenna Charlebois, am in STRONG OPPOSITION of HB1270.

Furthermore, I am opposed to specifically repealing of Section 235-I 7, HRS, motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit. (Act 88)

Thank you,
Brenna Charlebois
310-720-0065 c

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:13 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: jjog4life@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jean Ishikawa
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jjog4life@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

I oppose HB1270 as it would put additional burden to low income individuals who are already inundated by GET. Please put a permanent exemption on this bill to insure future security to our seniors and low income individuals. Thank you.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 10:30 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: bambi@hmcmt.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bambi Mason
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bambi@hmcmt.com
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:06 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: mluppino@pol.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mark Luppino
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mluppino@pol.net
Submitted on: 3/16/2011

Comments:

The provision to tax condominium maintenance fees should be removed from this bill. It is an unfair double taxation imposed on a portion of the population. It taxes for a second time a class of homeowners expenses. Condominium maintenance fees are used to pay for goods and services that support a very large part of the Hawaii housing market, it's more affordable portion at that. The vendor's who provide these goods and services to condominiums already collect the GET on those goods and services. Taxing the same funds again, before the goods and services can be bought is just plain and patently unfair, and may lead to a deterioration of many properties.

From: Art Manzano [mauiart1@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:57 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: HB 1270

L A T E

Aloha State Lawmakers,

My wife and I oppose this bill. With our economy needing every help it can possibly receive, we do not need another economic killer. Pleas vote against it.

And we also want to acknowledge that we are asking you to not repeal Section 235-I 7, HRS tax credit that Digital Media is proposing.

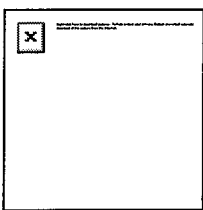
We support this measure which would be a great shot in the arm for the State of Hawaii It will help create great opportunities for our citizens to be involved, trained, and take part in this awesome industry. Not to mention the increase in revenues which will be infused to grow our struggling economy.

It's time we move on measures that will only help our citizens grow and prosper. We need to stem the present direction of the economic downturn and help Hawaii. We, you can make that change that benefits all of your constituents today.

Please vote against HB1270 and do not repeal Section 235-I 7, HRS.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Art & Deborah Manzano
11 Waiihili Pl.
Kihei, 96753



Art Manzano / ERA Pacific Properties

Cell: (808) 276-3248
mauiart1@gmail.com

Earl Bailey

I am a board member for Parkside Tower Condominium.

I am totally in opposition to this bill.

This bill would certainly negate most of our projects which are planned for this building.

Most or all of our planned projects for the coming years lends to the safety of the residents of Parkside tower.

Speaking for condo and community associations, I would appreciate an amendment deleting this section as it affects collection of our maintenance fees.

Mahalo

L A T E

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:18 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: gomem67@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Eric M. Matsumoto
Organization: Mililani Town Association
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: gomem67@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

We oppose the bill for the following reasons: 1) SECTION 3(b(2), section 237-24.3 that repeals exemption of AOA's under 514A & B and PCAs like MTA under 414D for 4 years will cost the homeowners whose dues to MTA covers costs to manage and maintain their(homeowners') common areas:

1% tax: ~\$259K; 2% tax: ~\$500K; 3% tax: ~\$630K. These dues will cause a shortfall necessitating a dues increase to the homeowners.

2) Taxing income other than dues is reasonable, but taxing dues is not and is unfair to those who live in community associations (AOA's and PCAs).

We would have no objections to the bill if taxing of dues is excluded for AOA's and PCAs from this bill, i.e., not repealing the exemption for the homeowner dues part of income for AOA's and PCAs.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:42 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Jeallin@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joann Allin
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Jeallin@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

No tax on maintenance fees for condo's, condo hotels, etc. This would have a disasterous affect on home owners and renters. Do not re-enact this tax. It is very unfair.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 2:13 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Johnny@JohnnyMcElree.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Johnny McElree
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Johnny@JohnnyMcElree.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

I oppose this as an individual and also as the Secretary of the Kolea Homeowner's Association. We have had terrible delinquency problems at our development to begin with, and this would push more owners over the edge.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:38 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: Rayhonolulu@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: raymond tremblay
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Rayhonolulu@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

Yesterday, I responded as an organization for my AOA Waikiki Sunset representing 435 owners at our building. Today am responding as an individual home owner. pls note the difference.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:57 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: emillim2001@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Emil Lim
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: emillim2001@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

The removal of excise tax exemption from condos would result in additional burden to us retirees who are surviving from SS benefits and pension.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:20 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: rsrobortoehi@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

L A T E

Testimony for WAM 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM HB1270

Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert E. Smith
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rsrobortoehi@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

I worked in Civil Service 25 years 20 in Asia 58 year residence voter registered since 1991 retiring as a GS9 in 1995 to attend wife dying of renal failure 2001 to get my unit and saw maintenance jump from \$100 to nearly \$600 due to rust pipes. Now that I am nearly 80 (78 in April) with an adopted child this bill HB1270 will near kill my chance to survive

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:43 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: ekomomai@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bob Bretschneider
Organization: President AOA0 Waipao Gentry
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ekomomai@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

Our AOA0 is opposed to taxing maintenance fees since this is just money owners put away for future repairs. We pay taxes on all our services from our vendors. This tax would be the equivalent to taxing single family homeowners saving money to redo their roofs etc. This is totally unfair to the AOA0 owners.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:22 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: tjdavies@juno.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Capt. T. J. Davies Jr.
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: tjdavies@juno.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

The addition of excise tax to condo association Maintenance Fees would result in additional burden to retirees who are struggling with increases in prices for groceries, gas, and medical premiums without any COLA increases to Social Security benefits and other military and Government pensions for two years. Mahalo & Aloha

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:02 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: brendajjenkins@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brenda J. Jenkins
Organization: AOA
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: brendajjenkins@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

MAINTENANCE FEES COLLECTED BY AOA IS NOT A REVENUE SOURCE. THESE MONIES ARE COLLECTED FROM OWNERS TO PAY FOR THEIR UTILITIES, INSURANCE, AND OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES. THIS IS DOUBLE TAXATION OF MONIES EARNED BY THESE OWNERS.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:02 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: teddy.b@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Theodora Bosch
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: teddy.b@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

Why can't someone be fiscally responsible and balance the budget by decreasing spending instead of trying to balance the budget on the taxpayer's already burdened backs.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:11 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: oneald003@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David O'Neal
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: oneald003@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

I oppose the bill for the following reasons: 1) SECTION 3(b(2)), section 237-24.3 that repeals exemption of AOAOS under 514A and B; and PCAs under 414D. This will cause a huge financial burden to Associations, resulting in a dues increase to the homeowners.

2) Taxing income other than dues is reasonable, but taxing dues in not and is unfair to those who live in community associaiotns (AOAOS and PCAs).

I would have no objections to the bill if taxing of dues is excluded for AOAOS and PCAs from this bill,i.e., not repealing the exemption for the homeowner dues part of income for AOAOS and PCAs.

Thank you for your time.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:19 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: palv5355@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Patricia Alvarez
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: palv5355@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose repeal of the exemption on GET afforded to condominium owners with regard to fees paid to their association. The tax is an unfair burden on owners since the fees are collected to maintain the jointly owned property rather than to produce a profit.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:22 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: ktaylor.UFH@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kevin Taylor taylor
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ktaylor.UFH@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:
Do not do this to the people of Hawaii!!!
Vote "no";

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 9:08 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: rebeccar@moiliilicc.org
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rebecca R. Senutovitch
Organization: Board VPresident of Bel Aire Condo Association
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: rebeccar@moiliilicc.org
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

From: dlearned@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 9:45 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: HB 1270, vote no

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Please vote no on this bill to increase taxes for non profit organization like condominiums.

Thanks,

Leland Learned
Board member of Matlock Hale

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 10:05 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: cvesely129@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Charles J Vesely
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: cvesely129@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:
Enough with the taxes. Try cutting spending.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:25 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: jean@houseproud.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/17/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jean C. Patterson
Organization: Spruce Ridge Villas
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jean@houseproud.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

Dear Committee on Bill HB1270,
Associations that have a none profit status, if they are to be taxed on monthly AOA0 fees, it would automatically cause them to lose of the none profit status. Each owners monthly fees contribution to the running of the associations.
Our dues are equivalent to what a private home owners spends on the maintenance of their house, ARE this going to be your next target.
You are our legal representatives and its time you stated doing you job and being responsible and accountable for your actions. IT IS TIME TO STOP TAXING, TAXING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR YOUR POOR HANDLING OF OUR MONIES. START BEING RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE ACTIONS YOU TAKE.



Alan Shintani INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR BC 13068

L A T E

March 16, 2011

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 17, 2011
9:00 a.m.

RE: HB 1270, Relating to Taxation

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, my name is Alan Shintani, and I am the President of Alan Shintani, Inc.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 1270, as it applies to the repeal of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the repeal of the General Excise Tax exemption for affordable housing projects.

Both of these programs provide the incentives that make it possible to build the rental housing and homes that would not be otherwise financially feasible.

This is a benefit to the low-income families and seniors in our communities, but it also keeps companies like mine in business and allows us to employ many laborers and skilled craftsmen of all kinds.

Please remove the repeal of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the repeal of the General Excise Tax exemption for affordable housing projects before passing this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Alan Shintani
President
Alan Shintani, Inc.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 11:37 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: MitsuiHawaii@gmail.com
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cory Mitsui
Organization: Mitsui Insurance & Financial Services
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: MitsuiHawaii@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:16 PM
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Camille K. Weindl
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: aiuc001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

Being a single parent and sole wage earner for my family, makes money tight. Raising the GET on my maintenance fees that already increased is horrible. Don't do this to me and all of the other homeowners. What happened to the American dream?

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:18 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: doug.jorg@gmail.com
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: DOUG JORG
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: doug.jorg@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

Many of our condo dwellers are having a difficult time of paying their maintenance fees. This is the worst time to hit condo associations with an increase. Elimination of GET tax credits would raise most maintenance fees by 5%.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:59 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: royflora@aol.com
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Roy Flora
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: royflora@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

I think the state should cut their spending like I have to do. Every increase in gas tax, food prices, health insurance, ect... leaves me less money for food and clothes so I must cut back. Go tax the rich people making more than \$60,000 a year and leave the small guy alone.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 4:37 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: karynsarring@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karyn Sarring
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: karynsarring@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/17/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 8:51 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: caubetmaui@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1270 on 3/23/2011 10:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 211
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: jose caubet
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: caubetmaui@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 3/18/2011

Comments:

I am totally opposed to applying GET on CAM fees for condominium.
This would be a hardship to a lot of middle class seniors and working class people that are already struggling with high prop taxes and very high cost of living.