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April 1, 2011

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COMMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1568, HD2, SD1

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1568, HD2, SD1 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide space and infrastructure at various harbors and airports in the State for biosecurity and inspection facilities. The bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to reimburse the DOT for the design and construction of such facilities and for appropriate rent for the use of space for the facilities. The bill also authorizes the DOA to reimburse the Aloha Tower Development Corporation for the design and construction of biosecurity and inspection facilities at the Aloha Tower Complex.

We oppose this bill.

1. The bill imposes the burden on initially funding the design and construction of these agricultural inspection facilities on DOT. This will divert our limited financial resources generated from airport and harbor user fees to finance improvements that should be funded by the general fund. Our primary focus is the implementation of needed airport and harbor improvements under the New Day Work projects and our revenues and staffing resources should not be diverted from these purposes.
2. Under our respective bond certificates, airport and harbor revenues are pledged towards the payment of debt service on revenue bonds and to cover operating expenses related to the airport and harbor undertakings. We question whether the capital needs of the DOA would qualify as a related operating expense of DOT under our bonds and defer to the Department of Budget and Finance.
3. Additionally, the DOT-Airports Division has executed grant agreements to construct airport facilities with federal funds. All grant agreements mandate that airport revenue be expended only for capital or operating costs of the airport that are directly and substantially related to the actual air transportation of passengers or property. The use of airport revenue

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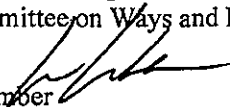
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March 31, 2011

**L A T E**

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

FROM: Mike White  
Council Member 

SUBJECT: **IN SUPPORT OF HB1568 HD2 SD 1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish biosecurity and inspection facilities at major airports and harbors in the state to strengthen and support Hawaii's agricultural industry and protect Hawaii's environment from invasive species.

I am testifying as an individual member of the Maui County Council and as Chair of the Council's Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture and Recreation.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The bill recognizes the crucial need to protect Hawaii's environment and prevent economic losses by reducing the threat of invasive species being introduced through our airports and harbors. With aircraft, ships, passengers and goods arriving from origination points around the globe, it is imperative that steps are taken to mitigate potential threats to Hawaii.
2. The bill emphasizes the importance of proper inspection and treatment of incoming and outgoing commodities in reducing the likelihood of new agricultural and environmental pests being introduced, which helps reduce the possibility of an economically devastating quarantine being imposed on Hawaii's exported goods.
3. The bill addresses the long-term viability of Maui County's and Hawaii's agricultural industry and overall economy by taking proactive measures to establish, operate or participate in operating port-of-entry facilities.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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