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# LATE TESTIMONY

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 Conference Room 308 House Committee on Finance

### Testimony in Support for HB 1840

Relating to Task Force to Establish a State Bank Of Hawaii

Dear Chair Oshiro and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community Based Economic Development (HACBED) supports HB 1840 which creates a task force to evaluate the feasibility of a state Bank of Hawaii based on the model of the Bank of North Dakota.

The creation of a state bank has the potential to build a unique asset base for the state and the evaluation of this model is an appropriate step. HACBED stands to support the taskforce in any capacity should this effort go forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Brent Dillabaugh Asset Policy Coordinator



### Testimony of Clyde T. Hayashi Director Hawaii LECET 1617 Palama Street Honolulu, HI 96817

## LATE TESTIMONY

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Wednesday, February 29, 2012 11:30 a.m., Conference Room 308

HB 1840, HD2 - RELATING TO THE BANK OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee. and Members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde Hayashi and I am the director of Hawaii LECET (Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust). Hawaii LECET is a partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 and our union contractors.

I am submitting this testimony in support of the intent and purpose of HB 1840, HD2.

Hawaii LECET supports establishing a task force to review, investigate, and stufy the feasibility and cost of establishing a bank of the State of Hawaii.

Members of the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368 have been part of a larger group of residents who have experienced distressed residential properties and foreclosures. A bank of the State of Hawaii may provide them with needed assistance and relief.

We support this effort to provide our members and other residents with assistance in their time of economic distress.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.