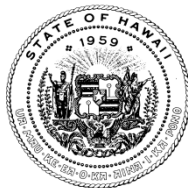


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H.B. 2145, H.D. 2
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Transportation supports HB 2145 HD2 which addresses economic development by establishing, as state policy, an intent to complete or facilitate the completion of essential projects in key economic sectors including the airport and harbor new day work projects as they exist as of the effective date of the act.

The timely progress of the airports and harbors new day work projects is of the utmost importance to the department. We continue to make every effort to move forward with the planning, design, and construction of each phase of these projects.

Though it is always the goal of the department to meet long term milestones, inevitably there will arise unforeseen issues contributing to delays in the progress of the new day work projects. Historically, financial, environmental, and even organizational constraints such as the transfer of the ATDC to the harbors division have impacted the planned progression of the new day work projects.

The Department will continue to support the push for economic development through projects in the airports, harbors, and highways divisions.

The Department of Transportation thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.





**HB 2145 HD2
RELATING TO LAND USE**

Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology

March 14, 2012

1:30 p.m.

Room 016

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** on HB 2145 HD2, which would reflect the Legislature’s support for specific projects that it has determined to be important to the success of Hawai‘i’s key economic sectors. OHA notes that it is highly unusual for the legislature to enact bills that prioritize projects with such specificity and wonders whether the projects have been sufficiently and individually reviewed.

While OHA supports—in concept—some of the projects articulated in HB 2145 HD2, we question whether the specific projects named in the bill warrant special mention and support. Some of the projects listed are highly controversial and have already met community resistance (e.g. the thirty-meter telescope on Mauna Kea, the 690 Pohukaina street mixed-use transit oriented development project, the Pohakuloa training area, etc). OHA would like to know what type of analysis went into the determination that the listed projects were the most important for the success of the identified key economic sectors. Were alternatives considered? What are the associated costs and benefits of these projects? What impacts may result to Hawai‘i’s natural and cultural environment?

OHA notes the importance of moving projects forward in an efficient and effective manner, but does not support doing so at the expense of Hawai‘i’s social, environmental, and cultural values. Although the rationale and feasibility are not made clear in its contents, HB 2145 HD2 would make it the intent of the State to complete or facilitate completion of the listed projects by December 31, 2023—a little over 11 years from now. If the need to expedite the projects in HB 2145 HD2 leads to a discussion of fast-tracking these projects, OHA would oppose broad and one-size fits all exemptions to regulations that ensure opportunities for community input, place special controls on development in fragile areas such as shorelines, protect constitutionally recognized Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, and protect and conserve important natural and cultural resources for present and future generations. Often times, these processes are the only time that impacts to Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices are considered.

Although OHA understands the importance of economic diversification for the long term economic sustainability for Hawai'i's future, it is unclear whether HB 2145 HD2 would facilitate this goal.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



Testimony to Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

1:30 p.m.

Capitol Room 016

RE: H.B. 2145 HD2, Relating to Economic Development

Dear Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, BIA-Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-HAWAII **strongly supports** H.B. No. 2145 HD2, as it proposes to establish a state policy to complete or facilitate completion of ten (10) priority projects by December 31, 2023.

Having identified priority projects to complete within a given time will provide a level of commitment and accountability to other large government funded projects. In addition, priorities change as the elected officials change. Perhaps including incentives to have the projects completed under budget or faster than planned; or penalties for not completing the projects once they have been initiated, should also be considered.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Wednesday, March 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 2145 HD 2RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (“The Chamber”) supports the passage of HB 2145 relating to Economic Development for further discussion.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing more than 1,100 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the “Voice of Business” in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of its members, which employ more than 200,000 individuals, to improve the state’s economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

This measure proposes to delineate the following seven (7) key economic sectors of importance for economic diversification in Hawaii and to identify some of the key projects within these sectors that are important to the long-term growth and success of these industries.

1. Renewable energy;
2. Broadband;
3. Infrastructure and Construction;
4. Aerospace;
5. Visitor Industry;
6. Film and Digital media;
7. Military.

It is the intent of the State to complete or facilitate completion of the specific key projects within these sectors by December 31, 2023, as a material way to support and advance these industries.

We strongly support governments’ commitment to move forward on projects within the key economic sectors for Hawaii’s economy. The challenge is how to keep government efforts focused on these projects as elected officials, and their priorities change.

We look forward to continued discussion on this measure. Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.



Testimony Reference : Committee : ERB HB2145 HD2

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

TIME: 1:30pm

PLACE: Conference Room 016

From: Hawaii Farmers Union United

OPPOSE HB2145 HD2

The current State Policy is to keep all land currently cultivated in cultivation, Yet the Dept of Agriculture, Russell Kokubun, supports developing Ho'opili.

Now this bill comes along and there is NO AGRICULTURE!

So much for priorities. And how did a 650 building get to be State priority?

If Ag is not a priority.....this State is finished as a community.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak for the family farmer in Hawaii.

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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Wednesday, March 14, 2012; 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

RE: HB 2145 HD2 Relating to Economic Development - In Support

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sandra Dawson, Manager of Hawaii Community Relations for the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT), testifying in support of HB 2145 HD2 which expresses as state policy an intent to complete or facilitate the completion of a list of specific projects by December 31, 2023. My comments are specific to the Thirty Meter Telescope project.

TMT has made significant progress in our design and development phase and is preparing for the transition to construction. The major systems are mostly in the preliminary design phase. We and our partners are making progress on all areas, including mirrors, mirror polishing and supports, facilities, instruments and software.

In August 2011, TMT became a collaborative global project with Canada, China, India and Japan joining the US members as partners in the project. Project details and funding plans are being developed further.

TMT is now responding to a National Science Foundation (NSF) solicitation. The NSF proposal is due April 16, with an NSF decision on potential US government participation in the project expected in late summer.

Our current start of construction date is estimated to be April 2014. The construction phase will be 7 years, putting completion of construction in 2021.

We are grateful for the tremendous support we have received from legislators and various sectors in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

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Comments:

I am opposed to the rapid transit component of this legislation. Specifically number 3: Infrastructure and Construction, items C and D.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2012

Comments:

I am opposed to the rapid transit component of this legislation. Specifically #3 Infrastructure and Construction, items C & D. The current rail plan represents old technology and is not appropriate for Hawaii.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Rice Grossman

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Submitted on: 3/11/2012

Comments:

Dear Legislators, One acre out of every 17 under military use in Hawai'i is enough. Endlessly multiplying observatories on Mauna Kea are enough. And neighbor islands and our oceans should not suffer the consequences of too many lights on O'ahu. Mahalo.

HB2145 HD2 Economic Development: Specific Ten-Year Projects

It seems that this bill has something for everyone -- except farmers and the sustainable agriculture people. That's the first reason I oppose this bill. I want to eat food grown locally on our wonderful Hawaiian soil, and I'd like to see growing food for local consumption recognized as a part of our local economy.

The second reason I oppose this bill is because I think some of the specific projects should be in their own bills. Otherwise, some projects may ride through on the coattails of others. I noticed that previously there was a huge amount of favorable testimony from the PISCES supporters. I don't think approval of the 13 other projects identified in this bill should be swept along because of that.

The third reason I oppose this bill is because of the height of the market-priced tower to be built at 690 Pohukaina Street. It will be over one and a half times taller than the current building height limit of 400 feet. What is the market price of an apartment on the fiftieth floor or the penthouse, considering it will have a multi-million dollar, unobstructed ocean view? If 690 Pohukaina is built, will that effectively raise the building height limit in Hawaii?

It's absurd that my state legislature should specify a 650-foot skyscraper in its broad outline for economic development.

Please don't pass this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2012

Comments:

Common sense dictates that the entire bill is dangerously affecting sensitive areas which would be devastating. I seriously oppose everything on this bill. This is the Mongoose Syndrome = action without clear forethought and consequences.

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Comments:
Please oppose this bill.