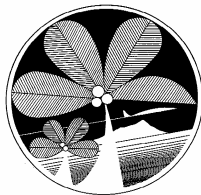


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Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

RE: HB 2145 HD2 – Relating to Economic Development – In Support
Conference Room 016 – 1:30 PM

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

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii* (ACH), which is made up of 20 signatory air carriers that underwrite the State Airport System supports HB 2145 HD2 – Relating to Economic Development, which expresses as state policy an intent to complete or facilitate the completion of a list of special economic development projects. Our comments are specific to the Airport Modernization Program.

We appreciate the legislature's ongoing support of this Airport Modernization Program. Phase 1 includes:

- Mauka Concourse (10-12 New Gates) – Estimated completion is October 2015;
- New Cargo and Aircraft Maintenance Facility - Estimated completion is April 2014;
- Widening and Realigning Taxi Lanes - Estimated completion of Phase 1 is February 2015; and of Phase 2 is September 2015; and
- Capital improvements to Neighbor Island airports.

As always, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide input on this matter.

Sincerely,

Blaine Miyasato
ACH Co-chair

Matthew Shelby
ACH Co-chair

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March 14, 2012

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

TESTIMONY ON HB 2145, HD2
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Room 016
1:30 PM

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

I am Brian Miyamoto, Chief Operating Officer and Government Affairs Liaison for the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFBF strongly supports with amendments, HB 2145, HD2 clarifying legislative intent in State Policy.

Policies regarding agriculture are included in HRS 226, however, as they were developed when large scale operations took care of much of Hawaii's basic agricultural infrastructure. Therefore, focus on the need to rehabilitate and enhance irrigation infrastructure basic to the industry's viability is missing.

We believe the intent of this measure is to update and clarify what should be state policy. As such, we strongly encourage amending the measure to read:

- (3) Infrastructure and construction:** Repair, upgrade and build state of the art harbors, airports, and other transportation projects that provide for the quick, reliable, and affordable transportation of people and goods; viable and

sustainable agriculture; and building housing and other commercial facilities,
including:

(E) Agricultural irrigation systems;

We believe this change is consistent with the State's goal of increasing its' level of self-sufficiency and sustainability.

We respectfully request your support of this measure with the above change.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this matter.

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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2012
TIME: 1:30 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 016
BILL: HB 2145 HD2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **OPPOSE**

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

My name is Henry Curtis and I am the Executive Director of Life of the Land, Hawai'i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for four decades. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

Life of the Land supports economic development and economic diversity.

The purpose of this bill is to establish that several unpopular ideas should become state policy.

These include (1) the Honolulu rail disaster; (2) violating environmental and coastal zone laws to ram through harbor and airport expansions; (3) that taxpayers would welcome, before any analysis is completed, committing to spending billions of dollars on an inter-island high voltage transmission line; (4) that in the absence of analysis, taxpayers and ratepayers want to spend billions of dollars on a "Smart Grid;" and (5) that the TMT telescope should be built regardless of whether the University of Hawai'i decides to follow the law.

Please hold the bill.

Mahalo



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

March 14, 2012, 1:30 P.M.
(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY OPPOSING HB 2145 (HD2)

Aloha Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Chapter of the Sierra Club, with 10,000 dues-paying members and supporters, opposes HB 2145 (HD2). This measure makes it the policy of the State of Hawai'i to complete 10 projects before the risks and problems of the project(s) are considered.

The Hawai'i State Legislature previously determined that an environmental review should be completed at the earliest possible point in the planning and decision-making process, so as to ensure that decisions impacting the community are made with the best possible information available. Such a process allows an opportunity for experts and the community to resolve potential problems at an early point and to avoid bad projects.

By declaring it to be state policy to see specific projects that are still in their infancy -- like the 690 Pohukaiana Street development or the thirty-meter telescope on Mauna Kea -- it's likely that any future decision-making process will be pre-determined. It's questionable whether officials will address valuable considerations such as the project's impacts on traffic, infrastructure capacity, or the interests of the community.

Further, it's possible such a process might be considered special legislation and, as such, unconstitutional. See *Sierra Club v. Dep't of Transp.*, No. 29035 (March 16, 2009).

The Sierra Club has no opposition, however, to broad goals like establishing enough renewable energy production to meet the goals of the Hawaii Clean Energy initiative. This is an example where the legislature can appropriately set an ambitious goal, but without dictating the specific project or how it should proceed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Please oppose this bill. Do not saddle us with yet another dinosaur solution to our future energy needs.

Mahalo

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Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 2145 HD2 which expresses as state policy the delineation of the key economic sectors of importance for economic diversification in Hawaii and identification of key projects within those sectors that are important to the long-term growth and success of those industries.

1. I do not support electrical interconnectivity between O'ahu and the neighbor islands. Any oceanic power cable would have to be laid in the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary whose regulations prohibit "altering of the seabed" and will impact the endangered Hawaiian monk seals, whales, dolphins and turtles. The estimated \$1 billion cost for this cable will be borne by the ratepayers of HECO which cannot afford it.
2. I do not support rail because it will not benefit two-thirds of the population on O'ahu at all. Help resolve traffic problems on O'ahu by utilizing our award winning bus system, changing the hours of the University of Hawai'i's school system, providing bus transportation to private schools, or expand vanpools or shuttle service to pick riders up at their homes, take the congestion-free HOV lanes to downtown and drop them off at their workplace. Any or all of these ideas would improve the lives for everyone on O'ahu, not just a tiny percentage of the population that might use a rail system.
3. I do not support TOD at 690 Pohukaina Street.
4. I do not support a 30-meter telescope on Mauna Kea. The summit of Mauna Kea is wahi kapu, sacred to Kanaka Maoli.
5. I do not support more use of Pu'uloa as a Naval shipyard.
6. I do not support the Army's training at Pōhakuloa on Moku o Keawe that includes live-fire military training exercises which use toxic and hazardous chemicals and materials and continues the degradation of historic and cultural sites and species. As a mother of a soldier who received excellent combat training at the Army's facility in New Jersey at Fort Dix prior to his deployment to Afghanistan, I know there is no need to continue to destroy Hawai'i's unique and fragile environment with military munitions that create environmental and human health dangers.
7. I do not support the Pacific Missile Range facility at Barking Sands, Kaua'i. The Hawaiian Islands are the "Land of Aloha" and not the "Land of Missiles, War and Destruction."

In my eight years as a community activist testifying before the Legislature, I have never seen a bill with so many undesirable and controversial projects. Is this a shell game and sleight of hand to con people into not noticing what is the true intent of this bill? Or is this just Legislators flinging all the projects like spaghetti on the wall and seeing what sticks (or what they can get away with)?

He ali'i ka 'āina; he kauwā ke kanaka. (The land is a chief; man is its servant.)



Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

RE: HB 2145 HD2 – Relating to Economic Development – Support intent with amendment requested

March 14, 2012, 1:30 PM, Hawaii State Capitol Room 016

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the committee,

On behalf of Oceanic Time Warner Cable (Oceanic), which provides a diverse selection of entertainment, information, and communication services to over 425,000 Hawaii households, schools and businesses and currently employs more than 1,000 highly-trained individuals, we appreciate the opportunity to express our support of the intent of this bill which addresses economic development by identifying, as state policy, the key economic sectors that are essential to the growth and diversification of the economy of Hawaii. Our testimony is specific to the Broadband section of HB2145 HD2.

As an active member of the Broadband Assistance and Advisory Council, we support the state's expansion of broadband infrastructure that is in line with consumer and market demands.

However, we believe that this expansion should not be limited to one type of broadband service since broadband technology is dynamic also other factors may contribute to selecting one technology over the other. For these reasons, we respectfully request the following amendment be made to page 2, lines 10-16 of this bill:

(2) Broadband

“Fund and develop infrastructure that provides coverage for one hundred per cent of land in the State that is zoned for business, commercial, industrial, hotel, or resort use and land used for higher education instruction or research and to connect all key state facilities and buildings by high speed broadband ~~with an emphasis on wireless connectivity.~~”

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our testimony on this bill and respectfully ask the committee to consider adopting our amendment request.

Sincerely,

Bob Barlow
President of Oceanic Time Warner Cable



March 14, 2012

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

**Support of HB 2145, HD2, Relating to Economic Development.
(Identifies key economic sectors and key projects within those sectors; expresses as state policy the intent to complete or facilitate the completion of key projects by December 31, 2023.)**

Wednesday, March 14, 2012, 1:30 a.m., in CR 016

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 appreciates the opportunity to provide its **comments in support of HB 2145, HD2, and to add the following amendment:**

- (3) Infrastructure and construction:** Repair, upgrade and build state of the art harbors, airports, and other transportation projects that provide for the quick, reliable, and affordable transportation of people and goods; viable and sustainable agriculture; and building housing and other commercial facilities, including:
- (E) Agricultural irrigation systems; and
 - (F) Mixed use transit oriented development projects and other mixed use projects which will provide increased affordable housing opportunities.

HB 2145, HD2. This measure expresses as state policy the delineation of the key economic sectors of importance for economic diversification in Hawaii and identification of key projects within those sectors that are important to the long-term growth and success of those industries. Effective July 1, 2012.

The "essential projects in key economic sectors" include the following:

- (1) Renewable energy:** Renewable energy production facilities that meet the goals of the first decade of the Hawaii clean energy initiative and facilitate the development of a smart grid system and electrical interconnectivity between Oahu and the neighbor islands;

- (2) **Broadband:** Fund and develop infrastructure that provides coverage for one hundred per cent of land in the State: zoned for business, commercial, industrial, hotel, or resort use and land used for higher education instruction or research and to connect all key state facilities and buildings by high speed broadband with an emphasis on wireless connectivity;
- (3) **Infrastructure and construction:** Repair, upgrade and build state of the art harbors, airports, and other transportation projects that provide for the quick, reliable, and affordable transportation of people and goods and building housing and other commercial facilities, including:
- The **airport modernization project** of the Department of Transportation, as it exists as of the effective date of this section;
 - The **harbor modernization project** of the Department of Transportation, as it exists as of the effective date of this section;
 - The **locally preferred alternative mass transit system** of the City and County of Honolulu; and
 - The **690 Pohukaina Street** mixed use transit oriented development project;
- (4) **Aerospace:** To leverage Hawaii's position in the Pacific among thirty–eight other space faring Pacific nations as well as the State's unique environment, which is essential for the development and testing of new technologies to be used in aerospace, lunar, and near earth object exploration and research as well as economic development including:
- The **Thirty-Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea**;
 - The **Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems Aerospace Research and Development Park** in Hilo;
 - The **International Lunar Research Park** near Mauna Kea;
 - A **Next Generation Avionics and Pilot Training Facility** in Oahu; and
 - An **Extreme Environments Center and other earth science initiatives** within the University of Hawaii;
- (5) **Visitor industry:** To ensure the continued development of the needed workforce for the various service industries that visitors demand of a world-class vacation destination, including:
- The **Diamond Head culinary institute** on the slope of Diamond Head; and
 - A **community college campus in West Hawaii**;
- (6) **Film and digital media.** To grow and expand Hawaii's film and digital media industry by creating an environment that will incentivize more film production in Hawaii and transform it into a robust industry by facilitating the development of both the physical infrastructure as well as the workforce needed for the industry to grow, including:
- Development of **two major film studios** with at least one of the studios on a neighbor island; and
 - Development of **digital animation and post-production facilities** with at least one facility on the neighbor islands;
- (7) **Military:** Work to support the United States military and other federal defense partners by continuing to support adequate training, repair, and building facilities to support the operational and defense capacity of United States armed forces in the Pacific region, including:

- Supporting and incentivizing current and future use of the Pearl Harbor Shipyard for naval shipbuilding and ship repair; and
- Supporting the current uses at the Pahakaloa training area and the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands, Kauai.

LURF's Position. LURF supports the purpose of this bill, which is to spur economic development through government construction projects and by establishing as a state policy, the intent to complete or facilitate the completion of a list of ten specific projects within the next the-year period. There will be many factors which will impact the government's ability to complete or facilitate the completion of the list of projects, including, but not limited to, planning, financing of the improvements, entitlements and the actual construction and implementation. The successful completion of the projects will depend on the consultation, input and cooperation of the Administration, the responsible departments, the Legislature, the counties and the private business sector.

State policies and agencies have a major impact on the viable and sustainable agriculture and production of affordable housing and other housing opportunities. Thus, we would respectfully recommend that the SD1 be amended as follows:

(3) Infrastructure and construction:

- (E) Agricultural irrigation systems; and
- (F) Mixed use transit oriented development projects and other mixed use projects which will provide increased affordable housing opportunities.

LURF supports HB 2145, HD2 and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this bill and LURF's proposed amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding this measure.