



LATE TESTIMONY

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
Thursday, January 26, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 2145 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, 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 establish a state policy to complete or facilitate completion of ten (10) priority projects by December 31, 2023.

The purpose of the bill is to allow provide for economic development by having the state set a 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.

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

200 Akamainui Street
Mililani, Hawaii 96789-3999
Tel: 808-625-2100
Fax: 808-625-5888

LATE TESTIMONY



Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair
House Committee on Economic, Revitalization and Business
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HB2145 – Relating to Economic Development - Support
January 26, 2012, 8:30 AM, Hawaii State Capitol Room 312

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy 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 this bill which sets the state's intent to complete or facilitate the completion of 10 projects, including the expansion of broadband infrastructure coverage by 12/23/13.

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.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Bob Barlow
President of Oceanic Time Warner Cable

LATE TESTIMONY

**Thirty Meter Telescope
650 N. A'ohoku Place, Room 224
Hilo, HI 96720
Telephone: 808.934.5910**

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

Thursday, January 26; 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

RE: HB 2145 Relating to Economic Development - In Support

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy 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 which expresses as state policy an intent to complete or facilitate the completion of a list of ten specific projects within the next ten-year period. 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.

AIRLINES COMMITTEE OF HAWAII



Honolulu International Airport
300 Rodgers Blvd., #62
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-1832
Phone (808) 838-0011
Fax (808) 838-0231

LATE TESTIMONY

January 26, 2012

Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey
Chair, House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

RE: HB 2145 – Relating to Economic Development – In Support
Conference Room 312 – 8:30 AM

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy 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 – Relating to Economic Development, which expresses as state policy an intent to complete or facilitate the completion of a list of 10 projects by 12/31/23. Our comments are specific to the Airport Modernization Program.

We appreciate the legislature's ongoing support. 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 Taxilanes - 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

**ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways, American Airlines, China Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, go! Mokulele, Hawaiian Airlines, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, US Airways, and Westjet.*