

HB 2334, HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST THE HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Report Title: SPRBs; Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation

Description: Authorizes the issuance of SPRBs to assist the Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation to construct an adult day care facility in Hilo, Hawaii. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB2334 HD2)

Companion:

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2334, HD2
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS
TO ASSIST THE HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 2334, HD2, which authorizes the issuance of SPRBs to assist the Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation to construct an adult day care facility in Hilo, Hawaii.

We understand there is only one adult day care facility to serve the needs of elderly and disabled adults needing day care services in the East Hawaii region. The current facility is housed in the former Hilo Hospital building, which is old and crumbling and unsuited for the needs of elderly patients. The staff is caring and does its best to provide for the needs of their patients, but a new facility would do wonders to improve the working conditions and morale of the employees as well as the spirit of the participants in the program.

The adult day care program provides participants with activities, social interaction, and cognitive and motor stimulation. Moreover, the program provides much-needed respite for family caregivers and a safe, caring environment for the elderly to spend their day.

The program provides a valuable service to the people of Hilo and should be supported with construction of a new building. While state funds may be limited, special purpose revenue bonds offer an ideal method of allowing the Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation to help fulfill a vital need in the community.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 2334, HD2. Thank you for considering our testimony.