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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, February 24, 2011

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

S. B. 1247, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Purpose: Repeals Chapter 206J, HRS Aloha Tower Development Corporation (ATDC). Transfers the ATDC's assets and Aloha Tower Fund to the Department of Transportation and the zoning and planning jurisdiction to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). Establishes the Harbor Modernization Group/Commercial Harbors Modernization Plan under the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Position: The DBEDT supports the passage of this administrative proposal.

Given last year's legislative deliberations on the abolition of the ATDC, I have discussed with the other members of the ATDC Board what options are available regarding the future of the ATDC. While petitioning the Legislature for restoration is one option, it is my belief that we should be examining other strategies to ensure that the State's investment and objectives for the Aloha Tower Marketplace (ATM) complex is protected and its potential is realized. With those objectives in mind, the DBEDT supports the abolition of the ATDC as proposed and looks forward to working with the Legislature to ensure that the ATM complex becomes a valued asset and facility of the State of Hawaii.

The DBEDT defers to the DOT's position on the transfer and establishment of the Harbors Modernization Group within the DOT and the transfer and establishment of the Aloha Tower Fund to the DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this legislative proposal.