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LATE TESTIMONY

STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

11:30 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

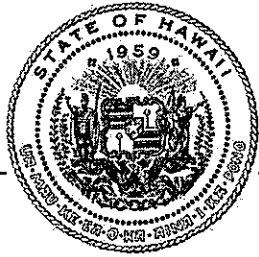
S.B. 1247, S.D. 2 - RELATING TO ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Position: The HCDA supports the intent of the proposal to transfer the ATDC's responsibilities, specifically the implementation of the commercial harbor modernization plan, to the DOT. The mandate and authority of the HCDA is nearly identical to that of the ATDC. Therefore, given the similarities in function and as the HCDA's current capacities are sufficient to cover the additional responsibilities, the HCDA supports the transfer of the ATDC's zoning and planning functions to the HCDA. Section 1 establishes the "Aloha Tower community development district". The HCDA would prefer to have it called the "Aloha Tower district" that is clearly included in the Kakaako Community Development District (Kakaako CDD) rather than establishing a separate community development district. In particular §206E-3 provides "if an additional district is designated by the legislature the total membership of the authority shall

be increased as prescribed above by the appointment of three additional members...". The HCDA believes adding a new community development district and the required additional three Authority members is unnecessary because the existing Authority members have the requisite experience and expertise to make decisions that would effectively manage an expanded Kakaako CDD.

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



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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.