



TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2771, S.D. 1 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS RELATED TO THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION MEETINGS.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

DATE: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 **TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 309

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Michael S. Vincent, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to reimburse the Departments of Defense, Public Safety, Land and Natural Resources, Accounting and General Services, Transportation, Health, and the Attorney General, for expenses incurred in ensuring the safety and security of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings recently held in Honolulu.

The International significance of the APEC meetings, and the unprecedented presence of so many world leaders in Hawaii, created a daunting challenge for our State.

It was a challenge that was met with great success through the full cooperation of federal, state, and county resources, and the cooperation and aloha spirit of the people of Hawaii.

With no federal or state appropriation available in advance for APEC security related expenses, these state departments had to fund operations with operational budgets that were inadequate for the costs that APEC would incur.

By passing this bill, these departments will be reimbursed for their APEC expenditures, enabling them to continue to provide vital and expected services to the people of Hawaii.

We respectfully request this bill be approved.