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OF
NELSON OYADOMARI, CHAIR
STADIUM AUTHORITY

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEES ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY,
AND
EDUCATION

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1:15 p.m.

S.B. 2992

RELATING TO STADIUM AUTHORITY.

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, and Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Education, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. 2992. As Chair of the Stadium Authority Board, I submit this testimony on behalf of the Stadium Authority Board.

We certainly value the ongoing professional relationship with the University of Hawaii, and the Board values the University's input and insight at each public meeting. However, we do not believe a "client" should be a voting member and, therefore, we are not in support of S.B. 2992.

The mission of the Stadium Authority is outlined in its administrative rules which states: *"The stadium is operated for the recreational and entertainment needs of the people of Hawaii and provides a place where large gatherings of people may assemble. The character and nature of events at the stadium shall be in the public interest."*

Aloha Stadium is a venue utilized and shared by many organizations, both public and private, and the Board is tasked with managing multiple needs and concerns. Having an "interested party" as a voting member may compromise our intended mission to provide a venue for all the people of Hawaii.

Secondly, the bill provides for 10 votes; nine board members and the University's representative. This even number could pose a "deadlock" situation on any matter brought up for a vote.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration of our testimony. Please feel free to call me at 483-2750 if I can be of further assistance on this matter.



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Legislative Testimony

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SB 2992 – Relating to the Stadium Authority

Chairs Fukunaga and Tokuda, Vice Chairs Wakai and Kidani and Members of the Committees:

SB 2992 amends section 109-1(a), HRS, to make the president of the University of Hawai'i, or the president's designee, a voting member of the stadium authority. This bill also clarifies the total membership of the authority by including ex officio members in the member count.

The University supports the intent of this bill to enhance the University's voice in matters that are important to our programs. We welcome the opportunity to work with interested parties to identify and resolve any concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this measure on behalf of the University of Hawai'i.