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Statement of
RICHARD C. LIM
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

Friday, January 31, 2014
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HB 2127
RELATING TO THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE.

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Ward, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports
HB 2127, which establishes the Public-Private Finance Initiative (Initiative) within DBEDT
for administrative purposes, subject to the appropriate funding and resourcing being allocated
to establish and staff the Initiative to initiate the appropriate pilot project and effectuate this
measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony on HB 2127.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DEAN H. SEKI, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
ON
January 31, 2014

H.B. 2127

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE

Chair Tsuji and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B. 2127.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports the intent of H.B. 2127, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget, and will work collaboratively with all interested parties to effectuate the Public-Private Finance Initiative established by this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.

TESTIMONY to House Committee on Education

H.B. 2127 Relating to the Public-Private Finance Initiative

Friday, January 31, 2014

9:00 AM -- State Capitol Auditorium Room 312

Submitted in **OPPOSITION** by: Mary Smart, Mililani, HI 96789

Chairman Tsuji, Vice-Chair Ward and Members :

1. I most strongly **OPPOSE** H.B. 2127. The premise that this initiative will help to meet costs is unreliable. Hawaii residents could easily identify programs that could be cut (rail, early childhood education, etc.) and thus improve the budget situation. Since the government has already failed to stay within its budget, it is not credible that the same government would manage this new program better and actually save money.

2. The private enterprise system has been the engine of our prosperity which resulted in one of the best economies in the world, at least before it was over-regulated by government. Public Private Partnerships weaken free market economics. If this bill passes, crony capitalism will flourish, negatively affecting many businesses and ultimately having a detrimental impact on Hawaii's economy and families. Public Private Partnerships are another term for fascism as clearly articulated [here](#). This bill would give the government the authority to meddle in areas they have no expertise. It would be unconscionable for the State of Hawaii to approve this pilot project.

3. People who follow the news have seen in the news that the government has unabashedly targeted individuals and groups that use their Constitutional First Amendment right to speak out against the policies of the current administration (e.g. Dr. Ben Carson, James O'Keefe, Tea Party, Friends of Abe, etc..) This bill could easily be used as a weapon against people and businesses that don't support incumbent politician's policies and/or campaigns. If both H.B 2327 and S.B. 215 (Public Private Partnership Authority (PPPA)) were to pass, an even more oppressive business environment would result.

4. Governments with the power to decide on who works and who doesn't is a danger to a free people. At the national level, government has demonstrated an uncanny ability to pick losers, i.e. companies that have gone bankrupt or are floundering (e.g. Solyndra (\$535M; Fisker Automotive \$529M; and at least 31 [others](#)). Government appears to be willing to risk other people's money freely. Private enterprise works better, more efficiently, takes fewer risks and develops more innovations than "central planning."

5. Please Vote in **OPPOSITION** to H.B. 2127 to protect Hawaii business, the economy and our resident's general welfare.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
	Hawaii's Thousand Friends	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose. PPIA = PLDC. Many people have worked long and hard for the laws we already have in place; please use them.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barb Cuttance	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose HB2127. This bill has elements of the PLDC in it and the people of Hawaii have clearly said they do not want this sort of legislation. Please kill this bill. Barb Cuttance, 14/266 Papaya Farms Road, Pahoa, Hawaii 96778.

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