

Veterans, Military & International Affairs and Culture and Arts

Chairman Takai, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Committee,

My name is Andre Hurst and I am a principle for Hawaii Island's Regional Center with offices in Hawaii, California and Shanghai, China.

I am in support of HB 574 and 576. Hawaiian Islands Regional Center, LLC ("HIRC") is an approved Regional Center by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"), which covers the area of the State of Hawaii (RCW1031910042).

HB 574 would allow the HIRC to loan funds for capital improvement projects within Hawaii to secured by a guarantee from the State. The benefit is that these projects can utilize low cost funds now to build and create jobs within the state of Hawaii. Projects that cauls fund infrastructure, education, healthcare and a number of other state projects can be built now to create jobs and stimulate the economy. HIRC has the ability to raise millions of dollars in funds each year from Foreign nationals that are applying under the EB-5 Visa program. The EB-5 Visa allows these immigrants to invest a minimum of \$500,000 into a business or fund that will create 10 direct or indirect local jobs.

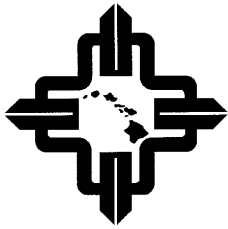
From 2008-2011 states like Vermont and South Dakota have utilized this program to bring in over 500 million dollars of development money and create over 10,000 new jobs. These are states where the population is far less then Hawaii. In the next 2 years these states will be utilizing the same amount that was utilized in the first 5 years.

Hawaii in comparison has only utilized 10 million dollars in development money from EB-5. The difference has been that Vermont and South Dakota have put forth legislation like HB574 and HB576 to support these development projects. These bills will attract investors to deposit money into Hawaii projects rather than other state projects.

HB576 will allow Hawaii Health Systems the ability to finance renovation and repair projects that directly affect the life and safety of our residents. In addition it will insure that HHSC will keep up with infrastructure and technology to provide state of the art health care to Hawaii.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify, I will be available for questions.

Andre Hurst



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*"Touching Lives Everyday"*

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**Testimony Supporting the Intent of House Bill 576, Relating to the Hawaii Health  
Systems Corporation  
Authorizes the HHSC to obtain a loan under the EB-5 program to fund a  
corporation project.**

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Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 576 that authorizes Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to obtain a loan under the EB-5 program to fund a Corporation project.

While HHSC appreciates the intent of this bill to specifically give authorization to HHSC to obtain a loan through the EB-5 program, we believe that the powers given to HHSC under HRS323F already gives HHSC the authority to enter into financing arrangements such as the EB-5 program. As a result, we believe that this bill may not be necessary if the intent is to give HHSC the ability to utilize the EB-5 program.

Further, this bill just came to our attention recently, and the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors has not yet taken a formal position on this bill.