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Testimony in **support** of HB696 HD1  
Relating to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

March 18, 2013  
10:00 am Room 016

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

The Office of the Governor **supports** House Bill 696, House Draft 1, Relating to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. This measure would allow a Lieutenant Governor whose legal residence is on an island other than Oahu to receive an allowance separate from their salary should they be required to remain overnight within the state but not on their island of residence.

High-ranking state officials need to spend much of their time at the state Capitol on the island of Oahu. For individuals who do not reside on Oahu, this creates a problem. HB696 HD1 would ensure fairness in allowing anyone in the state – regardless of their island of residence – to work in the position of the Lieutenant Governor for the benefit of the entire state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 696, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR

**DATE:** Monday, March 18, 2013

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):** David M. Louie, Attorney General, or  
Russell A. Suzuki, First Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General testifies to support the passage of this bill.

This bill proposes an amendment to section 26-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to allow a lieutenant governor who is a legal resident of a Neighbor Island to receive an allowance, like the allowance non-Oahu members of the Legislature receive under section 24-2, HRS, when it is necessary for that lieutenant governor to remain away from the island where the lieutenant governor resides overnight to conduct state business.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lance Holter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in complete support of House Bill 696 to allow a neighbor Island Leutenant Governor to recieve a per deim for expenses incurred while traveling to and from their Island, including transportation, housing, and other expenses. Just as Neighbor Island State House and State Senate Legislators receive financial help when traveling to and from Honolulu so should the Leutenant Governor. It just makes sense. Why should our Leutenant Governor have to struggle financially when what this individual wants to do is serve his people and the State of Hawaii in a very high minded manner. Why would we make it harder for him to do this and suffer financially in doing so? Please advance this Bill HB696 and support the public service of our elected official who wants to serve his State and it's people and not burden his family and his financial foundation while doing so. Again please pass along HB696 and support our Leutenant Governor.

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support passage of this bill

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