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HB 70, HD2 proposed SD1

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chair and members;

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a statewide non-profit land and water advocacy organization, opposes the inclusion of Part III that establishes the public-private partnership authority (PPPA).

HB 70 HD2 proposed SD1 Part III is a cut and paste of SB 215 SD3, which establishes the public-private partnership authority (PPPA) and includes the identical three pilot projects.

It is clear that the purpose of adding Part III is to establish a public-private partnership authority that will last long after the very vague three pilot projects have been completed.

Section 11 states that PPPA "shall neither plan nor implement any projects other than the pilot projects..." yet it seems a little extreme to create an authority that has a 6-member board of directors appointed for four years each, and an executive director and staff for just three pilot projects.

Provisions in Part III 1) "establishing the public-private partnership authority to administer appropriate and culturally-sensitive projects" 2) directing the authority to "identify projects that are suitable under this chapter," 3) adopting rules, 4) creating bylaws, 5) coordinating activities with any federal or state program, and 6) providing advisory, consultative, training, and educational services and technical assistance go far beyond the three projects identified in proposed SD1.

After careful review there is no doubt that passing Part III of proposed SD1 will create another PLDC like entity and with it the required rule making process.

If the three pilot projects are that important then there must be ways to bring them to fruition other than establishing another PLDC like entity?

Please save us all from another round of contentious hearings and delete Part III from proposed SD1.

**Dane Wicker**

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| Brian Murphy        | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments:

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| Linda Wong          | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: I strongly oppose HB 70 HD2 proposed SD1 as its another PLDC clone by Senator Dela Cruz. How many clones do we have to oppose?

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| Ricardo Galindez    |                     | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: 1. Workforce Development Program - This proposal would not result in a viable training program for the film and television industry in Hawaii. 2. PPA - Building a film studio on Maui will not result in a substantial increase in filming on Maui.

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| John Bond           | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: I am opposed to HB 70 SD1 which includes the new PART III, PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY. HB 70 SD1 dictates that House and Senate members shall have expertise in small and large businesses within the development of recreation industries, banking, real estate, finance, promotion, marketing or management. HB 70 SD1 allows the counties to waive zoning, land use, and permitting requirements on any project by passing an ordinance or memorandum of agreement. HB 70 SD1 has no process for public hearings or public involvement on the projects other than the rule-making process. John Bond

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| Shannon Rudolph     | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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| Fern Rosenstiel     | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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| Anna Subiono        | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: I oppose. Repeal and abolish this corporation.

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| Bronson K. Silva    | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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| sherrian witt       | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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Testimony in OPPOSITION to **HB70 HD2 proposed SD1** ... High Tech Innovation Corp., Part I,  
Part II, Part III

Senate Chairs and Members of the Committees:

I don't understand: How did Part III get inserted into this bill? Part III would establish the private-public partnership authority (PPPA); require the PPPA to initiate pilot projects; appropriate an unspecified sum for the PPPA; and repeal 07/01/2018. (Proposed SD1)

Sticking into HB70 yet another private-public "partnership" – with decisions made by an "authority" of five members and many other descriptions seemingly **cut-'n'-pasted** from the description of the infamous Public Land Development Corp. – appears to be a relentless push to create many mini-PLDCs to expedite development of state land **in spite of public outrage over The PLDC**. There is the **same waiving of zoning, land use, and permitting requirements** and the **same lack of process for public hearings or public involvement** on projects...

This is the kind of behind-closed-door actions that make the same public – those who rose up to demand repeal of The PLDC -- strongly question whose best interests our lawmakers serve.

As was explained to me by my Senator Dela Cruz's office staff, the need for the PLDC – and I can imagine this is also the true intent of these PPPAs -- is **to expedite the permitting process** that developers have to go through, which may take years before a project can begin.

I understand what you mean, Senator Dela Cruz: Time is money. When the fire is hot, the developer must start building or he may miss the peak opportunity. Plus, right now and for the foreseeable future, interest rates are as low as they will ever go.

And I understand what retired First Hawaiian Bank CEO Donald Horner said last year after a boring power-point presentation to the HART board on the status of Transit Oriented Development. He told the state worker/presenter: Go talk to the bankers...they have the money to finance TOD...they are "desperate to lend." Desperate. (Too much money sitting around earning nothing?)

So I understand the need for speed from an economic development point of view.

Furthermore, Senator Dela Cruz, your office staff explained to me that speeding up development means speeding up creating jobs and housing -- so our children can come home from the mainland. But the fact is, those of us with children on the mainland, know that our children are on the mainland because they like it better there. Cost of living is lower; wages are higher; there are more things to do and places to go on the mainland, without having to buy a plane ticket.

How many of the jobs created by the “trickle-down” effect of private-public partnerships would allow our children to qualify for “affordable” housing, much less “work force housing,” that new category priced above “affordable” but still below “market”? Because when our housing market is open to world-wide investors, and more and more money is coming from China, sky’s the limit for market prices (e.g., the million -and multi-million-dollar apartments that quickly sold out in the skyscraper tower on top of Nordstrom, Ala Moana Shopping Center).

PPAs will not create jobs to help the vast majority of people. Trickle-down Reaganomics did not work for anyone except at the very top. The top jobs we create locally, for example, at the University of Hawaii (MC Greenwood) and even at Honolulu Rapid Transportation Authority (Grabauskas) – went to people from the mainland – because, as is always claimed, we don’t have qualified applicants here.

I’m not a Republican or a Democrat. I watched a documentary film titled **Heist: Who Stole the American Dream?** Someone in the film said, and I paraphrase: The dismantling of the laws -- put into place after the Great Depression to protect the people from a Wall Street collapse ever happening again -- was truly a bi-partisan effort.

If everyone was moral and ethical, we wouldn’t need to make laws to protect us. But greed and self-interest are everywhere in our society, from top to bottom. From school secretaries and small business accountants writing checks to themselves to Ponzi schemers and investment bankers trading credit default swaps at the very top.

I say to you Senators: We the people need the rules of the permitting process. Please DO NOT pass laws to exempt developers from the required permits.

If the rules are bad, change the rules.

If you need to speed up the permitting process, create more jobs by hiring more inspectors and staff to do their work in a timely manner.

Create more jobs to bring our state government out of the dark ages and into the digital information age.

You can create more good paying jobs for our residents without PPAs to exempt and expedite. Please, Senators, do NOT pass HB70 HD2 proposed SD1 to create yet another PPA.

Thank you for hearing my plea.  
Wynnie Hee

**Dane Wicker**

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| Janet Murray        | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: OPPOSE HB70 Mahalo

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| Toni Withington     | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: This is a bad bill. Please vote against it. Repeal the PLDC. Simple as that. Do not spread it out into more morphs that evade public review, existing rules and regs. Dump it.

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| Ricardo Galindez    |                     | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: Attached is proposed language for the Qualified Media Infrastructure Credit which is based on the current Production Tax Credit Language

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| Louise Butler       | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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| D. Corcoran         | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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| Paula Ress          | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: DO NOT make it possible to waive public input to development of our communities. Are you saying that developers and legislators know better what is best for the people of Hawaii in spite of the wishes of those people and the safety net of zoning, land use ordinances and permit requirements? These measures have been rejected before. Why are they appearing again?

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