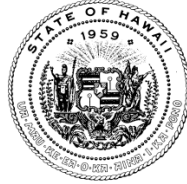


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H.B. 725, H.D.1
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill, which furthers the recommendations of the exploratory committee in establishing an international flight training center in Hilo.

The Department of Transportation is a strong proponent of aviation in Hawaii, and recognizes the synergies that a program offering degrees in aviation would bring to the Hilo community and to the State. Projections indicate a large demand for pilots and maintenance workers that cannot be met with the existing training capacity nationwide. Such a program will position Hawaii and its youth as a source for this burgeoning demand. The local aviation industry and the Hawaii economy will benefit from being able to readily supply personnel for these high paying jobs, which in turn are generated by tuition revenues, expenditures for and by faculty and support staff, and the construction and maintenance of new facilities.

The Airports Division also recognizes the suitability of Hilo International Airport for instrument training, and its capacity to accommodate additional general aviation traffic safely.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.





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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, February 25, 2013

3:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of

HB 725, HD1

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism supports the intent of HB 725, HD1 to hire appropriate staff to support an international flight training center and associated degree programs at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii Community College.

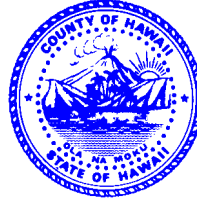
DBEDT recognizes that the rapidly growing demand for pilots and maintenance workers in the aviation industry cannot be met with the existing training capacity nationwide; and that Hilo, by virtue of its unique meteorological conditions, underutilized land at Hilo International Airport, low air traffic activity, state-of-the-art air controller and radar facilities, and excellent training resources at both UHH and HCC, is ideally located to support the proposed flight training center.

Furthermore, the department concurs that this program can significantly promote the diversification of the State's economy and local aviation industry, catalyze student interest in and pursuit of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, and expand Hawaii's reputation as a world-class aviation training center serving the Pacific Rim and beyond.

As such, we support this bill, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this legislation.

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February 25, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the House
Committee on Finance

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members,

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of House Bill 725 HD1.

This bill would appropriate funds for a program coordinator and technical support staff member who would be charged with establishing an international flight training center and associated aeronautical training programs at Hawai'i Community College and at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

I fully support this investment in higher education as a way to support pilot training, the advancement of aeronautical knowledge for students, including many from Hawai'i who would not have to leave the state to further their education, and an economic booster for Hawai'i Island.

I ask that your committee recommend approval of this bill.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 527 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO RELATING TO UNIFORM MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

PRESENTATION TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
February 21, 2013

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 527 HD1.

This allowance, enacted in 1967, provided for an allowance to professionally launder uniforms for enlisted National Guard members.

Today's uniforms are largely made of wash and wear materials, virtually eliminating the need for professional laundering

The numerous benefits accorded by the Hawaii Legislators to National Guard and other military members in recent years will more than cover the loss in funds when the Uniform Maintenance Allowance be repealed.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's National Guard members in support of HB 527 HD1.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bo G. Masuyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STAND ON MY PREVIOUS TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION ON JAN 31ST 2013. I STRONGLY URGE THE PASSAGE OF HB725 BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Comments: More, not less, work towards effective aviation training in Hawaii is needed. The Bill will seed diversified economic activity that is often talked about, maximum use of underutilized State facilities, and viable career options for our children in this travel hub.

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