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Statement of
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before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Tuesday, April 2, 2013
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HR 112

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF CREATING TWENTY-FOUR HOUR MARKETPLACES ACROSS THE STATE.

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Ward and Members of the House Committee on
Economic Development & Business.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT)
submits comments on HR 112, which establishes a task force within the Department of
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to examine the potential benefits of
creating twenty-four hour marketplaces across the State.

DBEDT does not have the necessary resources to undertake the administration
of and support to the Twenty-Four Hour Marketplace Task Force and the work would
need to be contracted out. The estimated cost would be approximately \$150,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacelynn Eli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support passage of this bill to allow businesses open 24 hour it will profit good for business owners as it attracts tourism that simple.

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Aloha House Committee on Economic Development and Business! Hearing Tuesday, April 2, 2013 10:30AM Conference Room 312.

My name is Jared Dmello and as a concerned constituent interested in this State's future, I feel obliged to testify in favor of HR112, relating to the establishment of a task force within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to examine the potential benefits of creating twenty-four hour marketplaces across the State. I apologize for being unable to come testify in person.

As mentioned in the proposed resolution, one of Hawaii's largest industries is the tourism industry. Because the tourism industry constitutes such a significant portion of the State's revenue, this is a mechanism that should be utilized to its fullest capacity to benefit residents of the 'Āina.

I speak from personal experience as someone who is a full-time student, full-time employee and holding an internship, that time is truly a luxury that many people, including myself, simply do not have. There have been many a few times where I wanted to go to the Store, but all those around me were already closed. There are some that are open twenty-four/seven, but because the bus does not service those areas and because I do not have a car, I am simply unable to purchase my groceries.

One thing that is extremely convenient about stores here is being able to purchase items from the grocery store readily that one might have to dig a little to find in the mainland. Here in Hawaii, we are blessed to have the ability to purchase a large variety of tropical fruits at a relatively cheap cost. In addition to which, it is a lot easier and more cost efficient to purchase organic, all-natural foods. Food aside, Hawaii stores also sell a lot of culturally significant items that cannot be found anywhere else.

The establishment of a task force to examine the potential benefits of creating twenty-hour marketplaces across the State would be of the State's upmost benefit. Because of the members proposed to be included on this task force, a comprehensive evaluation will be able to be conducted to truly support the best interests of the State.

Speaking as a resident who fervently believes that the establishment of twenty-four hour markets would be beneficial to those who live in the State as well as those who are visiting Hawaii, I absolutely **SUPPORT** HR112 and recommend its passing as is!

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Government should stay out of private business' affairs. If the market demands businesses stay open later, they should just do that. We don't need all our department heads to spend time and airline miles figuring this out.

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