

SB707

Repeals exemptions of certain state entities. Repeals chapter 171C, HRS, on January 1, 2035. (Proposed SD1)

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Before the Senate Committees on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING
and
WATER AND LAND

Monday, February 11, 2013
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 16

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 707, PROPOSED SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senate Bill 707, Proposed Senate Draft 1, proposes to repeal exemptions of the following state entities: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Public Land Development Corporation (the "PLDC"); Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawaii Tourism Authority; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Community Development Authority; Aloha Tower Development Corporation; High Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation; Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. The measure also abolishes the PLDC on January 1, 2035 by repealing Chapter 171C, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") offers its comments only as this measure pertains to the PLDC. The Department appreciates the intent of this measure to improve the PLDC by eliminating its controversial exemptions, however, prefers and supports the amendments to Chapter 171C, HRS, proposed in Senate Bill 1173.** Senate Bill 1173 embraces a rational approach toward boosting the public benefit of state-owned lands and recreational assets while addressing most of the concerns about the PLDC.

The Department is responsible for managing approximately 1.3 million acres of State-owned lands and the State's natural, cultural and recreational resources, including the State's small boat harbors and parks. These recreational facilities are enjoyed by both the people of Hawaii as well as our visitors. Many of these facilities, however, are in dire need of repairs and improvements and have fallen into a shameful state of disrepair due to the lack of funding and resources. Some of those facilities are located on or in the immediate vicinity of public lands that are not being utilized effectively. Those public lands and facilities can, and should, be maintained and improved in a manner that will be sensitive to the intrinsic cultural and natural values of the area,

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while preserving and protecting traditional Native Hawaiian rights and practices. The assistance provided by the Harbors and Parks Development Authority, as proposed by Senate Bill 1173, would enable the Department to do exactly that, while simultaneously addressing the long overdue improvements to the State's recreational facilities in a timely manner, creating revenue opportunities to help fund such improvements, and sustaining the Department's operational mandates.

By enacting Chapter 171C, HRS, the Legislature concurred that underutilized public lands provided opportunities for developing high quality recreational and leisure centers and generating revenue for the benefit the people of Hawaii. The PLDC was created to pursue such opportunities.

The Department acknowledges the concerns expressed by various legislators, cultural, environmental, labor, and community organizations, and members of the general public that Chapter 171C, HRS, is overly broad may grant excessive powers to the PLDC. However, the intent to improve economic and recreational opportunities for our public lands is still a laudable goal. As such, the Department recommends amending Chapter 171C, HRS, rather than repealing it on January 1, 2035.

The amendments proposed in Senate Bill 1173 would limit the scope of Chapter 171C, HRS, to the State's small boat harbors and parks, eliminate the contentious land use exemptions previously granted to the PLDC, and allow the State to demonstrate the potential of public-private partnerships.



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**SB707, PROPOSED SD 1
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon, Vice Chairs Slom and Shimabukuro, and
Members of the Committees.

SB 707, Proposed SD1, repeals the exemptions of HTA, HHFDC, HCDA, HTDC,
HSDC, and NELHA, agencies attached to the Department of Business, Economic
Development and Tourism.

DBEDT **strongly opposes** this bill. Repeal of statutory exemptions would make
it more difficult to carry out the missions of growing tourism, increasing affordable
housing, starting new businesses, and facilitating the role of research in Hawaii's
economy.

DBEDT's public agencies rely on specific exemptions to save both time and
money while growing the economy, creating dynamic urban communities, and
facilitating more affordable homes for Hawaii residents. In addition to the oversight
provided by the Legislature and the Judiciary, public corporations have boards of
directors who can be held accountable by the Legislature for prudent decisions in
carrying out their statutes.

DBEDT defers to other appropriate state agencies for further comments on this
measure. Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this bill.

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RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

The HHFDC **strongly opposes** part V of S.B. 707, Proposed S.D. 1. We defer to the Office of Planning on the remainder of the bill.

The Proposed S.D. 1 repeals various exemptions that are set forth in Chapter 201H, HRS, which are intended to facilitate the development of affordable housing. The repeal of these exemptions would lengthen the timeframe to obtain land use and zoning approvals, increase development costs, and increase the cost of operating affordable rental housing projects. Moreover, pursuant to section 46-15.1, HRS, the counties are provided similar powers as those granted to the HHFDC under Chapter 201H. As such, this bill would negatively impact the county housing programs.

Chapter 201H has been an effective tool for the development and preservation of affordable housing. According to the 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, there is a need for approximately 24,000 affordable rental and for-sale housing units by 2016. The added costs and delays attributable to this measure would exacerbate the mounting problem. We, therefore, request that SB 707, Proposed SD1 be **held**.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill.

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In consideration of

**Senate Bill 707 Senate Draft 1
Relating to Economic Development**

Honorable Chairs Dela Cruz, Solomon and Members of the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, and Water and Land, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Bill (S.B.) 707 Senate Draft 1 (SD1), relating to economic development

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **strongly opposes** the enactment of this measure, which would repeal statutory exemptions for the HPHA as well as for other state agencies. This bill will further burden the HPHA's efforts on developing affordable rental and supportive housing, public housing and the efficient and fair delivery of housing services to the people of Hawaii.

From time to time, the State Legislature sees the benefit to the State and its citizens and uses its wisdom to approve certain exemptions. The HPHA relies on such exemptions that were granted by the State Legislature, to save the State both time and money and expeditiously move families from the street and into low-income public housing. For example, with hundreds of units vacant (many of them vacant for many years), Act 159 that passed last year has been extremely successful. With a civil service exemption to hire vacant unit repair workers, the HPHA has been able to combat the agency's estimated \$462 million in Capital Improvement Project needs.

This assists the HPHA to turnover more vacant units and provide more families in need of low-income public housing.

Furthermore, the HPHA uses exemptions to hire employees that have specific talents for a short period of time, expedite and hire employees that have the knowledge and expertise to comply with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, hire talent to successfully apply and be awarded HUD grants, and create public private partnerships.

In addition to the oversight provided by the Legislature and the Judiciary, the HPHA Board of Directors can be held accountable by the Legislature and the federal funding sources that the agency receives. Taking away these exemptions will severely impact our agency and the over 10,000 families that are on our wait list, and will create negative consequences that will cost the State millions of dollars and increase the vacant units in a time where Honolulu is one of the top 15 cities with homeless challenges.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and Water and Land with the agency's position regarding S.B. 707 SD1. We respectfully request the Committee to hold this measure, and we thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon, Vice Chairs Slom and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and Water and Land.

The Administration **strongly opposes** SB 707 Proposed SD1. The bill repeals authority previously granted by the legislature to various semi-autonomous government bodies.¹ The authority currently granted allows these organizations to effectively carry out specific, narrowly tailored policy objectives. Over time, these organizations have engaged in various public private partnerships that led to the successful delivery of public goods and services such as agricultural parks with affordable leases to support diversified agriculture, housing for native Hawaiians, affordable housing for Hawaii's working families, and support for nascent economies (e.g., high-technology and alternative energy) for Hawaii's future growth and self-sufficiency.

¹ This testimony does not discuss the Public Land Development Corporation ("PLDC"), which is also listed in this bill. The scope, authority, and purpose of the PLDC are currently under reconsideration by the legislature through various other proposed bills.

The State organizations affected by this bill and their policy objectives are listed in the following table for your consideration.

<u>State Organization</u>	<u>Policy Objective</u>
Department of Hawaiian Homelands	“[T]o enable native Hawaiians to return to their lands in order to fully support self-sufficiency for native Hawaiians and the self-determination of native Hawaiians in the administration of this Act, and the preservation of the values, traditions, and culture of native Hawaiians.” See Hawaiian Homes Commission Act § 101.
Agribusiness Development Corporation	“[T]o create a vehicle and process to make optimal use of agricultural assets for the economic, environmental, and social benefit of the people of Hawaii.” See HRS § 163D-1.
Hawaii Tourism Authority	To “[d]evelop, coordinate, and implement state policies and directions for tourism and related activities,” including marketing, statewide coordination, education, and long-range planning. See HRS § 201B-3.
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation	“[T]o provide mechanisms and incentives that will help to increase the supply of low-income rental housing units for persons and families earning less than eighty per cent of the median family income.” See L 2005, c 196, § 2.
Hawaii Community Development Authority (“HCDA”)	Within specific community development districts and by way of plans adopted by its board with public participation, the HCDA “shall determine community development programs and cooperate with private enterprise and the various components of federal, state, and county governments in bringing plans to fruition.” See HRS § 206E-1.

<u>State Organization</u>	<u>Policy Objective</u>
Aloha Tower Development Corporation	“[T]o establish a new public body corporate and politic, public instrumentality, and agency of the State for the purpose of undertaking the redevelopment of the Aloha Tower complex to strengthen the international economic base of the community in trade activities, to enhance the beautification of the waterfront, and in conjunction with the department of transportation, to better serve modern maritime uses, and to provide for public access and use of the waterfront property.” See HRS § 206J-1.
High Technology Development Corporation	“[T]o facilitate the growth and development of the commercial high technology industry in Hawaii.” See HRS § 206M-2.
Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation	“[T]o encourage economic development and diversification in Hawaii through innovative actions in cooperation with private enterprises.” See HRS § 211F-2.
Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority	“[T]o facilitate research, development, and commercialization of natural energy resources and ocean-related research, technology, and industry in Hawaii and to engage in retail, commercial, or tourism activities that will financially support that research, development, and commercialization at a research and technology park in Hawaii.” See HRS § 227D-2.
Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii	To promote “educational, scientific, and literary pursuits,” such as obtaining copyrights, patent rights, licenses; coordinating research that supports economic development of the State; and promoting cooperative research project. See HRS §§ 304A-3001 and 304A-3003.
Hawaii Public Housing Authority	To provide public housing, which is defined as “a housing project directly controlled, owned, developed, or managed by the authority pursuant to the federal low-rent public housing program.” See HRS § 356D-1.

These State organizations should be allowed to continue their important work for the people of Hawaii and engage in partnerships with the public and private sector to achieve the purpose of their enabling legislation. For these reasons, the Administration asks that your committee indefinitely hold SB 707 SD1 Proposed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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WATER AND LAND
IN OPPOSITION OF

SB 707 SD 1 (PROPOSED), RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

February 11, 2013

Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Solomon, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) opposes SB 707 SD 1 (proposed), specifically Part I which amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, by adding certain compliance requirements and repealing certain exemptions that facilitate the development of Hawaiian Home Lands.

It is well-established in state law and court decisions that the Hawaiian Homes Commission exercises exclusive control over Hawaiian Home Lands that were set aside for the benefit of, and settlement by, native Hawaiians. This measure diminishes the control of the Hawaiian Homes Commission over its lands. The added compliance requirements proposed in this measure create barriers for DHHL to develop its lands, including homestead lots. Also, the proposed repeal of the exemption from competitive bidding if no state funds are used in a development project also harms Hawaiian Home Lands applicants who are waiting for homestead awards.

Additionally, the department has a track record of working with the state and county entities to meet the standards and guidelines established for development. Based on this track record, Part I is not necessary.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 707, SD 1
A BILL RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

AND

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D.M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL

February 10, 2013

Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Slom, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Committee members:

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Adjutant General, Adjutant General, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony **in opposition** to Senate Bill 707, SD 1.

SB 707 SD 1 is well intentioned; however, we have serious reservations about the effect the bill will have on our economic development within the State of Hawaii. In its current draft, we are concerned that repeal of certain exemptions will, in fact, harm our economic development. We believe it is the duty of the Legislature to spur economic development, especially in light of our challenges in the Federal fiscal arena. Given the polarization of our U.S. Congress, we are extremely confident that our Hawaii Legislators will rise and lead the State to better economic times.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 707, SD 1.



NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY

An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT
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RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon, Vice Chairs Slom and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committees, the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) **strongly opposes** S.B. 707 Proposed S.D.1 relating to economic development. This measure would restrict NELHA's ability to attract new renewable energy projects; add additional conditions to our procurement process; and, require us to charge taxes on all of our revenue. Generally, this bill will only serve to increase our operating costs (and other nearby State agencies) and make us less effective as an economic development agency.

The current ability to sell power within our renewable energy park is a key feature that distinguishes us from other technology parks around the world. It adds a very valuable comparative advantage that we had been planning to use this as a key incentive to attract new business and renewable energy projects. In addition, we have been working with the Kona

International Airport to share power generation and removing this provision to the law will restrict us from working with them.

In addition, this measure would require us to charge taxes on all revenues from the lease of land and sale of seawater. These additional taxes will have to be passed on to the 40+ small businesses and other clients that operate within our technology park.

Several years ago, it was decided that NELHA should become a “self-sufficient” State agency. While we no longer receive any general funds, we were only able to achieve “self-sufficiency” because the Legislature gave us the “tools” to allow us to succeed. Removing these provisions/tools may hinder our chances of realizing the goals of growing our economic development project and increasing the \$4.5M in State tax revenue that the park already generates.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS and HOUSING**

February 11, 2013

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In consideration of

SB 707 Proposed SD1 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business:

The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) **opposes SB 707 Proposed SD1, Part IX**. This bill would eliminate HSDC's exemption from Chapter 76 in the hiring of its president and other employees. Further, this bill would require HSDC's investments to be subject to the requirements of Chapter 42F.

HSDC is a state agency with an investment mission requiring specialized skills. Without the exemption from Chapter 76, HSDC will not be able to attract and hire people with the requisite skills and experience to execute its mission. Furthermore, in the event of poor investment performance, HSDC needs the flexibility to terminate the employment of its investment managers and consultants.

SB 707 Proposed SD1 also requires HSDC's investments to be subject to the requirements of Chapter 42F. HSDC's programs are investments and not grants in aid or subsidies. Under 42F HSDC would not be able to pool its capital with private sector investors. Thus, it would lose the ability to leverage the business acumen of the private sector and lose the ability to manage its portfolio in a financially prudent manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
and
Senate Committee on Water and Land
February 11, 2013 at 3:00pm
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SB 707 Proposed SD1 - RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon, Vice Chairs Slom and Shimabukuro, and
Members of the Committees:

The University of Hawai'i **strongly opposes Part XI (section 46)** of SB 707, Proposed SD1, which would repeal current statutory provisions that provide the Research Corporation (RCUH) with flexibility in procurement and hiring. This language would completely eliminate the flexibility that was the basis of the creation of RCUH and which is absolutely essential to supporting the current research enterprise at the University of Hawai'i (UH) and enabling its growth.

The Legislature wisely recognized the unique requirements of the research industry in Hawai'i when it created RCUH in 1965 to support the UH research and training enterprise and afforded RCUH exemptions from constraining practices more appropriate for State operations than the kind of nimble enterprise that can compete for federal and other research and training funding. The flexibility the Legislature provided when it created RCUH has been absolutely essential to UH's research and training enterprise today. And this flexibility will be absolutely essential to supporting our plans to build a one billion dollar research industry in Hawai'i that addresses the problems facing our communities and expands our economy both directly and indirectly.

Repealing these exemptions would render RCUH irrelevant to research, training and economic development. Such an action will not just make it impossible to double research in Hawai'i over the next decade, as we have just set out to accomplish, but it would make it impossible to even sustain our current research and training enterprise.

We urge you to support economic development and research in Hawai'i by removing the language in SB 707, SD1 Part XI from consideration in this and any other bill you are considering.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **strongly opposes Part IV** of S.B. 707, Proposed S.D. 1, which proposes to arbitrarily repeal the various exemptions of the HTA.

S.B. 707, Proposed S.D.1, proposes to repeal:

- HTA's exemption from the approval of business and accounting forms;
- The exemption of HTA's president and chief executive officer from the civil service and retirement systems laws;
- HTA's exemption from administrative supervision and control of the Director of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; and
- The exemption of HTA's projects or project agreements from state taxation and the Procurement Code.

These exemptions were enacted to improve the operational efficiencies of the HTA. HTA's exemption from the supervision of accounts, for example, were enacted to allow more efficiency in HTA's payments from its accounts, which, prior to the enactment of the provision, often took up to three months to have a check prepared. The exemption from the Procurement Code, similarly enables HTA to more efficiently procure services for programs that respond to events that affect the world-wide visitor marketplace and enable HTA compete more effectively in the competitive global market. The Economic Revitalization Task Force recommended that the HTA be created to "...more aggressively market Hawaii's tourism industry in order to maintain its position in the world market and to compete more effectively."

For these reasons we oppose Part IV of S.B. 707, Proposed S.D. 1, and request that it be deleted.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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Sunday, February 10, 2013

Chairs and Committee Members

Joint Hearing of the Senate Committees on Water & Land and Economic Dev., Gov't Operations and Housing

Hawaii State Legislature

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RE: SB 707 proposed SD 1

Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Solomon and members:

UNITE HERE Local 5, a local labor organization representing nearly 10,000 hotel, health care and food service workers employed throughout our State, would like to offer comments in support of SB 707 only to the extent that the proposed SD1 would address the repeal of the Public Land Development Corporation.

We are in agreement with your Committee, we must acknowledge our collective need to find innovative and necessary means for securing our State's economic future, and we must dutifully examine the long-term impact regarding the functionality of State agencies.

But our reality is such that our people are being pushed off our islands while so many of us can't afford homes. More and more of our local jobs go to mainland companies while locals struggle to earn a living wage, and that is why alongside other community leaders we launched a new movement called AiKea. It is aimed at encouraging participation in our political system and encapsulates a growing need of putting power back in the hands of working people.

Unfortunately, so many of our members do not have the luxury of being able to attend nor keep-up with the flurry of legislation that comes before the Legislature each session. Yet, we want to be more engaged because we are so deeply concerned about the future of our island community.

In each of our two largest industries – hotel and health care – we are seeing drastic cuts in good jobs. Permanent jobs that help contribute to our State's tax base. In the last six years alone, and in spite of record profits and record number of visitors to our islands, we've lost 1,600 good paying union hotel jobs, and this does not include the hundreds if not thousands of workers who have seen their hours cut. These are permanent jobs with full family health care, a pension, and retiree benefits. These are the kind of jobs we're losing with each new condo-conversion, time share operation, and new development of limited-service hotels that undercut our standard.

In the hearts and minds of nearly every one of our members the task is quite simple. We need to address meaningful solutions that keep good jobs in our islands. Hawaii can be a place for us to continue to work, play and raise our families. Hawaii can support a robust tourism industry with good jobs. Hawaii can be economically sustainable, but we must be willing to hold the large banks and developers accountable to our needs. And that is the task that we are most excited about working with you on. For it should come as no surprise that the increasing strain on our State coffers - which has resulted in the debate over the creation of the PLDC - and the loss of thousands of good union jobs in our number one industry have not come about in isolation of one another.

We thank you for allowing us to comment on SB 707, proposed SD 1.

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George D. Szigeti	Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association	Oppose	No

Comments: We oppose the repeal of exemptions of certain State entities like HTA. Our goal should be to keep HTA strong. To do so, we believe they need all of the resources available to them as they continue the momentum built this past year and a half in turning our Visitor Industry around. In a fragile industry, and one that is so crucial to our Hawaii economy, it is imperative that we continue to furnish this agency (HTA) all of the tools and resources needed to compete in a competitive Global market. Supporting HTA, which supports the visitor industry, which in turn supports our economy and creates thousands of jobs should be a priority for all of us. We thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of SB707.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SECTION 6 OF SB 707, PROPOSED SD 1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Solomon, and Members of the Committees:

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, with over 10,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, *supports* section 6 of the proposed SD1 of SB 707. This measure eliminates statutory language pertaining to a number of entities and repeals the Public Lands Development Corporation. The Sierra Club offers, at this time, support only of the proposal to eliminate the Public Lands Development Corporation.

The public outcry and criticism of the PLDC has been staggering. People -- your constituents -- intuitively understand the problems with using our natural resources as an item to be traded or bartered away. They also appreciate the importance of having a well-regulated system, so as to ensure transparency, public input, and above-board dealings. Your constituents also reject the broad exemptions from public review, safety standards, and long-range planning proposed within the PLDC.

We ask the Committees to move this measure forward. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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The Outdoor Circle strongly supports this measure but ONLY as it relates to the Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC) .

Written Statement of
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before the
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SB 707 PROPOSED SD1 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon, Vice Chairs Slom and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committees on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing and Water & Land.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **strongly opposes SB 707 Proposed SD1** which repeals the exemption of certain State agencies. Specifically, HTDC opposes the entirety of Part VIII (sections 34 to 40) as it relates to HTDC.

HTDC was established to facilitate the growth and development of the commercial high technology industry in Hawaii. HTDC's duties include (and are not limited to):

- (1) Developing and encouraging industrial parks as high technology innovation centers and developing or assisting with the development of projects within or outside of industrial parks, including participating with the private sector in such development;
- (2) Providing financial and other support and services to Hawaii-based high technology companies;
- (3) Collecting and analyzing information on the state of commercial high technology activity in Hawaii;
- (4) Promoting and marketing Hawaii as a site for commercial high technology activity; and
- (5) Providing advice on policy and planning for technology-based economic development.

HTDC is provided with special provisions and exemptions by statute. These provisions allow the HTDC to fulfill its mission. Repeal of any of these would negatively impact HTDC and is a step in the wrong direction. Here is just one example that demonstrates how the repeal of our exemptions would undermine the very mandate we are given:

Section 36 – Repeal of exemption of chapter 102 – concession laws.
HTDC operates two tech incubation centers – the Manoa Innovation Center and the Maui Research and Technology Center. These incubators provide startup tech companies an ideal

environment to take risks and grow. The facilities offer small, affordable, flexible-lease office space with shared amenities like conference rooms, copier, kitchen, showers, etc. The companies are typically for-profit small businesses with varying software or hardware products. Exemption from concession laws allows HTDC to lease space based on business profile. If this exemption were repealed, HTDC could be required to solicit bids placing more hurdles for the very businesses we are mandated to nurture.

The repeal of provisions and exemptions in the HTDC statute would serve to defeat the entire purpose of the agency. It will no longer have the flexibility to effectively and efficiently adapt to the changing needs of the technology sector. We do not view the exemptions as a means to circumvent the issues of transparency or accountability, but instead, as a valuable means to allow for a quicker response time and to obtain the best quality results on behalf of the public. I would like to add, the HTDC does have a board of directors therefore there is sufficient oversight for the agency.

If the State still sees relevance in HTDC's mission and its track record, HTDC should be given the authority to match this responsibility, to serve the people of Hawaii in the most effective manner possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

ROGER LUKAS, PH.D.

Honolulu, Hawaii 96816 USA

February 10, 2013

Testimony

*Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Senate Committee on Water and Land
February 11, 2013, 3 pm, Room 16
by Roger Lukas, Oceanographer*

Re: SB707 SD1 – Relating to Economic Development

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony on SB 707, SD1. In particular, I would like to address Part XI, which would greatly affect the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii. In my opinion, it would quickly result in the destruction of the UH research and training enterprise that has grown very successfully particularly over the last decade. While that growth is directly attributable to the expertise and efforts of the faculty who are the Principal Investigators of extramurally-funded research and training grants and contracts, those efforts would not have been nearly as successful without the critical support services of RCUH, especially for research-related procurement and human resources. The University of Hawaii cannot meet the needs of research under current law. I recommend that any new restrictions on RCUH be removed from this bill.

I've worked as a professor of oceanography at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for more than 30 years conducting research and teaching. I've also worked through the University Of Hawaii Association of Research Investigators (UHARI) for the past 15 years to improve the essential infrastructure that has allowed the research enterprise in the State of Hawaii to grow remarkably.

In this very tight federal funding environment, all research projects are challenged to be as rapidly productive as possible so that future funding will be approved. Time is a critical resource. My colleagues and their supporting staff struggle mightily with existing red-tape. Please do not allow major new barriers to be placed in the way of their continuing to grow vital research and training contributions to economic development in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Dr. Roger Lukas

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii



Testimony

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Senate Committee on Water and Land
February 11, 2013, 3 pm, Room 16
by Michael Hamnett, Executive Director

Re: SB707 SD1 – Relating to Economic Development

Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Michael Hamnett and I have served as Executive Director of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii since 2004.

RCUH opposes SB 707, SD1, Part XI.

RCUH's exceptions from certain state laws:

- Sections 36-27 and 36-30, relating to special fund reimbursements to the state general fund
- Chapter 103D relating to advertising for bids and purchases to be made in Hawaii whenever public moneys are expended
- Chapter 76 relating to civil service and
- Section 78-1 relating to public employment are essential for RCUH to carry out its mission of supporting the research and training activities of the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii.

are essential for RCUH to carry out its mission of supporting the research and training activities of the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii. Repealing these exceptions will be devastating to the business of research and to Hawaii's economy.

In 1965, the Legislature established RCUH to provide the flexibility necessary for a growing research enterprise at the University of Hawaii. Standing Committee Reports from 1965 clearly articulate the necessity of the exceptions to State law that SB707, SD1 seeks, to repeal.

"...the rapid and extensive entry of the University of Hawaii into basic and applied research programs sponsored by the federal government, and into applied research programs which couple University capability with that of private industry, requires a much more flexible and streamlined method of operation than is permitted the usual operations of state agencies. In short, the University must be able to function in research activities more like a business..."

--Standing Committee Report 809, House Committee on Higher Education, 1965

"...Increasingly, research contracts accepted by the University require rapidity of action and flexibility in operational and financial activities more characteristic of business firms than of governmental agencies. State regulations of many types which control the University's normal functioning do not provide the expeditious managerial environment needed to function in the highly competitive area of science-related activities now involving universities, federal government and private industry."

--Standing Committee Report 836, Senate Committee on Ways & Means, 1965

The flexibility that RCUH provides the University, the State, the federal government and other entities has allowed the State's research enterprise to grow tremendously. For example, RCUH's volume of business grew from \$78 million in FY 1997 to \$484 million in FY 2012 and this translates to hundreds of jobs on every island.

Repealing RCUH's exceptions to the State laws identified in SB707, SD1, would be tantamount to shutting down RCUH. Without RCUH, the research and training enterprise, especially at the University of Hawaii, will not function. Research will come to a halt; jobs will go unfilled or be lost, the procurement of critical equipment, services, etc., cannot take place in a timely manner, etc. The RCUH provides a means to an end, that has created hundreds of job opportunities for our Hawaii residents in field of science and research that would have otherwise caused many of our young people to leave Hawaii to seek these opportunities on the Mainland. Losing these exemptions leave the State and University without a means to react swiftly to take advantage of Federal funding opportunities. The University and the State will lose its competitive edge on the critical research initiatives that contribute to Hawaii's economic development.

SB 707, SD1, Part XI, must not be passed. RCUH must retain its exemptions to successfully carry out its mission of supporting the research and training activities of the University and the State..

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Senate Committee on Water and Land
February 11, 2013, 3 pm, Room 16
by Robert Dewitz, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Re: SB707 SD1 – Relating to Economic Development

Chairs Dela Cruz and Solomon and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Robert Dewitz and I am presently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of RCUH and have been a member of the Board since 2009.

My background is entirely in the private sector; I have bought and sold a number of businesses, both in Hawaii and on the mainland, and currently own a 150 employee firm here in Honolulu. I have an undergraduate degree in economics, an MBA from U.H., and am an alumnus of the Harvard Business School Owner/President Management Program. I have served on the Board of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corp., and the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii; both organizations promoting economic development. I am deeply and personally interested in promoting economic growth in our State and speak from first-hand experience in this regard.

Bill SB707 SD1 seeks to eliminate many of the procurement law exceptions that are critical to the operation of RCUH. I strongly and sincerely believe that such an action would do great harm to Hawaii's economy in both the near and long term.

Over the years, my businesses have done many millions of dollars of work for federal, DoD, State, and county agencies; so I have substantial experience with government procurement practices. The procurement laws and regulations are profoundly cumbersome, slow, expensive to administer for both the government and the contractor, and do not always yield the best outcomes. Be that as it may, they are, in most cases, in the public interest so as to prevent abuse and corruption. Such is not the case with RCUH.

RCUH is the vehicle through which hundreds of millions of dollars of research grants conduct their operations. Each of these grants is "won" by a Principal Investigator ("PI") who has competed against other such PI's to win the grant – by demonstrating a better value to the awarding agency. The PI's are essentially entrepreneurs competing in a national, often-times multi-national, marketplace to deliver products/services in the fastest, most cost-effective manner possible. To try to execute such programs under the stricture of standard government procurement would - immediately and unquestionably - make Hawaii a non-player in this arena. These R&D endeavors are an enormous economic driver in their own right and serve as the fertile seed for many spin-off ventures. Hawaii needs to diversify & grow its economy beyond tourism and the military and high tech is one area where our logistics are not totally against us. We must do all we can to promote these R&D efforts and SB707 SD1 would have just the opposite effect.

While the monies funding these R&D efforts are, in most cases, not coming from the Hawaii taxpayer, we all want to be sure that no improprieties are occurring with regard to procurement. In the case of RCUH, there are at least 3 layers of safeguard in this respect:

1. As explained earlier, PI's compete for grants. This "market" competition serves as the first and

most natural defense against procurement abuse. Pl's compete vigorously to deliver high value, cost effective products & services; there is no room for feather-bedding or incompetence.

2. Federal and nearly all other grants require strict conformance with various procurement standards; including obtaining multiple bids and minimizing sole sourcing. RCUH research programs & grants are audited against these standards by outside CPAs.
3. The RCUH staff and Board also perform oversight functions to ensure transparency and legitimacy of procurement efforts.

I am an unpaid volunteer in my role on the RCUH Board and have no vested interest in either the University of Hawaii or RCUH. I write to you as a business person who is deeply concerned about promoting economic growth, and equally concerned about good government. While the procurement codes have an important role in most agencies and functions, their application to RCUH would be the death knell for our nascent high-tech economic endeavors that ultimately will provide high quality jobs for our children.



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S. B. 707/S.D. 1 –RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Purpose: Repeals statutory exemptions specified for the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) as well as other state agencies.

Position: This testimony reflects my view only as the Authority has not had an opportunity to review and act on this measure. While deferring to the other stakeholders cited in this proposal, I strongly oppose the passage of this measure as it relates to the HCDA. Passage of this proposal would unnecessarily increase the obligations and costs relating to government operations, thwart the supremacy clause of the state constitution, frustrate the ability of the Authority to efficiently administer the revolving funds that it administers and imposes an impractical requirement that a state agency pay state and county taxes on its activities. I note that this testimony represents only my viewpoint as the Authority has not yet had the opportunity to meet and establish its position on this measure.

Testimony reflects the view and position of the Executive Director and not that of the Authority.

Part VI of the proposal amends particular sections of the HCDA's enabling legislation. I list the provisions of the measure as they relate to the HCDA and provide comments in italics.

206E-3 - the measure eliminates the specification that the position of Executive Director is exempt from Chapter 76. *This provision would require that the position of the Executive Director be converted to a civil servant instead of an appointment without the tenure and protections of civil service.*

206E-4 – the measure eliminates the specification that the Executive Director may appoint employees without regard to Chapter 76. *This provision would require that all HCDA employees be converted to a civil servant instead of an appointment without the longevity and protections of civil service. This would necessarily swell the ranks of government workers who enjoy the benefits of tenure.*

206E-7 –the measure eliminates the specification that the community development plans and rules relating to health, safety, building, planning, zoning and land use compiled by the Authority necessarily supersedes all inconsistent ordinance and rules. *Thwarts the supremacy clause of the State Constitution with respect to laws and rules promulgated by the State versus the county government.*

206E-16.5 – Repeals the section that, except as to legislative authorization for administrative expenses, the Legislature need not approve any expenditure by the Authority from the revolving funds that it administers as long as the Authority does not incur any obligations in excess of the amount standing to the credit of the Authority or for any purpose which the fund may not lawfully be expended. *This provision would frustrate the efficiency of the Authority and require the Legislature to authorize or allocate all appropriations from the revolving fund. As the Legislature does not meet full time, this would upset the ability of the Authority to timely act on matters involving the administration of its revolving funds.*

206E-17 – Repeals the section that exempts the agency from being taxed by the county and paying state taxes. *Repeal of this section would again thwart the supremacy clause of the State Constitution with respect of the ability of county*

government to tax an arm of the State government. Would also require that the State tax its own activities and operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to the passage of this measure.

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Henry Curtis	Life of the Land	Support	No

Comments: Please pass only the repeal of the PLDC (HRS 171c). Please kill the rest of the bill
Mahalo Henry Curtis

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Victoria Cannon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: ALOHA, PLEASE NOTE; I support the SB 707 SD 1 TO REPEAL PLDC portion only.
Mahalo, Victoria Cannon

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Karen Chun	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My understanding that this is a gut and replace that PURPORTS to repeal the PLDC but also includes a lot of other noxious provisions that are designed to give it "poison pill" status. Sen Solomon and Sen Dela Cruz - stop messing around. Hear a CLEAN Repeal the PLDC bill. Schedule SB1 for a hearing. Stop standing in the way of your constituents. Stop playing games. Stop trying to "pull one over on us" Turn this bill into a clean PLDC Repeal that matches SB1.

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Henry Curtis	Life of the Land	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senators. Please adopt only the portion of the SD1 that repeals PLDC. Mahalo. Henry Curtis

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