

LATE TESTIMONY

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The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 727
Relating to Economic Development

The Department of the Corporation Counsel, City and County of Honolulu respectfully opposes Senate Bill No. 727, Relating to Economic Development. The Bill significantly reduces the authority of the counties under Section 46-1.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, by removing the right of the counties to enact ordinances deemed necessary to protect health and life and prohibiting the enactment of ordinances which conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

As no purpose is provided in the Bill, it is unclear what the intention of the Bill is. However, the interest of the City in the health and safety of its inhabitants is too essential a concern to be removed from its powers. In addition, the City is already subject to state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations.

For the reasons stated above, the City strongly opposes Senate Bill 727, and respectfully requests that the Bill be filed. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane T. Kawauchi".

DIANE T. KAWAUCHI
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