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SB727

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for PSM on Feb 5, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Bicoy-Stephenson	Molokai Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

Comments:

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LATE TESTIMONY

SENATE HEARING
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Tuesday, February 05, 2013
2:45pm
Conference Room 224
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB727
County Ordinances on Property, Order, and Security; Conflicts with State and Federal Laws

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Baker and Respected Committee Members:

I strongly support SB727.

Consistency in the framework to conduct business in Hawaii will promote confidence in our economy. At a time when we are all concerned with the bottom line, business and government alike, and how best to utilize our resources, we need assurances when projecting business plans that will strategically allow us to best utilize our investment capital, time and resources.

Thus the overarching framework needs to be sensibly implemented and consistent between the State and Counties. We respect the different levels of government, but we should also recognize that there are limitations to our wherewithal – our assets, resources, agencies, enforcement and most importantly budgets. We must best utilize what is most conducive to all sectors, as multiple levels of redundant and expensive bureaucracy cost us all money – State, Counties, Businesses, and inevitably the Hawaii consumer.

In a time when we are all facing leaner means, we need to recognize the value of consistency for the betterment of our Hawaii economy.

I humbly ask that you support SB727.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Bicoy-Stephenson
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LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony by Greg Chan, President, Kapala IT

SB 727 - Relating to Economic Development

The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013

2:45 p.m., Room 224

Position: Support

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Committee:

My name is Greg Chan and I am an entrepreneur with a small, native Hawaiian-owned company with employees in Hawaii, Oregon and Arizona. I am in support of SB 727 relating to economic development.

As a business owner with a federal contract, I must work with all levels of government. One of the greatest challenges that I continue to face is the conflict created when one level of government (for instance the county) is unsatisfied with the regulatory or statutory authority of another (the state as an example). I get caught in a push/pull scenario and in the end, the only one that suffers is me, my employees, and the potential economic contribution we want to make to our state. So in the end, we all lose.

I think that this bill simply offers validation that uniformity in our laws is necessary to ensure that small businesses like mine are able to effectively navigate expansion and growth across the state without unnecessary interference by lawmakers with an interest in overregulating industry.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Aloha.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marin Donohue	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 727. in recent times we have had some wacky county council members who do not represent the best interest for our state and have given cause for concern. What happens if a county takes an action that is detrimental to the state's public health. If some council makes a decision to make school age vaccines an option, we end up with a catastrophe that only the state or feds can get us out of. This is a good bill. Protect our state's health and other state interests.