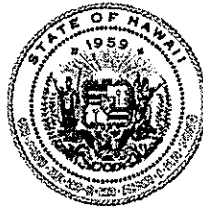


SCR160 / SR117

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**Before the Senate Committees on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING
and
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and
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Monday, April 1, 2013
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 16**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 160/SENATE RESOLUTION 117
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Senate Concurrent Resolution 160/Senate Resolution 117 urges the Office of Planning to establish a working group, which is encouraged to include the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. The purpose of the working group would be to determine potential state and City and County of Honolulu ("City") parcels that could be exchanged to facilitate the completion of specific missions. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is open to participating as part of this working group, but believes the Department's participation may not be necessary.**

While the State, which consists of numerous agencies, may own land on and surrounding rail transit station centers, most of those state lands are not under the Department's jurisdiction. For example, state lands along the City's rail transit line include lands that are part of or adjacent to Waipahu High School, Aloha Stadium, and the Honolulu International Airport. However, those lands are under the jurisdiction of other state agencies, i.e., the Departments of Education, Accounting and General Services, and Transportation.

The only lands near a rail transit station under the Department's jurisdiction are lands in East Kapolei along Kualakai Parkway, and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation

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("HART") has already entered a written letter agreement with the Department for HART's proposed use of those lands. As such, the Department's participation in the proposed working group may not be necessary or may be minimal. Furthermore, it may be prudent that the proposed working group includes representatives from any other state agencies that control lands near the proposed transit stations and lines.

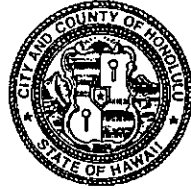
If the Department is left as a participant of the working group, the Department respectfully asks that the resolutions be amended to read "the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources or the Chairperson's designee," in the second to the last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Dear Chairs Dela Cruz, Solomon, Espero and Members:

Subject: Senate Concurrent Resolution 160, Senate Resolution 117
Relating to a Working Group on State-City Land Exchanges

The Department of Planning and Permitting has **comments** on SCR 160 / SR117, which would establish a working group under the State Office of Planning to look at where lands could be exchanged between the State and the City to facilitate the objectives and priorities of each.

We agree with the underlying intent, which is to create ongoing dialogue between the two governmental entities. Our specific points:

- As a major landowner near three rail stations, the University of Hawaii needs to be part of the working group.
- Similarly, with much of the rail alignment itself to be within State highways, the State Department of Transportation should also be a group member.
- The subject matter should be narrowly focused. Although the draft resolutions mention rail transit and redevelopment of public school lands, they do not seem to limit discussion to these projects. There are other types of lands with mixed landownership, including roadways, parks and perhaps other facilities. We would prefer a narrow focus so that actual implementation (i.e., land exchanges), will be expeditious.

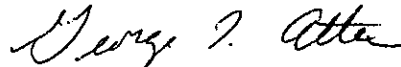
Lastly, as the City department working on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), please note that we are very supportive of working with the State on a partnership basis. We do not

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require lands to be City-owned to create successful TOD projects. In fact, we have been working with several State agencies on TOD opportunities for quite a while. Some of them are active members of our various TOD advisory committees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,



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The State Office of Planning (SOP) provides the following comments on these
resolutions. SOP could consider this proposal if it included funding to procure a consultant to
carry out its intent, or if the positions requested by SOP in the original version of HB200 are
approved by the legislature (as discussed below). In addition, the overall success of this effort
would be more certain if the agencies named in the resolutions affirmed that they would benefit

from the outcome of this effort. There is nothing worse than adding another report to the library shelf paid for with taxpayers' money.

With the support of the Governor and the Legislature, SOP has made successful contributions to the state, which is discussed in our report to the Governor and this Legislature at <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/main/about/annual/2012-reports/2012-op.pdf>. In particular, SOP contributed to various statewide and regional planning activities related to coastal and ocean policy; provided land use planning and evaluation tools for state and county decision-makers; prepared statewide economic development strategies; and coordinated statewide issues like transit-oriented development, food security, and climate change adaptation strategies to meet the needs of current and future generations.

SOP has lost more than 80% of its generally funded staff since the early 1990s; however, our basic functions have not changed. The aforementioned activities were conducted in addition to SOP's basic functions, which include the following:

- Reviewing and issuing of special management area (SMA) permits for projects within the Hawaii community development districts and coordinating SMA permitting activities with the counties;
 - Reviewing and issuing of Coastal Zone Management Act federal consistency determinations for certain federal actions and activities;
 - Developing, coordinating, and presenting the position of the State in all boundary change petitions and proceedings before the Land Use Commission, which includes coordinating with county, state, and federal agencies and pre-consultation meetings with petitioners;
- and

- Collecting, integrating, analyzing, maintaining, and disseminating geospatial data and information, to further effective state planning, policy analysis and development, and delivery of government services.

Since the Administration took office, the economy has begun to improve. This means increased opportunities for Hawaii's people, but also, added pressure on our communities, resources, and public infrastructure. It is imperative that we continue to support comprehensive statewide planning to meet the physical, economic, and social needs of Hawaii's people, while providing for the wise use of Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical manner.

We are grateful that the House kept some of our requests in HB200 HB1; however, we urge you to support our original requests that included one generally funded planner position. We currently have one generally funded planning position in SOP's Special Plans Branch. This person is working fulltime on U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration grants. If approved by this legislature, the one generally funded planner position SOP is requesting would be placed in the Special Plans Branch. A generally funded employee would be able to work on additional priorities of the Administration including transit-oriented development (TOD) planning to ensure that TOD related to public property maximizes public benefits and minimizes impacts to the environment and community.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your continued support of statewide planning.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Penny Levin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill has lumped the expansion of school campuses to the rail project in an attempt to pass through a still highly controversial project fraught with strong opposition and contested cases. I strongly oppose SCR160 and SR117.

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