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Testimony in **support** of HB1700 HD1
Relating to the State Budget

Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Room 211

Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Office of the Governor **supports** House Bill 1700, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget. This measure adjusts and appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 fiscal years.

At the beginning of this Administration, the State faced a severe budget shortfall. Through collaborative efforts and shared sacrifice, the State has regained its fiscal footing and ended the past two fiscal years with a positive general fund balance, which will assist in handling the decline in revenues as forecast by the Council on Revenues in their latest report.

We applaud the efforts of the House in its draft of the budget which maintains our shared focus on restoring reserves while funding necessary public services and key initiatives.

We recognize the challenges faced by the Legislature in building the supplemental budget. The Administration developed a sound and sustainable budget designed to withstand some fluctuation in revenue, and is ready to work with the Legislature for a better future for the state of Hawaii.

We defer to the Department of Budget and Finance to provide an overview of the Administration's approach to the budget in light of the latest Council on Revenues general fund forecast.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.



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**TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**HOUSE BILL NO. HB 1700, H.D. 1
Relating to the State Budget**

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 1700, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget. This measure appropriates funds for the supplemental operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor **supports** House Bill No. 1700, H.D. 1, but requests further consideration of the initial budget request for the Commissioner of Deeds funding to be placed within the budget and a position established to support that program, as provided below.

After serving one year in office, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor has worked to learn and fulfill its duties under the current Administration, including continuing to perform the statutory duties of the Office, while also assuming the responsibility for several new initiatives and programs. It has been a challenge to support and staff multiple initiatives, including beginning a new program, the Commissioner of Deeds program, as directed by the legislature last session. The increased workload has required existing staff to undertake additional responsibilities and functions. We ask for the Committee's favorable consideration of our additional budget requests to ensure that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor can continue to ably serve the public and support current programs and responsibilities.

The House Draft of the budget removed funds and one full-time equivalent position for the Commission of Deeds program under the office budget. Act 277, SLH 2013, required the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to establish a process for the Governor to appoint individuals to serve as Commissioners of Deeds to administer oaths, take acknowledgements, and take proofs of execution outside of the United States in connection with the execution of conveyance documents relating to a time share interest, any property subject to a time share plan, or the operation of a time share plan covering any property located within Hawaii. Act 277 included an appropriation for \$60,000 for FY2014 and FY2015; however, it did not provide for the establishment of a position, nor was one included in the budget for that purpose.

The Office renews its request for a position to be established in the budget and funds transferred from Act 277, SLH 2013, to the budget to ensure implementation of the new law. This request has a zero sum effect, as the funds appropriated in Act 277, SLH 2013, for FY15 will not be duplicated, but moved into the budget to allow for continuation of the substantial progress that has been made to draft administrative

rules for the program's implementation and to alleviate the extreme difficulty and more costly proposition associated with the bifurcation of staffing costs and administrative expenses by allowing the funds to remain outside of the Office's budget.

Additionally, the Office is supportive of budget requests for related programs, including the request to fund AGS 889, Spectator Events and Shows-Aloha Stadium, to support the Sports Development Initiative, and HMS 501 for the R.E.A.C.H. program. The Governor assigned the Office of the Lieutenant Governor with the Sports Development Initiative in October 2013 to grow the sports industry in Hawaii at the professional, amateur and youth levels throughout the State. This funding is requested to support that initiative and provide the Aloha Stadium with the means to attract and contract with professional sports organizations, teams and other relevant entities to bring additional events to Aloha Stadium and the residents throughout the State.

Funding for the R.E.A.C.H. program would include a full-time position to help administer, monitor, and coordinate the program with the schools for after-school programs for intermediate and middle school students on a permanent basis going forward. These funds would support after-school programs in schools statewide. In conjunction with the passage of the statutory framework to establish R.E.A.C.H., the program would be able to collect fees to help it become sustainable in the future. The Office of Youth Services provides comprehensive front end services and programs for youth to prevent delinquency and reduce the incidence of recidivism. The OYS is dedicated to creating opportunities for youth to develop competencies that foster resiliency and enable them to achieve a successful transition to young adulthood. Such purpose is in line with the goals and objectives of R.E.A.C.H.



TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1700, H.D. 1

March 18, 2014

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The Council on Revenues' (COR) most recent revisions to its general fund tax revenue forecast puts a new light on the FY 15 Executive Supplemental Budget. At its March 11, 2014 meeting, the COR revised its general fund tax revenue projections downward from 3.3% to 0.0% in FY 14, 7.4% to 5.5% in FY 15, 7.7% to 5.0% in FY 16 and 5.5% to 5.4% in FY 19. Projections for FY 17, FY 18, and FY 20 increased from 5.7% to 5.8%, 6.1% to 6.2%, and 5.3% to 5.4%, respectively. The revision in revenue forecasted in the current fiscal year actually affects the affordability analysis even for the budget considered and proposed by the House in H.D. 1 since many of those decisions were paid prior to the COR revision.

Although the general fund tax revenue growth rate remains at a respectable level of 5.0% or more for FY 15 through FY 19, the cumulative effect of the downward revisions will inevitably impact the fiscal sustainability of the Administration's FY 15 Executive Supplemental Budget Request. Consequently, the Administration is currently re-examining a number of initiatives, programs, and proposals with a focused eye towards fiscal sustainability across multiple forward fiscal years - not only for funding within the current biennium. In constructing its original budget proposal, the Administration did strongly view financial stability and program sustainability across multiple economic cycles as key components and decision factors before including various items in its budget. We continue to subscribe to this view as important objectives of the State's forward-looking budget.

At this time, the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) is reconsidering and reviewing the Administration's budget requests. B&F is in the early stages of working with individual departments and programs to examine what revisions or adaptations to program and initiative funding can be accommodated for the long-term.

As such, we are asking the Legislature and the departments to recognize that many of the Administration's budget requests will be evolving over the next several weeks. As the budget is more thoroughly deliberated by the Senate and later by both the Senate and the House, B&F will continue to work with the Legislature regarding various approaches to balance the budget while sustaining program service levels.

For now, departments will be providing testimony regarding their original rationale for funding of their programs. The rationale or justification of their program initiatives will still be warranted from a business case or operational perspective. In consideration of the COR's forecast, many of these initiatives will be re-evaluated under the lens of sustainability and affordability under the new forecast. The Administration recognizes that program requests are going to be generally sterile of consideration as to how the diminished revenue forecast will be accommodated across the larger State budget landscape.



STATE OF HAWAII
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Date: 03/18/2014

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1700, HD1(hscr910-14) RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Purpose of Bill: To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) is very appreciative for the support for many of the supplemental budget requests contained in H.B. 1700 HD1. For the Department's \$35.38 million supplemental request, the HD1 provided for \$30.47 million, which included an additional \$482,086 to the request for Weighted Student Formula funds. In addition, the HD1 provides an additional \$3.06 million for two items (see below). In total, the HD1 provides \$33,532,818 in general funds to support the efforts of the Department.

The Department has particular concerns regarding the following adjustments:

- -\$3.67 million for special education. With the recent decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to provide services to age 22, the Department will have significant previously unplanned for, and now mandated, requirements for services;
- -\$482,086 for WASC accreditation. Without this categorical funding, schools will need to pay for accreditation expenses that comes up on a multi-year cycle (irregular need) with annual per pupil funding (regular funding);
- -\$435,000 for Alternative Teacher Certification Route. Reducing funds by half will have a negative impact on teacher recruitment in hard to staff content areas and geographic regions of the state;
- -16.0 permanent position counts shifting to 15.0 temporary position counts for information technology positions. The temporary status of the IT positions will reduce the pool of qualified candidates in this area which has been difficult to fill given the Department's salary scale as compared to market level compensation. In addition, with the reduction to the 16th position count, the Department will need to rely on high cost external consultants to fill this area of need; and,
- -\$600,000 for the Access Learning Pilot project. The Department will not be able to provide continued support to schools in the area of professional development and technology support for the access learning pilot project.

These concerns are consistent with the H.B. 1700 HD1 impact statement submitted to the Ways and Means and Finance Committee on Friday, March 14, 2014.

Below is a summary of the HD1 by line item.

The HD1 provides the following position and general funds for supplemental requests:

Program	Positions	General Funds
Weighted Student Formula		\$14,482,086
High Core / Storefront		\$120,545
Advanced Placement		\$554,379
Strive HI Accountability System		\$60,000
Formative Instruction		\$250,000
Strive HI Performance System	+21.0 temp	\$1,925,472
Educator Effectiveness System		\$1,267,700
Sabbatical Leave		\$592,000
Communications and Community Affairs		\$396,037
Civil Rights Compliance Office	+2.0 temp	\$130,360
Human Resources Executive Assistant		\$100,503
Alternative Teacher Route - Teach for America		\$435,000
Electronic Human Resources		\$300,000
Professional Development Management System		\$599,208
Teacher Mentor Program		\$256,000
Utilities		\$9,000,000
Technology positions	+15.0 temp	\$0
TOTAL PROVIDED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST	+38.0 temp	\$30,469,290

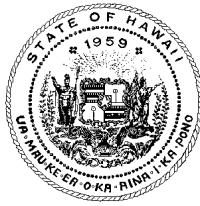
The HD1 reduced the following amounts from the supplemental request:

Program	Positions	General Funds
Special Education Services for students to age 22		-\$3,664,694
WASC Accreditation	-2.0 perm	-\$482,086
Alternative Teacher Certification Route - Teach for America		-\$435,000
Strive HI Performance System	-1.0 temp	-\$74,528
Technology positions	-16.0 perm	\$0
Access Learning Pilot (Digital Curriculum)		-\$600,000
Council of Chief State School Officers		-\$36,000
Communications and Community Affairs		-\$35,000
Early Learning Coordinator		-\$70,000
TOTAL REDUCTIONS TO SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST	-18.0 perm -1.0 temp	-\$5,397,308

The HD1 added the following amounts to the supplemental request:

Program	Positions	General Funds
Lahainaluna Boarding Program	+2.0 perm	\$63,528
Pre-kindergarten Program		\$3,000,000
TOTAL FOR NEW ITEMS IN HD1	+2.0 perm	\$3,063,528

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



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL (HB) 1700, HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 1
RELATING TO THE
STATE BUDGET

by
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 18, 2014; 9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) would like to express our appreciation to the House Committee on Finance for its support of PSD's Supplemental 2015 Budget Requests, especially for funding our operating budget requests for the Sheriff's Division non-recurring upgrades and replacement of outdated equipment that includes surveillance camera systems, funding to expand mental health care, establishing an expenditure ceiling for the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System Program (SAVIN), and all of our housekeeping requests. PSD is also thankful for the additional \$6.5 million appropriation made to our Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

However, PSD must note its concern with the reductions made in HB 1700, HD 1 that reflects a total reduction of 47.00 positions from our Supplemental 2015 Budget

Request, and a corresponding decrease of \$420,677 in funding. The reduction in positions includes the following:

- 20.0 positions requested for mental health statewide. Although HB 1700, HD 1 funded in full, the salaries of the positions it authorized, it did not give any positions for the mental health request under PSD 421- Health Care. Without positions, PSD will not be able to implement the mental health standards of care at the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF), the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC), the Hawaii Community Correctional Center, the Maui Community Correctional Center, and the Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC). We need to do this to avoid the conditions that led to the intervention of the Department of Justice at the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC).
- 10.0 Adult Corrections Officers for HCF and 6.0 for OCCC. In recent years, we have seen a significant increase in the number of inmates with suicidal ideations, and the number of inmates with physical illnesses that require hospitalization. We currently cover suicide watch and hospital duty with overtime, or by closing other posts.
- 8.0 positions requested to be restored where only the position count was requested with a transfer of funding from PSD 900- General Administration. HB 1700, HD 1 took the full funding out of PSD 900, but did not restore 8.0 of the 12.0 positions that we requested to fund.
- 1.0 Business Services Supervisor for the WCCC and;
- 1.0 Pre-Audit Clerk for the Fiscal Office

In addition, we note that the KCCC request for \$120,000 to replace their security doors was not funded, and the Corrections Program Services- Education Services' request for \$352,500 for GED Testing was reduced to only \$37,500.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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H.B. 1700, H.D. 1

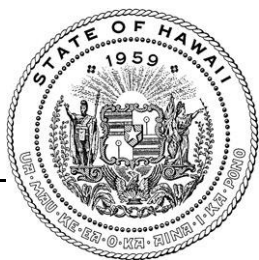
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 1700, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports H.B. 1700, H.D. 1.

DAGS' supports this measure as it addresses a significant number of our critical budget requests. Although we would prefer to have all of our critical budget requests included in H.B. 1700, H.D. 1, we realize that the Council on Revenues is projecting zero revenue growth in fiscal year 2014 and lowered the revenue projection for fiscal year 2015 to 5.5 percent, a decline of approximately 26 percent. Accordingly, we understand that a conservative approach to the budget is prudent and we are appreciative of the critical budget requests that have been included in this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

9:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of

HB 1700, HD1

RELATING TO STATE BUDGET.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

First, we appreciate the effort of your staffs in analyzing our requests and becoming familiar with our programs.

I'd like to provide a little perspective regarding our budget. I ask you to consider that the entire DBEDT budget is just over one-tenth-of-one-percent (0.150 percent) of the total State budget. Ours is the second smallest budget line in the State – only two-thirds of what is allocated to the Lt. Governor's office, yet our responsibilities span the entire Hawaii economy and we are called upon to provide assistance on a wide variety of areas from international affairs to enterprise zones to tax credits, shipping, manufacturing and a plethora of other topics, as well as provide support for 9 attached agencies.

We also are responsible for overseeing an energy sector that involves billions of dollars of investments and is undergoing unprecedented change, not just in terms of electrical generation but also our refineries.

Rather than attempt to restore our base budget, which was reduced by 50 percent in 2010 in terms of both staffing and funding, we have made only modest requests for partial restoration over the past 3 years. As such, we hope that you will trust that the funds we request are truly needed and we will do our best to maintain a high level of efficiency and effectiveness with the funds that you entrust to us.

Hawaii Economic Conditions

In its first quarter 2014 economic forecast and report, the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) said it expects continued economic growth in 2014 and each year through 2017. DBEDT economists slightly reduced the projected growth rate due to continued modest tourism growth but identified potential in the construction sector.

We expect the construction industry to lead our economic growth in the next few years, making CIP and economic growth initiatives especially critical. In Hawaii, tourism's growth is stabilizing, so we are depending on construction to be a strong economic driver.

DBEDT expects Hawaii's economy to grow by 2.6 percent in 2014. Although the rate is slightly lower than projected three months ago, it remains positive if compared to an average growth rate of 1.0 percent over the past 20 years in Hawaii.

Our Primary Initiative

One of DBEDT's primary initiatives this year is to implement the Green Energy Market Securitization (GEMS) Program, which was signed into law last year as Act 211. This "green infrastructure bill" received broad support from stakeholders across the community including legislators, other agencies, environmental organizations, labor, utility, and business. GEMS has also received national recognition for bringing together two different financing mechanisms in a first-of-a-kind innovative framework.

GEMS is being designed as a true public-private type of implementation that will provide increased opportunities for Hawaii residents and businesses to invest in and benefit from clean energy in a manner that helps us achieve our State's clean energy mandates.

The House budget leaves out our budget request for a \$50M increase in ceiling funds for GEMS to be able to fully deploy proceeds raised from the GEMS Bonds. This budget request has no impact on the overall DBEDT budget or other spending, as it is only related to deployment of funds specifically raised by the GEMS Bonds.

This is a critical request because without it GEMS will be unable to fully deploy funds to enable consumers to invest in clean energy installations. Instead we would be forced to cover the cost of carrying these funds until such an appropriation is made or reduce the overall scope of the program.

The HI Growth Initiative

The HI Growth Initiative – the \$6 million investment program proposed by the Abercrombie Administration – is fundamentally different from past efforts to prop up specific industries with giveaways like tax credits or low-interest loans. This is a program to support high growth, entrepreneurial "clusters" in Hawaii.

On March 5th, more than 100 of Hawaii's best and brightest entrepreneurs filled the hallways of the Capitol. Their presence testified to the innovative potential of Hawaii's people.

One of DBEDT's priorities is to plan for the future and establish privately-managed investment programs that will form the foundation for supporting entrepreneurial high growth companies in Hawaii. Hawaii needs new strategies to promote long-term sustainable growth. Past experience has shown us that the role of government is not to define and target growth areas, but to be judicious and foster an environment for success where entrepreneurs can thrive and grow.

Administrative Support

Not approving the position and funds for clerical accounting support will significantly impact the ability to perform department-wide fiscal functions. This position is ranked high on our priority list because adequate staffing is critical for effective financial operations and management. DBEDT manages a current annual operating budget of \$24.4 million, including General, Special, Revolving, Federal, and Trust Funds. In addition, the department administers a CIP budget of approximately \$26 million.

Research and Analytical Support

The State's Research and Economic Analysis Division is being asked to do its job without sufficient current data and without the analytical capacity to do a proper analysis. In light of Federal government cutbacks, we need to acquire critical data on spending patterns in our State to make accurate projections for you, our public policy makers.

Without a permanent position, Federal government spending data and studies cannot be done on continuous and annual basis and the results cannot be produced on timely manner. Without this position, we will have to request fund every year to outsource the project, rather than developing in-house capability.

High Technology

The House draft of this budget changed the CIP project description to be specific for a tech center by adding the specific location: "The Gateway to the University of Hawaii at Manoa." The inclusion of this site in the project description is too site specific. If the CIP appropriation is passed in its current form and negotiations for the site do not materialize, the appropriation could not be used. HTDC would be without a facility and would have to shut down its programs when the lease expires in April 2015. We believe a more generic description will allow flexibility to use the appropriation for any suitable site that best fits the needs of the envisioned tech center.

Creative Industries

CID's Creative Lab program is held during the Hawaii International Film Festival, and is an integral to strengthening export markets for Hawaii's creative entrepreneurs. A key facet of DBEDT's HI Growth Initiative, CID has proven the success of Creative Lab initiative through a pilot program launched in 2013. Creative Lab finalists' locally developed and written film and television projects have landed representation by Hollywood agents; a necessary next step to attracting investment for these projects to export to mainstream

film, broadband and television networks. The funds we requested will assist in building a self-sustaining program, expanding the Accelerators from 3 to 6 clusters; adding Music, Fashion Design and Technology to the existing clusters of Screenwriting, Broadband Content and Producing.

With the recent increase to our tax credit program for film (Act 88/89) there has been an increase in the volume of inquiries and applications. The film branch does not currently have the capacity to handle the increased level of work without an additional position to ensure continued timely processing of the credit program and funding for the film program operations in the Creative Industries Division.

Closing

Thank you for your consideration of our budget requests.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1700 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE
March 18, 2014

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

I am Major General Darryll Wong, Adjutant General and Director of State Civil Defense. I am providing written testimony in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1700 HD1.

Funding from House Bill 1700 will allow the State Department of Defense to continue execution of the administration's initiative to restore needed services to the general public and provide more timely services to our veterans, and improved facilities for our at-risk youth.

The department's operating budget request is \$2,809,642 in State funds. The matching federal funds will be \$2,526,033, bringing the FY2015 total to \$5,335,675. This operating budget will ensure the department's drive to restore and increase services curtailed in the past few years.

The FY2015 capital improvement project (CIP) request for State general funds (A) is \$2,000,000 and general obligation bond funds (C) is \$10,426,000. Approval of these two funding sources will bring in matching federal funds of \$18,081,000 (N), for a total of \$30,507,00. This capital improvement project funding will support the local economy by creating new jobs, and insuring continued growth in the construction industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony that to **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1700 HD1.

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Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director
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Re: H.B. 1700, HD 1, Relating to the State Budget

The Department of Taxation (Department) **supports** H.B. 1700 HD1, which funds the operations of the Department, and respectfully requests the Committee to consider restoring the Department's original requests to the supplemental budget which are essential for supporting the Department's critical collection and enforcement functions.

The Department would like to respectfully remind the Legislature that the Department of Taxation is the only department whose primary mission is to collect the general fund revenues owed to the State of Hawaii for the purpose of supporting the community through State programs and services. The collection of these tax revenues in Hawaii and in the United States are based on a voluntary compliance system and voluntary compliance systems are dependent on all of our citizens paying their fair share. The effectiveness of collections follows prompt enforcement of the tax provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Since much of the Department's processes and operations are manual, the ability to maintain the revenue collection and enforcement functions in a consistent, uniform, and efficient manner is heavily dependent on the Department's staffing levels. H.B. 1700 HD1 provides the Department with the resources necessary to continue its essential functions, including additional staffing for our Hawaii District Office, Kauai District Office and Monetary Control Section. Without additional staffing for these functional areas, the Department's ability to administer and enforce the State's tax laws could be compromised.

In order to ensure that taxpayers are paying their fair share, it is imperative that the Department has sufficient resources to keep the public educated about their tax obligation through the proper administration and enforcement of the tax laws. As the previous reductions in staffing, freezing of positions and budget cuts have shown, there is a direct correlation between the DOTAX staffing level and total tax revenue collections. For these reasons, we ask that the Senate reconsider the HD1 amendments which did not provide DOTAX with additional tax compliance staff in the Collections Branch.

The requested staffing is needed to protect the State's interest in the timely collection of revenue that is due to the State of Hawaii. At the beginning of the previous administration, there were approximately 57 Collection Branch staff; today there are 39. The Department has been proactive in trying to fill positions to offset frequent vacancies created by resignation or retirement. However, even if the eight current vacancies are filled, the number of positions is still insufficient to stop the delinquent tax accounts inventory from outpacing our current staffing level. The current inventory of cases continues to grow at a rate of approximately 10,000 new collections cases per month, while the current staff is only able to close 8,000-9,000 cases. The sizeable difference prevents the staff from reducing the backlog of cases.

The most effective collection of taxes owed to the State is to take prompt action right after the liability is created. Collection agencies have found that the longer it takes for a collector to address a case, the greater the likelihood that the taxpayer will dispose or transfer their assets out of reach of the State.

In closing, we would like to note that for every 1/2 cent spent on DOTAX resources, the department collects \$1.00 for the State of Hawaii. This amounts to approximately \$6 billion per year, or over \$15 million per Department employee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1700, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
David T. Moore, Administrative Services Manager

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports this bill.

The Department would like the Committee to reconsider items addressed in the impact memorandum submitted to Chair Ige on March 14, 2014, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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

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March 14, 2014

TO: The Honorable David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: David M. Louie
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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF HB 1700, HD 1

We respectfully request that the Senate Committee on Ways and Means make several important adjustments to HB 1700, HD 1. The overall budget provided by HD 1 does a number of things that will be adverse to the Department of the Attorney General ("Department") and, as a result, adverse to the State of Hawaii ("State").

First, HD 1 abolishes three and one-half Investigator positions for DNA Swabbing which are important and critically needed in order to fulfill the Attorney General's responsibility to collect buccal swabs and fingerprints from unsupervised felons. This unit was started in 2005 with federal funds and funded this past year with special funds from the DNA Special Fund. The special fund will be run out of cash around fiscal year end and general funds are needed to maintain the viability of this unit. More details are provided below regarding sequence #'s 73-001 and 74-001 within ATG100.

Second, HD 1 does not provide needed additional resources relating to; 1) the Major Litigation Unit; 2) additional Deputies to provide services to client agencies requesting and paying for the additional resources; 3) additional funds for raises for attorneys to address our shortfall in comparison to other government agencies; 4) funds for the "litigation fund" which are needed in order to cover litigations costs for four major law suits; and 5) additional resources to improve information systems and operations within the department. Additional details are provided below regarding these issues.

Third, HD 1 abolishes fifteen positions within the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) where offers have already been made and the recruitment process has already been ongoing including interviews and advertising. This program collects child support enforcement obligations from non-custodial parents and delivers them to children and their custodial parent. These positions are paid for with two federal dollars for every state dollar. CSEA collects

approximately \$120 million per year, all of which goes directly to the children and custodial parent, and is of critical importance to children. More details are provided below regarding sequence #1000-001 within ATG500.

In response to your memorandum dated March 6, 2014, we respectfully object to the adjustments made in HDI, as discussed below, and provide the following requested information.

ATG100 – Legal Services

- I. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 73-001):** Request is for three Investigator positions to be transferred from Interdepartmental “U” funds to general funds. HDI abolishes two of the temporary positions, those associated with the DNA Swabbing Unit, while providing general funding for the Sex Offender Investigator.

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Executive Budget (SEQ# 74-001): Request is for one and one-half Investigator positions, also associated with the DNA Swabbing Unit, to be transferred from Special Funding (DNA Swabbing Special Fund) to general funds, as the special fund will soon run out of cash. HDI abolishes the one permanent and one-half temporary positions.

Impact: These two actions cut a total of three and one-half of the six positions that are assigned to collect DNA samples from convicted felons.

In 2006, the Department established a DNA Unit in the Investigation Division, to obtain DNA samples from convicted felons who are not in the custody of or under the supervision of any government agency. Funding for the DNA Unit was initially through federal funding. The unit is comprised of a total of 6 Full Time Equivalent positions deployed as follows.

The Investigation Division’s DNA Unit is the lead agency in distributing DNA sample kits and training for all State of Hawaii and county law enforcement agencies in the use of DNA sample kits. The DNA Unit is the only pro-active law enforcement agency in the State that actively seeks out non-compliant felons for swabbing.

Since 2005, approximately 28,372 samples have been collected under Hawaii’s DNA program by the Department, the Department of Public Safety, the Hawaii Paroling Authority, the Department of Health, county police departments, and the Hawaii State Judiciary Adult Probation Division. Samples collected by other law enforcement agencies have been collected after the convicted felons were identified as non-compliant and in custody. Collecting samples from inmates, probationers and parolees, is relatively simple because these convicted felons are under supervision for their offenses, and easy to locate.

The DNA Unit is the only agency actively engaged in locating and swabbing non-compliant felons. A back log of more than 21,600 convicted felons remains unswabbed. These individuals are not in custody or monitored by any government agency. Their whereabouts are not necessarily readily available in any database.

It is not uncommon that a felon's conviction to have occurred decades ago. Pro-actively identifying and locating the convicted felon and obtaining a sample is time consuming. Investigators use multiple law enforcement and private databases to locate convicted felons, they canvas neighborhoods of last known addresses, and contact former employers or family members to complete the job.

The DNA Unit has collected 6,748 samples from qualifying unsupervised felons. Of this total, approximately 678 samples were obtained from individuals residing on the neighbor islands.

Without a dedicated unit to actively pursue these felons, their DNA will never be entered into the system and any DNA evidence that was retrieved in a crime scene that could have linked the perpetrator to the crime will remain unsolved. The DNA samples recovered from felons also assists other law enforcement agencies across the United States.

Hawaii's DNA program is effective. Here are just a few examples. In June 2010, a DNA sample was obtained from Gerald Austin that matched the DNA sample from a 1989 cold case involving the rape and murder of Edith Skinner. Mr. Austin was subsequently found guilty and convicted of murder. In April 2009, Darnell Griffin, a convicted killer on parole, was convicted of the 1999 strangulation murder of a 20 year-old woman on Oahu after a DNA sample that he provided matched DNA evidence found on the victim's body. In 2008, Richard Morris, Jr., was charged with a 1987 California murder. His arrest was credited to a DNA match following a 2005 DUI arrest in Hawaii. In 2009, Mark Heath was convicted of a 2007 rape in Waikiki, after providing a DNA sample in connection with a prior conviction for the sexual assault of a University of Hawaii student.

The funding for 3.5 Full Time Equivalent positions assigned to the DNA unit has expired and is currently being sustained through a special fund which will soon be depleted. We are asking for continued support of the program through a request for general funds to sustain these positions. Fully staffing the DNA Unit is necessary only until the backlog of unsupervised convicted felons is cleared. To ensure the Legislature's confidence in the productivity and efficiency of this team, the Department will report annually to the Legislature the number of convicted felons located, swabbed, living in the state, and deceased.

2. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 100-001):** Request is to provide funds for salary increase for Deputies. HDI provides no additional funding.

Impact: The average annual salary per attorney at the Department is \$6,500 less than the closest government agency (Public Defenders) and we continue to experience turnover and have candidates decline positions due to the lower salary.

The average salary of our deputies is \$77,500 per year compared to the county prosecutors and Corporate Counsel attorneys who average a salary in the mid to high eighties. Our deputies are leaving the Department for these positions that pay anywhere from \$6,000 - \$12,000 more annually. To maintain quality legal counsel to the executive departments, the Legislature, and the Governor, we must be competitive with other government agencies. The requested 8% increase still leaves our deputies under the average pay rate for other government agencies.

The 8% salary increase is not an across the board increase. Increases will be determined on the basis of performance appraisals conducted during this spring. This means that some attorneys (the top 10%) may receive increase of 12% to 15%, while those attorneys receiving the lowest scores on their performance appraisals may receive no increase at all.

These funds are needed to keep the best of our staff of attorneys from needing to make a decision to move to the counties, just to provide as best as possible for their families.

3. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 101-001):** Request is for five new Deputy positions that have been requested and will be paid for by client agencies. HD I provides only two of the positions we requested.

Impact: The Department of Education, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Department of Human Services have each requested an additional deputy due to increases in their case loads. Each has confirmed that they will provide funding for the salary and fringe benefits. In addition, the Department of Agriculture last month requested two new deputies that they have also committed to fund. Without these positions, these departments legal needs will not be serviced on a timely basis.

Department of Education (DOE):

DOE has a critical need for legal counsel to handle a large number of matters facing its Office of School Facilities and Support Services. These include: construction and design contracts, matters relating to land acquisitions for new schools, resolving the huge issues surrounding student bus transportation, administrative due process hearings relating to special education eligible students, and the appeals from those administrative hearings; Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings; chapter 8-19, Hawaii Administrative Rules, hearings; civil litigation; and general advice and counsel matters. Filling this position will allow us to assist the DOE in its compliance with federal and state law and save the State money in the long run.

Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL):

The Department of Hawaiian Home Land's (DHHL) legal needs are as varied as they are abundant in drafting, conveyancing and lending documentation, supporting a daily stream of leases and successorships to, and other transfers of, already existing leases; drafting permits, commercial leases, and other conveyancing instruments; development work—including housing, infrastructure (including water, roads, sewer, drainage, etc.) and commercial development; procurement and contracting; lease terminations and evictions; defending against construction defect claims, constitutional and other civil actions; pursuing construction defect claims; advice and counsel in a large range of issues including the Americans with Disabilities Act, native Hawaiian blood quantum, geothermal energy and water rights, legal issue presented by a variety of development proposals, administrative rules, administrative procedure, public meetings and public records, etc. The Public Safety Hawaiian Homelands and Housing Division of the Department handles most all legal needs of the DHHL, except for employment and tort/civil rights actions which are handled by other divisions.

DHHL has been serviced by three full time deputies since at least 1981. Since that time, DHHL's development pursuits have greatly expanded and must continue to expand to meet the needs of its beneficiaries. The additional Deputy position is needed to support DHHL's responsibility for its expanded, and expanding, portfolio. The lack of a fourth Deputy position will seriously impede the Department's ability to adequately service the many and growing legal needs of the Department of DHHL.

In light of outstanding litigation and other claims that DHHL is not doing enough to address concerns of beneficiaries, it would be incongruous for this Department to not be able to service DHHL's ongoing efforts.

Affordable Care Act (ACA):

The State's implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) continues to present a host of legal issues involving the Departments of Health, Human Services, Labor, and Commerce & Economic Development. The federal requirements and guidelines have changed recently in several areas, and we anticipate that this will continue. General funding will be necessary to support additional legal services in this area, particularly if any of the functions of the Connector are transferred to the State. We anticipate needing to address a host of legal issues prior to and during the transition process as well as in the implementation of the new and additional functions.

Two Deputies for Department of Agriculture (DOA):

One U-funded position currently services the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), the Agricultural Resources Management Division (ARMD), and the Agricultural Loans Division. For approximately the last two years, ADC's workload has expanded tremendously. It has been involved in complex land acquisition deals to retain former plantation lands for future agricultural uses. An example of this was the purchase of the

lands of the Galbraith Estate in Central Oahu for crop purposes, the purchase of the Tamura Enterprises warehouse in Wahiawa for agriculture-related commercial purposes, and the purchase of the Castle & Cooke lands in Whitmore for agriculture-related industrial purposes. Many other similar projects are in the pipeline. ADC is also heavily engaged in the development of infrastructure for agricultural lands, including projects for irrigation systems, hydropower projects, and agricultural packing, processing, and food safety facilities.

The ADC projects have been very time sensitive and have required the compliance by ADC with the demands of many stakeholders including federal agencies, private land trusts, state agencies and private contributors. It is anticipated that ADC's high level of activity will continue, as will its need for legal assistance because with each land acquisition comes the corresponding requirement of program and asset management by ADC. The other agencies served by this position have of necessity been given lower priority. Thus, the DOA has decided to fund a second position to service ARMD and the Loan Division. The workload of those two clients is anticipated to remain steady as they are engaged in ongoing maintenance of existing agricultural parks and long standing loan programs.

Both the Plant Quarantine Branch and the Pesticides Branch of DOA have widespread responsibilities including regulating the importation of plants, nondomestic animals, and microorganisms, implementing laws governing the inspection, transportation, and eradication of diseases in those entities, enforcing laws against invasive species, regulating the sale and use of pesticides, and enforcing violations of such laws. Current controversies over GMO and pesticides have generated demands for legal services for requests for public records (requiring significant scrutiny for confidential business and medical information). As new pests are discovered -- the varroa mite for bees, the coffee berry borer for coffee are examples -- rules for importation, treatment, and embargos are required and enforcement actions may be needed. The workload of these agencies and DOA in general have exceeded the legal resources currently assigned to DOA and are quite likely to continue to be at this level; thus the Chair has determined to fund a second additional position to generally serve the needs of the Department.

4. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 102-001):** Requests \$377,000 in general funds for five positions (two attorneys, two Legal Assistants and one Legal Secretary) for the Major Litigation Unit. HDI denies this request.

Impact: This unit, which has been in existence for about 18 months, has been critical to all pending major litigation cases so that complex litigation decisions can be made based on a comprehensive understanding of the issues, damages, costs to litigate, and appeal, the need to have special council, and cost benefit analysis of settling. The unit manages these complex cases by working with the Deputy with the subject matter expertise and supporting their efforts, including coaching and counseling. Under prior administrations

there was no centralized coordinating unit. The result was a lack of understanding with the potential for tens of millions of dollars in damages the big picture. Over the next eighteen months, due to several major litigation cases, this unit is even more essential. Attached to the Form A (Budget Request) submitted is a detailed explanation of the duties of this unit.

This unit has been staffed with positions "borrowed" from other divisions, therefore the request is to add positions so that the loaning divisions can be made whole.

5. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 103-001):** Requests \$30,066 in general funds for one Legal Assistant to coordinate electronic filing, e-discovery and preparation of trial materials using latest technological techniques. HDI denied the request.

Impact: This request is to reinstate a position abolished in the Reduction In Force (RIF) in 2009.

This position must first understand the legal processes and then how the growth in technology is impacting matters in courts. This position will be the initial central point of implementing technology for legal matters, including e-filing (ECF), e-discovery and the use of technology for court room presentations. One of their responsibilities will be to transfer (train) other Legal Assistants in the use of technology for legal matters. The position will be under the supervision of the Major Litigation Unit, however the position will be a resource for all legal divisions. This position must understand the overall legal processes, be knowledgeable and up-to-date on the ECF process; be aware of and up-to-date on policies and procedures established by all judges; and be aware of the use and impact technology has in the courtroom, including the type(s) of technological issues posed by each courtroom, including the preferences and protocols imposed by each judge.

6. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 104-001):** Requests one position and \$199,500 in general funds for Information Technology Manager and funds needed to upgrade from Lotus Notes to MS365, as advised by OIMT. HDI denied the request.

Impact: The management of Department-wide Information Technology (IT) services in its current structure has been a long-standing problem for the Department. There are now four distinct and separate IT units within the Department that govern diverse programs such as the Legal Services, Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS), ATG-231 criminal justice-related systems (CJIS-Hawaii, AFIS, Sex Offender Registration, Criminal History Record Checks), and the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA).

While IT services should be uniformly provided throughout the Department, this lack of coordinated management has resulted in a gap of services being offered. Furthermore, with coordinated management via this new position, duplication of IT services can be better identified and streamlined. There are clear cost-effective benefits of consolidating

functions that are not exclusively program dependent, such as networking, training, Help Desk, email, and other office management IT functions. These functions and more can be centralized under the direction of the Department IT Manager position which will allow the Department to establish an IT governance framework, a centralized IT Strategic Plan, and provide clear direction for acquiring and maintaining IT hardware, software, and networking components for our systems.

We have consulted with the State CIO's Office which supports our request and agrees that because of the unique situation of the Department having so many disparate IT systems, having a central higher level manager to oversee and supervise all of the systems would provide coherence and a coordinated strategy. This should help with proper purchasing and software for the various missions of the Department of the Attorney General.

The current "silo'ed" operations in the Department will not survive the State CIO's advancements, and the Department will continue to fall behind as the State CIO's Office moves forward. Our IT services to the legal services, in particular, are already archaic as compared to other comparable AG offices in other states and in the Hawaii legal community.

Funding for IT upgrades are also being requested to strengthen the Department's IT systems (iManage and hardware upgrades) and infrastructure (Microsoft Office 365 licenses) which would provide for a more secure and efficient operation.

7. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 105-001):** Request is for two positions (Deputy and Legal Clerk) and \$108,212 in general funds for legal representation of the Department of Public Safety. HD1 provides only the Legal Clerk.

Impact: The Department of Public Safety's (PSD) growing legal needs requires the addition of a full time deputy attorney general. As a result of the U.S. Department of Justice scrutiny of mental health services available to prison inmates currently housed on the mainland, the legislative push to return Hawaii prisoners to Hawaii facilities by increasing Hawaii's capacity to house all of its incarcerated, and the mere growth of our inmate population, there are more issues than two attorney positions can appropriately and realistically handle. The Sheriff's Division of PSD is also serviced by this Department. Issues include advice on how to address issues of homelessness, "sovereignists" who occupy state land, service of process, processing of arrestees, the formulating or revising of policies and procedures, police powers, the panoply of rights of detainees and arrestees, as well as operational issues.

Except for tort litigation and most employment issues, PSD's legal needs are currently serviced by three deputy attorneys general. Two of these positions are positions already created. The third position is a position borrowed from elsewhere in the department and

is currently filled. It is this third position that we seek to create.

In addition to the foregoing list of duties, all three deputies currently represent PSD in various court proceedings involving inmates and detainees, including Rule 40 petitions and related appeals, subpoena proceedings, proceedings regarding mental health services, extraditions, and other miscellaneous civil and family court matters that involve inmates or that are instituted by inmates. They also handle all procurement and contracting issues, pardon application review, and advice and counsel to PSD and to entities administratively attached to PSD, such as the Hawaii Paroling Authority and the Crime Victims Compensation Commission regarding a variety of legal issues.

The need for this position is not temporary. The lack of a third deputy attorney general position would seriously impede the Department's ability to adequately service the many legal needs of the Department of Public Safety.

8. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 107-001):** Request is for two positions (Office Assistant-Messenger and Personnel Clerk) and \$31,450 in general funds for the Administrative Services Office. HDI provides only the Legal Clerk.

Impact: These are two positions abolished in the 2009 RIF. Since that time, we have had reduced messenger services and the Personnel Office remains backlogged with various tasks, such as classification updates, reorganization documentation and delays in recruitment.

Reduced deliveries results in delays in transfer of documents to the appropriate division. If those documents are related to a priority issue one of the division clerical staff must stop their work to go pick up the documents. This is a disruption to the division and the attorney who maybe working with those issues.

When filing deadlines are missed the court could impose sanctions, including a fine (very few have been levied against us) or more importantly a default is imposed, which usually can be lifted, however that now takes additional work by the attorneys and legal assistants and delays the cases or shortens response time for the next step.

9. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 111-001):** Request is for \$794,959 in general funds for the Justice Reinvestment Program. HDI provides \$1.

Impact: The JRI County Victim Services Program is funded through FY 2014. The impact of not providing FY 2015 funds for the Program will result in the dismantling of the State's Justice Reinvestment Initiative, a data-driven approach to reduce corrections spending and generate savings that are reinvested in strategies to increase public safety.

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) began in 2011 with the establishment of the 24-member Justice Reinvestment Working Group. The group, which included Governor

Abercrombie, then Senate President Shan Tsutsui, and Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, came together to review a system-wide examination of Hawaii's criminal justice system provided by the Council of State Governments, Justice Center in partnership with the Pew Center on the States and the U.S. Department of Justice, and Bureau of Justice Assistance. After almost 8 months of working on a JRI plan, several bills were introduced and passed by the 2012 Legislature. The bills that passed (including HB2515 and SB2776) were designed to lower recidivism, increase efficiency in the criminal justice system, and ensure convicted offender accountability. As part of the JRI initiative, modifications to the State Budget were made. The DPS budget was reduced by \$873,859 in order to fund 15 JRI County Victim Services positions. Of the 15 positions, 6 positions are for the Honolulu Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, 6 positions are for the Hawaii Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, 2 positions are for the Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, and 1 position is for the Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. The Department of the Attorney General, a partner with the prosecuting attorneys in matters involving victim assistance and prosecution of career criminals, accepted the role of fiscal agent for future JRI funding.

The Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC) and the four county Victim Witness Coordinators (that are part of the prosecuting attorney offices) have developed a uniform monthly data collection system for JRI County Victim Services. In the last year, the JRI County Victim Services staff have collectively improved the statewide application of restitution (sentencing) orders requested by prosecuting attorneys and granted by judges; improved efforts to have restitution orders civilly converted at the time of sentencing so that victims can more easily seek restitution through civil court when the criminal orders end and restitution was not paid in full; and were able to assist more victims seeking to file victim compensation claims. The additional staff allowed the prosecutor offices to assist victims who would otherwise not have received services as a result of high caseloads. From January 2013 to January 2014, the following victim services were provided: 2,147 safety planning services, 1,545 offender custody status notification services, 1,657 restitution notification services, 709 restitution assistance services, and 306 judgment notifications.

As proven by the statistic above, losing the JRI County Victim Services staff will have a detrimental impact on the county victim witness programs, the prosecuting attorney offices, the communities they serve, and most of all, the crime victims.

Honolulu – Honolulu's JRI Victim Assistance Project has targeted two of the most critical and tangible needs of crime victims: safety and restitution. Assessing and addressing a victim's safety concerns is essential to their participation in the criminal justice process. The JRI victim witness counselor that focuses on domestic violence cases provides early outreach, assessment, and intervention with victims of domestic violence in a manner that was not previously possible. While the other counselors on staff focus on the victim's needs within the criminal justice process, outreach calls from JRI

counselors serve to link victims of domestic violence with community resources to assist with safety needs such as information and assistance with shelter needs or temporary restraining orders. Due to the department's direct link with the Honolulu Police Department and the department's easy access to police records, the JRI staff can quickly identify those victims in greatest need of assistance. No community domestic violence program can do this and without JRI funding it would be very difficult for the program to sustain this type of early assessment and intervention for domestic violence victims. A second JRI enhanced intervention focused on victim safety is victim safety assessments done in response to requests from the Department of Public Safety, Intake Service Center staff for victim input on bail evaluations done for defendants in pre-trial custody. These requests often require a 24-hour turnaround. Without JRI clerical staff, who coordinate all responses, and the JRI counselors who contact the victims, it is estimated that timely responses might be cut by 50%.

The dedicated JRI staff are able to focus their attention on restitution matters while the department's other victim witness counselors are busy assisting victims with other needs such as court accompaniment or crisis counseling. Providing an enhanced focus on restitution means that JRI funded positions are insuring that all parties benefit (victim, offender, CVCC, and the community) from more accurate, timely, and complete restitution orders and enforcement. Without JRI funded staff, many victims will suffer from additional critical delays in the ordering and collection of restitution. JRI staff is estimated to have improved this process by at least 25%.

Hawaii – The victim counselors carry extremely high caseloads, between 250-300 clients per counselor at any given time. An elimination of JRI staffing will result in a decrease in timely response to victims. Victims will be triaged and assisted based on available resources, with some receiving no services. With the increased number of parolees being released early, it is imperative that the JRI staff be available to insure that victims are being notified of offender custody status. Not only is the victim provided information about when release will occur, but is also provided information on safety planning should that be necessary, as well as information on any other resources that the victim may need, i.e., therapeutic support. Without the JRI funded positions, victim safety may be compromised.

Maui – In the period covering February 2013 to February 2014, the two JRI victim counselors were assigned to 626 cases, primarily targeting victims of property crime. The goal was to make these victims "whole" by assisting them in seeking restitution and filing their orders of restitution as a judgment. Victims of property crime often lose irreplaceable property or important property (such as work tools) that they cannot afford to replace. The counselors did more than establish the amount of restitution in each of these cases. They counseled victims, assisted the prosecutors assigned to the cases by providing victims with information on how the cases progressed through the courts, attended court hearings with victims and on behalf of the victims. Without the JRI

funding, the Department will be faced with doing more with less and/or will stop providing assistance to victims of property crime.

Kauai – The JRI victim counselor is fluent in Ilocano and has been culturally sensitive to the needs of Ilocano speaking victims. The Fifth Circuit Court relies on the counselor to locate victims so that restitution payments can be paid, and the counselor assists victims in preparing restitution requests for sentencing hearings. Since September 2013, the counselor has provided 279 services to victims, 38 services to family members, and 94 services to witnesses.

10. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 114-001):** Request is for \$1.5 million in general funds for litigation expenses. HDI denies this request.

Impact: It is anticipated that four major cases will require \$3.0 million in litigation costs from January 2014 through June 2015. We have submitted for an Emergency Appropriation of \$700,000 for the current fiscal year towards these costs. This request, along with a portion of current litigation fund budget, is to provide funding for these cases.

<u>Case</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Spec Dep</u>	<u>Experts</u>	<u>Other</u>
Matson	1,690,000	1,000,000	600,000	90,000 – Travel & other
Dannenburg	650,000	500,000	100,000	50,000 – court reporter, etc.
Kalima	500,000	0	100,000	400,000 – depo's, doc mgt.
Kostick	180,000	180,000	0	0

11. **Executive Budget (SEQ# 115-001):** Request is for one Deputy to coordinate UIPA responses for the entire Executive Branch. HDI denies this request.

Impact: This position is intended to be THE resource for the entire executive branch for the over 4,400 UIPA requests when the requests involve multiple departments, complex legal issues and the need to ensure consistency between the departments could be present. All departments will be advised to contact this Deputy if there is any concern. For example, when Civil Beat submitted a UIPA request to every department asking for disciplinary records of state employees, it was important that all Departments receive consistent legal advice with respect to what each could and could not be disclosed.

12. **House Adjustment (SEQ# 1200-001):** This adjustment adds \$3,275,000 in general funds to zero out vacancy savings that are budgeted as a negative.

Impact: This adjustment eliminates all budgeted vacancy savings (negatives) allowing the department to fill all vacancies. It is agreed that all vacancy savings will lapse. There will be no transfers of savings in Personal Services to Other Current Expenses.

One correction, the allocation of these funds should be as follows;

ATG100	\$3,008,772
ATG231	\$ 106,760
ATG500	\$ 159,468

ATG231 -- Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC)

We have no objections to HD1 as it relates to ATG231.

ATG500 – Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA)

1. **House Adjustment:** (SEQ# 1000-001) – Reduces 15 positions and funds for vacancy savings.

Impact: This reduction is 6% of CSEA’s total budgeted personnel costs in general fund. Given the fact that the federal government provides two dollars to match every dollar of the general fund CSEA has, in aggregate, CSEA’s overall budget will drop \$749,270. Because CSEA claims a percentage of indirect cost based on total payroll expenses on a federal quarterly report for reimbursement, the amount of indirect cost that will transfer to the State Treasury is going to be impacted. The current indirect cost rate is 14.2% which changes annually; therefore, the reduction of \$749,270 in payroll will result in an estimated decrease of \$70,222 that the federal government gives to the State Treasury.

Majority of the vacant positions on the reduction list are in varied stages of recruitment. The following is the latest status update:

- Positions that have been filled are:

Position Number	Position Title
00117865	General Professional III
00117875	General Professional III
00119094	General Professional III
00110331	Information Technical Specialist V
00029528	Office Assistant IV
00031308	Office Assistant IV
00038415	Office Assistant III

Position #00031195, Child Support Enforcement Specialist IV, is scheduled to have interview in the coming weeks. Position #00119165, General Professional IV, is the supervisor for a team of General Professional III positions. If the position is abolished, the case management team will be left without immediate and proper supervision. This position is critical to the agency's restructuring effort to professionalizing the case workers.

- Positions listed below have candidates for the interview:

Position Number	Position Title
00029533	Office Assistant IV
00031236	Office Assistant IV

These positions work on the tasks in the early stage of enforcement process of child support cases. For example, they process customer applications. Their output affects how smoothly a case can be moved to a more advanced phase for successful collection down the road.

- The agency is waiting for the candidate list to interview for the following positions:

Position Number	Position Title
00037346	Office Assistant III
00040801	Office Assistant III
00110476	Office Assistant III
00117869	Social Service Assistant IV

The above positions generally deal with incoming customer correspondences and documents required for child support purposes, as well as phone calls regarding common child support issues. Should they be abolished, the agency will likely experience some customer service setback.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or call my Administrative Services Manager, David Moore, at 586-1289.

Attachment

Department of the Attorney General
Major Litigation Unit
Budget Request Justification

I. AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

A. **GENERALLY.** The Major Litigation Unit (“ML Unit”) their primary responsibility is to improve the handling of “major litigation” cases assigned to all divisions within the Department of the Attorney General: (a) the litigation divisions (i.e., the Civil Rights Litigation Division and the Tort Litigation Division, collectively, the “Litigation Divisions”); and (b) other divisions not staffed in a way to optimally handle litigation (the “Non-Litigation Divisions”).

B. **SPECIFICALLY.** The supervising deputy attorney general of the ML Unit has been:

1. supervising/participating in cases and projects as assigned by the Attorney General;
2. monitoring progress, providing assistance and making recommendations for the handling of all cases designated as “major litigation”; and
3. providing assistance in other cases at the request of a supervising deputy attorney general.

II. PERSONNEL.

A Supervising Deputy Attorney General, one Deputy Attorney General, two Litigation Assistants, and one Litigation Secretary.

III. SOURCE & NATURE OF FUNDS.

The ML Unit is funded by general funds.

IV. NATURE OF MAJOR LITIGATION CASES.

Major litigation cases are significant and/or substantial in cost and exposure which require close attention, direct supervision and/or special handling by the Attorney General insofar as they may involve policy issues and/or are complex, confidential, sensitive or of an emergency nature.

The Attorney General has requested that the ML Unit closely monitor the following cases:

Bridge Aina Le'a LLC v. Land Use Commission
Dannenberg, et al., v. State of Hawaii, et al. (formerly Everson, et al., v. State of Hawaii, et al.)

Doe, et al., v. State of Hawaii (recently settled, pending legislative and court approval)
Garner, et al., v. State of Hawaii, et al., and Kliternick, et al., v. Hamamoto, et al.,
consolidated (recently partially settled)
Kalima, et al., v. State of Hawaii, et al.
Kawashima v. State of Hawaii, et al.
Maunalua Bay Beach Ohana 28, et al., v. State of Hawaii
Nelson v. State of Hawaii, et al.

Due to their high profile nature, the ML Unit is either involved with or closely monitoring the following cases:

Democratic Party of Hawaii v. Nago
Hawaii Pacific Health, et al., v. Takamine
Jackson, et al., v. Abercrombie, et al.
Judd, et al., v. Obama, et al.
Taitz, et al., v. Democrat Party of Mississippi, et al.

More often than not, the duration of complex cases tends to span a considerable period of time and the ML Unit is currently involved with or closely monitoring the following cases:

Adams, et al., v. Yokooji, et al.
Alston v. Read
Carveiro, et al., v. State of Hawaii, et al.
Darnell v. County of Hawaii, et al.
Doe v. Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., et al.
F.K. v. Dep't of Education
Fey, et al., v. State of Hawaii, et al.
Garcia v. State of Hawaii
Harris v. City & County of Honolulu, et al.
Honokaia Ohana, et al., v. Masagatani, et al.
Ioane v. Gallardo, et al.
Island Demo, Inc., v. City & County of Honolulu
Island Insurance Co. v. State of Hawaii
Kolio v. State of Hawaii
State of Hawaii v. Kuulei Holdings
Lauro v. State of Hawaii, et al.
Lessary v. State of Hawaii
Masters Properties LLC, et al., v. City & County of Honolulu, et al.
Masters Properties LLC v. Kobatake
Miles, et al., v. State of Hawaii
Webster, et al., v. State of Hawaii, et al.

In addition, the ML Unit is currently monitoring 47 potentially significant/substantial-in-cost/exposure cases.

V. ACHIEVEMENTS.

In addition to being responsible for creating efficiencies in the handling of new lawsuits and existing litigation cases, the ML Unit has been coordinating and scheduling cases for review

by the Litigation Management Committee; initiating and coordinating the investigation of potential litigation; and reviewing draft audit responses and ensuring that responses are sent to independent auditors on a timely basis.

1. HANDLING OF NEW LAWSUITS.

The ML Unit has been and continues to be responsible for (a) collecting timely status reports (Litigation Management Reports or "LMRs") from divisions within the department for new lawsuits which have been filed against the State of Hawaii or any of its departments, agencies and/or employees; (b) reviewing the LMRs and designating new lawsuits as major litigation cases or ML Unit-to-monitor cases; and (c) monitoring the progress of designated cases. These ML Unit-designated cases are typically significant and/or substantial in cost/exposure and are complex, confidential, sensitive, high profile with public/political impact and/or of an emergency nature.

Although most of the new lawsuits have been assigned by the Office of the Attorney General to the Litigation Divisions, almost one-half of the new lawsuits have been assigned to the "Non-Litigation Divisions".

Review of LMRs and monitoring of cases is on-going.

2. HANDLING OF EXISTING CASES.

The ML Unit has been and continues to be responsible for collecting updated LMRs from divisions for existing cases with potential exposure/recovery in excess of \$100,000 and which have been identified by the ML Unit for review and monitoring.

To date, the ML Unit has received 158 LMRs for existing cases.

3. LITIGATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The ML Unit has been and continues to be responsible for coordinating and scheduling cases for review by the Litigation Management Committee ("LMC") which meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month and provides a round-table forum for legal review of civil cases not only for the Litigation Divisions with the department, but for all divisions.

To date, LMC has reviewed 40 cases: 25 of which are assigned to the Litigation Divisions and 15 of which are assigned to "Non-Litigation Divisions" (see breakdown below):

<i>Administration</i> †	1 case
<i>Civil Recoveries</i> †	1 case
Civil Rights Litigation	6 cases
<i>Education</i> †	4 cases
<i>Health & Human Services</i> †	5 cases
<i>Public Safety, Hawaiian Home Lands & Housing</i> †	3 cases
<i>Tax</i> †	1 case
Tort Litigation	19 cases

TOTAL 40 cases

† denotes "Non-Litigation Division"

Case review by the LMC is on-going.

4. RAPID RESPONSE TEAM.

During the summer of 2012, the Attorney General created a Rapid Response Team whose purpose is to: (1) create an early response in anticipation of litigation to matters brought to the attention of the department that are likely to result in litigation with significant potential exposure to the State; and (2) assemble and preserve contemporaneous factual, and when appropriate, expert information for use in the event of anticipated litigation.

The ML Unit has been and continues to be primarily responsible for initiating and coordinating the investigation of potential litigation. To date, the Rapid Response Team has initiated investigation of 14 matters.

5. AUDIT RESPONSES.

Also during the summer of 2012, in connection with audits of various State departments'/agencies' financial statements ("Audited Department/Agency"), the Attorney General tasked the ML Unit to supervise and standardize (1) divisions responding on a timely basis to an Audited Department's/Agency's request for information describing and evaluating pending or threatened litigation, claims and assessments with respect to which the department had been engaged and to which the department devoted substantive attention on behalf of the Audited Department/Agency in the form of legal consultation or representation ("Audit Request"); and (2) ensuring that the department, in its response to an Audit Request, provided the requisite information without compromising the litigation, claim and/or assessment.

The ML Unit has been and continues to be responsible for reviewing all draft responses and ensuring that responses are sent to the Audited Department/Agency's independent auditors on a timely basis.

6. CASE RESOLUTION.

The ML Unit has worked closely with both Litigation Divisions and Non-Litigation Divisions and participated in negotiations to settle the following major cases on terms substantially favorable to the State:

- a. *Belt v. Higa*
- b. *Brem, et al., v. State of Hawaii*
- c. *Callo, et al., v. State of Hawaii; Dougher, et al., v. State of Hawaii*
(consolidated)
- d. *Doe, et al., v. State of Hawaii*
- e. *E.P., et al, v. State of Hawaii, et al.*
- f. *Garner, et al., v. State of Hawaii; Kliternick, et al., v. Hamamoto, et al.*
(consolidated)
- g. *Mark H. v. LeMahieu*

VI. IMPROVEMENTS IN HANDLING LITIGATION CASES.

- A. Better communication between the deputy attorneys general, supervising deputy attorneys general and the Attorney General.
- B. Deputy attorneys general, especially in the Non-Litigation Divisions, have a readily available resource for advice and suggestions regarding litigation tactics and strategies.

VII. GOALS & FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

- A. Continue to refine the processes for collection and review of all significant litigation in the department.
- B. Expand the collection, review and summarization of information regarding significant litigation in the department.
- C. Expand the number of cases with direct participation in settlement negotiations or other resolution of cases.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. **COMMITTEES.** The supervising deputy attorney general and/or a staff member of the ML Unit are participating members of the following internal committees:
 - 1. Litigation Management
 - 2. Appellate Opinion Review
 - 3. Training
 - 4. Calendaring Task Force
 - 5. Strategic Planning
- B. **IN-HOUSE TRAINING.** The ML Unit has presented the following in-house "brown bag training sessions for deputy attorneys general and staff: (a) "Tendering the Defense and Other Insurance Coverage Issues"; (b) "Standardizing Document Production"; and (c) "Deposition Basics".
- C. **REFERENCE SOURCE.** On an as-necessary basis, deputy attorneys general and staff, primarily from "Non-Litigation Divisions", have sought advice from the ML Unit relating to litigation practice and strategy, as well as court rules and procedures and various other litigation matters.



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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2014**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1700, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

**TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE MICHELLE N. KIDANI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 1700, H.D. 1 ("House Draft 1"), Relating to the State Budget. My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department offers the following testimony in support of the bill.

The Department has duly submitted to the Committee its budget requests and impact statements. The Department is fully supportive of the House adjustments under House Draft 1 in fully funding all requests for new positions, thereby eliminating any hiring delay: CCA102 (Staff Attorney), CCA103 (Staff

Attorney), CCA106 (Captive Insurance Administrative Fund Examiner I), and CCA107 (Program Specialist IV).

The Department, however, respectfully requests that the Committee considers the Division of Financial Institutions' ("DFI") request for a permanent ceiling increase for the Mortgage Loan Recovery Fund ("MLRF") to facilitate the payment of court ordered judgments to persons who have been injured by the dishonest conduct of a licensee, and to pay for allowable DFI expenses related to administering the MLRF.

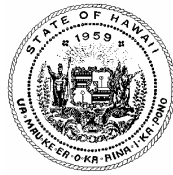
House Draft 1 concurred with the request to add funds for claims and to cover miscellaneous contingency expenses from the MLRF. However, the ceiling increase was provided as a non-recurring, one-time increase for Fiscal Year 2015 only (CCA104 Sequence No. 100-001; worksheet at page 162). The MLRF is a trust fund specifically established by Chapter 454F, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), to pay claims to persons who have suffered losses caused by licensees that violate Chapter 454F, HRS. The statutory limits for claims are "\$100,000 against any one licensee," and \$25,000 "per transaction." See §§454F-42(e) and 454F-41(a), HRS, respectively. DFI is currently aware of potential claims against two licensees that could require the payment of the maximum \$100,000 per licensee. Under the current \$110,000 appropriation ceiling, claimants would have to be paid over two years. This would not be desirable for claimants who have already suffered losses. A permanent ceiling increase to \$220,000 from \$110,000 would provide the program with the ability to pay the maximum court ordered

judgments against two licensees in any year on a going-forward basis. The requested ceiling increase reflects the program's supervisory and regulatory oversight over the last three years since the program was established, with respect to the number of licensees that have harmed consumers.

The Department respectfully requests that the Committee restore the request for a permanent ceiling increase of \$110,000 for CCA104 (T-926).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill No. 1700, H.D. 1. I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

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**TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

For Hearing on Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

BY

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House Bill No. 1700 H.D. 1
Relating to the State Budget

TO CHAIRPERSON DAVID Y. IGE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of House Bill No. 1700, H. D. 1 is to appropriate supplemental funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) strongly supports this measure as it relates to DHRD's supplemental budget requests. We also strongly support the adjustment to establish an office of talent management.

We respectfully ask the Committee to restore funds for equipment and supplies for the Equal Employment Opportunity program so that the staff will have the necessary tools to effectively perform their work.

We are aware of the challenges ahead and remain committed to work with the Legislature to seek solutions that effectively balance short and long term priorities.

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

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.
Room 211**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1700 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chairperson Ige and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1700 HD1. This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2015. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) provides comments.

The Executive budget request includes vital positions to provide better direct service to the public and other items to encourage the expansion of agriculture and increased food security. Of particular note is the increase in positions for the Pesticides Branch to provide the education, outreach, and inspection capacity needed to address recent concerns regarding pesticide use across the State. Funds are also being requested to increase the capacity for our Agricultural Loan Division to continue issuing new loans for qualified farmers and new farmers; the current portfolio is expected to reach capacity in a year and a half.

In the capital improvements program budget, funds are being requested to repair and expand irrigation systems and other infrastructure to ensure that our farmers have a source of reliable and affordable water to facilitate increased food production within the State.



The HDOA prefers that the appropriations contained in the Executive Budget Request be re-inserted into the Department's program appropriations and capital improvements program budget; however, the HDOA understands that given the new forecast by the council on revenues that budget adjustments will need to be made, and HDOA would defer to Budget and Finance for appropriate direction.

We look forward to continue to work with the committee as the budget is further developed.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1700, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 1700, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budgets of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Biennium 2013-2015. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) does not support the following adjustments made in this measure as it specifically pertains to the Department.

Operating Budget:

- The House did not concur with the Department's request for 11 temporary positions and \$3.5 million in general funds for the "The Rain Follows the Forest" Watershed Initiative.
- Reduced the general funds to support preparation for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress in 2016 from \$4 million to \$2 million.
- \$1 million in general funds for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council state programs and projects were not restored.
- The House did not approve \$750,000 in general funds for the Hawaii Hunting Program mandated by Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- The House did not appropriate \$250,000 in general funds to change the Means of Financing (MOF) for the Co-managers' salaries and operating expenses for the Northwestern Hawaiian Island National Monument and Humpback Whale Sanctuary Programs.
- The House did not approve 7 positions requested for the implementation of the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan. Reduced the request from \$1 million to \$151,876.
- The House did not appropriate \$250,000 in general funds in support of the Governor's Kauai Fires Emergency Proclamation.

- The general funds to study the impacts of spear fishing using SCUBA on the West Hawaii reef ecosystem were reduced from \$250,000 to \$50,000.
- Reduced operating expenses for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee by \$35,000.
- The House did not approve a temporary position and funds for the State Sustainability Coordinator.
- The House did not also approve 19 new permanent and 11 temporary positions funded by all means of financing for the following divisions: 12 positions for the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, 9 positions for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 3 positions for the Division of Aquatic Resources, 2 positions for the Land Division, 2 positions for the Chairperson's Office and 2 positions for the Administrative Services Office.
- The conversion of federally funded Historic Preservation Geographic Information Specialist Position from temporary to permanent status was not approved.
- Request to convert 13 other temporary positions to permanent status for various programs was not approved.
- \$4.7 million special fund ceiling increases for the Special Land and Development, Bureau of Conveyances, Forestry Stewardship, and Natural Area Reserve Funds were not approved.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget:

The House approved the majority of the Department's CIP requests and added various projects totaling more than \$28 million.

The House did not approve the following CIP requests:

- \$40 million to acquire one or more conservation easements to preserve undeveloped portions of the Turtle Bay Resort property on the north shore of Oahu to protect open space, recreational, and coastal resources.
- \$10 million to purchase Dole conservation lands in central Oahu as part of a larger land acquisition package.
- \$5 million for the Watershed Initiative, Statewide.

Governor's Message:

The Department respectfully requests your favorable consideration for the following budget items submitted as Governor's Message Items:

- Add \$220,000 interdepartmental funds for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to provide conservational support to the 16 districts of the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts.
- Change the method of financing (MOF) for 1.50 permanent positions and \$1,090,000 from federal funds (P) and other federal funds (N) to correct a technical error based on the Federal Fund Information for States listing and projected Fiscal Year 15 grants awards.

In closing, the Department respectfully asks for the restoration of the items listed above. Thank you very much for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
March 18, 2014 at 9:00 am
by
David Lassner, Interim President

HB 1700 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of our Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Supplemental Budget Request. In developing our FY2015 request, we focused on critical base budget funding issues, and aggressively addressed our deferred maintenance backlog throughout our 10-campus system.

Restoration of General Fund Reduction Beginning in FY2012

In the 2011 legislative session, the source of funds to support \$14M in salary costs related to the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly (UHPA) furlough restoration was changed from general funds to special funds, due to the state's ongoing fiscal constraints. Thus, since FY2012, the University has been using tuition revenues to support the \$14M in collective bargaining cost for which general funds were provided for all other public bargaining units. We request that the \$14M in general funds be restored. We appreciate that Chair Luke and the House Finance Committee supported this request in their House Draft.

Additional General Funds to Sustain Higher Education System

The University System requests an additional \$19.5M in general funds to supplant tuition revenues that are also currently being used in FY14 and will be needed in FY15, for faculty salary increases negotiated in the current UHPA collective bargaining contract. Absent the \$19.5M in general funds, the University System will be forced to continue to tap tuition revenues for these salary costs. We appreciate that Chair Luke and the House Finance Committee supported this request in their House Draft. We also note that the UHPA contract expires in 2015. Thus, this is the last opportunity for the Legislature to consider an appropriation of general funds for these particular cost items. Should the Legislature not

appropriate general funds for these items, it would be the first time that the Legislature has not supported a negotiated agreement with general funds.

Given the critical role of higher education as part of the State's commitment to civic engagement and economic development, we believe that the Legislature's re-investment in higher education is prudent and sends a positive message to our students and their families during these times of the increasing costs of higher education. While the restoration of general funds to support fiscal sustainability of the University is our highest priority, we have specific targeted initiatives that have both the support of the Board of Regents and Governor in our FY15 supplemental operating request.

Outcome Based Funding

Several years ago, with the encouragement of the Legislature, we adopted an outcome-based initiative to award additional general funds for achievement of our performance goals. Through the Community College's Pilot Program the incentive programs have resulted in achievement exceeding their performance goals. Therefore, we are requesting that the Legislature commit \$800K, which the University will match, to support and continue the community college system's successful outcome-based incentive program. We appreciate that Chair Luke and the House Finance Committee supported this request by providing \$1.0M in the House Draft.

On behalf of the BOR, we want to mention that the BOR's FY2015 Operating Budget Request also contained several additional priority items, including:

Mānoa Campus Facility Maintenance – Additional Core Staff

To address the Mānoa campus deferred maintenance backlog, an additional contingent of 22 core facilities maintenance and grounds staff, at a cost of \$1.4M, is needed to ensure the backlog is aggressively addressed and that future maintenance projects are executed in a timely manner to avoid further backlogs. We appreciate that Chair Luke and the House Finance Committee supported this request by providing \$925K and 17 FTE positions in the House Draft.

West O'ahu Campus – Base Budget Adjustment

The West O'ahu campus' operating budget is heavily reliant upon tuition revenues for core staff and facility expenses, whereas on other campuses within the University System these operating expenses are paid with general funds. The request for \$3.5M in general funds and 89 FTEs will provide a fiscally sustainable base budget to allow continued growth as projected for West O'ahu in the coming fiscal year and next fiscal biennium. We appreciate that Chair Luke and the House Finance Committee supported this request by providing \$1.0M and 50 FTE positions in the House Draft.

Enterprise Risk Management Implementation

To provide continued implementation Whistleblower provisions of Act 87, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2013, and to provide additional staff necessary to support to the BOR to conduct enterprise risk assessments as identified by the BOR Accountability Task Group Report of 2013, we are requesting \$250K and two FTEs.

Capital Improvement Projects – Stewardship of Facilities

Our University System capital improvement project (CIP) budget request, acknowledges that the University must "put some skin in the game". We are committed to using University funds to pay for revenue bonds while leveraging state funds so that our long deferred repair and maintenance backlog will be addressed. Thus, we are requesting **\$212M in revenue bonds to address our deferred repair and maintenance backlog system wide**. We will commit \$14M in tuition revenues to support the debt service on the revenue bonds, should the legislature restore the \$14M reduction in general funds made in FY12. We are committed to using University funds to pay for revenue bonds while leveraging state funds so that our long deferred repair and maintenance backlog will be addressed.

We are also asking for a total of **\$73M in General Obligation Bonds for major capital renewal**, as recommended in the Governor's budget request, to be leveraged along with the \$212M in revenue bonds system wide.

While Chair Luke and the House Finance Committee provided a total of \$43.5M in the House Draft for Repair and Maintenance projects, we note that the committee did not approve our request for \$212M in revenue bond authority. Without the revenue bond

issuances, we cannot execute a longer term plan to aggressively address our deferred maintenance backlog.

At their November 2013 meeting, the Board of Regents approved a [moratorium](#) on new construction projects, pending legislative review of any new projects requested in the FY15 supplemental request. However, to meet accreditation requirements, the BOR has authorized a leveraged approach to pursue the construction of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at our Hilo campus. In recognition of the importance to the Hilo Campus and to the community at-large, the campus commits **\$5M to support revenue bonds** and seeks a state investment of **\$28M in general obligation bonds**.

Finally, to ensure that all University System Capital Renewal and Construction Project appropriations are executed in a timely manner, we are also asking for an additional 17 FTEs at a cost of \$1.2M. These additional positions will help to avoid costs associated with delays in project contract development and execution, construction and post-construction activities.

Conclusion

Today, we ask for your help and your support for:

- our students, whether they stay in Hawai'i or work elsewhere in our global economy – they will build our future based on what they have learned at the University of Hawai'i; and
- our faculty and staff, who are educating and supporting our students in creating a better tomorrow for Hawai'i.

You only have to look amongst yourselves to see the importance of the University of Hawai'i to our State, our alumni include two members of Hawai'i's congressional delegation, our Governor and Lt. Governor, 13 of 25 state Senators, and 34 of 51 state Representatives.

We appreciate your past support and we look to you for your future support of the University of Hawai'i System.



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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
IN SUPPORT OF

HB 1700 HD 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 18, 2014

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) urges your committee's concurrence with the Governor's Executive Budget request for our program, HHL 602 - Planning and Development for Hawaiian Homesteads. In HB 1700 HD 1, \$10.1 million in general funds are requested to cover our department's existing personnel, administrative, and operating costs, compared to the Governor's request for \$15.02 million.

As you are aware, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruling on May 9, 2012, on Nelson v. Hawaiian Homes Commission has a significant impact on our budget request for FY 2014 and FY 2015. Article XII, Section 1 of the State Constitution requires that the Legislature make sufficient sums available for development of homestead lots, homestead loans, rehabilitation projects and for DHHL administrative and operating expenses. The recent ruling affirms that the courts can determine what constitutes "sufficient sums" for the DHHL's administrative and

operating expenses to carry out the purposes of the Hawaiian Homes Commissions Act, 1920, as amended.

While we await a final ruling on what constitutes "sufficient", in our analysis, the Hawaiian Homes Commission determined that approximately 275 positions are necessary in order for the department to operate at a sufficient level to support the daily operations of the department. The 275 positions consist of the 200 FTE permanent and 11 temporary positions in the current position count, with a request for an additional 64 positions that would allow the department to operate at a sufficient level. The abolishment of 87 positions from the current position count dramatically reduces the department's capacity to operate at a sufficient level. **Consequently, DHHL strongly disagrees with the HB 1700 HD 1 process of abolishing 87 positions.** Since the court must still determine what constitutes "sufficient", we urge your committee to maintain our current position count until a final ruling is made.

On the CIP appropriations proposed in HB 1700 HD 1, we cannot emphasize enough how important it is that the Papakolea sewer remediation and slope stabilization project be fully funded at \$13 million. The full funding for this project is critical in that it will take care of an aging system, as well as address health and safety concerns in the community. We also request that your committee consider including funding for our two proposed lump sum requests for various improvements to existing infrastructure in general obligation bond funds, and for repair and maintenance to existing infrastructure

in general funds, \$3.3 million and \$5.3 million, respectively. Both of these critical lump sum requests were not funded in HB 1700 HD 1. Also, DHHL requested \$6 million in general obligation bond funds for construction for remediation improvements to DHHL's dams and reservoirs. House Committee on Finance proposed \$3 million for that project. Since this does not fund the full request, this would delay the completion of the project. DHHL would need to complete the project in phases, with the first phase to remediate only two to three dams.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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H.B. 1700, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports the intent** of H.B. 1700, H.D. 1 which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. While the majority of our requests were approved, the DOT would like to offer the following comments on the House Draft 1.

There are several critical requests needed to meet federal standards as well as support the day to day operations for the department in this current draft that was not concurred with. This is further detailed in our formal response to the committee and provided separately to your Committee as requested. As such, we are highlighting the following:

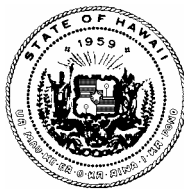
- House Draft 1 did not fund the request for funding to develop a GIS based Asset Management System (AMS). The AMS, as stipulated in the pending Consent Decree to be executed between the State and the EPA/Department of Justice, will enable the division to utilize GIS data as the foundation for monitoring and maintaining an inventory of various assets including the storm drain system (inlets, pipes, outfalls, etc.), construction and project related Best Management Practices; and tenant related inspections. In each case, schedules for recurring inspections, cleaning and improvements, as well as risk assessments of "hot spots" will be monitored using the GIS-based AMS.
- We are also concerned that day to day operations will be impacted without the ability to fund increases in utilities costs at various airports statewide.
- House Draft 1 did not include our recurring request for funds to remove and dispose of used tires which are dumped on harbor grounds at several locations in the state. Despite our best efforts to control illegal dumping, it is our belief that the removal of illegally dumped tires will occur. We request consideration that this item be a recurring cost.

- For the Waiaka Stream Bridge Replacement and Realignment capital project, the House did not approve the requested funding. This was requested in order to fully fund design and preliminary right-of-way needs for planned implementation in FY15 as this project is currently in our federal program and on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. If appropriation is withheld, project progress will be on hold until funds are made available or the project itself may be deferred indefinitely which would impact the original purpose and intent of the project to address public health and safety.

The DOT would very much appreciate your reconsideration of all our identified areas when reviewing our detailed comments to H.B. 1700, H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 18, 2014

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1700, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 18, 2013; 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) thanks Chair Luke and the House Finance Committee for their support of the DHS' supplemental budget requests in H.B. 1700, H.D. 1, which reflects many of the critical organizational needs of the DHS. To fully enable the DHS to meet its commitment to reducing poverty, promoting efficiency, and improving services for Hawai'i's most vulnerable residents your consideration and support is requested as follows:

- 1) Funding of \$5,546,076 in general funds and \$2,956,860 in federal funds requested for a foster care board rate increase in HMS 301 was deleted. This increase will support the retention and recruitment of resource caregivers, and ensure that the needs of foster children are met and aligned with a national standard. Additionally, given pending federal litigation on the adequacy of Hawai'i's foster board rates,

increased funding will be beneficial. H.B. 1576, H.D.1, currently being considered by the Legislature would also appropriate funds for an increase in the foster board rates.

2) Funding for Wraparound Services of \$126,000 in general funds and \$24,000 in federal funds was deleted in HMS 301. This funding is for continuation of comprehensive services for high-risk children and youth with multi-dimensional problems (mental, emotional, medical, developmental disabilities, etc.). The wrap services program integrates all mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, educational, social and supportive services into a single system of care management. With the loss of this funding, 15 children/youth will not receive critical services and may be placed at risk of placement in out-of-state programs which generally carry a higher cost to the State.

3) Funding of \$300,000 in general funds and \$100,000 in federal funds in HMS 301 was deleted for crisis intervention for child victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse who fall within the scope of Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 587A, the Child Protective Act. The additional services to be funded include: specialized sanctuary residential services available 24/7; intensive crisis intervention counseling and supportive services; expanded referrals to existing social service providers for lower risk victims; and expanded and specialized training for resource parents, staff, and services providers for the special needs of these very vulnerable children.

4) Funding of \$2.5 million for the Pre School Open Doors (POD) program in HMS 305 was deleted. The POD program ensures there is equity in access to POD services for

eligible families that are at the higher co-pay scale. These families are still below 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and have not utilized this assistance because the previous co-pay scale (0-90%) provided little to no relief in subsidizing their child care costs. Without this funding, these families will have no access to POD and the affected children will continue to fall behind their peers who are able to attend preschool.

5) Housing First funding in HMS 224 in H.B. 1700, H.D. 1, was approved as non-recurring. Funding appropriated in this manner prevents program stability and will require reprocurement of services on an annual basis. This business model may cause a disruption in housing and/or other vital services, if the DHS is unable to timely procure the services. Such a strategy may also make it difficult to provide the Legislature meaningful data on the program effectiveness. Including Housing First funding in the DHS' base budget will allow the issuance of contracts for multiple years and bring stability for the providers and Hawaii's homeless population.

6) Similarly, funding for the utility costs at Kalaeloa Shelters in HMS 224 was approved as non-recurring. The DHS has no reason to believe, at this time, that utility costs will be reduced in the near future or that the need for these shelters will diminish.

7) The program position for the Homeless Programs Office was approved as a temporary position in HMS 224. The duties and assignments for this position are for work on an on-going basis. The DHS has historically had a difficult time filing temporary positions because of the very nature of the position's uncertainty. A permanent position will allow for a more stable work force and prevent a domino effect of vacancies if a

permanent civil service employee accepted the temporary position leaving open their old position should return rights be invoked.

8) Funding of \$200,000 for domestic violence services in HMS 301 was deleted. There is a growing recognition of the coexistence of domestic violence and child abuse within the same family unit. National best practices now acknowledge that where a child witnesses domestic violence within a home, the results are long lasting and include: severe behavioral, social and emotional problems; cognitive and attitudinal problems; and long term problems such as higher levels of adult depression and increased tolerance and use of violence in adult relationships. Funding for domestic violence advocacy services is intended to break the cycle of violence in families and to reduce and/or eliminate the impact of violence on children.

9) Funding for two Purchasing Specialist positions in HMS 901 for the Support Services Office was deleted. These positions will allow more effective procurement and administration of 130-150 contracts in the Social Services Division. With multiple, additional contracts to be added under the Voluntary Care to 21 Program, fiscal and program integrity are at risk without additional staff, and we place at risk the safety and well-being of foster children and vulnerable adults. Inadequate monitoring safeguards also place federal funding at risk.

10) Funding for Medicaid adult dental health services was reduced to \$1 in general and federal funds respectively in HMS 401. The absence of meaningful adult dental health services presents a substantial risk of harm for many of Hawai'i's adult residents,

reduces the quality of life, lends itself to the creation of lost job opportunities, and contributes to poor health care outcomes. Funding for this program has also received strong community support. S.B. 2009 and H.B. 1752 currently being considered by the Legislature would also appropriate funds for Medicaid adult dental health services.

11) H.B. 1700, H.D.1, did not include funding for a health home pilot for HMS 401 for services and HMS 902 for Administration. The Executive Supplemental Budget initially requested \$2 million in general funds in HMS 401 for a single pilot for all providers. Currently, the preferred approach is to pursue initially one pilot for the federally qualified health centers. In this approach, \$2 million from the Department of Health's community health center special fund can be used as the state share instead of appropriated general funds.

In addition, HMS 902 seeks the \$1 million state share and \$1 million in matching federal funds for program administration of the home health program. These funds are critical for the implementation of the Medicaid home health program and will be used for: 1) finalizing the state plan amendment for approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and preparing RFP(s) for vendor(s); 2) certifying providers as health homes, enrolling patients, making payments, collecting data and monitoring, evaluating the pilot, and other required administrative functions; and 3) potentially for outreach to prepare non-FQHC providers to participate in a second pilot.

The health home is a core component of the State Healthcare Improvement Plan and a priority for the Healthcare Transformation Coordinator.

12) During the 2013 Legislative Session, the deaf and hard of hearing community strongly advocated for a comprehensive center for the deaf and hard of hearing. Their advocacy which spanned over 40 years, included the expectation that this Session the Legislature would appropriate \$400,000 which would be incorporated into the DHS' base budget moving forward. The \$150,000 approved in H.B. 1700, H.D.1, for HMS 802, falls critically short of the real need and will only cover administrative staff and facilities costs for the center leaving a critical shortage for services.

13) Requests for positions and the necessary funding were deleted in HMS 904 as follows:

a) A request for a budget analyst position to provide technical budget analysis, critical for a department this size. The DHS budget is extremely complex with over 55% of our budget in federal funding, most of which are matching funds and very complex to administer. Added to this complexity, the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) changed the process for the budgeting federal funds which more than doubled the number of appropriation accounts from 51 to 118. The detail level required to track program expenditures and account status is also more detailed. Our current skeleton crew is reduced to ensuring the budget paperwork is completed for B&F on a day to day basis to keep the Divisions moving.

b) A request to restore a second deputy director and private secretary to help manage the DHS, the largest State department with a \$2.5 billion annual budget, over 2,000 staff in four distinct divisions and four administratively attached agencies with a highly complex delivery mandate of social services. Currently, the majority of current deputy's time is spent putting out fires. Administrative issues, modernization of processes and upgrading administrative support cannot be addressed because of a lack of Deputy time and resources. S.B. 2846 is the companion bill for this budget request.

c) Full funding for the administrative assistant position in the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) Office. These additional funds are necessary to correct an administrative oversight when the administrative assistant position in the HICH was mistakenly created as a Secretary and is under funded. This funding request is also includes funds for council travel costs, pro rata share of office space, and operating expenses.

d) The Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) continues to hear a growing number of administrative appeals which have increased by 39% since 2009. The DHS relies upon contracted private bar attorneys to conduct these administrative appeals. The increased caseload coupled with the necessity to travel to the Neighbor Islands for face-to-face hearings has outstripped AAO's current allocation. In order to comply with existing law, the DHS is required to conduct hearings and issue written decisions within 60 days of receipt of the appeal for cases involving SNAP, child abuse, and adult abuse cases, and within 90 days of

receipt of the appeal for cases involving financial assistance, First-to-Work, medical assistance, tax-setoff and benefits/salary overpayment cases.

e) A request for four positions in the Fiscal Management Office to address the increased workload brought by the enhanced requests for information and data for the CAFR reports, the heightened requirements under Federal Accountability and Transparency Act, and support for Departmental Divisions and Administrative agencies including timely vendor contract payments, follow-up on salary overpayments and collection, increased P-card processing, and other business processes.

14) The DHS also requests funding for 3 permanent positions in HMS 902 to address and combat waste, fraud, and abuse in Med-QUEST programs and \$260,000 in general funds and \$260,000 in federal funds to implement an Asset Verification System for Medicaid's aged, blind, and disabled program, as required by federal law. These requests were part of the Governor's Message 2, submitted on February 19, 2014.

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

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 18, 2014

Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Health

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health has concerns with this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Yes; \$12.4 million **reduction** in general fund appropriations from the
3 Department's Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** For the FY 2015 budget, the DOH requested \$8.5 million for FY 2015 in
5 additional general funds. The majority of the DOH requests reflected actions to address significant
6 shortfalls in waiver program deficits, early intervention services, program staffing for the Deposit
7 Beverage Container program and funding related to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division's Homeless
8 Initiative. The Department also proposed the movement of positions consistent with approved
9 reorganizations, movements/transfers within programs to align personnel and funding to reflect budget
10 transparency and efficiency and the alignment of special and federal fund ceilings to actual revenue
11 expectations.

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13 Major budget requests that were not funded or were partially funded include:

- 1 • Deposit Beverage Container Program – The House Draft approved only one of the three
2 special-funded fiscal positions requested to address an audit finding to improve
3 monitoring activities of the distributors and redemption centers.
- 4 • Alcohol and Drug Abuse -- The House Draft did not approve the program request for a
5 temporary Program Specialist position and \$36,516 to provide support in addressing the
6 homelessness issue. Hawaii ranks second nationally for homelessness.
- 7 • Environmental Health Administration Information Technology Specialist – The House
8 Draft did not approve the request to add a data management system position for
9 Environmental Health Administration programs. The House Draft concurs with funding
10 for software licenses and services on a fee basis only, but did not provide the permanent
11 Information Technology Specialist position to manage the system. This negatively
12 impacts the continuity of the program’s projects and initiatives.
- 13 • Solid Waste Data Management System – The House Draft did not approve the request to
14 develop a solid waste management data management system to improve capabilities in
15 solid waste permitting, compliance, enforcement and decision-making. The system will
16 enhance the management of over 400 permits and responses to nearly 200 complaints on
17 non-permitted sites and increase the effectiveness of monitoring and enforcing Solid
18 Waste issues to protect human health and the environment.
- 19 • Oral Health Program – The House Draft did not approve the request to fund an Oral
20 Health Program Specialist to address the ongoing planning of oral health needs of the
21 state. Without the position the DOH will not be able to provide critical oral health
22 surveillance to assess and monitor the status of Hawaii’s oral health nor be able to
23 coordinate statewide oral health efforts.

1 Budget adjustments made by the House include:

- 2 • Children with Special Health Needs Branch Chief (CSHNB) – The House Draft did not
3 approve the request to change the means of financing for the CSHNB Chief from Title V,
4 Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funds to general funds, and additionally deleted
5 the current position count and federal funding. We ask that the federal permanent
6 position count and funding for this position be restored since this is the only State
7 pediatrician that oversees pediatric issues relating to complex disabilities, medical
8 conditions and developmental delays in special needs children. The position is filled.
- 9 • Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA) – The House Draft reduced five positions and
10 funding from the program for vacancy savings. The positions serve a critical role in
11 ensuring OHCA’s ability to conduct mandatory state relicensing surveys on the growing
12 number of facilities required to care for our aging population. Additionally, three of the
13 positions are currently filled.
- 14 • Special funded Trauma program positions – The House Draft did not approve the request
15 to transfer special funds from HTH 730/MQ to HTH 730/MT to fund four temporary
16 positions in the Injury Prevention and Control program. Previously, the positions were
17 federal funded but the funding diminished. The Governor did approve the establishment
18 of these four special funded positions which we are now trying to fold into the budget.
19 These four positions represent half of the existing positions in the program which has
20 been one of the most productive and nationally recognized programs in the DOH for the
21 past 20 years. This action will cripple the State’s capacity for injury prevention, the most
22 cost effective strategy to reduce death and disability from trauma. The positions are
23 filled.

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1 While our trade-off/transfers to implement departmental reorganizations were approved by the House
2 Committee on Finance, other trade-off/transfers to reflect transparency in budget alignment were not
3 approved. The denial of moving funds between cost categories from operating to personal services to
4 fully fund position salaries hinders our effort to reflect transparency in budgeting. Some of these
5 requests include:

- 6 • House Draft does not approve the request to trade-off a temporary Reinvention
7 Coordinator and related funds for a temporary Public Health Administrative Officer in
8 the Office of Health Status Monitoring to assist in the fiscal/budget management of the
9 office that brings in approximately \$5 million per year in fees.
- 10 • House Draft does not approve the request from Adult Mental Health to trade-off two
11 temporary half time nurse positions to fully fund one temporary nurse position for Hawaii
12 State Hospital (HSH). Improving staffing at HSH is very important, especially in light of
13 the recent concerns regarding staff and patient safety at the hospital. The House Draft
14 concurred with transferring out the salary from one nurse position, but did not provide the
15 corresponding “add” resulting in a reduction of one temporary nurse position and related
16 funding.
- 17 • House Draft does not approve the transfer-in of one permanent position from Maui
18 County Services to Hawaii County Services to be redescribed to a Clinical Psychologist
19 to provide mental health services to the children and adolescents on the east side of the
20 Big Island. The House Draft concurred with the transfer out of the position from Maui,
21 but not the transfer-in of the position, which essentially results in the reduction of the
22 position and the program’s inability to adequately serve clients on the Big Island.
- 23 • House Draft does not approve the request to trade-off/transfer funds from Other Current
24 Expenses to Personal Services in the Office of Planning, Policy and Program
25 Development to fully fund the program’s Secretary and Program Specialist. The House

1 Draft concurred with the first half of the trade-off/transfer which transferred out the funds
2 from Other Current Expenses, but did not complete the transfer to Personal Services,
3 thereby resulting in a reduction in program funds.

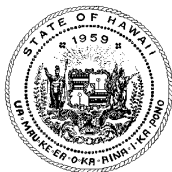
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5 These unapproved requests would have enhanced the department's ability to utilize these positions to
6 fully deliver program services within the parameters of its existing budget. To the further detriment of
7 the programs, the House Draft approved the reduction amounts, but did not approve the requested
8 transfer of the corresponding "add" amounts to the receiving programs, essentially reducing the base
9 funding of the Department.

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11 The Department believes that our operating budget proposal addressed the essential core functions of the
12 department within the context of economic constraint.

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14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
The Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair
The Hon. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
March 18, 2014

House Bill 1700, HD 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Testimony in Support

Presented by Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the Governor

Thank you for the opportunity to support our request for health care transformation program funding in the Governor's budget for fiscal year 2015. Our revised budget request totals \$422,000 in general funds and supports 4 ½ positions and modest operating costs.

Health care transformation directly benefits every resident of Hawai'i and will abate the annual inflation in health care costs. Overall, the aims of health care transformation are:

- **Better care**
- **Improved health**
- **Reduced costs**
- **Elimination of health disparities**

The resources requested will do the following:

1. Develop and implement the Hawai'i Health Innovation Plan. This blueprint prioritizes
 - Health care delivery and coordination improvement
 - Insurance alignment to pay for quality and outcomes, not volume
 - Widespread use of health information technology
 - Workforce preparation to match changing health care roles
 - Use of state funding and policy levers to change the health care system
2. Carry out statewide implementation of the Affordable Care Act, including coordinating changes in the health insurance marketplace and with the Hawai'i Health Connector.



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Written Statement of
KARL FOOKS
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Before the
COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

March 18, 2014
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HB 1700 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on Ways & Means:

The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of appropriating \$6 million to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative.

HB 1700 HD1 deletes funding for the HI Growth Initiative, the state's leading initiative to develop new engines of economic growth. However, conservative budgeting principles must still include ways to grow our economy if we are to increase tax revenues in the future. If we desire our economy to be resilient during difficult economic periods, we must continue to invest in new engines of economic growth. This is a long-term effort that needs to be pursued consistently.

The HI Growth Initiative, passed by the legislature last session, has been successful in stimulating growth of new businesses that create high-wage job opportunities in growth sectors important to our State. This effort has been widely supported by both federal government and private sector as evidenced by the 8:1 match on the State's investments achieved by the program to date.

Blue Startups, Hawaii's first accelerator, was established and has so far launched fifteen companies together raising over \$3 million in follow on funding; mbloom, a \$10 million seed stage software fund based in Maui, was capitalized; the Connect and Network (CAN) program was launched to support efforts that connect Hawaii entrepreneurs with investors, such as through the annual VC Summit conference and Startup Weekend events; and Startup Paradise was launched to brand Hawaii as an innovation hub. The community truly has a lot to be proud of.

The HI Growth Initiative has begun to transform Hawaii into a place that welcomes innovative activity by attracting investors from around the world who are investing alongside the HI Growth Initiative. More importantly, the businesses supported by the HI Growth Initiative are creating high-wage job opportunities for Hawaii residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Aloha Chair Ige:

RE: H.B. 1700, H.D. 1 Relating to the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2014

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan"). The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) has included in its supplemental budget request one (1) permanent interdepartmental transfer funded position and \$175,000 ceiling to provide the Plan's Board with the necessary staff support it needs to fulfill its statutory and fiduciary duties. The Board strongly supports DHRD's budget request for the reasons summarized below.

The Plan, commonly known as the "Island Savings Plan," is a voluntary retirement savings plan that allows eligible State employees and employees of the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, the opportunity to contribute a portion of their earnings on a pre-tax basis through payroll deductions. The Plan is overseen by the Board and is administratively attached to DHRD. This Plan provides an important benefit to employees in saving adequately for retirement.

Currently, DHRD provides a staff person from its Benefits Section who provides staff support services to the Plan's Board in addition to administering the other voluntary employee benefit programs. However, due to the growth of the Plan (in which assets now total \$1.8 billion since its inception in 1983), the increased fiduciary complexities in overseeing the Plan, and to ensure the Plan is in compliance with current federal and state regulations, we find that it has become necessary to have a position fully dedicated to the Plan to carry out the functions of the program. In addition, with numerous changes being made at the federal level with Social Security as well as at the State level in the State's pension benefits provided by the Employees' Retirement System, the Board recognizes that the Plan will become an integral part of State employees' retirement planning. Therefore, as more employees will come to rely

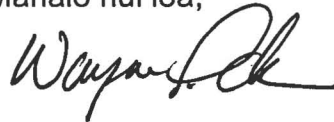
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on other resources to plan and save for their retirement needs, the Board has been more proactive in providing outreach activities to promote greater participation and investment awareness to its participants.

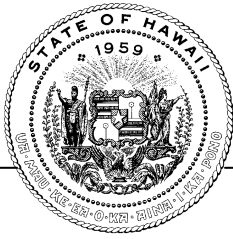
DHRD's supplemental budget request for one (1) permanent full time position to provide staff support to the Plan will provide the resources necessary to undertake a comprehensive outreach and education program to all eligible State employees as well as provide the Plan the necessary staff support it needs to fulfill its statutory and fiduciary duties. The request will not require additional State funding as the source of funding for the position is the Plan, pursuant to section 88E-13, HRS.

Given the foregoing, the Board requests your favorable consideration of DHRD's request.

Mahalo nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne L. Chu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Wayne L. Chu, Chairperson
Board of Trustees
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of
HB 1700 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning (OP) is seeking two positions and funds for positions that will (1) implement and monitor statewide sustainability priority guidelines (Act 181, 2011), and (2) address and implement transit-oriented development (TOD) and special planning projects.

These two positions will provide the OP with needed capacity to accomplish goals related to its legislative purpose. The purpose of OP is to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of state programs. This is accomplished through a comprehensive statewide planning process established by the State Planning Act, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226. Among other things, OP is directed to undertake comprehensive land use and coastal zone planning, management, and implementation; facilitate intergovernmental coordination and cooperation; undertake strategic and regional planning to address areas of critical state concerns related to social, economic or physical conditions; and promote programs and capital improvement projects which further state policies.

Regarding the first requested position, sustainability is one of the Governor's priorities as laid out in his New Day Plan. Consequently, OP assisted with the passage of Act 181 in 2011, which added the sustainability priority guidelines to the Hawaii State Planning Act (HRS § 226-

108). In December 2013, OP issued a Technical Assistance Memorandum to State and county agencies providing detailed guidance on implementing the sustainability priority guidelines. (http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/docs/OP_TAM_2013-12-03.pdf) These cover the following areas:

1. Smart growth and livability principles for healthy sustainable developments;
2. Resource conservation, including energy and water efficiency, low impact development;
3. Climate change and hazard mitigation; and
4. Green building standards.

This position will be tasked primarily with statewide coordination among county and state agencies to ensure that the new sustainability guidelines are being implemented in the course of state and county planning, in development regulations, and in development permit approvals. As you know, there is much heightened awareness about the importance of developing healthy communities and lifestyles, and much work to do for the state and counties to proactively respond to climate change.

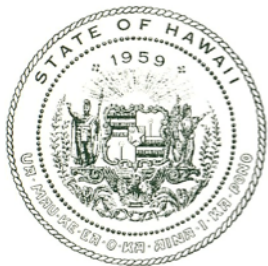
Regarding the second requested position, another priority of the Governor is promoting sustainable smart growth—TOD is one way to accomplish that goal. In addition, the legislature has requested that OP and the state coordinate development of state lands near and around the City and County of Honolulu’s approximately \$5.2 billion rail transit project. This position will be tasked primarily with statewide coordination among county and state agencies to ensure that TOD and Smart Growth principles are being implemented through the statewide planning system. The incumbent will be responsible for carrying out the duties enumerated under HRS § 226-53, which includes coordinating the implementation of the 2012 report that OP prepared with the assistance of Smart Growth America entitled, *Leveraging State Agency Involvement in Transit-Oriented Development to Strengthen Hawaii’s Economy*. This effort included coordinating with various county, state, and federal agencies and other stakeholders. The report can be found on OP’s Web site at <http://planning.hawaii.gov/spb/transit-oriented-development>.

Currently, HB 1700, HD 1 has eliminated the first requested position, and moved the second requested position to the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation. Given current responsibilities under HRS Chapters 225M, 205A, 205, and 226, and the reduction of

funding and positions since the office was created, the above-proposed work cannot be meaningfully addressed with current resources. Current OP positions are over-employed. Since the 1990's, the Office's budget has been reduced by more than half (leaving no discretionary funds for producing research projects, reports, or planning) and its generally funded positions were reduced by more than 80 percent. OP requests that both requested positions be reinstated under the office.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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From: Cathy Betts
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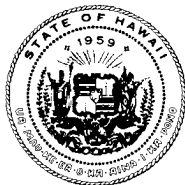
Re: Testimony in Support, HB 1700, HD 1, Relating to the State Budget

The Commission is requesting an additional \$50,000.00 in the supplemental budget in order to host the 2015 National Association for Commissions for Women (NACW) conference in July, 2015. The NACW's membership connects over 200 state, county, and city Commissions for women across the United States. Its advocacy and legislative priorities center on: civil and human rights, economic equity, health, violence against women, and work and the family.

The annual conference showcases leaders and innovators on women's issues from across a broad spectrum: scholars, state and federal administrators, business executives, grass roots community organizers and non-profit leaders. The conference addresses a wide variety of issues. For example, this year's annual conference included sessions on health, equal pay, women veterans, social media and advocacy, finances and investing, sexual assault in the military, family leave policies, domestic violence and sexual assault across generations, elder abuse, teen violence, and women in leadership roles. The conference will allow Hawai'i to showcase the State, its leaders, and its progressive policies and innovations that support women and girls.

Following this supplemental request, the Commission identified specifically how the funds would be allotted and spent on the NACW conference and this information was provided to both the House Finance Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of
H.B. 1700, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

HHFDC ***supports*** H.B. 1700, H.D. 1, the Executive Supplemental Budget bill. The H.D. 1 includes HHFDC's request for \$244,481 in revolving funds to upgrade computer equipment and software, much of which has not been updated since 2006. It also includes our request a reduction of its Federal funds ceiling to reflect the end of Federal stimulus grant programs. HHFDC's CIP requests in the H.D. 1 are summarized below:

<u>Rental Housing Trust Fund Infusion, Statewide</u> (BED 160; CIP Item No. 32.01)	FY2015	\$2,500,000 (C)
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HHFDC respectfully requests that its original Supplemental budget request of \$5,000,000 be reinstated. As of December 31, 2013, 4,567 affordable rental units have been produced or are in development in 58 projects statewide. This request will help HHFDC to fully leverage its 2014 Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit per capital volume cap to develop affordable rental housing through public-private partnerships.

<u>Low Income Housing Tax Credit Loan Program, Statewide</u> (BED 160; CIP Item No. 32.02)	FY2015	\$7,832,000 (C)
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This request will help support the development and preservation of low-income rental housing for households at or below 60 percent of the area median income. To date, this program has awarded \$4,696,870 in loans to three projects totaling 187 units on Maui and Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII
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March 14, 2014

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: David Hipp, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1700, HD 1 – Relating to the State Budget**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 18, 2014; 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

PURPOSE: The purpose of H.B. 1700 is to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013 – 2015 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

OFFICE'S POSITION: The Office of Youth Services (OYS) thanks Chair Luke and the House Committee on Finance for their overall support of the OYS's supplemental budget requests in H.B. 1700, HD 1.

While H.B. 1700, HD 1 addresses some of the budget needs related to this office's efforts to enhance and expand its efforts to reduce juvenile delinquency and to provide our state's troubled and at-risk youth the opportunity to be effectively rehabilitated through expanded programs and services, we respectfully ask that you and your Committee on Ways and Means consider the following proposed alternative reductions:

1. Family Strengthening: Family dysfunction/troubles are the leading factors contributing to juvenile delinquency. Family strengthening includes an array of programs – including intensive, evidence based therapies. A proposed reduction of 25% versus the 50% reduction in H.B. 1700, HD 1 would enable more youth and families to access such services.

a. H.B. 1700, 501A, 102-001 = \$1,000,000

- b. H.B.1700, HD 1, 501A, 102-001 = \$500,000
- c. Proposed alternative reduction (\$250,000) = \$750,000

2. Truancy: Truancy is a gateway crime into the juvenile justice system. Truancy contributes to failure in school, increased school dropout rates, joblessness, homelessness – all which lead to possible involvement in the adult criminal justice system. A proposed reduction of 25% versus the 100% reduction in H.B 1700, HD 1 would ultimately have a positive effect on the state’s social services systems.

- a. H.B. 1700, 501A, 101-001 = \$400,000
- b. H.B. 1700, HD 1, 501A, 101-001 = \$0
- c. Proposed alternative reduction (\$100,000) = \$300,000

3. R.E.A.C.H: The middle school ages are the age when youth begin to become disconnected and alienated from school – factors that contribute to school dropout rates. This issue further manifests itself in the large number of arrests of middle school aged children. A proposed alternative reduction of 10% would ensure the necessary funding for a viable statewide program.

- a. H.B. 1700, 501A, 1000-001 = \$3,100,000
- b. H.B. 1700, HD 1, 501A, 1000-001 = \$2,000,000
- c. Proposed alternative reduction (\$310,000) = \$2,790,000

4. Parole Positions: Parole is a critical component of a juvenile justice continuum of services and is statutorily required. The failure to provide adequate parole coverage statewide is a contributing factor to recidivism. The inclusion of a minimum of 2 parole positions would facilitate successful transition back to home communities.

- a. H.B. 1700, 503YB, 100-001 = \$63,198, 3 positions
- b. H.B. 1700, HD 1, 503YB, 100-001 = \$0, 0 positions
- c. Proposed alternative reduction (\$21,066, 1) = \$42,132, 2 positions

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

Testimony of Agribusiness Development Corporation
State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture
State Office Tower, 235 S. Beretania St., Room 205
Honolulu HI 96813

Supporting H.B. 1700, Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

Agribusiness Development Corporation supports H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvement and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget for watershed protection and management.

As a member of the Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership, Agribusiness Development Corporation recognizes the importance of protecting native forested ecosystems. We understand that our source of pure water is dependent upon a system of healthy forested watersheds that capture rain and cloud moisture and then deliver it naturally to aquifers and streams. Many of our forested watershed areas require direct on-the-ground management actions by professional staff to prevent further watershed degradation and forest loss.

The state funds provided through HB1700 are a critical source of funding for watershed protection and invasive species programs. The funds are strongly leveraged with matching funds from county, federal and private sources, increasing their value as a public investment even more.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Ivan Kawamoto
Agribusiness Development Corporation



EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING
HONOLULU

GG WEISENFELD
DIRECTOR

Testimony on
H.B. 1700 H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget
Program ID GOV100
By GG Weisenfeld, Director

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m., Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

Good morning. I am GG Weisenfeld, Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 1700, House Draft 1.

This testimony is specific to the budget for early learning in the Office of the Governor (GOV100).

EOEL requests your support for the funding requests included in the Executive Supplemental Budget that were submitted to the 2014 Legislature for early learning.

We ask for your consideration in regards to the following H.D. 1 adjustments:

Seq. 101-001

Denies request for positions and funds for the Executive Office on Early Learning.

Without the positions requested, EOEL will be substantially limited in its ability to:

- Collect and analyze the data needed to ensure accountability, evaluate for outcomes, and inform policymaking;
- Implement, monitor, and support the DOE prekindergarten classrooms or contracts with family-child interaction learning programs; and
- More effectively manage fiscal operations.

Without funds for meeting costs, EOEL will have limited ability to bring neighbor island representatives to monthly Early Learning Advisory Board meetings, which is critical for the federal funding requirement.

Seq. 102-001

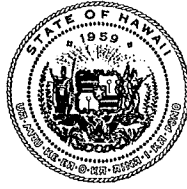
Denies request for funds for family and child interactive learning programs and Department of Education prekindergarten classes / School Readiness Program. However, \$3,000,000 for the DOE prekindergarten classes has been included in EDN300 Seq. 1000-001.

The objective of the original request for programmatic funds is to increase the number of four-year-olds who will have the opportunity for a prekindergarten experience. The requests are to expand the mixed-delivery system – through family-child interaction learning programs and prekindergarten classrooms on some DOE campuses – so that in the coming school year, we can reach more four-year-olds beyond the 1,200 that can be reached by the Preschool Open Doors program funded last year. There are about 17,000 four-year-olds in Hawaii in any given year.

Less funding means fewer children served.

We respectfully request that the funding included in EDN300 for Department of Education prekindergarten classes be moved to EDN700 which is the program ID specific to the Executive Office on Early Learning, or to GOV100 as EOEL is currently attached to the Office of the Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.



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March 18, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1700 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The Hawai'i Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC) **strongly supports HB 1700 HD1** relating to the budget items below that are specific for **early intervention (EI) services** for children age 0-3 years with or at biological risk for developmental delays. The HEICC is a Governor-appointed council with broad representation that advises the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) in developing and implementing policies for the statewide EI system; assists the DOH in achieving the full participation and coordination of appropriate public agencies in the State; and assists the DOH in the effective implementation of the statewide system.

- 1. HTH 560 – Family Health Services Division**
Budget Worksheet Sequence #100-001 – Additional funds for early intervention purchase of service contracts (HTH 560/CG)
FY 15: \$1,232,495

We strongly support the appropriation of \$1,232,495 for FY 15 for EI purchase of service (POS) contracts. This funding is essential to address the shortfall in funding for EI services that are mandated by federal law (Part C of the individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA]). EI services assist children age 0-3 years with or at biological risk for developmental delays in developing their communication cognitive, physical, social-emotional, and adaptive skills. Failure of the State to provide mandated EI services will result in the State being out of



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compliance with the Part C of the IDEA.

2. **HTH 560 – Family Health Services Division**
Budget Worksheet Sequence #1000-001 – Additional funds for early intervention data system (HTH 560/CG)
FY 15: \$200,000

We strongly support the appropriation of \$200,000 for BY 15 for planning a new or updated EI data system. The current EI data system is not adequate – it is not web-based, has multiple non-linked databases, and does not have the capability for documentation notes of services provided. Funding is needed to plan a new EI data system that is web-based, allows real time access to data, has electronic record capabilities, provided reports needed for federal reporting and quality assurance, and has billing functions for reimbursement from Medicaid and TRICARE. A new database will support system improvements in the provision of EI services to young children and their families.

The HEICC appreciates your favorable consideration of the above budget items.

Sincerely,



Michael C. Fahey
Chair
Hawai'i Early Intervention Coordinating Council

Testimony of Carolyn Darr, Land Agent, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

I support H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvement and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' original budget for watershed protection and management.

As a member of the Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership, DHHL recognizes the importance of protecting native forested ecosystems. We understand that our source of pure water is dependent upon a system of healthy forested watersheds which capture rain and cloud moisture and then deliver it naturally to aquifers and other sources for consumption and the benefit of our island economy. Many of these forested watersheds require direct on-the-ground management actions by professional staff to prevent further watershed degradation and forest loss.

Members of the Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership have worked diligently over the past decade to fence and protect thousands of acres of some of the last remaining Koa forests on Maui. The Partnership's team continues to be a leader in developing and refining forest restoration techniques. Additionally, Partnership staff play an important role in environmental education, conducting service trips for thousands of children, educators, community leaders and others so they can experience and learn first-hand the role that forests play in watershed function and our daily lives.

This bill proposes to provide additional funding for the protection of our native forests, which are the source of nearly all the islands' supply of fresh water. These state funds are a critical source of funding for watershed protection and invasive species programs and are leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Darr
Land Agent, Land Management Division
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands



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**Senate Committee on Ways & Means
State Capitol, Room 211
March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.**

HB 1700, HD 1– Relating to the State Budget

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) supports HB 1700, H.D. 1 – Relating to the State Budget. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate supplemental funds for the operating and capital improvement budgets for all state agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal year 2015. This bill includes HSPLS's Supplemental budget request and includes many critical budget needs for HSPLS and all our 50 public libraries.

We have identified the adjustments made to our Supplemental Budget Request for FY 2015 by the House and submitted this to your committee as well as the House Committee on Finance. As requested, we have also identified those adjustments we have supported and those we strongly opposed. HSPLS is requesting your committee's support for our Supplemental Budget Request included in this bill.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify on this measure.

TESTIMONY OF HERMINA MORITA
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

MARCH 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.

MEASURE: H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1
TITLE: Relating to the State Budget

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

DESCRIPTION:

H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1 proposes adjustments to the State's Executive Budget for Fiscal Biennium 2013-2015 ("FB 13-15"), as well as additional appropriation requests for the stated budget period. Specific adjustments in this measure impact funding amounts in the operating budgets of both the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") and the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate").

POSITION:

The Commission requests the Committee reinsert the Commission's budget appropriation adjustment request from the original version of H.B. No. 1700, which includes a corresponding necessary budget appropriation in the Commission's FB 13-15 budget to account for an increase in the Consumer Advocate's FB 13-15 budget that has been approved in H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1. The Commission would like to offer the following comments for the Committee's consideration.

COMMENTS:

The Commission requests that its Fiscal Year ("FY") 2014-2015 budget be amended to **\$16,222,110** in order to cover a number of necessary cost items affecting the Commission, as well as other benefiting agencies.

The appropriation adjustments requested in the original version of this measure are necessary for both the Commission and the Consumer Advocate to fulfill each agency's respective duties in providing regulatory oversight and representing ratepayer interests in the course of regulating Hawaii's public utilities (e.g., electricity, telecommunications, motor carriers, gas, intrastate water carriers, and private water and wastewater).

The current H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1 reduces the Administration's original requested adjustment to the Commission's FY 2014-2015 budget ("PUC FY14-15 Budget") by the full request amount of \$902,222, and it also reduces the existing PUC FY14-15 Budget by another \$141,032. These reductions result in a net reduction to the existing PUC FY14-15 Budget, and a total elimination of \$1,043,254 from the requested PUC budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The need for each of the elements of the Commission's original requested adjustment and the impact that each element has on both the Commission and other agencies is explained below.

1. FUNDS FOR CONSUMER ADVOCATE

The Commission is authorized under Section 269-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), to transfer funds to support the expenses of the Consumer Advocate for expenses incurred in the administration of HRS Chapters 269, 371, 271G, 269E, and 486J. The Commission's request in H.B. No. 1700 for additional funding of \$749,714 is required to cover the Consumer Advocate's additional expenses for expert consulting services and salary for an attorney position. Thus, any amount appropriated to the Consumer Advocate must also be matched dollar-for-dollar in the Commission's appropriation, as the Commission simply transfers monies to the Consumer Advocate from the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund under HRS § 269-33 ("PUC Special Fund").

Further, it is our understanding that the Consumer Advocate received approval from the House Committee on Finance to increase their budget by \$799,428, as reflected in H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1. This is an additional \$49,714 above the original request for the Consumer Advocate's budget of \$749,714, which needs to be added to the Commission's own operating budget. It is, therefore, critical and necessary that the Commission's request to increase our budget ceiling by \$799,428 is approved. The current disapproval of this request would result in the Consumer Advocate being authorized to request an additional \$799,428 from the PUC Special Fund in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and the Commission not having the corresponding additional \$799,428 in

our budget ceiling to transfer (without impact to our base budget) to the Consumer Advocate.

The Commission would like to note that it does support the appropriation amounts in this measure that add funds to the Consumer Advocate's operating budget for the contracting of expert consulting assistance, which provides critical support to the agency's work in complex docketed proceedings requiring technical and economic expertise. The Consumer Advocate plays a vital role in representing the interests of all ratepayers in all proceedings before the Commission.

2. FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT

This request for an additional funding of \$152,508, is required to account for estimated special fund assessments, which consists of the Commission's pro rata share of the administrative expenses incurred by the department responsible for its operational support (currently BNF) in accordance with HRS § 36-30. The denial of this request would result in the Commission having to utilize monies in the Commission's base appropriation.

3. TRADE-OFF FUNDS FROM CURRENT EXPENSES TO EQUIPMENT

This request to *transfer* non-recurring equipment costs to a more appropriate budget line item/category should have no (\$0) impact on the Commission's budget ceiling. In other words, a decision to concur with the request should result in a transfer of \$141,032 from our current base budget from Current Expenses to Equipment cost category, *or*, alternatively, a decision to not concur with the request should result in the \$141,032 to remain in our base budget in the Current Expenses cost category. Further, these non-recurring equipment costs are directly related to the Commission's office expansion and renovation plan that was approved and given funding for in the current PUC FY14-15 Budget. Thus, action on this item – concurrence or non-concurrence – should not affect the current PUC FY14-15 Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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March 17, 2014

To: The Honorable David Ige, Chair,
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Mila Kaahanui, Executive Director

Re: HB 1700, HD1: Administration's Budget Bill for FY2015.

POSITION: Request Restoration of Funding for OCS

OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION

This is the Administration's budget bill. When it was introduced, HB1700, line item 903, provided an appropriation of \$700,000 for the Office of Community Services (OCS) to support the expansion of newly created State-funded Immigrant Resource Centers (IRC) contracted by the agency with nonprofit service providers to provide language accessible outreach, direct information and referral services to new immigrants.

Regrettably, this proposed appropriation was deleted in its entirety by the House Finance Committee in HD1.

COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILL 1700

The Office of Community Services (OCS), established by Act 305 of the Hawaii State Legislature and codified as Chapter 371K of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, serves as the lead agency in State government to facilitate and enhance the development, delivery, and coordination of effective programs for the economically disadvantaged population, including immigrants and refugees. OCS administers and delivers Federal and State funded programs through purchase of service contracts with non-profit agencies.

OCS has recently launched four IRCs in the following areas: Hilo, Hawaii; Lihue, Kauai; Kalihi and Ewa Beach in Honolulu. The centers have reportedly experienced a great demand for services from immigrants in other areas such as West Hawaii, West Kauai, and Waipahu. The two Oahu centers (Ewa Beach and Kalihi at Kuhio Park Terrace) service client communities in the urban core. However, Waipahu, which has a critical mass of new immigrants and migrants, does not have a center.

Outreach is one of the key components of the IRC services. The critical need now is to expand services to outlying communities. As much as we hope that the IRCs are conveniently located for many in the urban centers, the reality is that many of our client communities are living in relatively rural areas and we need to bring the services to them.

The IRCs serve as language-accessible entry points or “portals” for new immigrants to access comprehensive services, such as job training, acculturation health and social services to assist them in achieving successful integration and economic self-sufficiency.

For these reasons, OCS respectfully requests that the Senate Ways and Means Committee restore the proposed funding of \$700,000 for OCS that was deleted by House Finance Committee. Thank you very much for this opportunity to comment on this measure.



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Testimony of
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on
H.B. 1700, H.D. 1
Relating to the State Budget
Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211

The major focus of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) is achieving its economic targets to benefit Hawaii's residents and the state's overall economy. HTA, by law, is directed to focus on marketing and promoting Hawaii as a visitor destination. As a result of the 2.6% increase in visitor arrivals in calendar year 2013, Hawaii's visitor industry contributed \$14.5 billion to the local economy.

This success can be attributed to HTA's strategic vision, and integration of the efforts of our global marketing partners, Hawaii's visitor industry and community partners.

Hawaii's tourism industry is facing challenges as we move forward in 2014. The challenges include increased competition from other destinations and changing global trends and events. HTA's focus will be to maintain the momentum that was started in 2010. We will continue to focus on driving demand from our major market areas by developing partnerships with airlines and wholesalers to maintain or increase airseats to Hawaii, and to leverage opportunities from emerging markets in the Asia-Pacific region. Through our brand marketing efforts, the HTA works to develop programs to stimulate travel to the Hawaiian Islands and provide a unique Hawai'i experience. We will implement programs to distribute the benefits of tourism across all islands, while maintaining Hawai'i's competitive advantage by investing in unique experiences that enhance and celebrate our people, place and culture.

It is recommended that HTA maintain an appropriation of \$141,162,298 for fiscal year 2014-2015, which includes the allocation of \$82 million for the Tourism Special Fund and \$33 million for the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund.

Visitor arrivals in 2013 totaled 8,235,510, an increase of 2.6 per cent over 2012, and total visitor expenditures for 2013, were \$14.5 billion, an increase of 2.0 per cent over 2012. This amounts to a visitor spending per day of \$192.80 or \$1,765.10 per trip.

In these challenging times, with the increased competition from other destinations, the appropriation will allow HTA to meet our goals, which have a significant and direct impact on the state's overall economy and resident quality of life.



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March 18, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1700 HD1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **strongly supports** HB 1700 HD1 relating to the specific budget items noted below. The purpose of this bill is to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

1. HTH 905 – Developmental Disabilities Council
Page 437 of 685, SEQ # -1.
FY 15: \$218,048

The Council did not submit any budget request for additional funds for FY 15. We strongly support the appropriation of \$218,048 for FY 15 for our operations. The general funds provides the State match funds for our Federal grant and allows us to carry out our 2012-2016 State Plan activities and mission to support people with DD to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire.

2. HTH 501- Developmental Disabilities
Page 371 of 685, SEQ #100-001.

A. State Match for Home and Community Based Services Waiver
(HTH 501/CN)
FY 15: \$1,183,384

This amount represents the FY 15 Supplemental Executive operating budget request. These funds provide the State match funds for Federal reimbursement to enable individuals with DD to receive services under the Home and Community Based Services Waiver program. Without these funds for the program, there would be a high probability of: 1) a reduction in current

level of services to individuals in the program, 2) no new admissions that would result in a waitlist, 3) high risk of litigation, and 4) a reduction in Federal reimbursements. Any of these options would require approval from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Without adequate funding, and approval from CMS of the above options, DD Division may have no other alternative than to request for an emergency appropriation in the 2014 legislative session in order to meet its fiscal and program obligations for FY 15.

B. HTH 501: State Match for Intermediate Care Facilities

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(HTHH 501/CN)

FY 15: \$354,504

This amount represents the FY 15 Supplemental Executive operating budget request. The State match funds are critical for the Department of Health DD Division in providing for services for 79 individuals with DD who require intermediate care facilities services. Without the funds, these individuals would be at risk of losing services and their homes in the community.

C. HTH 501: Fiscal Agent to Process Service Claims

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HTH 501/CN

FY 15: \$290,000

This amount represents the FY 15 Supplemental Executive operating budget request. The funds are necessary for the processing of service claims in a timely manner in order for timely payments to service providers.

3. HTH 560-Family Health Services

Page 380 of 685, SEQ #100-001.

HTH 560: Add Funds for Early Intervention Purchase of Service Contracts (HTH 560/CG)

FY 15: \$1,232,495

This amount represents the FY 15 Supplemental Executive operating budget request. These funds would provide early intervention services by purchase of service contracts and meeting the requirements under P.L. 108-446 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C, and the Hawaii Early Intervention State Plan for infants and toddlers 0-3 years of age. Without these funds, the State would be in non-compliance with the Federal requirements under Part C and would be at risk for litigation.

4. HMS 401-Health Care Payments

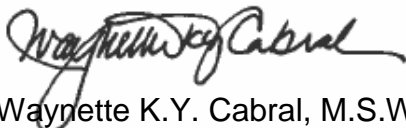
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**HMS 401: Add funds for Adult Dental Benefits Under QUEST
FY 15: \$1**

The amount requested in the FY 15 Supplemental Executive operating budget request was \$4,000,000. These funds, in addition to Federal funds of \$7,664,103, would re-establish the adult dental program and restore adult dental benefits. This provision would directly benefit adults with DD in providing oral health services that includes preventive, restorative, and prosthetic services. The Council cannot emphasize enough the importance of comprehensive dental care services that include preventive, restorative, prosthetic, and emergency services for people with DD. We are all aware of how oral health, or the lack thereof, affects all aspects (emotional, psychological, and social) of our lives.

The Council appreciates your favorable consideration of the above budget items. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support for the above budget items in HB 1700 HD1.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
Executive Administrator



J. Curtis Tyler, III
Chair

March 18, 2014

The Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211

Re: HB 1700, HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, & Members of the Committee:

The Early Learning Advisory Board supports HB 1700, HD1, which provides funding for Early Learning programs and the Executive Office on Early Learning.

Established under Act 178 (2012), the Early Learning Advisory Board replaced the Early Learning Council and is responsible for advising the Executive Office on Early Learning, providing recommendations to the Executive Office on Early Learning, promoting collaboration among state agencies, and being an independent voice for the overall well-being of Hawaii's children.

Hawai'i has been a national leader in ensuring access to quality health care, family support and community based models that improve the lives of young children. The Early Learning Advisory Board seeks to ensure that all children are valued, safe, healthy and ready to succeed. The board has adopted a comprehensive action strategy to achieve its goals. We strongly support advancing this bill and look forward to working collaboratively and proactively with the legislature and the broader community. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, Early Learning Advisory Board

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Written Statement of

KARL FOOKS
President

Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation

Before the
COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

March 18, 2014
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HB 1700 HD 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on Ways & Means:

The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of the \$23 million in CIP funds to the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) for a new innovation hub, as requested in the budget bill, HB 1700 HD 1.

The HI Growth Initiative is helping to develop an ecosystem that supports the growth of high-growth businesses. These businesses can create high-wage job opportunities and attract our kamaaina back home to Hawaii, reversing the brain-drain. HTDC's innovation center will serve as a hub for this ecosystem, providing open collaboration spaces and 21st century business development resources that are required by today's global enterprises. This center will empower Hawaii businesses to grow and scale from Hawaii, and to be competitive in the global market.

We defer to HTDC on the details of this CIP request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Committee on Ways and Means

HB1700, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Tuesday, March 18, 2014; Conference Room 211

9:00 a.m.

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) prefers the original FY15 supplemental budget request in HB 1700, regarding appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of the Executive Branch agencies and programs.

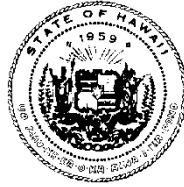
Fiscal Implications: HD1 deletes funds for FY15 for the following:

1. The Kupuna Care Program;
2. The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC);
3. The Healthy Aging Partnership.

Purpose and Justification: EOA notes that three of the appropriations in this bill are priorities of the Abercrombie Administration. These priorities include (1) \$1,827,937 for the continued development of the ADRCs statewide, (2) a \$4.2 million increase in EOA's base budget for Kupuna Care, and (3) \$300,000 for the Healthy Aging Partnership.

The Executive Office on Aging respectfully requests that the appropriations listed above be reinstated, as these programs are essential to EOA. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi
Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 18, 2014 9:00 A.M.
Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

House Bill 1700, House Draft 1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Honorable Chair Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill (H.B.) 1700, House Draft 1 (HD1), relating to the state budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports enactment of this measure, which contains Governor Abercrombie's Executive Supplemental Budget request for the fiscal biennium 2013-2015.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA's) mission is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination through its public housing and rental assistance programs.

The HPHA respectfully requests:

- Restoration of the HPHA's original CIP request amount.
- Keeping the \$422,781 in General Funds to maintain security operations.
- Reinstatement of the four Public Housing Specialist positions that were removed by the House Finance Committee.
- Reinstatement of the two Construction Inspector positions that were removed by the House Finance Committee.
- Adding 4.00 permanent, exempt Public Housing Accountant positions (Certified Public Accountant qualified).

The HPHA truly appreciates the continued support of the Legislature as we continue to provide shelter to working families who are waiting for subsidized housing to assist them as they strive to improve their self-sufficiency. The Administration's supplemental budget request seeks \$15 million in General Funds and \$20 million in General Obligation Bonds. However, this amount was cut by \$5 million in HB 1700, HD1, and the HPHA respectfully requests to have the funding restored to original request. This appropriation will provide the agency with critical cost elements in tackling the backlog of approximately half a billion (\$0.5) in capital needs, and your assistance with this year's CIP allocation is very important.

Due to the age of our housing inventory, and unexpected issues that often occur, the HPHA respectfully requests your consideration for a lump sum budget request (as you have done in the past), which will provide the agency with the flexibility of managing and expending capital funds in an expeditious manner. The condition of a property can change in an instant by tenants who drive their vehicles into buildings, set their units on fire, discovering heavy mold after removing drywall, or by the occasional act of nature that sends a boulder down a hill into a newly renovated building (like at Kalihi Valley Homes) as it did happen before.

The HPHA respectfully requests \$422,781 in General Funds to maintain security operations at current levels at various Asset Management Projects. The HPHA currently provides security guards at twelve (12) out of our 85 properties. These properties are located in neighborhoods with higher crime rates, and at some of the elderly and disabled sites. In 2005, the Legislature inserted into the budget that security services would be provided at certain properties, and an original number of \$1,937,337 million was provided in General Funds to pay for the security services. However, a "Reduction in Security Services" line item reduced the amount by \$422,781. At that time, the \$1,514,556 amount was sufficient in contracting security services, but over the years, inflation has increased the cost for our existing security services, and the HPHA is requesting the "Reduction in Security Services" line item to be removed so the HPHA can maintain the current level of security services that are being provided.

The HPHA respectfully requests to reinstate the four Public Housing Specialist positions that were removed by the House Finance Committee because this will negatively impact the HPHA and severely limit the agency's ability to conduct annual recertifications on a timely basis, and affect the HPHA's ratings under the federal public housing assessment system (PHAS). The HPHA has been working with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development technical advisor who strongly made the recommendations to be consistent with the best practices as it relates to administrative responsibilities at each of its public housing projects. This reduction will contribute to low PHAS scores, which in turn, will impact the HPHA's ability to secure federal funds. All of the requested positions do not impact the State budget as they are 100% federally funded.

The HPHA respectfully requests to reinstate the two Construction Inspector positions that were removed by the House Finance Committee because the HPHA is severely understaffed, and the lack of an adequate number of construction inspectors has been

negatively impacting the HPHA's ability to conduct inspections during critical phases/milestones during ongoing construction which will increase over the next three years. The inability to schedule and conduct inspections on a timely basis impacts completion deadlines; increase relocation costs; increase unit make ready time which is rated under the federal rating system; impact the HPHA's ability to expend funds in a timely manner; and ultimately keeps Hawaii's most vulnerable population from accessing public housing in a timely manner. The requested positions are **100% federally funded and will not impact the State's budget.**

The HPHA respectfully requests to add 4.00 permanent, exempt Public Housing Accountant positions (Certified Public Accountant qualified) and \$222,060 in federal funds for FY 15 for the HPHA's Fiscal Management Office to assist with managing HPHA funds. The HPHA's Financial Management Office oversees all budgeting and accounting needs of the HPHA. Due to the complexities of managing state and federal funds across both general and proprietary funding sources, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's Fiscal Management Office needs to hire experienced certified public accountants (CPA) at competitive salaries. Currently, the HPHA spends approximately \$364,000 a year in consultant fees to assist the HPHA with accounting matters, and the costs will be going up in the future. These four Public Housing Accountant positions will be **100% federally funded**, will save the agency and taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in the long run, and will be **exempt from civil service.**

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the agency's position regarding H.B. 1700, HD1. We respectfully request the Committee to pass this measure favorably, and thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1700 HD 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

by

Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 18, 2014; 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Good morning Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the "Commission") with the opportunity to testify in support with amendment to appropriate \$794,959 for the JRI County Victim Services of House Bill 1700, HD1. House Bill 1700, HD1, amended House Bill 1700 and reduced the appropriation for the JRI County Victim Services from \$794,959 to \$1. The Commission urges this committee to restore the appropriation for JRI County Victim Services to \$794,959.

The County Victim Services position are an essential part of Hawai'i's Justice Reinvestment Initiative. The County Victim Services positions ensure that victim needs, community safety, and offender accountability are in the forefront of JRI implementation, and work hand-in-hand with other JRI initiatives to increase public safety.

The Hawai'i Justice Reinvestment Initiative serves a national model in funding a comprehensive victim service component and in implementing changes that put victims in the forefront of the national Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

In 2011, the Commission served as a member of the JRI Working Group. Part of the Commission's role as a member of the JRI Working Group was to engage crime victims, survivors, and victim service providers and advocates in identifying key issues and concerns specific to the Justice Reinvestment Initiative and to ensure that victims, survivors, and community safety issues got the attention and resources they deserve in the JRI process and that their issues and concerns were addressed.

The overall goal of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative is to improve and reform criminal justice and corrections practices in Hawai'i through the development of a comprehensive data-driven plan and to redirect the cost savings to programs that hold offenders accountable, reduce recidivism, and ensure victim and public safety. The Hawai'i Justice Reinvestment Initiative resulted in a comprehensive victim service component, including fifteen positions for county-based victim advocates (six for the City and County of Honolulu, six for the County of Hawai'i, two for the County of Maui, and one for the County of Kaua'i).

The victim services component of the Hawai'i Justice Reinvestment Initiative will work to address significant deficiencies in the assessment and collection of restitution, to ensure that victims receive advance notification informing them of changes in an offender's custody status, including an offender's parole hearing and release dates, and to provide assistance for victims to develop safety plans, when necessary.

Thank you for providing the Commission with the opportunity to testify in support with amendment to appropriate \$794,959 for the JRI County Victim Services of House Bill 1700, HD1.

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FOR: HB1700 HD1 Relating to the State Budget
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COMMITTEE(S): Senate Committee on Ways and Means
ROOM: Conference Room 211
FROM: Tom Hutton, Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Testimony in support of HB1700 HD1

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission appreciates this opportunity to submit this testimony concerning funding for the charter school system during this supplemental budget year.

The testimony we submitted to the Committee for the pre-session budget briefing describes in detail the Commission’s supplemental budget requests and how they support the ongoing improvements that are being made to Hawaii’s charter school system. In addition, we would like respectfully to call the Committee’s attention to two highlights relating to budgeting for charter schools:

- The Commission has requested a statutory clarification that the Commission’s operating budget shall be appropriated separately from, and in addition to, the charter schools’ per pupil funding. This clarification is included in SB 2518 SD2 as passed by the Committee and would require the appropriation of the second fiscal year amount of the Commission’s biennial budget. With this change, charter schools would receive additional per pupil funding to apply to their operational needs.
- Currently before the 2014 Legislature are several proposals to help address the great unfinished business of Hawaii’s chartering system: how to assist with charter school

facilities. These include HB 2576 HD1 as reported out by the Committee, as well as two Senate measures, SB 2516 SD2 and SB 2517 SD2. Collectively these proposals offer several funding vehicles for supporting the varied facilities requirements of Hawaii's differently situated charter schools and helping ensure that all of Hawaii's children are provided suitable learning environments.

The State Public Charter School Commission thanks the Committee for your continuing support of Hawaii's 33 public charter schools, their 10,400 students, and their over 1,300 employees and for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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TESTIMONY OF THE
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
March 18, 2014

HB 1700 HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee, I am Barbara Saromines Ganne, Chairperson of the Commission of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I am here today to testify before you on the State budget. This is to convey to you how difficult it has been for Hawaii's state arts agency to manage its programs, payroll, and to carry out its mission with the decline in appropriations we've received over the years, most especially since 2010.

The SFCA was established in 1965 to disburse federal funding to perpetuate arts and cultural programming in Hawaii. We are the state that leads the nation with a flourishing host culture, thanks to a priority to support the Native Hawaiian culture set when this agency began. For a time, we led the nation in per capita state support for the arts and we still rank among the top five in that capacity. We are particularly proud of our Art in Public Places Collection that boasts more than 6,000 works of art in all media, primarily by local artists. At a time when other institutions set their sights on collecting established artists from outside the state, the SFCA began its collection with the intent to encourage local artists, emerging artists, and those that created art relevant to Hawaii's cultures, history, and people. That goal, established by our first director, Alfred Preis, is still at the heart of our public art efforts today.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), which provides a partnership grant that comprises about 10% of our approximate \$6 million budget, began funding state arts agencies at about the same time. Some of our program efforts in folk and traditional arts, arts education, and community arts, are rooted in the NEA's goals and funding.

We are at bare bones in General funds, which comprise under \$1 million in operating and since 2010, do not support any staffing. The SFCA absorbed a 37% cut in staffing alone that year and the additional loss of \$.5 million in operating. We were advised that culture and the arts "did not support the mission of the department." While this happened during the previous administration and is a typical platform for party philosophy, it has been difficult to see our constituents struggle to stay alive, in some cases not just to preserve their organizations, but also to maintain the existence of their art form(s); their cultural practices; their communities.

The economic recession has been hard on most of us. We all struggle a little or a lot more because of it. We are not saying that life should be any easier. We are saying that arts and culture are integral to the quality of life for Hawaii and Hawaii's people. At the core of the arts and cultural practices is not entertainment, enjoyment, or pleasure, although these may be components of experiencing arts and culture. Intrinsicly, arts and culture identify who we are as people; our unique and creative presence as part of civilization, world history, and the future. The richness of the future does not depend solely on financial wealth, military supremacy, or technological advancement. These are important for a country. What is important for the people is to preserve our knowledge of

and commitment to humanity, which goes beyond physical borders. Through the arts, we are able to understand and appreciate life; to learn and practice compassion and diplomacy; to develop values that define us as good citizens, a responsible society, and for some, potential leaders.

This testimony was inspired from the collective dismay of the SFCA Commission at our steady decline in appropriations that reflect a lack of State investment and belief in the arts as integral to the life of our people as evidenced by the removal of our request for funding of one-half position for clerical assistance. Currently, only 1.5 FTE in clerical support serves a staff of 21 and a nine-member Commission. The House has approved the increase from half-time to full-time, but only with Special funds. This is against the law as the workload of this position and the executive director's position, which it supports, perform work that serves not only public art, but the entire agency. We know this is not the message you intend and we ask you to demonstrate otherwise by providing \$16,860 in General funds for this position.

On behalf of the culture and arts community, my fellow Commissioners, and the staff of the SFCA, thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
H.B. NO. 1700 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Justin F. Kollar, Prosecuting Attorney
County of Kaua'i

House Committee on Ways and Means
March 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kauai, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, SUPPORTS HB 1700 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET. The 2012 Legislature enacted legislation and provided FY 2013 funding to advance the Justice Reinvestment (JRI) initiative, which seeks to reduce corrections spending and invest in strategies to increase efficiency and decrease recidivism. This legislation is the foundation of the Justice Reinvestment approach and seeks to develop a policy framework to increase efficiency, reduce recidivism, increase public safety and hold individuals accountable for their restitution obligations. As part of the Justice Reinvestment initiative, funds were provided to the county victim assistance units, located in the county prosecutors' offices, to strengthen their victim services. Funding was provided for positions at each county victim assistance unit, including 1 position for this Office. According to The Council of State Governments Justice Center, this increased staffing, along with improvements to restitution collection, represent the most substantive policy inclusions for victims to date in a justice reinvestment project.

The 2013 Legislature provided funding for the JRI County Victim Services Program for FY 2014. This request is to continue the funding for the county victim assistance units for FY 2015. Funding will be used by all counties to collect, compile, and disseminate timely and accurate restitution information so that the restitution that are owed to victims by offenders are requested by the victim, are collected and accounted for by the entities tasked

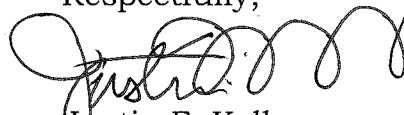
with restitution collection, and are paid to victims. This Office intends to enhance the existing victim assistance program by focusing on victim safety planning and notifying victims and witnesses about the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) system. Statistics will be maintained in a case management system to accurately record the number of victims who receive services related to safety planning, and the number of victims who receive information regarding SAVIN and/or assistance in registering for SAVIN in both pre-conviction and post-conviction cases.

It is critical that this Office, and all the Counties, receive continued funding, to ensure that the increased services that they are providing to victims and the restitution collection will continue.

Based on the foregoing, the County of Kauai, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, SUPPORTS the passage of this bill. We ask that the Committee PASS HB 1700.

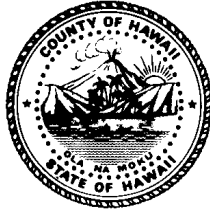
Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Respectfully,



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Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 211
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RE: House Bill 1700, HD1- RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha, Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Mahalo for this opportunity to express our strong support of the House adjustment budget for Program ID # HTH 212 in HB 1700 HD1 Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program.

The state and Hawai'i Island continue to face a severe physician shortage, with a recent study estimating that Hawai'i County needs 150 more doctors to provide an adequate level of access to health care for our residents. Projections by the John A. Burns School of Medicine suggest the physician shortage will dramatically worsen in the next five years as many doctors retire. An important piece of the solution for our communities is the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program, which was recently notified that it has met the requirements for two-year accreditation. The program is actively recruiting, and will welcome its first class in July. The program will also offer training to advanced practice nurses from programs at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and Hilo, and to students from the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy. This program will produce inter-disciplinary teams that can care for four times as many patients as independent practitioners and will expand to serve rural communities across the state. It is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents

The Honorable David Ige

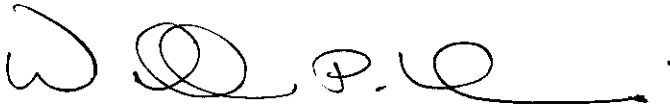
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trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists. We believe this program will help ease the physician shortage in our county and in rural areas across the state.

Mahalo for your consideration.

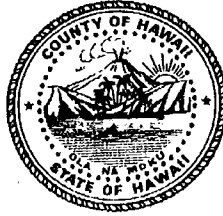
Aloha,

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1700 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair

Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Honorable Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in support of House Bill No. 1700 HD1.

The purpose of this measure is to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i would like to specifically address the following budget items:

- 1) AG -\$794,959 for FY 15 for the County Victim Services program as part of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI).

JRI is committed to enhancing public safety while at the same time making the criminal justice system more efficient. Ensuring public safety is critical to the success of this program. Successful implementation of the JRI includes a permanent victim services component. With the transition of inmates back from non-state facilities, it is imperative that victim services be staffed and trained to handle the number of victim notifications and safety planning services that will be needed.

Victims have a right to be notified of a defendant's custody status and without the appropriate staff available to notify them, they may be denied these rights. JRI is about holding the defendant accountable while providing the victim the necessary support they need as well.



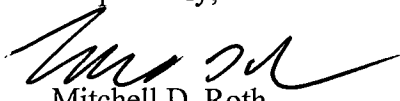
JRI also focuses on restitution. The Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney has currently hired four staff through JRI. Two are Victim/Witness Counselors assigned to property crimes, an area which was previously underserved through the Victim Assistance Unit. With this addition alone, we have revamped our entire Victim Assistance Unit response to restitution by creating a new document that more accurately monitors restitution – this includes monies owed not only to the victim directly, but to Department of Human Services for medical liens associated with Quest or Aloha Care, Crime Victims Compensation (CVCC), and other appropriate parties.

Each year, States battle with ways to balance their budgets and reallocate their funds in order to best serve the constituents of their State. Through JRI, the State of Hawai'i is trying to better allocate resources spent on housing inmates on the mainland, and reinvesting those funds here in the Island. It is important that we reinvest those funds in a manner which will best lead to the success of this program, and that includes secured funding for the victim services component.

In order for this program to be successful it is important that consistent funding be provided. We have hired ten people for various positions funded by JRI. We have lost six of those positions to other positions that offer these personnel more secure funding. It is critical that this program not only be funded for this upcoming fiscal year, but for subsequent years as well.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i supports the passage of House Bill No. 1700 HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Respectfully,



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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

March 14, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of funding the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy through House Bill 1700.

The building is fully designed and is "shovel-ready." Approval of construction funds will ensure that the college retains its full accreditation and is not placed on probation.

The Hawai'i County Council on March 7 approved a resolution urging funding for this important facility through the approval of House Bill 1700. The Council has also approved a resolution during the 2013 regular session in support of funding for the College of Pharmacy building.

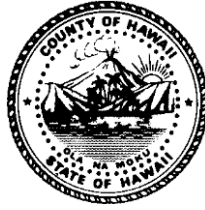
With your help, you can ensure this building and its graduates can serve as a monument to the legacy of Senator Inouye.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Onishi'.

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

Margaret Wille
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Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** to HB1700 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

My name is Margaret Wille, Council Member for District 9 which includes Waimea, and the Chair of the Hawai'i County Council Committee on Agriculture, Water and Energy Sustainability testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** to HB1700 HD1 Relating to the State Budget.

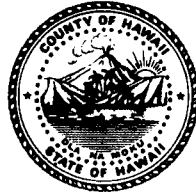
As a strong advocate of Agriculture, Water and Energy Sustainability, I feel preparing our children for a sustainable future requires the best technology such as integrated STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) academics. Currently Waimea Middle School has virtually no Science-Technology facilities for its 285+ 6th-8th grade students. Our future is in the hands of these students.

I urge you to support the funding for Waimea Middle School and pass HB1700 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Margaret Wille
Council Member District 9
North & South Kohala

COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I



STATE OF HAWAI‘I

RESOLUTION NO. 307 14

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAI‘I STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT BUILDING FOR THE DANIEL K. INOUE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

WHEREAS, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (“College of Pharmacy”) was founded in 2006 and graduated its inaugural class in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the College of Pharmacy is scattered across Hilo in multiple temporary and rental facilities because it lacks a permanent, central building; and

WHEREAS, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education will place the College of Pharmacy on probation if the Hawai‘i State Legislature withholds funding for a permanent building at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo; and

WHEREAS, probation is the first step toward the loss of accreditation and the closing of the College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature alone has the ability to maintain the accreditation status of the College of Pharmacy by approving funds for the construction of a permanent building in the 2014 legislative session; now, therefore,

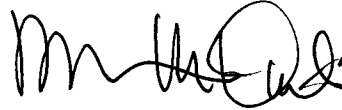
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that the Hawai‘i State Legislature is urged to approve funding for a permanent building for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature is urged to support funding for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy through House Bill No. 1700, the Governor’s supplemental appropriations budget for the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Governor Neil Abercrombie; the Honorable Senate President Donna Mercado Kim; the Honorable House Speaker Joseph M. Souki; the Honorable Senator David Y. Ige; the Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi; the Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke; and the Honorable Representative Isaac W. Choy.

Dated at Hilo, Hawai'i, this 7th day of March, 2014.

INTRODUCED BY:



COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

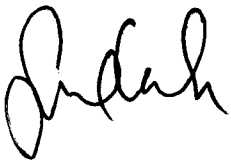
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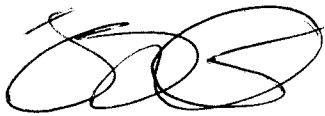
I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on March 7, 2014.

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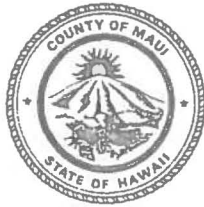
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Ke'ena O Ka Meia
COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

March 24, 2014

Senator David Y. Ige and Members,
Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: HB 1700, HD1; RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET; SUPPORT FOR
SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR**

Aloha,

I strongly urge your investment in Hawaii's future by providing funding for the state wide Sustainability Coordinator position.

Until recently, efforts to collaboratively strive for the goals and recommendations set forth in the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Master Plan have been stymied by lack of dedicated funding, and a point person for coordination. Recently, Hawaii Green Growth has convened decision makers and state wide sustainability leaders to establish shared measures and indicators to track our progress towards these ambitious and vital goals. There is great momentum in the process, and this is certainly not the time to pull the plug on support for Hawaii's sustainability efforts.

I have worked with current Sustainability Coordinator Jacqueline Kozak-Thiel for the past three years, and rarely have I worked with such a dedicated, enthusiastic, bright public servant. Last November I introduced her to my boss, Mayor Alan M. Arakawa, and she outlined the vision of the Aloha+ Challenge, with all four Mayors, OHA, and Governor Abercrombie poised to launch this initiative towards shared goals in six areas of sustainability.

In 2012, Mayor Arakawa initiated a Charter Amendment proposal to add sustainability and environmental protection to the powers, duties, and functions of our Director of the Department of Environmental Management. Voters strongly supported this measure on their ballots in November, 2012 election. This year, Mayor Arakawa's budget proposal includes a reorganization to establish a new Division of Environmental Protection and Sustainability in DEM.

Concurrently, the UHMC Sustainable Science Management program is growing by leaps and bounds. Now a 4-year degree program, they will have their first SSM graduate this Spring. I have been serving as vice chair of the SSM Advisory Group, bringing together academia, business, and government to set the course for continued success in the realm of island sustainability.

Simply put, we are talking about our collective ability to sustain ourselves, and to thrive, not merely survive. At this pivotal juncture in addressing the future legacy we will leave, the support for Hawaii's Sustainability Coordinator position is a small investment that will surely pay great dividends. I urge you to retain funding for the Sustainability Coordinator position in the upcoming budget.

Mahalo,



Robert Parsons

Executive Assistant for Environmental Concerns.



Testimony of the Maui County Department of Water Supply

Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

The Maui County Department of Water Supply **supports** H.B. 1700, in particular the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvements and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' original budget request for watershed protection and management.

The Maui County Department of Water Supply's mission is to provide clean water efficiently to approximately 35,600 services on Maui and Molokai. Supplying fresh potable water is critical to meeting the demand of diverse sectors throughout the County including agriculture, commercial, residential, economic development which includes hotels and resorts. In concert with the objectives of the "Rain Follows the Forest" our Department has provided financial support to seven Watershed Partnerships on Maui and Molokai to ensure upland watersheds are fully functioning so fresh water resources can be utilized and enjoyed by the people of Hawai'i in perpetuity. Since 1995, we have provided \$7.07 million dollars of funding to seven Watershed Partnerships comprised of a total number of 54 of partners. The partners represent ranchers, federal, state, county and local government, water utilities, large landholders, fire task forces, non-profits, non-government associations, public land trusts, the King Kamehameha schools and many representatives from the private business sector.

Sustaining these successful achievements will be challenging. State financial support through the funding of the statewide watershed management initiative "Rain Follows the Forest" is a critical factor necessary to maintaining these efforts. Through a dedicated funding source of state dollars, greater leverage can be achieved by matching funds that provide existing support. In Maui, it is estimated that for each dollar of State funding, the watershed partnerships are able to match it with three dollars from County and community based contributions, private and non-profit entities. Additionally, with a dedicated source of funding from the State, greater match opportunities can be provided with new organizations and additional sources of private funding.

Is it worth it? Consider the economic value of the forests and water recharge as cited from a University of Hawaii study which states:

- \$4.6 to 8.5 billion for the recharge to our aquifers alone. That's according to a study of the Ko`olau forest on 'Oahu, prepared by the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization in 1999.
- When aesthetic values, water quality, climate control, biodiversity, and other forest services were calculated, the total value is estimated at \$7.4 to 14 billion. (Excerpted from "Last Stand - The Vanishing Hawaiian Forest" prepared by The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii.)

The Department of Land and Natural Resource's initiative to provide a dedicated state funding source to ensure that the mauka watersheds are fully functioning so fresh water resources can be enjoyed by the residents and visitors of Hawai'i is important for the provision of a sustainable water supply. Despite all of the successful achievements accomplished by Maui's Watershed Partnerships, long term sustainable funding would bolster the capacity of the Partnerships to not only sustain their ongoing efforts, but to also implement activities they have not been able to address due to the limited availability of resources. Outreach, education and volunteer programs could be expanded to accomplish more and garner more support for the issues that face our water supply. More invasive weed control and biological control efforts could be implemented for the highest priority native rainforest species that threaten vital watershed functions for Maui's population. Fire suppression and prevention management practices to prevent loss of forest acreage needs additional long term financial support. Additional State funding will provide long term, sustainable leverage to implement a holistic approach toward an on-going Island wide collaborative effort. *What resource is more critical or life sustaining than water?*

Respectfully Submitted,

David Taylor, P.E.
Director of Water Supply

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THE HONORABLE MICHELLE KIDANI, VICE CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawai'i**

March 18, 2014

RE: H.B. 1700, H.D. 1; RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following comments on House Bill 1700, House Draft 1.

The current draft of H.B. 1700, H.D. 1, the State Budget, appropriates only \$1 for the JRI County Victim Services (Seq 111-001 (page 78) to the Department of Attorney General in ATG 100. We are requesting restoration of the original sum (\$794,959) in the Executive Budget. Honolulu's JRI Victim Assistance Project plays a critical role in crime victim services in Honolulu. It has targeted two of the most critical and tangible needs of crime victims: safety and restitution.

While our Victim Witness Kokua Services provides a broad spectrum of services to victims, few are more important than assessing and responding to victim's safety. A victim's safety concerns are directly related to their willingness and ability to participate in the criminal justice process. This in turn affects the safety and well being of the entire community as the participation of victims in criminal prosecutions is virtually always essential. If a victim's safety concerns are not properly assessed and addressed their participation is doubtful and criminals may go free to continue their perpetration of crimes against that victim and many others. Our JRI project directly addresses those issues in two important ways. First, our JRI funded Victim Witness Counselors who focus on domestic violence cases provide early outreach, assessment, and intervention with victims of domestic violence in a manner that was not previously possible.

While other Victim Witness Counselors focus on the victim's needs within the criminal justice process, outreach calls from our JRI Counselors serve to link victims of domestic violence with community resources to assist with safety needs such as information and assistance with shelter needs or temporary restraining orders. Due to our direct link with the Honolulu Police Department and our easy access to police records we can quickly identify those victims in greatest need of assistance. **No community domestic violence program can do this and without JRI funding it would be very difficult for our program to sustain this type of early assessment and intervention for domestic violence victims.**

The second important JRI enhanced intervention focused on victim safety is our victim safety assessments done in response to requests from Intake Service Center (ISC) staff for victim input on bail evaluations done for defendants in pre-trial custody. With the expedited nature of bail evaluations mandated by JRI requests from ISC for victim input on bail evaluations have been received frequently and with short (often only 24 hours) deadlines. With many of victim witness counselors in court assisting victims it frequently falls to JRI counselors to respond these urgent requests. With the addition of JRI staff (both Victim Witness Counselors and clerical staff) we been able to respond to 100% of ISC requests within the prescribed deadlines. Thus every bail evaluation for violent felonies and all domestic violence cases have current and accurate information regarding victim safety concerns. This insures that judges have balanced information when considering a defendant's request for supervised release or to lower bail. Victims often can also provide critical information for assessing a defendant's proposed sponsor when the Court is considering supervised release. **Without our JRI clerical staff, who coordinate all responses, and the JRI counselors who contact the victims, it is estimated that timely responses might be cut by 50%.**

Finally, and often of equal importance to victim is the assistance provided by JRI staff with victim restitution. The financial impact of crime is often times the most devastating and long term consequence of crime for victims. While some assistance is available through Crime Victim Compensation, not all victims are eligible, including victims of financial crimes whose losses are frequently devastating. While restitution is the cornerstone of all concepts of restorative justice, it is also the most neglected to the detriment of victim and offender alike. While victims need restitution to cover their many financial losses, offenders can demonstrate their sincerity and aptitude for rehabilitation by paying restitution to their victims in a timely manner. This can also benefit victims broadly when restitution is paid to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission when they have already covered some of the victim's expenses. The involvement of JRI funded victim witness counselors insures that restitution information is collected on a timely and accurate basis and transmitted to the probation officers preparing pre-sentence reports within court deadlines. Similarly much attention is paid to following up on the payment of restitution once the defendant has been sentenced. JRI staff is able to focus their attention on restitution matters while our other victim witness counselors are busy assisting victims with other needs such as court accompaniment or crisis counseling. Providing an enhanced focus on restitution means that JRI funded positions are insuring that all parties benefit (victim, offender, and CVCC, and the community) from more accurate, timely, and complete restitution orders and enforcement. **Without JRI funded staff many victims will suffer from additional critical delays in the ordering and collection of restitution. JRI staff is estimated to have improved this process by at least 25%.**

Below you will find a chart that demonstrates statistically how important the services provided by JRI funded staff have been. All of this important work will be jeopardized if the funding for these critical positions is not restored to H.B. 1700, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

JRI Statistics from July 2013-February 2014

<u>Service</u>	<u>Clients Served</u>								
	July 2013	Augu st 2013	Septe mber 2013	Octo ber 2013	Nove mber 2013	Dece mber 2013	Janu ary 2014	Febr uary 2014	Total
<p>SAFETY PLANNING <i>Contacted victims to discuss VW services related to safety planning (by letter, phone, or in person). Services include crisis counseling, notifying victims of resources available that may assist in securing safety for victim i.e., shelter, obtaining a restraining order, discussing safety planning with clients (safety during incident, safety when leaving including items to take when preparing to leave, safety in the home, safety with a protective order, safety on the job, and in public); providing a checklist for safety planning. Provided victims with referrals to shelters, community police, neighborhood watch, or other agencies. Assisted with other emergency legal interventions for purposes of safety planning.</i></p>	189	221	203	374	285	238	255	324	2,089
<p>OFFENDER CUSTODY STATUS NOTIFICATION <i>Monitored in custody lists, charged cases, furlough, minimum and parole hearing lists for purposes of notification of offender custody status. Provided information and education to victims about SAVIN, Hawaii Paroling Authority, Public Safety Department, and island notification services. Answered questions related to SAVIN. Problem solved SAVIN issues with victims. Provided direct assistance to victims in registering on SAVIN system. Registered for SAVIN on behalf of client.</i></p>	37	68	75	101	112	83	108	128	712
<p>RESTITUTION NOTIFICATION <i>Had initial conversation, sent letter or other notice to victim regarding their right to restitution. Provided victim with restitution brochure, notifying victim of possible civil options to obtain restitution.</i></p>	88	129	131	181	133	117	84	108	971
<p>RESTITUTION REQUESTED/LOSS VERIFICATION <i>Assisted victim with quantifying damages suffered as a result of a crime in order to make accurate restitution requests. Obtained documentation and reported information about medical and mental health expenses, lost earnings, funeral expenses, property loss or damage, and other eligible losses or expenses. Assisted victim with documenting restitution claims in documents. Collected and distributed restitution information to deputy prosecuting attorneys.</i></p>	4	10	19	18	5	15	8	14	93
<p>JUDGMENT <i>Notified victim of restitution ordered by courts, i.e. copy of judgment or disposition letter forwarded to victim; Notified other pertinent agencies of, i.e., CVCC, Attorney General's office for Department of Human Services. Discussed options for civil conversion.</i></p>	2	18	24	39	19	35	28	21	186
Overall total									4,051



PARTNERS IN CARE
Oahu's Coalition of Homeless Providers

Partners in Care is a coalition of Oahu's homeless service providers, government representatives and community stakeholders working together to end homelessness. We believe that partnerships and collaboration are essential.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1700, HD1: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair and Members, Senate Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Peter K. Mattoon, Advocacy Committee Co-Chair, Partners In Care

Hearing: **Tuesday, March 18, 2014; 9:00 am; Room 211**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of Housing First**, which is included in the budget for the Department of Human Services. I am Peter K. Mattoon, and I am an Advocacy Committee Co-Chair for Partners In Care (PIC), a coalition of care providers focusing on the needs of homeless persons and strategies to end homelessness. Partners In Care supports:

In the Budget for Department of Human Services: \$1,500,000 for ongoing funding for the Housing First Program. We urge that this funding be in the base budget for the department.

Housing First is a best practice that places chronically homeless individuals in permanent housing with intensive support services. Individuals are stabilized as a result of permanent housing and comprehensive support services. As a result, costs such as hospitalization, emergency services, and incarceration are dramatically reduced. Communities around the country have seen large decreases in their chronically homeless population and costs associated with homelessness as a result of Housing First. Cities such as Denver, Los Angeles, and Seattle have reduced public costs by around 75% for each individual housed, resulting in millions of dollars saved. **The research indicates that Housing First is the way to end chronic homelessness.** For example, Utah has seen the rate of chronic homelessness reduced by 74% since 2007 since the program was implemented and is actually closing shelters. Programs consistently report high success rates of keeping residents in permanent housing.

To make Housing First work in Hawaii, stable and ongoing funding is critical. Housing First will provide housing subsidies to enable chronically homeless people to obtain and retain housing. Imagine what a homeless person would feel, having been given hope that finally he would be successful in getting housing and remaining there. The providers and the wrap around services have overcome many issues for personal stability, only to see that housing threatened by the lack of Housing First funding including rental assistance. We do not want to send these homeless persons back to the streets.

We have a chance to end chronic homelessness in Hawaii. We urge you to support \$1.5 million in the State Budget. We also urge that it be put into the base budget of the Department of Human Services.

Contact PIC Advocacy Co-Chairs: Jenny Lee, jenny@hiappleseed.org, 587-7605; Peter Mattoon, peter.mattoon@catholiccharitieshawaii.org, 527-4745; or Betty Lou Larson, bettylou.larson@catholiccharitieshawaii.org; 585-6983/ 373-0356.

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DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211

TO:
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

FROM: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Walton Shim, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Ron Kienitz, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

RE: HB 1700, HD 1

The Hawaii Medical Association is submitting testimony to support approval of the line item for the Child Death Review position.

Reviewing the deaths of our children with the intent of looking for patterns in medical care that might be casually related should be considered an essential function. Hospitals often review their child death cases, but any given facility will only see a fraction of the total picture. The same is true for the Medical Examiner's office. The State has to do a comprehensive look at all of the child deaths from the medical and the nonmedical points of view.

The Department of Health recently indicated that they would like to include maternal deaths (within a year of delivering a baby) in the Child Death Review process, which the HMA strongly supports.

Hawaii's maternal mortality ratio (13.9 deaths/100,000 live births) has tracked the national ratio but both badly trail the record of the other developed countries. Despite advances in medical care, the maternal mortality rate in the US appears to be rising. The reasons for this are not known.

Officers

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Treasurer – Brandon Lee, MD Executive Director – Christopher Flanders, DO*

The medical community had committed to support both the Child Death Review and the Maternal Death Review processes. We strongly urge you to approve the Child Death Review position in the budget.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony of Tom H. Shigemoto
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

As a member of the Kauai Watershed Alliance, McBryde Sugar Company, LLC supports H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvement and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget for watershed protection and management.

The Kauai Watershed Alliance has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Kauai since 2003. We as members make up a diverse group of public and private entities that own land within the mountainous watershed and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture fresh water—our most precious resource. The Alliance also understands the importance of supporting local jobs and contractors.

McBryde Sugar Company, LLC, owns approximately 17,000 acres of land on Kauai, approximately 13,000 acres of which are in the Conservation District as established by the State Land Use Commission. Our 10,000 acres in Wainiha Valley and parts of the Alakai Swamp are in the strategic sections of the Kauai watershed and where a lot of the effort expended by The Nature Conservancy has been focused on to date.

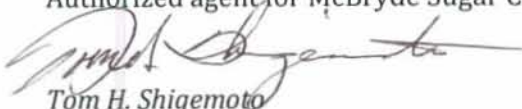
In the past several years the Alliance has worked on fences, ungulate removal and invasive weed control in Priority One watershed areas (see *Rain Follows the Forest Plan*):

- 2,000 ac., East Alakai Summit Fenced Unit – Feral Ungulates removed; fence, vegetation recovery, ungulate ingress monitored.
- 5,000 ac.; Wainiha valley fenced – Feral Ungulate removal in process, vegetation and fence monitored.
- 1,600 ac., Halehaha Fence Project (eastern Alakai) – Planning, permitting, alignment complete; construction bid in process; partial funding 2013 CIP money granted by the legislature in 2013.
- 2000 ac., two additional Fence Projects (Drinking Glass, Koaie) - Planning, permitting, proposed alignments complete, waiting on available funding; these fences are contiguous with the Halehaha unit.
- 8,000 ac., Wainiha, Lumahai valleys & portions of the Alakai - Invasive populations primarily of Australian tree fern, strawberry guava, Kahili ginger that threaten Priority One watersheds have been treated.

The source of fresh water is not the faucet, pipe, or even the well or stream it's drawn from. The real source is a system of healthy forested watersheds, not forests overrun by invasive plants and animals, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
A&B Properties, Inc.
Authorized agent for McBryde Sugar Company, LLC


Tom H. Shigemoto
Vice President

***American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section***

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DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
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TO:

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

**From: Lori Kamemoto, MD, MPH, Chair
Greigh Hirata, MD, Vice Chair
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section**

RE: HB 1700, HD 1

The ACOG Hawaii Section is submitting testimony to support approval of the line item for the Child Death Review position. **The Department of Health recently indicated that they would like to include maternal deaths (within a year of delivering a baby) in the Child Death Review process, which the ACOG strongly supports.**

Reviewing the deaths of our children with the intent of looking for patterns in medical care that might be casually related should be considered an essential function. Hospitals often review their child death cases, but any given facility will only see a fraction of the total picture. The same is true for the Medical Examiner's office. The State has to do a comprehensive look at all of the child deaths from the medical and the nonmedical points of view.

Hawaii's maternal mortality ratio (13.9 deaths/100,000 live births) has tracked the national ratio but both badly trail the record of the other developed countries. Despite advances in medical care, the maternal mortality rate in the US appears to be rising. The reasons for this are not known.

The medical community had committed to support both the Child Death Review and the Maternal Death Review processes. We strongly urge you to approve the Child Death Review position in the budget.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND

C O N S E R V I N G L A N D F O R P E O P L E

**THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF H.B. 1700 RELATING TO STATE BUDGET
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 211**

The Trust for Public Land supports H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget, specifically the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvements and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget for watershed protection and management.

With a mission of protecting lands not only for conservation and cultural preservation purposes, but also for agricultural use, The Trust for Public Land supports the efforts of DLNR, DOFAW, and the watershed partnerships striving to protect native forested ecosystems, which are vital to ensuring a continued and reliable source of pure water. The foundation of these ecosystems is healthy forests, which capture and retain rain and cloud moisture, thus securing the water for aquifers, agriculture, and drinking water, all to the benefit of Hawaii's people and economy.

Throughout the State, watershed partnerships have brought together diverse interests cooperating to protect native forests and aquifers through sustainable practices, use of technology, and hard work. In a short time period, those collective efforts have already resulted in rejuvenation of watersheds, revival of native species and habitats, and increased private and public interest in fostering the preservation of these unique and fragile ecosystems.

This bill proposes to provide critically needed additional funding for these efforts, which could result in benefits far in excess of the proposed amounts through leveraged and supporting funding at the federal and local levels as well as from private sources. Acting now will pay off dividends for generations.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify -



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1700, HD1: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair and Members, Senate Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison, Catholic Charities Hawaii

Hearing: Tuesday, March 18, 2014; 9:00 am; Room 211

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support of Housing First**, which is included in HB 1700, in the budget for the Department of Human Services. I am Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison at Catholic Charities Hawaii. Ongoing, stable funding for Housing First is a priority for Catholic Charities Hawaii.

RE: Budget for Department of Human Services: \$1,500,000 for ongoing funding for the Housing First Program. We urge that this funding be in the base budget for the department.

Housing First is an evidence based initiative for moving chronically homeless people into permanent housing with wrap around services. **Housing First is cost-effective. The City of Seattle found that housing 95 homeless persons with alcoholism saved the city \$4 million in the first year of operation.** It cost \$13,440 per person (including housing costs) to administer their Housing First program, compared with a cost of \$86,062 per person annually before Housing First. Across the United States, Housing First has proven to be an effective model to end chronic homelessness. In Hawaii, our homeless providers are collaborating with the state, counties, landlords, and other private entities, on Housing First. There is great energy to move forward and make a significant impact on chronic homelessness.

To be effective, funding for Housing First must be stable and ongoing. The State has successfully won a federal grant to provide services to help chronically homeless persons successfully remain in housing. However, State funding for Housing First is essential to provide the housing subsidies and other services needed to quickly move chronically homeless people into housing, and enable them to remain there. If the State funding is not stable, folks who are helped via the Housing First Program will live in fear that the funding for their housing will go away. For some who cannot be transitioned to other forms of permanent housing, this instability and anxiety will be crippling. We need to help people to successfully move off the streets. Otherwise there is a growing impact on neighborhoods, beaches, parks, businesses, and tourism.

We urge your support for stable funding so that we CAN end homelessness for those who have been out on the streets for many years. Catholic Charities Hawaii urges you to include the \$1.5 million for Housing First in the State Budget. We also urge that this be allocated in the base budget for the Department of Human Services.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Tulang	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

Comments: We support the CIP budget for the Daniel Inouye School of Pharmacy at UH Hilo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Tulang	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

Comments: Funding for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center on the Island of Hawaii. Primary care doctors in rural communities of our state are needed.

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From: [Chenoa Farnsworth](#)
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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of the \$6 million appropriation to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative. This funding is needed to continue the HI Growth Initiative, which has helped to catalyze an ecosystem that provides the building blocks for high-growth business to grow and scale in Hawaii. This is important for the future of our economy to help stimulate high wage job growth to reverse the brain drain and bring our kamaaina back home to work in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Chenoa Farnsworth
Managing Director
Blue Startups

Written Statement of

Dawn Lippert
Director
Energy Excelerator, a Project of PICHTR

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014, 9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

I would like to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million request for HTDC.

Providing a gathering place for our startups and entrepreneurial community is of utmost importance to the state's economic development initiatives and ability to compete in innovation. I really believe that innovation is the next leg of the stool for Hawaii's economy, and the space that will be created with the \$23 million CIP request is a wise and worthwhile investment in our future.

I have visited many cities where government has taken a stand to support entrepreneurs (San Jose, Austin, Cambridge, DC, Seattle, San Francisco), and this sends a strong message to the business community and entrepreneurs of all stripes.

Our organization (the Energy Excelerator) grew up at MIC before moving downtown two months ago, and I want to ensure that other organizations have the same opportunity in the future. I believe in HTDC and their mission to help grow a thriving economy in Hawaii.

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

Sincerely,
Dawn Lippert



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Written Statement of

Duke Hartman
Director of Marketing
Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Makai Ocean Engineering respectfully submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$22 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

- research commercialization grants
- technical assistance for manufacturers
- tech business incubation programs
- innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries
- startup mentoring workshops and conferences

The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs.

HTDC has helped my company through the MEP program, seminars and workshops at the MIC, business consultation, SBIR conferences, VC Summit, Holiday Tech Fairs, networking events, introducing us with key contacts, and more.

Over the last 5 years, Makai has grown and expanded into new markets with the help of HTDC, including the new research, development, and commercialization of an underwater vehicle program described below.

HTDC has been a valuable partner and provided assistance on securing an SBIR grant from the US Navy. This grant led to a partnership between Makai and the University of Hawaii for our current work on an innovative new concept for an underwater vehicle for the Navy's anti-submarine warfare surveillance efforts. This is already a multi-year, multi-million dollar project, and it has promise to escalate into many more years and into the tens of millions of dollars for high tech research and development for the defense and commercial sectors in the state of Hawaii.

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

Sincerely,

Duke Hartman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Kay	CyberCom, Inc	Support	No

Comments: [resubmitted] We are in STRONG SUPPORT. CyberCom has the unique distinction of developing the first commercial website in Hawaii. We rapidly grew to be the largest web developer during the birth of the commercial web. We had over 20 full-time employees, most of them fresh Manoa grads. CyberCom continues to this day and we have grossed millions of dollars over our 20 year history, returning to the state many, many times its investment. We were also one of the first occupants of the Manoa Innovation Center in 1995. Our meteoric growth would have not occurred without this fantastic resource. Today's new generation of high tech companies will no doubt generate a positive ROI to the state and in my opinion we'll all be better off as a result.

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Written Statement of
BRIAN M. DOTE
Founder
Tapiki LLC

before the
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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Tapiki LLC. respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs.

HTDC has helped my company through multiple programs. We were able to feature our products at the Holiday Tech Fair as well as Entrepreneur Day at the State Capitol. HTDC has sponsored conferences that we attend that promote collaboration amongst the many high-tech firms here in Hawaii. With the help of HTDC we have grown from \$0 to over a \$500,000 in annual revenue in less than 3 years. We need low-cost/high-quality innovation space in order to continue to thrive.

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

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Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

My name is Ron Weidenbach, Co-Owner of Hawaii Fish Company (HFC), Hawaii's oldest commercial aquaculture farm. I respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

HFC has received five (5) prior U.S. Department of Agriculture, Small Business Innovative Research (USDA/SBIR) Phase I grants and two (2) prior Phase II grants, commercializing both, and currently has two additional Phase II grant proposals under USDA/SBIR review, both in collaboration with the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC), Innovate Hawaii program.

HTDC is vital to HFC and to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

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The requested CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community. The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location, HTDC will not exist. Hawaii's tech community, including HFC, will suffer without HTDC's valuable programs.

HTDC has helped HFC through: HiSBIR grants, which have helped us and other Hawaii SBIR grantees to more completely and effectively meet our research objectives and better compete Nationally; MEP program direct assistance and providing valuable MEP linkages, most recently with the Montana MEP named MilTech, located at Montana State University; periodic seminars, workshops, the bi-annual SBIR conference, Holiday Tech Fair, and other tech networking events; and in providing valuable local and National research and commercialization contacts.

This valuable assistance over the past twenty (20) years has enabled HFC to be Nationally competitive in the SBIR arena, leading to our receipt in the year 2000 of the U.S. Small Business Administration's prestigious Tibbitts Award at award ceremonies in Washington DC as a national model of excellence for the SBIR program, and subsequently, to our receipt of a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

We have benefitted greatly from HTDC's many practical and valuable assistance programs, and strongly support HTDC and the urgent need to fully fund this CIP request for a new and permanent location for this valuable program.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of this important bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald P. Weidenbach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Ronald P. Weidenbach
Co-Owner/Manager

From: [Melissa White](#)
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As the organization representing Hawaii's growing fashion industry, with more than 4,000 fashion professionals and supporters in our network, we can attest that this funding is crucial to help close the gaps in the fashion industry so that we can grow international visibility and demand for Made in Hawaii fashion. Many professionals in our industry are constrained by limits of manufacturing and access to capital, and the programs that we are exploring in collaboration with DBEDT and the HI growth initiative would enable some of those gaps to close and allow Hawaii's fashion talent to rise to the international stage.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Written Statement of

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before the
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programs.

HTDC has helped my company through seminars and workshops, SBIR conference, networking events, and most importantly representation of the high technology industry in our community.

My company's development has required the creation of ten positions during the past two years.

HTDC has been a valuable facilitator for SBIR grants, conferences, and partnering events to promote and facilitate the high technology industry in its development and growth.

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



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David G. Watumull
President and CEO
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before the
SENAT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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The space provided by HTDC at MIC has been key to our recent success, including an exclusive license to our product by BASF, the world's largest chemical company, as well as a recent reverse merge IPO that resulted in \$11 million in new financing and a public market cap for Cardax of approximately \$150 million.



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HTDC has been a valuable partner to us in many ways and the future Cardax's of Hawaii need this type of support as well as the other services HTDC provides including HiSBIR grants, the MEP program, seminars and workshops, business consultation, sponsorship, SBIR conference, VC Summit, Holiday Tech Fair, networking events, key contacts, etc.

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

David G. Watumull
President and CEO
Cardax, Inc.



March 18, 2014

From: Todd J. Robertson, President/CEO
Hyperspective Studios, Inc.

TO: Chair Ige
Vice Chair Kidani
and Members of the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: State Capitol, Conference room 211

Re: **HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

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HTDC has helped my company through the Manoa Innovation Center office space and location services, seminars and workshops, business consultation, SBIR conferences, VC Summits, Holiday Tech Fairs, networking events, key contacts, and many more.

My company has grown from three employees to twelve since becoming a tenant of MIC and the company has more than tripled in revenue.

HTDC has been a valuable partner to us in multiple ways and I believe that many other companies will find continued value in HTDC partnerships.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

KAINALU RANCH
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Testimony of Kainalu Ranch
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
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I support H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvement and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget for watershed protection and management.

The East Molokai Watershed Partnership (EMoWP) has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Molokai since 2000. We as members make up a diverse group of public and private entities that own land within the mountainous watershed and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture fresh water—our most precious resource.

Kainalu Ranch and the Dunbar Family have owned a 1,200-acre ahupua'a on the East slope of Moloka'i for almost 100 years. We have always tried to manage the land resources with a feeling of stewardship and a timeframe of perpetuity. We have converted developable land to conservation. We have out planted endangered species to ensure their survival for future generations. We have converted some of our pastures to moisture capturing koa and koa'ia forests. What we need to do now is control the feral ungulates. They decimate our forests and cause invasives like clidemia and tibouchina to proliferate. We need to replant forest species that will aggregate moisture and replenish our aquifers. This cannot be done without your full backing and support. Together we need to take the next step and support the EMoWP's East Slope Watershed Project. There is much work to be done to protect healthy forested watersheds in East Molokai, which the EMoWP's East Slope Watershed Project aims to accomplish.

The source of fresh water is not the faucet, pipe, or even the well or stream it's drawn from. The real source is a system of healthy forested watersheds, not forests overrun by invasive plants and animals, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Lance (Kip) Dunbar, Owner
Kainalu Ranch
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Testimony of *Mr. And Mrs. Guy Hanohano Naehu*
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

We , Guy Hanohano Naehu and Tanya Marie Mailelani Naehu , the Aha Kiolo reps for Mana'e Moku support H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvement and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget for watershed protection and management.

The East Molokai Watershed Partnership (EMoWP) has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Molokai since 2000. As a member of the East Molokai, Mana'e, community I understand the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture fresh water—our most precious resource.

We are the current representatives for East Molokai, Mana'e Moku and also have been key members of the Mana'e Mauka Working Group, which have both played a crucial part in including our community in the discussions and planning pertaining to this. Mana'e understands that it will take a wholistic approach to make this work. We are prepared to do our part concerning the welfare of our watersheds and 'ahupua'a. There is much work to be done to protect healthy forested watersheds in East Molokai, which the EMoWP's East Slope Watershed Project aims to accomplish.

The source of fresh water is not the faucet, pipe, or even the well or stream it's drawn from. The real source is a system of healthy forested watersheds, not forests overrun by invasive plants and animals, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Guy H. Naehu &

Tanya MM Naehu



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB1700 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means – Room 211

Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair

March 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii submits testimony specifically **in support** of funding **for social security advocacy services (Program ID HMS 901 Seq #102-001)** in HB1700 HD1. We ask that the Senate Committee on Ways and Means concur with the House to continue the funding of this program.

This program provides advocacy services to assist Hawaii residents with disabilities get off state general assistance on onto federal social security benefits. Services include not just the filing of an application, but also advocacy on reconsiderations and representation at administrative hearings. Assistance is provided to residents on every major island in the state. Without this assistance residents would be left to struggle through the complexity of the social security process alone.

Since 1996, Legal Aid received this contract through a competitive process to provide these services. Services are only paid for upon an award of federal benefit. The state receives a reimbursement for its outlay of general assistance funds for the individual from any retroactive federal benefits due to the individual and Legal Aid is then paid for its services. The net effect is that the services provided are paid from this federal reimbursement.

The money brought to the state through this program cannot be understated. Legal Aid's efforts in just the last ten years has netted over \$8.3 million in back payments to the state and over \$2 million per month in previously unrecognized federal funds to our state economy. For this fiscal year, federal reimbursements are on track to exceed \$1.6 million and for federal benefits already awarded from July to December, an additional \$1.43 million will flow to the state each year.

Through this program, Legal Aid has been able to help people like “Joseph,”

“Before I came to Legal Aid, I was living on the streets and after being turned down 2X. I didn't know what else to do but give up and accept my situation. Legal Aid helped me, [because] I didn't know what [the] SS office wanted from me, but Legal Aid put everything into perspective and organized my case for the third appeal. I was told what I was to expect and to be prepared...I was awarded assistance which would help me get housing. Legal Aid made everything simple, and I knew I was in good hands.”

We believe that this program is a win-win for the state and for Hawai'i residents living with disabilities. We hope that the Senate Committee on Ways and Means will concur with the House to continue funding for this program.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,



M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina
Executive Director

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (Legal Aid) is the only legal service provider with offices on every island in the state, and in 2013 provided legal assistance to almost 10,000 Hawai'i residents in the areas of consumer fraud, public assistance, family law, the prevention of homelessness, employment, protection from domestic violence, and immigration. Our mission is to address critical legal needs through high quality legal advocacy, outreach and education, in the pursuit of fairness and justice.

Written Statement of

Sid Villaflor
CEO
PV Tech

before the
SENAT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sid Villaflor respectfully submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

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HTDC has helped my company through countless resources, networking and innovational ideas. They have connected our business to many opportunities to expand solar power and connect with others in the energy sector to expedite HECO's grid modernization.

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

Testimony in Support of HB1700



To: House Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

This letter is to provide my support for HB1700 regarding the \$22M CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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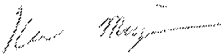
My company was founded six years ago and first operated out of HTDC's current incubator center, the Manoa Innovation Center (MIC). As a first-time business owner, I knew there were more things I did not know compared to the few things I did know. The awareness of the amount of unknowns and risks is, in my opinion, one of the greatest barriers to entrepreneurship because it can cause a potential entrepreneur to not take that critical first step. The MIC provides a nurturing, low-risk environment which helped me find the courage to start my business. Six years later, I now employ 9 employees and have generated over \$7M in total revenue to-date. None of this would be possible without HTDC's support in giving me my start.

HTDC provides other support mechanisms including the SBIR matching grant program. TeraSys has received \$120K in HTDC SBIR matching funds to date and has generated over \$2.5M in total SBIR revenue, a 20:1 return on investment.

As you may be aware, the current lease for the MIC expires in April 2015. Without the CIP funding, HTDC will have no place to operate and will therefore disappear. This would be a catastrophic blow for the startup and entrepreneurial community that is just beginning to take off in our islands.

I thank you for your time and attention, and humbly request that you support the CIP request.

Mahalo Nui Loa,


Kevin Miyashiro
President

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Princeville Utilities Company, Inc.

Testimony of Princeville Utilities Company, Inc.
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

Princeville Utilities Company, Inc. (PUCI) supports H.B. 1700. We especially favor capital improvement and operating funds designated for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget for watershed protection and management.

PUCI is a member of the Kauai Watershed Alliance and we recognize the necessity of natural resource stewardship. We fully understand that the source of our pure water is a system of healthy forested watersheds which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives and for the benefit of our island economy.

PUCI, as a water purveyor, fully appreciates the benefits provided by watersheds. As a result of our concern we are a charter member of the Kauai Watershed Alliance. Protection of watersheds is not an obvious choice for spending public funds, as it is an "out of sight out of mind" issue, just like taking for granted that clean drinking water will be there when the faucet is opened.

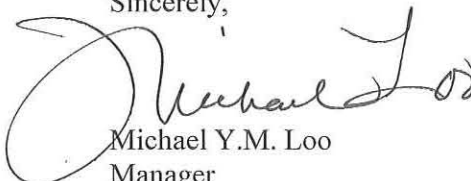
In the past several years the Alliance has worked on fences, ungulate removal and invasive weed control in very remote Priority One watershed areas (see *Rain Follows the Forest Plan*):

- 2,000 ac., East Alakai Summit Fenced Unit – Feral Ungulates removed; fence, vegetation recovery, ungulate ingress monitored.
- 5,000 ac.; Wainiha valley fenced – Feral Ungulate removal in process, vegetation and fence monitored.
- 1,600 ac., Halehaha Fence Project (eastern Alakai) – Planning, permitting, alignment complete; construction bid in process; partial funding 2013 CIP money granted by the legislature in 2013.
- 8,000 ac., Wainiha, Lumahai valleys & portions of the Alakai - Invasive populations primarily of Australian tree fern, strawberry guava, Kahili ginger that threaten Priority One watersheds have been treated.

This bill proposes to provide additional funding for the protection of our native forests, which are the source of nearly all the islands' supply of fresh water. The watershed protection and invasive species programs supported with state funds and leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources help to ensure healthy, managed natural resources that are critical for isolated island chains such as Hawaii.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Michael Y.M. Loo
Manager

Written Statement of

Anton C. Krucky
President & CEO
Tissue Genesis, Inc.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of

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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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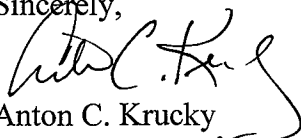
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Our company currently has 24 employees and \$3,000,000.00 in annual revenues.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of this bill.

Sincerely,



Anton C. Krucky



HAWAI‘I EDUCATIONAL POLICY CENTER TESTIMONY

Presented by Jim Shon, Director
Hawai‘i Educational Policy Center
March 18, 2014

COMMITTEE: WAM

DATE: Tuesday March 18, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 211

HB 1700 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET HEPC supports this bill in general, but has comments and serious reservations for two sections of this bill as written. Specifically, the appropriations for Charter Schools (EDN 600), and the appropriations for Higher Education as they relate to continued and future tuition issues.

EDN 600. Charter Schools Per-Pupil Operating Funds.

There is one important perspective to assist in evaluating relative equity and adequacy with the Hawai‘i Department of Education (HIDOE) Schools.

Teacher Salaries. First is the percentage of the per-pupil allocation that is required to pay average teacher salaries.

- HEPC’s most recent information is that the average teacher salary in Hawai‘i is a little over \$56,000. The number of FTE Unit 5 teachers in both HIDOE and Charters is approximately 13,000. Of these, approximately 12,000 work in the HIDOE, and 1,000 in the Charter schools.
- The Charter Schools’ total average cost for teacher salaries is thus: 56,000 X 1,000 or \$56 million. Looking at the total appropriate for EDN 600: @ \$70 million, we can calculate that **roughly 80% of the total appropriation for all charter operations will likely go to teacher salaries** (in accordance with the Unit 5 CBA master salary schedule, which is always honored even in supplemental charter agreements).

Basic policy question for WAM: What percentage of the general fund appropriation is needed to pay teacher salaries in the HIDOE? At \$56,000 X 12,000 = \$672 million. It is clear that of the general fund allocations to support our HIDOE schools, \$672 million is much less than 80% of the total. Using national data reported by Hawai‘i for earlier years, HEPC calculates that roughly 40% of HIDOE expenditures are for teacher salaries.

The implications are that the current funding level places charter school students and

parents at a distinct disadvantage in that their schools are not able to provide many of the curriculum, technology, and professional development services as are taken for granted in our HIDOE schools. A second implication is that the charter school system has much fewer resources to hire non-instructional staff at the school, and less financial capacity to purchase additional support services as envisioned in ACT 130.

An equitable formula would result in the \$56 million for charter teacher salaries representing approximately 40% (not 80%) of the total appropriation.

For these reasons, we encourage WAM to continue to explore creative ways to better level the financial capacity field for charter schools, their students and their parents. HEPC supports efforts to partially offset the cost of facilities in other bills.

Higher Education Support

Discussion: Current law has shifted the burden of funding operations at UH Manoa and other campuses from all the taxpayers to the students.

At the time the Legislature enacted the law that allowed the University of Hawai'i to retain its tuition, many supported the measure in the spirit of UH autonomy. As a member of the Legislature at that time, I cast the only NO vote. This was not because of a reticence to grant the UH more autonomy, but rather a concern that the legislature would, over time, lessen its commitment to full funding.

It is common when there are two or more sources of funding, no one agency takes full responsibility. I feared there would always be that temptation of the Legislature to say, or imply, *if UH wants more money, it can always raise tuition.*

Unfortunately, that is exactly what has happened. Today, UH Manoa must provide approximately 50% of all its funding through tuition. We have, as a public policy, shifted the burden of funding higher education from the entire State, to the students themselves.

Obviously, this creates a greater burden on families with less income. While there is always the option of students attending a less expensive community college, in fact, the courses are not the same, and the transfer rate from community colleges to UH Manoa, UH Hilo, or UH West Oahu is not impressive, particularly for minorities and lower income students.

In 2013, The College Board published its trend report in college costs, including tuition.

<http://trends.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/college-pricing-2013-full-report-140108.pdf>

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Figures 7 and 8 of this report show that Hawai'i has higher 5- year average increases than the national average. For resident tuition in four-year institutions, the national averaged five-year increase was 21%, while Hawai'i's average was 47%. For out of state tuition, the national average 5-year tuition increases for four-year institutions was 19%; Hawai'i was 50%. (See charts at the end of this testimony.) Since UH was allowed to retain its tuition, the Legislature has consistently shifted the burden of campus operations from all of the taxpayers to the increasingly debt-ridden students. The major burden has fallen on our Hawai'i residents, which constitute over 90% of the total UH system enrollments. For those who are less able to pay, UH may be the only option.

HEPC acknowledges that when comparing fixed dollar costs for students, Hawai'i appears affordable in relation to similar institutions. However this does not take into account the inflated cost of living, particularly for housing, in our state.

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Figure 7. Average 2013-14 In-State Tuition and Fees at Public Four-Year and Two-Year Institutions, by State, and Five-Year Percentage Changes in Inflation-Adjusted Tuition and Fees, 2008-09 to 2013-14

State	2013-14		5-Year % Change in Tuition and Fees		
	Public Two-Year	Public Four-Year	Public Two-Year	Public Four-Year	
WY	Wyoming	\$2,604	\$4,404	22%	15%
AK	Alaska	\$4,032	\$5,885	20%	18%
UT	Utah	\$3,311	\$5,906	22%	30%
NM	New Mexico	\$1,696	\$5,987	39%	25%
MT	Montana	\$3,158	\$6,211	2%	10%
WV	West Virginia	\$3,096	\$6,251	18%	25%
ID	Idaho	\$3,686	\$6,325	56%	29%
FL	Florida	\$3,140	\$6,336	29%	56%
NV	Nevada	\$2,700	\$6,387	32%	37%
NC	North Carolina	\$2,242	\$6,514	56%	40%
LA	Louisiana	\$3,307	\$6,546	60%	51%
MS	Mississippi	\$2,386	\$6,558	27%	25%
OK	Oklahoma	\$3,290	\$6,583	15%	10%
NY	New York	\$4,655	\$6,919	20%	27%
AR	Arkansas	\$2,960	\$7,238	21%	15%
ND	North Dakota	\$4,106	\$7,265	1%	12%
NE	Nebraska	\$2,683	\$7,315	13%	16%
SD	South Dakota	\$5,797	\$7,717	33%	28%
KS	Kansas	\$2,584	\$7,729	23%	21%
GA	Georgia	\$3,609	\$7,823	62%	65%
IA	Iowa	\$4,396	\$7,841	18%	15%
TN	Tennessee	\$3,762	\$8,036	28%	33%
MO	Missouri	\$2,983	\$8,093	9%	5%
MD	Maryland	\$3,988	\$8,475	13%	8%
TX	Texas	\$2,222	\$8,522	26%	16%
OR	Oregon	\$4,441	\$8,605	25%	30%
KY	Kentucky	\$4,321	\$8,692	10%	20%
WI	Wisconsin	\$4,173	\$8,736	15%	21%
US	United States	\$3,264	\$8,893	29%	27%
IN	Indiana	\$3,809	\$8,916	14%	16%
CA	California	\$1,424	\$9,037	111%	57%
CO	Colorado	\$3,774	\$9,096	39%	48%
HI	Hawai'i	\$3,254	\$9,097	40%	47%
AL	Alabama	\$4,143	\$9,143	38%	44%
ME	Maine	\$3,397	\$9,391	1%	9%
OH	Ohio	\$4,362	\$9,906	29%	15%
AZ	Arizona	\$2,323	\$10,065	20%	70%
CT	Connecticut	\$3,786	\$10,206	19%	20%
VA	Virginia	\$4,349	\$10,366	43%	29%
MN	Minnesota	\$5,406	\$10,468	12%	19%
MA	Massachusetts	\$5,144	\$10,792	23%	23%
WA	Washington	\$4,304	\$10,811	37%	58%

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RI	Rhode Island	\$3,950	\$10,922	20%	33%
SC	South Carolina	\$4,408	\$11,138	24%	15%
DE	Delaware	\$3,274	\$11,261	17%	28%
MI	Michigan	\$3,215	\$11,600	23%	20%
IL	Illinois	\$3,378	\$12,550	22%	18%
NJ	New Jersey	\$4,274	\$12,715	13%	11%
PA	Pennsylvania	\$4,407	\$12,802	24%	16%
VT	Vermont	\$7,090	\$13,958	15%	16%
NH	New Hampshire	\$6,736	\$14,665	13%	34%

SOURCE: The College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges.
This table was prepared in October 2013.

Figure 8. Average 2013-14 Out-of-State Tuition and Fees at Public Four-Year Institutions, by State, and Five-Year Percentage Changes in Inflation-Adjusted Tuition and Fees, 2008-09 to 2013-14

State (and Percentage of First-Time Freshman Students Who are State Residents)	2013-14 Out-of-State Tuition and Fees	State	5-Year % Change
SD (68%)	\$10,303	South Dakota	35%
WY (63%)	\$14,124	Wyoming	21%
AR (82%)	\$16,136	Arkansas	20%
MS (85%)	\$16,854	Mississippi	29%
NY (81%)	\$17,148	New York	39%
NE (81%)	\$17,243	Nebraska	12%
NM (82%)	\$17,401	New Mexico	21%
MN (79%)	\$17,530	Minnesota	22%
ND (55%)	\$17,704	North Dakota	12%
OK (80%)	\$17,710	Oklahoma	14%
WV (59%)	\$17,801	West Virginia	17%
MO (80%)	\$18,388	Missouri	13%
UT (76%)	\$18,416	Utah	29%
AK (83%)	\$18,856	Alaska	25%
ID (68%)	\$18,896	Idaho	28%
KY (83%)	\$19,741	Kentucky	21%
MT (73%)	\$20,150	Montana	16%

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LA (86%)	\$20,240	Louisiana	69%
WI (81%)	\$20,378	Wisconsin	10%
FL (84%)	\$20,390	Florida	13%
NV (91%)	\$20,399	Nevada	24%
KS (80%)	\$20,783	Kansas	26%
MD (81%)	\$21,026	Maryland	6%
NC (83%)	\$21,352	North Carolina	24%
AL (75%)	\$21,525	Alabama	43%
TX (92%)	\$21,730	Texas	17%
OH (85%)	\$22,181	Ohio	5%
US (81%)	\$22,203	United States	19%
ME (74%)	\$23,007	Maine	12%
IA (62%)	\$23,471	Iowa	17%
MA (63%)	\$23,516	Massachusetts	15%
PA (73%)	\$24,042	Pennsylvania	15%
TN (84%)	\$24,301	Tennessee	33%
AZ (70%)	\$24,455	Arizona	28%
GA (83%)	\$24,609	Georgia	19%
NH (55%)	\$24,987	New Hampshire	10%
CA (92%)	\$25,124	California	22%
WA (84%)	\$25,189	Washington	19%
NJ (92%)	\$25,236	New Jersey	21%
HI (81%)	\$25,296	Hawai'i	50%
OR (76%)	\$25,807	Oregon	31%
CT (69%)	\$26,365	Connecticut	14%
IL (83%)	\$26,617	Illinois	12%
RI (44%)	\$26,646	Rhode Island	6%
CO (77%)	\$26,724	Colorado	13%
SC (79%)	\$27,198	South Carolina	22%
IN (80%)	\$27,510	Indiana	17%
DE (60%)	\$27,818	Delaware	31%
VA (76%)	\$28,468	Virginia	23%
MI (91%)	\$31,463	Michigan	16%
VT (36%)	\$34,055	Vermont	18%

SOURCES: The College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges; NCES, *Digest of Education Statistics 2011*, Table 232.

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Written Statement of

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before the

SENAT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center (MIC) will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. It is crucial that HTDC continue to support fledgling businesses and to maintain facilities at the cutting edge of technology.

With the help of the MIC Mauna Kea Infrared, LLC was able to turn a part-time very small business building hardware for the large telescopes into a business that is a leader in this field. We left the MIC over ten years ago and since that time we have built a laboratory for instrument design, building and testing of multi million dollar instruments located in Hilo. Without the support that we got from the MIC in terms of lab space, proximity to the University, conference rooms, quality network connections and a credible business image we likely would not have been able to make the leap to a full time successful operation.

The MIC represents a good value to the people of Hawaii and is an extremely valuable part of the State’s support of high tech businesses. Please approve the funds to allow this work to continue.

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

27th Hawaii State Legislature
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

January 22, 2014

**RE: CYANOTECH CORPORATION SUPPORTS THE (CIP) - NELHA POTABLE WATER WELL
HB 1700 - Item No. 25.01**

Operating at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) since 1984, Cyanotech Corporation has become an anchor tenant. Cyanotech projects to grow to over 50 million in revenue in the next 5 years, and we have a strong desire to expand our operations within NELHA. In order to do so we need land to expand our microalgae production capacity and we need water to support our aquaculture system. This growth has the potential to stimulate significant job creation within the community and stimulate our local economy.

Recently, Cyanotech has created 19 new jobs in a 13 month period, growing from 80 employees in November 2012, to 99 in December 2013. This is a 24% increase in staffing in approximately 1 year. In order to support further growth and our revenue goals we plan to expand capacity by 80 acres. An 80 acre expansion is expected to cost us \$28 million over a three year period as presented below.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Total Acres Developed	30	60	80
Construction Jobs Created	30	25	25
Permanent Jobs Created	32	65	87 (for year 3 & beyond)
Economic Impact (\$ million)	12.3	24.5	32.7 (for year 3 & beyond)

The development of 14 new acres of NELHA land is the first stage of capacity expansion. We have had to find creative solutions to our water resource needs as no additional allocations are currently available. NELHA has reached its maximum allocation of 0.4 mgd, and is currently only 45% occupied. In order to grow additional water must be provided to NELHA. In facing the current restriction, Cyanotech will supply the expansion through an ultra-filtration water recycling program. This program is limited to the 14 acres, and will not carry over to support additional expansion to achieve the 80 acre goal.

In addition to Cyanotech's potential to cultivate economic growth and job creation, our business diversifies Hawaii's industry. The State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program reported \$55.7M of sales from aquaculture in 2012, of which 51% or \$28.4M was generated by Cyanotech's sale of microalgae based Dietary Supplements. Our Company's growth and that of the supplement industry has been consistent throughout the economic downturn. We are creating jobs in many fields including; manufacturing, laboratory and research sciences, sales and marketing, finance, accounting, maintenance, logistics, and information technology. Cyanotech is also expanding our manufacturing capability by vertically integrating and bringing Super Critical CO₂ Extraction technology on-site, which will create a CO₂ and feed supply on island.

We are only one of many tenants that could locate and expand their operations at NELHA if adequate fresh water was made available, and we believe that our example is indicative of the economic benefits that the State could achieve from other NELHA tenants. In order for NELHA to reach its full potential State funding to develop a sufficient supply of fresh water is needed.

Cyanotech Corporation strongly supports the Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) submitted by the Executive Director of NELHA which is contained in the Governor's bill package, and in the bill packages of our local Legislators. The well would provide approximately 1.0 mgd of new fresh water for future expansion and growth at NELHA. We seek support from our State Legislators and approval of \$3.635M this fiscal cycle for funding of the exploratory phase of the project.

We respectfully request your approval of State funding for the development of a fresh water well to supply NELHA and all of its current and future tenants. Please feel free to contact us with questions or for more information at, johansen@cyanotech.com or 808-334-9407. We greatly appreciate your service to our community and greatly appreciate your time and the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

Sincerely,

Brent Bailey
President & CEO
Cyanotech Corporation

Keahole Point Association

An Association of Commercial Tenants at NELHA

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Hawaii Deep Ocean Water, LLC
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January 24, 2014

**RE: NELHA TENANTS SUPPORT THE (CIP) - NELHA POTABLE WATER WELL
HB 1700 - Item No. 25.01 – CIP No. NELHA3 – Program ID No. BED 146**

Keahole Point Association (KPA) is an association of tenants at the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA). NELHA is a success story for the State of Hawaii and the Big Island. A 2012 study by the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization (UHERO) found the total economic impact of activities at NELHA was \$87.7 million and created 583 jobs.

Further, the UHERO study found that every dollar that the State had invested in NELHA generated \$42.8 of output in the Hawaii economy. (By comparison, UHERO found that every dollar invested by the State in University of Hawaii at Manoa generated \$5.32 of output in the Hawaii economy.) This contribution to the economy occurred with a NELHA tenant occupancy of only 45%.

In order for NELHA to reach its full potential State funding to develop resources is needed. The most critical need is a sufficient supply of fresh water. The current fresh water supply is tapped out. There is no water available for expansion of the remaining 55% of the facility. However, if NELHA's fresh water allocation can be increased from its current 0.4 million gallons per day (mgd), then NELHA could have full tenant occupancy, and generate an additional \$90 million annual economic impact which would create an additional 600 jobs in Hawaii.

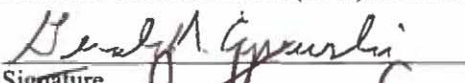
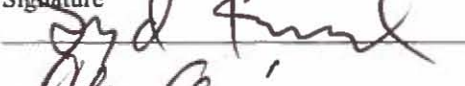
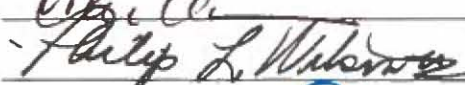


KPA fully supports the Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) submitted by the Executive Director of NELHA. This request contained in the Governor's bill package, and in the bill packages of our West Hawaii Legislators would provide approximately 1.0 mgd of new fresh water for future expansion and growth of NELHA. The development is broken out in two phases, to ensure that the first \$3.635M exploratory phase of the project will be completed within the shorter biennial state fiscal cycle. The second \$7.260M development phase would be completed in the 2018 calendar year. We urge our State Legislators to approve funding for the development of this well, and thus support not only economic growth, job creation, but a diversification of industry as well.

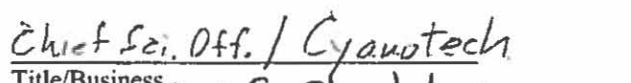
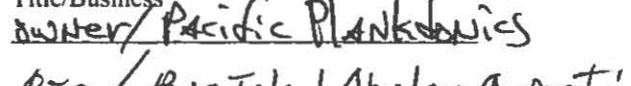
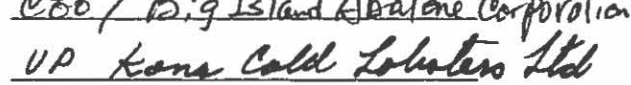


The Hawaii State Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program reported \$29.9M of aquaculture revenue in 2010, 93% of which was generated by businesses at NELHA. The aquaculture industry has boomed in recent years, increasing by 40% in one year from 2011 to 2012. This industry produces high quality value added commodities from Hawaii including nutritional supplements and foods.

In closing, we respectfully request approval of State funding to support development of fresh water supply for NELHA, its current tenants and future tenants. If you have any questions or requests for information please contact Gerry Cysewski, President of KPA. Gerry can be contacted at gcysewski@cyanotech.com or 808-334-9420. We greatly appreciate your time and support!

Sincerely,

Keahole Point Association (KPA) Members


Signature






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MANAGER/

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Keahole Point Association

An Association of Commercial Tenants at NELHA

NELHA Commercial Tenants

Big Island Abalone Corp.

Cellana, LLC

Cyanotech Corp.

Destiny Deep Sea Water, LLC

Hawaii Deep Marine Inc.

Hawaii Deep Ocean Water, LLC

Indo-Pacific Sea Farms

Kampachi Farms, LLC

Keahole Point Hatcheries, LLC

King Ocean Farm, Inc.

Kona Clams

Kona Coast Shellfish, LLC

Kona Cold Lobsters, Ltd.

Kona Deep Corporation

Koyo USA Corp

Makai Ocean Engineering

Mera Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Moana Technologies LLC

Ocean Rider Inc.

Pacific Planktonics

Royal Hawaiian Sea Farms Inc.

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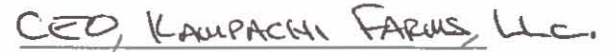
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Title/Business











Global Optima, Inc.
1621 Dole Street #1101
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Written Statement of

Gail Honda
President
Global Optima, Inc.

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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HTDC has helped my company through increased exposure and number of contacts in the industry.

I served as a director of HTDC, and HTDC has been a valuable partner for many organizations and businesses. I personally worked on many programs and events for HTDC, which helped bring federal dollars to fund Hawaii businesses, and helped companies improve their pitches for private funding.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Ann M. Honda".

Gail Ann M. Honda
President



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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SUPPORT HB1700 HD1
Program ID #HTH 212

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program

By Boyd P. Murayama
Assistant Hospital Administrator
Medical Group Practice Director
Hilo Medical Center
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the House adjustment budget for Program ID # HTH212 in HB1700 HD1 to appropriate funds for rural integrated primary health care training program at Hilo Medical Center. As the Medical Group Practice Director at Hilo Medical Center, one of my responsibilities is to oversee the daily operations of the clinic and work with all disciplines to coordinate the training and education component.

On Tuesday, October 22, 2013 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) informed Hilo Medical Center officials that the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency program has met the requirements for a 2-year accreditation, effective July 1, 2014. We will welcome the first class of four residents in the coming summer.

Many rural states support primary care residency programs with consistent funding, because of the economic return on investment, in addition to the program's improvement in population health and given the need to improve access to primary care in the State.

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The physical isolation of Hawaii's neighbor islands, the multicultural heritage and demographics of this state, the health burden that resides in these communities, and the inequitable distribution of health workforce. Taken together, these underlying factors create health disparities that need to be addressed. We predict that if both content and location of the training is changed, that over time, there will be a positive impact of the community.

Health disparities exist in rural areas worldwide as well as in indigenous peoples and underrepresented minority groups. There are many causes of these disparities discussed in literature, including environmental factors, poverty and its correlates, and the appropriateness of the health care system to meet local needs.

In addition to Hawaii's geographic challenges, the indigenous people of Hawaii suffer a tremendous lack of parity in health status conditions. The Native Hawaiians have the lowest employment rates, the lowest rates of pursuing higher education and the shortest life expectancy of all major ethnic groups in Hawaii. Native Hawaiians lose more productive life years to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, chronic lung disease, chronic liver disease, accidents, cancer, and suicide than any other ethnic groups in the state.

Approximately 40% of physicians in Hawaii are primary care physicians by a broad definition including General Practitioners, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics and OB/GYN. Approximately 19% are Family Physicians.

Family Medicine differs from other specialties in its scope of practice which encompasses all care settings and the entire lifespan. The 3 year curriculum regulated by the American College of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) includes, Pediatrics, Surgery, OB/GYN, Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care, Adult Medicine, Geriatrics, Orthopaedics, and Sports Medicine among other. (Detailed curricula and guidelines are available at the ACGME website; www.acgme.org)

The rural and Native Hawaiian population of the neighbor islands are not receiving adequate healthcare and the resultant health disparities have been unchanged from recent history. The training program of family medicine physicians on the neighbor islands is a bold step to bring more healthcare providers to the area to train. It is well documented in literature that students and residents who train in rural areas are more likely to practice in rural areas.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of "potentially avoidable hospitalizations," which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state's public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
- In rural areas of the state the impact of the Residency Program and greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.

Hawaii County

- Currently, the rate of hospitalization for diabetes that is two times higher than Honolulu County, despite having a similar rate of diabetes (Source: HHIC).
- In 2009, only 72.9 percent of Hawaii County residents with hypertension reported taking medication, while 78.7 percent of hypertensive patients statewide did the same.
- Meanwhile, the county's coronary heart disease death rates are significantly higher than those of the rest of the state. In 2009, the Big Isle's death rate was 93.4 per 100,000 people, while the state average was 77.6. (Source: North Hawaii Outcomes Project)
- It is well documented that hospitalizations and Emergency Room visits decrease with improved access to quality primary care. Hawaii County has the most severe primary care shortage of all the counties. (Source: Hawaii Physician Workforce Study 2011)

HHSC PCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii's future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 5,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

It is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

A more robust primary care base will attract physicians in other needed specialties to the islands as they will be guaranteed appropriate referrals. The opportunity to teach residents and other health professions students on the outer islands will also attract physicians who might otherwise not stay or come to Hawaii.

Due to the known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii, each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: Lewin Group)

Funding the Residency Program will benefit the state economically as well as the people of Hawaii Island.

Hilo Medical Center, which administers the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Program, request \$2.8 million annually to support this program within the State Budget of the House of Representatives.

This funding is imperative as medical residency programs require significant resources, which are not adequately recouped through the provision of health services extended to patients by medical residents. In today's environment of rising healthcare costs and decreased reimbursement, the resulting financial shortfall is more dramatic, particularly when services are rendered to the underinsured through HHSC facilities.

I ask that you support SB 3091 and greatly appreciate your consideration.

Testimony in Support of HB1700, HI Growth Initiative



To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

This letter is to provide my support for HB1700 regarding the HI Growth Initiative which appropriates \$6M to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation as requested in the budget.

This funding is needed to continue the HI Growth Initiative which has helped to catalyze an ecosystem that provides the building blocks for high-growth business to grow and scale in Hawaii. This is important for the future of our economy to help stimulate high wage job growth to reverse the brain drain and bring our Kama'aina back home to work in Hawaii.

My company, TeraSys Technologies, has been in business for over 6 years, and has built a strong portfolio of advanced wireless technologies for government customers. However, what has eluded us so far is the ability to translate these technologies into highly profitable products. High profit margin products are the foundation for a sustainable business model because it eliminates the need to rely on research grants to fund new product development. I am fully committed to creating a high-growth business, and have reinvested over \$100,000 of the profits from my company into the creation of commercial products.

The HI Growth Initiative fulfills two valuable roles providing both community infrastructure and investment financing. The community infrastructure is important because most startup companies will lack some of the requisite experience in one area or another. The cumulative experience required to successfully start and grow a business is daunting because it draws on a wide spread of skills from legal, accounting, and human resources. The accelerator programs supported by HSDC are critical in providing the community network of experienced mentors who have successfully created high growth exits.

Financing is always an important piece to sustain any business, and the HI Growth Initiatives' investment financing portfolio provides the shot-in-the-arm financing needed to translate hard work into business success.

As the sole founder of TeraSys, and as a yon-sei myself in the state, I am proud of what TeraSys and others like us have been able to accomplish with our limited resources. I am committed to making TeraSys a success and have put my money where my mouth is through internal investments, and will continue to do so. I am confident that with the continued support of HSDC and the HI Growth Initiative that Hawaii will soon start to reap the benefits of a diversified economic base with exciting, globally relevant products developed in Hawaii.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Kevin Miyashiro
President

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**Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.**

H.B. 1700, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget.

Dear Chairman Ige and Committee Members:

The University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (UHPA) supports H.B. 1700, H.D.1 which incorporates an appropriation of \$33.5 million to cover the collective bargaining costs that resulted from the 2009-2015 Agreement between the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly and the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii over the period of the current Biennium State Budget. This appropriation is consistent with the committee passage of S.B 2816, S.D. 1 which included the full amount recommended in the Governor's Executive Budget.

UHPA appreciates the continuing support of the Senate Ways and Means Committee for the passage of this appropriation and the support that it will provide both the students and faculty of the UH system.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristeen Hanselman
Associate Executive Director

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Leeward Housing Coalition

Testimony for HB 1700 HD1

Committee on Ways and Means

March 18, 2014

Room 211

SUBJECT: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

POSITION: Support

Aloha Senator Ige and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

The Leeward Housing Coalition is in support of the line item which provides \$1,500,000 for Housing First which would direct efforts to placing our most vulnerable and chronically homeless into housing before requiring them to “qualify” for the current housing models we have today.

This direction, while “new” to Hawai`i has been demonstrated to be an effective way to help those that have either been homeless longer than a year or had four or more episodes of homelessness in three years and have a condition, whether mental or other, which puts a strain on their health and well-being by being unsheltered.

In placing these individuals (and perhaps families) into housing to stabilize their health, the resultant avoidance cost of responding to their needs via, emergency services from EMS or emergency rooms has been shown to be significant. We have all seen the numbers shown by various articles in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser enumerating the cost of providing services to these individuals who are not stabilized versus the success stories of those who have been housed in early efforts at Housing First. These monies when approved will continue to impact not only those lives but also all of the support services providers who work with these individuals on a nearly daily basis.

Therefore, the Leeward Housing Coalition, composed of most shelter providers and outreach providers on the Leeward Coast of O`ahu, urge you to support maintaining inclusion of the funding in the budget to continue to make strides in reducing the numbers of homeless and also helping those most in need of help.

We are requesting your favorable consideration of this bill and line item.

Mahalo

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Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM
Date: Friday, March 14, 2014 2:00:25 PM

HB1700

Submitted on: 3/14/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol A. VanCamp	Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Support	No

Comments: Our nearly 300-member organization fully supports an appropriation of \$2.8 million for the HHSC Primary Care Training program at Hilo Medical Center. It is critical that we secure these funds in order to continue the program that has been accredited and is ready to start attracting future primary care physicians to our state. As a multi disciplinary program, it will also help attract other health care providers, such as PAs, pharmacists, etc.

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Written Statement of
DR. PATRICK K. SULLIVAN
PRESIDENT/CEO

Before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
March 18, 2014
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In Support of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

To: Chair Senator David Y. Ige; Vice Chair Senator Michelle N. Kidani

From: Dr. Patrick K. Sullivan, President/CEO

Re: Testimony in Support of HB1700

Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

Oceanit Laboratories, Inc. respectfully submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$22 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs.

HTDC has helped my company through HiSBIR grants, MEP program, MIC, seminars and workshops, business consultation, sponsorship, SBIR conference, VC Summit, Holiday Tech Fair, networking events, key contacts, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of HB1700**.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Surber	Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Committee Members, I am writing on behalf of the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance in support of HB1700 HD1 to \$2.8 million in the state budget to support the Rural Family Practice Residency Program on Hawaii Island. Again, we want to express our deep appreciation to the legislature for authorizing funding for this program during the last session. This statewide support was a critical milestone in the long standing island –wide effort to improve access to physicians and other healthcare professionals on Hawaii Island. The shortage of providers has been well documented by the legislature and is a major reason for significantly poorer health outcomes on Hawaii Island. The Alliance and its numerous community partners are truly grateful for statewide support for this neighbor island program. Now we ask for your continued investment to ensure its ongoing success. With the receipt of state and other funding the program has been able to develop a locally respected healthcare clinic, recruit a faculty, begin training students from several healthcare fields, obtain accreditation for training family practice residents, and initiate recruitment for the first year of the residency program to begin July 2014. These achievements demonstrate that the expectations of the initial state funding have been well met and the program is positioned to achieve its goals. We respectfully request your support to continue the funding for the program by voting in favor of HB1700 HD1. Robert Surber Keaau

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Statement of
Nelson Kanemoto
President and CEO
Referentia Systems Incorporated

In consideration of
HB 1700 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE on WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014, 9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

My name is Nelson Kanemoto, President and CEO of Referentia Systems Inc. Referentia is a Hawaii-based, SBA certified small disadvantaged business that is a nationally recognized provider of cybersecurity solutions for the federal government, the Department of Defense (DoD), and other critical infrastructure.

I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of HB1700 HD1 which will authorize the funding of capital improvement projects (CIP) to Executive Branch agencies and programs including the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

As a developer of cybersecurity and advanced network solutions for critical infrastructure in Hawaii, Referentia recognizes the importance of HTDC's role in Hawaii's technology and innovations community. The \$22 million CIP funds for HTDC will strengthen HTDC's technology incubation program which provides valuable resources to the Hawaii tech community including research commercialization grants, innovation research, and startup mentoring workshops and conferences.

Referentia supports HB1700 HD1 because it will address the needs of the Hawaii high tech community by supporting Executive Branch programs such as HTDC.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of HB1700 HD1.

Sincerely,



Nelson Kanemoto
President and CEO



Written Statement of
J.R. Robinson
Founder and CEO
Nest Egg Guru and Financial Planning Hawaii
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.
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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Financial Planning Hawaii and Nest Egg guru respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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My company has been a full market-rate rent tenant at the Manoa Innovation Center (MIC) since 2012 and is among the many start-up technology companies that will be displaced pursuant to the April 2015 termination of HTDC's lease agreement with the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

To be perfectly blunt, the decision to allow UH – an institution with a less than stellar record of fiscal management – to evict HTDC – an organization with a long history of fostering job creation (and tax revenue) in Hawaii is difficult to swallow.

For the past 25 years, HTDC has been an engine of growth for technology related businesses, and the failure to adequately fund its relocation will almost certainly lead not only to job losses caused by the closure of some HTDC tenant companies, but to a significant loss of tax revenue to the state as many other businesses that serve these startups will also suffer.

From my own first-hand experience, I can testify to the fact that Nest Egg Guru would never have gotten off the ground without the tremendous support and guidance from the remarkable staff at HTDC. It is also a fact that my company has spent tens of thousands of dollars developing Nest Egg Guru and that much of the development money I spend goes into the local economy.

I submit that the appropriation of \$23 million to fund the relocation of HTDC would almost certainly generate a positive tax revenue return for the state, and I implore the Ways and Means to do what is right for the local economy by providing the requested support of funding the local tech industry. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this bill.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 2:00PM, Room 308

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and we work with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 1700, especially **the Administration's original requests** for:

- **WATERSHEDS (DLNR):** \$3.5M in general funds (LNR407) and \$7.5M CIP funds in the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for **watershed protection** and management.
- **INVASIVE SPECIES (DLNR):** Increase the \$1M general fund request (LNR402) to \$5M for the programs of the **Hawai'i Invasive Species Council** as proposed in HB 1716
- **DLNR ENFORCEMENT:** Funding for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (LNR405) to operate **community fisheries enforcement units** on four islands.
- **HUNTING (DLNR):** \$750K in DLNR's budget to match federal funds in support of programs to improve recreational and subsistence **hunting access and opportunities**.
- **SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR (DLNR):** Funding for the State Sustainability Coordinator position to help link resilience and self-sufficiency initiatives across agencies.
- **AGRICULTURE (DOA):** \$3.5M CIP (AGR141) for the **Waimea community agriculture park** and \$40M CIP (AGR161) for purchase of **O'ahu agriculture lands**.

We support these budget items that we believe contribute to the resilience, sustainability and continued health of our islands' environment, economy, and quality of life. We especially note the DLNR's watershed management and invasive species programs which help to ensure that all of us can survive and thrive in the middle of the Pacific ocean. In Hawai'i, science indicates that the effects of climate change will likely include:

- More frequent and more severe storms that can increase runoff and siltation;
- Overall less rainfall and therefore less fresh water;
- Higher temperatures that are beneficial to invasive species;
- Sea level rise and high waves that harm coastal areas and groundwater systems;
- Ocean acidification that inhibits the growth of protective coral reefs.

Protecting and enhancing the health and function of our forested watersheds and coral reefs, and protecting against the threats of invasive species are a few of the most important and effective things we can do mitigate some of these impacts. Healthy Hawaiian forests that are not overrun by invasive species act like a sponge, slowly delivering fresh water into streams and aquifers, absorbing greenhouse gases, and reducing runoff and siltation into near shore waters during storm events. Healthy reefs that are not over-harvested or choked by alien algae or sedimentation provide protection from storms and contribute to overall food security.

Thank you for appreciating the critical importance of protecting the health and, most importantly, the function of our limited and exhaustible natural resources that allow our very survival in these islands.

Written Statement of

**DARREN T. KIMURA
MANAGING PARTNER
ENERDIGM VENTURES**

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Enerdigm Ventures respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

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- technical assistance for manufacturers
- tech business incubation programs
- innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries
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The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs.

Enerdigm Ventures is a venture capital fund that invests in high technology companies. Our fund has raised and invested over \$70 million in Hawaii's high technology companies. With out HTDC's support, that money would not have come to Hawaii and supported jobs, service providers, patents, and tax revenues. HTDC has been instrumental in helping us find and cultivate technology companies. Our companies have participated in all of their programs including HiSBIR grants, MEP program, MIC, seminars and workshops, business consultation, sponsorship, SBIR conference, VC Summit, Holiday Tech Fair, networking events.

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

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March 14, 2014

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
The Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair
The Hon. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Re: Program ID HTH212 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation For Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program as stated in the Governor's Budget Bill H.B. 1700 H.D. 1.

Dear Senators Ige and Kidani:

I am writing in support of Program ID HTH212 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation For Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program as stated in H.B. 1700, H.D.1. As one of the faculty members of this residency program, perhaps my interest in the program is all too obvious. However, let me say that I have practiced in many different parts of the country, always in areas of medical need, and I have never encountered such an undersupply of doctors as we have in the Hilo area. This residency program is only one part of the larger solution to the problem, but I believe it is the critical link. Without the residency, I can only see the problem getting rapidly worse. Certainly, the residency not only will train doctors who are more likely to practice in rural Hawaii. Beyond that, though, making Hilo Medical Center a full-time teaching hospital will make it a more desirable place for new specialists and primary care physicians to practice, and the presence of an academic unit at the hospital will bring intangible influences on the quality of medical care delivered there.

For three years I was the director of a family medicine residency in Southern New Mexico, in a town of similar size, a hospital and medical staff of similar size, and a need for physicians almost as dire as we have here in Hilo. The residency engaged the interested physicians in teaching and academic activity, but more importantly, when 30 physicians left the area because of clinic closures, in that three-year period, seven of our graduates stayed in town. Two more later returned to town after completing fellowships, and they are now the director and a faculty member of the residency. So you can see the powerful influence a local training program can have on the medical environment of a rural area such as Hilo.

Additionally, the team approach we are taking, with pharmacy, psychology, and advance practice nurses all involved together in the care of patients, represents a forward-looking model of collaborative care, which will teach our graduates to practice in the sort of team-based practice that can optimize the care of patients with multiple chronic illnesses.

Furthermore, it is essential that the full \$2.8 million be allocated for this program. Family medicine residency programs are expensive to start and to run, and it will be several years before the full positive financial impact of the residency on the hospital is evident. (Even at its most profitable, the program is still likely to run a substantial shortfall each year, so ongoing support is crucial.)

I thank you for your support thus far, and I look forward to your continued support of this program which is so important for the health of the people of rural Hawaii.

With Best Regards,

Mark A. Knox, MD



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
The Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair
The Hon. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Tuesday March 18, 2014
At 9:00 a.m., Room 211
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**Program ID HTH212 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program**
as stated in the **Governor's Budget**
Support of HB 1700 H.D. 1.

Mary K. Nordling, MD FAAFP

As a member of Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency, I resolve to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP) and am in full support of Program ID HTH 212 and HB 1700 H.D. 1.

I have witnessed firsthand the impact that a residency training program can have on a community. In 1994, a family medicine residency training program was started by a handful of doctors in Lawrence, Massachusetts to help serve one of the state's poorest communities as they were having difficulty attracting doctors. I worked at the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency from 2001-2013 and knew it grew from humble beginnings and in twenty years has expanded to eight clinics with over 100 clinicians who care for almost 50,000 patients. Residents stayed on after graduation to continue to care for their patients, faculty were attracted to the mission which in turn attracted stronger and stronger medical students. Lawrence was awarded the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine Program Innovation Award in 2012. The cycle there continues and my hope in moving to Hilo is to be a part of something similar.

Lawrence was a pioneer in that it was the first residency sponsored by a Federally Qualified Health Center and now serves as a model for teaching health centers across the nation. The success of Lawrence, which also embraced the patient centered medical home, has shown that a well run clinic that is connected to the community can help lower hospitalization rates, provide better care to the community, empower patients and really make a difference in people's lives.

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The national data also back this up as a report published in January 2014 from the Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative shows similar data from both academic and industry reports. (<http://www.pcpcc.org/sites/default/files/resources/4%20-%20Executive%20Summary%20and%20Evidence.pdf>).

Study Type	# of studies	Cost reduction	Fewer ED visits	Fewer Inpatient Admissions	Improvement in Population Health	Improved Access	Increase in Preventive Services	Improvement in Patient Satisfaction
Academia	13	61%	61%	13%	31%	31%	31%	23%
Industry	7	57%	57%	29%	29%	14%	29%	14%

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment as well to help meet the rising need for physicians, especially in light of how rapidly the Puna area is growing.

To help support our efforts and accomplish our goals, it is imperative that we receive the full \$2.8 million annual budget to help train and expand the physician workforce as well as helping to train future nurse practitioners, pharmacists and behavioral psychologists.

This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands and will help usher in a new co-hort of young physicians who are ready to care for the people of Hawaii and who have been trained to practice the healthcare of tomorrow by being well versed in the tenants of the patient centered medical home.

I urge you to pass HB 1700. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

March 18, 2014
Conference Room 211
9:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting House Bill 1700 H.D.1, Relating to the State Budget. To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Alice M. Hall
Acting President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony **in support** of HB 1700, H.D.1 that relates to the State Budget.

The adjustments made by the House Finance Committee to the Administration's budget proposal for HHSC are as follows:

ProgrID	MOF	Description	Increase/ Decrease	Amount
HTH 212	A	General Funds for HHSC Residency Program	Increase	\$2,800,000
HTH 212	E	Revenue Bond for Construction of Maui Memorial Parking Structure	Increase	\$25,000,000
HTH 212	A	Reduce Lump-Sum CIP for HHSC System-Wide funded by General Funds	Decrease	\$10,000,000
HTH 212	C	Increase Lump-Sum CIP for HHSC System-Wide funded by G.O. Bonds	Increase	\$49,500,000
HTH 211	A	Reduce Kahuku Medical Center CIP funded by General Funds	Decrease	\$763,000

HHSC does not oppose any of the changes for HTH 212 noted above in H.B.1700, H.D.1. Kahuku Medical Center management would respectfully request that the \$763,000 for Kahuku Medical Center CIP under HTH 211 be restored, as those funds are needed to address health and safety concerns for the facility. If the method of funding is not acceptable to this committee, Kahuku Medical Center would propose to change the method of funding to “C” funds, which would allow the State to spread out the cost of the projects over several years.

HHSC REQUEST

HHSC respectfully requests that the Legislature increase the amount of the general fund appropriation for HTH 212 from \$107,740,000 to \$144,540,000, which represents an increase of \$36,800,000 from the total general fund appropriation in H.B.1700, H.D.1. While HHSC appreciates the \$22,000,000 increase in general fund appropriations contained in the Administration’s budget and supported by the House, those funds are being earmarked for payments of accounts payable, which do not address the issue of HHSC’s continued operating appropriation shortfall of \$36,800,000. The reasons for the operating appropriation shortfall of \$36,800,000 are as follows:

- Underfunding of collective bargaining pay raises of approximately \$15.7 million (including the units 10 and 13 raises). Any amounts not funded for potential unit 9 collective bargaining raises would need to be added to this total.
- Federal reimbursement reductions of \$4.6 million as a result of federal deficit reduction measures.
- Costs to implement the HHSC Soarian EMR system of approximately \$6.7 million at HHSC’s facilities.
- Anticipated reductions in revenue of approximately \$5.9 million due to ICD-10 coding implementation. The federal government is mandating that all healthcare providers adopt the ICD-10 coding system effective October 1, 2014. This change in coding system will expand the number of inpatient codes used to bill for medical services from 4,000 codes to over 87,000 codes, as well as expand diagnosis codes by a similar degree. As a result, it is anticipated that with the increased granularity of charge codes, reimbursement will be reduced because lower reimbursements will be paid for charge codes that are less severe than the previous codes used under ICD-9.
- Anticipated consulting costs and supplemental coding support needed to facilitate the ICD-10 conversion of approximately \$3.2 million.

FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY OF HHSC

HHSC believes that the best alternative in order for its communities to receive the healthcare they deserve at the minimum cost to the State of Hawaii would be to find another health system which would engage HHSC in a public-private partnership. All Regional Boards and the Corporate Board support the exploration of the concept of public-private partnerships. The boards believe a public-private partnership would allow HHSC’s facilities to:

- Gain access to private capital to build and maintain information technology infrastructure, increase access to services, and address physical plant needs.
- Optimize clinical practice and care delivery.
- Implement private sector compensation packages to retain qualified medical service personnel.
- Reduce waste and obtain efficiencies of scale.
- Create a sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve outcomes (quality).
- Reduce dependence on government subsidies.

Legislation will be required to lay the groundwork for such a public-private partnership to occur, and S.B. 3064 SD 2, which attempts to lay that groundwork, is currently crossing over from the Senate to the House. HHSC supports this effort in exploring all opportunities to respond to the challenges facing it today to reduce costs, increase quality, and expanding coverage of health care.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1700, H.D.1, and we hope that you will consider the requests made by HHSC. Thank you for all of your support in the past and your continued support of HHSC.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Katt MD, FACEP	Hilo Medical Center Medical Staff	Support	No

Comments: The HMC Medical Staff recognizes the need for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program and support the continued funding of this much needed medical training addition to our state.

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Written Statement of

Edward Knobbe, Ph.D.
President and CEO
Spectrum Photonics, Inc.

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Spectrum Photonics respectfully submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation. HTDC offers important facilities and services to the entrepreneurial community, including:

- research commercialization grants
- technical assistance for manufacturers
- tech business incubation programs
- innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries
- startup mentoring workshops and conferences

The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

HTDC has helped Spectrum Photonics in many ways. Our office and research space has been located in the Manoa Innovation Center since our incorporation in 2008. HTDC-sponsored conferences and networking events provide forums for continuing exchanges of ideas and collaborative planning. We have benefitted from HiSBIR grants awards totaling \$68,000 in Federal SBIR-matching awards, helping to facilitate conversion of phase I awards to phase II contracts.

Our company has grown from 1 employee to 14 employees since 2009. Revenue growth has averaged more than 40% per year over the past 5 years. The majority of our funding has come through the SBIR program. Our total SBIR awards, including phase I, II and III contracts, amount to more than \$5,000,000 since 2009. Our \$3,000,000 DoD-sponsored Rapid Innovation Fund (RIF) program contract provides a basis for the transition of our technology to the relevant user communities. These federally-funded technology development opportunities have been facilitated by our longstanding relationship with HTDC.

The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location the HTDC will cease to offer the services that we find to be so valuable in helping to grow and sustain our business. The small business technology Spectrum Photonics will suffer without the type of commercialization support, SBIR matching grants, and incubation space offered by HTDC.

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



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March 10, 2014

Honorable David Ige, Chair
Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

RE: **HB1700 HD1** Relating to the State Budget
DATE: March 18, 2014
TIME: 9:00 am
PLACE: Room 211
POSITION: **Support**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee:

On behalf of Mr. Peter Ganaban, Business Manager, Secretary/Treasurer of the Hawaii Laborers' Union, provides comments to the bill.

We specifically support the request of the University of Hawaii for \$286.9 million for ongoing repair and maintenance and their request for \$1.4 million for operating costs for 22-24 full-time positions to address the repair and maintenance projects on campus.

The current repair and maintenance backlog within the University of Hawaii system has reached \$487 million and continues to grow by approximately \$70 million annually. About 80% of these needed repairs are on the Mānoa Campus.

The University of Hawaii is major educational institution that attracts thousands of students from all over the world and in Hawaii. We must provide our students with a first class learning environment and facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support to HB1700 HD1.

Sincerely,

Al Lardizabal
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Written Statement of

Daniel Leuck
CEO
Ikayzo, inc.
Cofounder and Chairman of the Board
Contix, inc.

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.
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In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

On behalf of Ikayzo, inc, formerly a MIC tenant, I respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$22 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation. HTDC played a critical role in the formation and scaling of both Ikayzo and Contix. It is my sincere hope that many other Hawai'i entrepreneurs will be able to benefit from their services and facilities as we have.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is a critical component of Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

- Provision of high quality facilities tuned to the needs of startup companies
- A community of startups in the same location that benefits from shared experiences and expertise
- Research commercialization grants
- Technical assistance for manufacturers
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Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this bill.

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Sincerely,



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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of the \$6 million appropriation to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative. This funding is needed to continue the HI Growth Initiative, which has helped to catalyze an ecosystem that provides the building blocks for high-growth business to grow and scale in Hawaii. This is important for the future of our economy to help stimulate high wage job growth to reverse the brain drain and bring our kamaaina back home to work in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Written Statement of

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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 A.M
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i ("EF Hawai'i") respectfully submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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EF Hawai'i has worked collaboratively and effectively with HTDC on educational and networking events for entrepreneurs, including pitch presentations, seminars, and workshops. HTDC has provided sponsorship funds and invaluable staff assistance to EF Hawai'i for these programs. HTDC has supported and assisted many early stage technology companies by providing business consultation, mentoring, networking, and introductions, by connecting employers with job seekers through the TechJobsHawaii website and the Holiday Tech Fair, and by organizing well-attended, content-rich technology conferences such as the SBIR conference and the Venture Capital Summit.

EF Hawai'i strongly supports the \$23 million CIP request for HTDC in HB1700, HD1.

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



THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

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DATE: March 18, 2014

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Alana Peacott-Ricardos, Policy Research Associate
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

RE: H.B. 1700, H.D. 1
Relating to the State Budget

Program ID/Org. Code: ATG 100 AC
Program Title: Legal Services
Title of Request: Increased Funding for Master Contract
for Sexual Assault Services

Good morning Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Alana Peacott-Ricardos and I am the Policy Research Associate for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH).

SATC strongly supports the operating budget adjustment request submitted by the Department of the Attorney General for Program ID/Org. Code ATC 100 AC, requesting funding to support the increased cost of service provision provided by all statewide sexual assault centers and to cover costs for the Hawai'i Sexual Assault Response and Training (HSART) program.

SATC administers state funding through a master contract between the Department of the Attorney General and KMCWC/SATC for sexual assault services provided by SATC, the YWCA Kaua'i, Child & Family Services Maui (including Moloka'i & Lana'i), and the YWCA Hawai'i. These sexual assault centers partner to ensure a high standard of care across Hawai'i. SATC provides oversight, consultation, and technical assistance to support the delivery of 24/7 crisis response, counseling, and education services throughout the state. Since the 2007 fiscal year, the State appropriation for statewide sexual assault services has been \$2,000,000. While operational costs to deliver much needed services have steadily increased, this amount has remained static.

The additional funding allocated to SATC and the HSART program will support SATC's increased costs for fringe benefits and salary increases, as well as, the operational costs for the HSART program, including a full-time coordinator, which benefits all counties.

As mentioned, SATC is a program of KMCWC, which is an affiliate of HPH, and as such SATC's human resource management is conducted through HPH. Historically, HPH charged SATC less than the actual cost of fringe benefits. However, HPH will now charge the actual cost for fringe benefits, which is 35%. Additionally, in order to remain competitive and minimize staff turnover, SATC has attempted to stay current with salary adjustments. The request for \$35,909 will support these increased operational costs.

As the master contractor for statewide services, SATC has taken the lead to coordinate efforts to develop and implement a standardized protocol for medical care of sexual assault victims and for the collection, preservation, and transfer of forensic evidence in these cases throughout Hawai'i. This medical-legal project, which began in 1998, was the precursor to what is now known as the HSART program. The purpose of the HSART Program is to provide a forum for police departments, sexual assault centers, medical providers, and prosecutor's offices from each county to research and incorporate state-of-the-art medical forensic services, coordinate multidisciplinary training, explore national issues and best practices, address statewide standardization, and identify and resolve challenges. SATC has had the responsibility of securing funds for this initiative. Unfortunately, this has caused SATC to compete with partner sexual assault service providers for direct service federal grants. The lack of dedicated funding has also weakened the ability of the HSART program to commit to longer range goals. The request for \$131,400 will support the HSART program and allow these important collaborations and the coordinated statewide approach to sexual violence to continue.

We urge you to support the operating budget adjustment request submitted by the Department of the Attorney General for Program ID/Org. Code ATC 100 AC, as it will provide vital services to survivors of sexual assault and education on issues of sexual violence to our communities throughout the State.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Written Statement of

Kyle Oba
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014

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HTDC has helped my company through sponsorship of technical talks, workshops, and collaborative education programs hosted at the MIC. They also support other organizations, which form the foundation of the local tech community. These organizations are necessary for our business to thrive. We have also benefited from other HTDC events, such as the technology fairs, where we meet new clients and discover partnership opportunities. The HTDC forms a physical and organizational hub within the local tech community, required to maintain thriving local tech businesses. In a concrete way, their expertise, local connections, and networking events inject vitality into our local tech economy.

Our organization, through connections made via the HTDC, is currently involved in partnerships and collaborative projects in the mobile software and web development fields. These are projects that would not have occurred without the HTDC.

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



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HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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HTDC has helped my company through SBIR Phase O grants, seminars, workshops, business consultations, SBIR conferences and Summits as well as networking events with key contacts.

HTDC has been a valuable partner to explore federal grants, public relations, and attendance at local and international programs.

I actually moved my company from another innovation center in Texas because of the quality of the programs and personal support we received at HTDC. The strength of the HTDC and the caring support of the professional team made a tremendous difference in moving our renewable energy project forward.

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

Respectfully,

Richard Navarro, Ph.D.
President and Chief Innovation Officer.

It CAN Be DONE in Harmony with Nature!

Testimony of O'ahu Army Natural Resources Program
US Army Garrison Hawaii, Directorate of Public Works
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Supporting H.B. 1700, Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

The O'ahu Army Natural Resources Program supports H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvement and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget for watershed protection and management.

As a member of the Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership, The O'ahu Army Natural Resources Program recognizes the importance of protecting native forested ecosystems. We understand that our source of pure water is dependent upon a system of healthy forested watersheds that capture rain and cloud moisture and then deliver it naturally to aquifers and streams. Many of our forested watershed areas require direct on-the-ground management actions by professional staff to prevent further watershed degradation and forest loss.

The state funds provided through HB1700 are a critical source of funding for watershed protection and invasive species programs. The funds are strongly leveraged with matching funds from county, federal and private sources, increasing their value as a public investment even more.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kapua Kawelo, Biologist
O'ahu Army Natural Resources Program



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Written Statement of

Summer Shiigi
Owner
Ten Tomorrow

before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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9:00 A.M.

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HTDC has helped my company through the Innovate Hawaii Accelerator program, business consultation, networking events, and key contacts. I am a local fashion designer working within the shared workspace provided by The Cut Collective LLC. (a Innovate Hawaii Accelerator client). Working out of the MIC space as been invaluable to the development of my new business venture by not only giving me a place of operations but also allowing me to connect directly with clientele, other businesses, and mentors.

My company has grown from 1 employee to 2 employees and 100% revenue growth.

HTDC is also looking into the future of technology in the fashion industry that can hopefully bring much needed software and machinery to uplift the manufacturing side. This will create new opportunities for local designers to keep their production local, uplift their brand, and improve the quality of their products to better compete with a global market and improve retail presence. I look forward to what HTDC can do in the future and hope this bill goes through to keep the vision moving onward.

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



Written Statement of

Michael Hernández-Soria
Founder, Manager
Hawaiian Cool Water, LLC

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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On behalf of the employees of Hawaiian Cool Water, LLC, we respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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HTDC has helped my company through the SBIR conference, networking events and other content. But what has been most valuable is the staff and their individual support of our company, for example, one of the staff members introduced us to an HR consultant and other staff members have arranged meetings for us with other private individuals.





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Written Statement of

Collin Kobayashi
President
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HTDC has helped my company through networking events, providing office space, MEP program, seminars and workshops, business consultation, sponsorship, SBIR conference, and referrals to customers.

My company has grown from 1 employee to 3 employees and 60% revenue growth.



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HTDC has been a valuable partner on providing information and resources for SBIR grants, and continued promotion/support for manufacturing with the following outcomes: 30+ additional businesses served resulting in an additional \$300,000+ in gained private sector dollars.

Without an innovation hub, Hawaii's technology sector will continue to decline, moving companies and future jobs away from Hawaii. Having the ability for a new state of the art innovation facility will allow HTDC to continue their progress of promoting and cultivating Hawaii's technology section. Having a new facility will also create additional investor interest in our technology being developed in Hawaii.

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

Written Statement of
Allison Izu Song
Owner/Designer of
Allison Izu, LLC.

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Allison Izu, LLC. respectfully submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation. The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

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My company has grown from one employee to 2 employees and has had a significant increase in revenue with the help and support of HTDC. I have been fortunate to be a recipient of HTDC's support and mentoring. I am eternally grateful for all they have done for me and my business. I am a small business who probably would not be able to survive or thrive without organizations such as HTDC. Their existence supports small businesses like Allison Izu.

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

Written Statement of
Allison Izu Song
Designer and Co-Founder of
The Cut Collective

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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My company has grown from 3 partners to 6 employees and has had a significant increase in revenue with the help and support of HTDC. We have been fortunate to be a recipient of HTDC's support and mentoring. We are eternally grateful for all they have done for me and my business. We are a small business who probably would not have been able to begin our business without the support of HTDC. Their support in the last 5 months, has been the catalyst for us to start our business and find success within our industry. We are grateful and appreciative for everything HTDC has done and continues to do for the Cut Collective.

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

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Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM*
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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/16/2014

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Dana Matsunaga	LiveAction	Support	No

Comments:

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of the HI Growth Initiative
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 4:28:03 PM

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of the \$6 million appropriation to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative. This funding is needed to continue the HI Growth Initiative, which has helped to catalyze an ecosystem that provides the building blocks for high-growth business to grow and scale in Hawaii. This is important for the future of our economy to help stimulate high wage job growth to reverse the brain drain and bring our kamaaina back home to work in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Ms. Anoka Jung
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Written Statement of

Ken Berkun
Labels That Talk, Ld.

before the
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Tuesday March 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.

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My company is a virtual member of the HTDC. Even though we do not occupy space there, we often use the facility for meetings. We also attend seminars and conferences there. This is an extremely important facility that allows me and my employees to work at home yet have access to space when needed (very good for the environment).

My company is currently raising funds for a significant growth phase of up to 20 employees in the next 12 months. The HTDC provides many useful services for a small company like LTT.

We look forward to a future HTDC that can help us and similar companies.

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

Ken Berkun, President
Labels That Talk, Ltd

TECHNICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC.

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16 March 2014

Written Statement of
Dr. Edwin M. Winter
President,
Technical Research Associates, Inc.
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

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HTDC has helped my company through HiSBIR grants, MIC, seminars and workshops, business consultation, sponsorship, SBIR conference, Holiday Tech Fair, key contacts, access to conference room space, and the ability to network informally on-site with other Hawaii small businesses. We have been both a virtual tenant and a physical tenant during our eight year association with HTDC. During the virtual tenant period, we benefited greatly from the ability to reserve conference space, receive mail, and generally present a "bigger company image" to customers and teaming partners. During our physical presence we benefited greatly from the informal interaction with other tech companies to

share experiences and even employees. This interaction along with interaction with HTDC professionals is the true definition of incubation.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".



www.Nalukai.org

March 16th, 2014

RE: HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

To Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

I am Donald Kosak, managing partner of Nalukai Foundation, a nonprofit organization to promote entrepreneurship and innovation in Hawaii.

Nalukai Foundation **strongly supports** the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) plays a critical role in the development of Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through its programs and services. The CIP funds will help build an innovation hub encouraging and supporting the creation of new businesses and new high value jobs in our community.

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

Sincerely,

Donald Kosak

From: [Don Kosak](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of the HI Growth Initiative
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 7:40:38 PM

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

My name is Donald Kosak, managing partner of Nalukai Foundation, a non-profit organization to promote entrepreneurship in Hawaii.

I do pro-bono work every week for Startup's in Hawaii. It is very difficult for these companies to raise the capital they need to succeed. Programs like the HI Growth Initiative give them a fighting chance.

I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of the \$6 million appropriation to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative. This funding is needed to continue the HI Growth Initiative, which has helped to catalyze an ecosystem that provides the building blocks for high-growth business to grow and scale in Hawaii. This is important for the future of our economy to help stimulate high wage job growth to reverse the brain drain and bring our kamaaina back home to work in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

- Donald Kosak

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March 17, 2014

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a testimony for HB 1700 HD1. I appreciate your desire to hear about Creative Lab and the value and return that this program would offer Hawaii residents and the State of Hawaii.

The State of Hawaii's Creative Industries Division (CID) launched Creative Lab in partnership with the Hawaii International Film Festival, the Hawaii Association of Recording Artists, and industry organizations such as the Writers Guild of America, Producers Guild of America, Screen Actors Guild, Yahoo! and Google to connect decision makers with content creators in order to monetize their product and export their work.

The results of Creative Lab's 2013 program are now beginning to manifest. Josh Kim, one of our participants has recently closed funding for the motion picture script "Draft Day" which he workshopped at Creative Lab and has Hawaii-based producer Chris Lee at the helm. Writers Chris McKinney and Walter Dods III's television series script, "The Aina," is currently making the rounds in Hollywood being represented by The Gersh Agency. Since the project is based in Hawaii, production of this new series could eventually garner \$100 million a year in economic development (based on Hawaii Five-0 comparison.) Another writer, Holly Sereni's feature film script, "Molokai Channel," is currently being vetted by producers. On the web producing front, Jon Brekke who created and produced "Soul Sessions," is flying to Hong Kong to meet with investors for partnership/acquisition meetings. He recently turned down a \$2 million offer for his YouTube Channel.

These results are being manifested **just six months** after the program. I am clear we have a winner here, and urge you to not only continue to support Creative Lab, but also increase its budget. We are working with the State of Hawaii Creative Industries Division/DBEDT to seed develop and monetize Hawaii's creative entrepreneurs, and I am clear that with this funding, we will continue to generate even greater results that will provide a return on this investment.

Thank you for considering sustaining a landmark program that is dedicated to empowering local industry while attracting the best minds in the entertainment business to participate.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best,

Michael Andres Palmieri
Director, Creative Lab
Co-Founder and Past Chairman, Producers Guild of America – New Media Council

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March 16, 2014

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: March 18, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

FROM: Kimberly Ribellia, Government Liaison
Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund

RE: Support of House Bill 1700, HD1 – Relating to the State Budget

Good morning, my name is Kimberly Ribellia, Government Liaison, of the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF), a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

On behalf of Stabilization fund, I would like to state our **support** of House Bill 170, HD1 relating to the State Budget.

HOEISF **supports** the proposed State Department of Transportation's Capital Improvement Project budget. Specifically, HOEISF supports funding included in the Highways, Airports and Harbors division's budget relating to the construction of new facilities and building improvements at various locations throughout the State of Hawaii.

HOEISF also **supports** funding for the Repair, Maintenance and Renovations of various University of Hawaii campus facilities included in the Capital Improvement Project budget.

Again, the stabilization fund strongly supports the passage of House Bill 1700, HD1. Thank you for consideration of this matter.

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Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM
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Submitted on: 3/16/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Brekke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Ways and Means Committee, Soul Sessions USA is a YouTube music channel created in Honolulu Hawaii. We recently turned down a \$2m investment in our business because another trading company in Hong Kong has plans to expand our brand around the world. I'll be in Hong Kong this Friday to begin high level negotiations. If we had not received a small award from Creative Industries which supported the initial pilot project, we would not be at this point today with our business. I can't tell you how important it is to invest in Creative Industries programs as they work with other agencies to help grow Hawaii's creative media industry. I expect to create 10 new jobs in Hawaii through Soul Sessions by the end of this year, and double job growth by the end of 2015. In addition, our local Hawaii contemporary music artists are now seen and heard in over 200 countries. (Please attach you analytics if you have time and if you think it would help) Having also been selected to the Creative Lab at HIFF, I took lessons learned and implemented a dramatic increase in growing our audience internationally, which was critical in garnering investor interest. The \$200,000 for Creative Lab and the additional positions CID is requesting pales in comparison to the export industry they are building and the jobs they will be creating. We respectfully request that you please support these CID budget requests on behalf of our independent artists in the state. Sincerely, Jon Jon E. Brekke Island Film Group jon@islandfilmgroup.com (808) 536-7955 Honolulu (888) 749-7955 Toll Free www.islandfilmgroup.com Creator www.SoulSessionsUSA.com Writer/Producer/Director A BREATH TO SURVIVE (feature film) A woman unplugs from the corporate world and discovers the art in life Now for sale: www.vimeo.com/ondemand/abreath

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Philippines	PH	17844	32181	1.8	46.53
Taiwan	TW	16934	37574	2.22	57.84
Russia	RU	13235	27763	2.1	55.71
Ukraine	UA	11700	24356	2.08	54.85
Indonesia	ID	9039	17196	1.9	49.35
Turkey	TR	6848	10485	1.53	36.44
Japan	JP	6104	12847	2.1	54.06
Hungary	HU	4559	9293	2.04	53.37
Egypt	EG	4153	7136	1.72	44.81
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India	IN	2323	4225	1.82	44.95
Brazil	BR	2251	5186	2.3	57.89
Poland	PL	2186	4515	2.07	52.3
Canada	CA	2120	3860	1.82	46.89
Spain	ES	1971	4154	2.11	55.01
Morocco	MA	1951	3084	1.58	41.11
Italy	IT	1940	3195	1.65	42.61
Guam	GU	1800	3205	1.78	47.25
South Korea	KR	1687	3221	1.91	49.39
Colombia	CO	1656	2951	1.78	46.04
Singapore	SG	1656	3401	2.05	53.9
Netherlands	NL	1606	3190	1.99	51.21
United Arab Emirates	AE	1602	3035	1.89	48.73
Slovakia	SK	1573	3200	2.03	53.12
Unknown Region	ZZ	1271	2180	1.71	41.79
Peru	PE	1034	1966	1.9	49.58
Argentina	AR	961	2010	2.09	54.31
Thailand	TH	927	1453	1.57	39.34
Qatar	QA	899	1597	1.78	45.82
French Polynesia	PF	778	1261	1.62	41.36
Kuwait	KW	647	1229	1.9	49.9
Austria	AT	615	844	1.37	34.65
Belgium	BE	600	939	1.56	39.52
Kenya	KE	578	1176	2.03	53.42
Portugal	PT	569	1070	1.88	48.07
Senegal	SN	514	952	1.85	48.15

Lithuania	LT	502	585	1.16	27.32
Fiji	FJ	497	756	1.52	39.95
Switzerland	CH	495	663	1.34	33.34
New Caledonia	NC	469	534	1.14	29.88
Sweden	SE	458	749	1.64	39.87
Chile	CL	448	1016	2.27	58.47
Vietnam	VN	439	1060	2.41	58.47
Serbia	RS	439	726	1.65	40.22
Finland	FI	419	767	1.83	47.37
Bulgaria	BG	400	571	1.43	36.38
Moldova	MD	382	619	1.62	40.32
Kazakhstan	KZ	381	575	1.51	39.16
Algeria	DZ	359	602	1.68	41.66
Oman	OM	350	654	1.87	48.46
Ireland	IE	347	639	1.84	45.25
Bahrain	BH	333	562	1.69	43.83
Armenia	AM	324	464	1.43	37.18
Northern Mariana	MP	315	554	1.76	47.17
Norway	NO	311	515	1.66	40.61
Israel	IL	296	490	1.65	40.42
Georgia	GE	275	400	1.45	37.05
Ghana	GH	264	509	1.93	49.78
Iraq	IQ	240	376	1.57	39.02
Denmark	DK	238	379	1.59	40.51
Belarus	BY	221	355	1.6	40.98
Bosnia and He	BA	218	308	1.41	35.7
Croatia	HR	217	420	1.94	47.81
Macedonia (FY	MK	212	387	1.82	45.82
Bangladesh	BD	211	334	1.58	36.93
Nigeria	NG	191	378	1.98	51.2
Tunisia	TN	178	335	1.88	46.74
South Africa	ZA	163	368	2.26	56.83
Azerbaijan	AZ	154	202	1.31	32.81
Uganda	UG	136	243	1.79	46.6
Cyprus	CY	110	142	1.29	30.78
Palestine	PS	106	175	1.65	41.91
Slovenia	SI	104	165	1.59	39.21
Albania	AL	97	133	1.37	33.79
Venezuela	VE	83	129	1.56	40.23
Samoa	WS	80	131	1.64	40.43
Tonga	TO	76	128	1.68	47.61
Sri Lanka	LK	66	115	1.75	43.18
Papua New Gu	PG	63	86	1.36	34.25
Laos	LA	62	79	1.27	32.83
Estonia	EE	61	107	1.75	45.04
Kyrgyzstan	KG	60	90	1.5	38.4
Panama	PA	59	101	1.72	38.47
Costa Rica	CR	57	93	1.63	42.73
Pakistan	PK	57	67	1.17	28.31

Puerto Rico	PR	56	111	1.98	47.89
Ecuador	EC	55	122	2.21	56.64
Latvia	LV	54	91	1.69	34.63
Mauritius	MU	54	96	1.77	46.62
R√©union	RE	52	41	0.79	19.58
Nepal	NP	51	57	1.11	27.13
Trinidad and Tobago	TT	50	59	1.18	30.45
Cambodia	KH	48	81	1.68	43.29
Uruguay	UY	46	82	1.79	45.6
Dominican Republic	DO	46	46	1	25.7
Jordan	JO	45	84	1.86	45.21
Jamaica	JM	42	43	1.03	26.51
Sudan	SD	42	66	1.58	38.59
Mongolia	MN	41	65	1.57	40.46
Marshall Islands	MH	37	42	1.14	34.04
Afghanistan	AF	37	50	1.36	35.09
Brunei	BN	35	44	1.27	33.38
Micronesia	FM	34	62	1.83	50.39
Luxembourg	LU	32	31	0.96	23.33
Yemen	YE	28	41	1.46	35.47
Guatemala	GT	26	32	1.23	33.22
Palau	PW	24	76	3.16	92.72
Macau	MO	24	45	1.89	47.16
Libya	LY	23	37	1.59	41.86
Cook Islands	CK	21	46	2.17	53.43
Ethiopia	ET	20	38	1.91	48.83
Syria	SY	19	17	0.89	21.63
Iran	IR	19	36	1.87	44.96
Malta	MT	19	37	1.95	48.15
Montenegro	ME	18	27	1.49	37.87
Madagascar	MG	18	31	1.74	45.17
Iceland	IS	18	11	0.63	16.22
Tanzania	TZ	18	24	1.32	25.47
Lebanon	LB	18	17	0.96	24.52
Uzbekistan	UZ	17	18	1.08	28.07
El Salvador	SV	17	40	2.34	58.12
Bermuda	BM	16	36	2.28	58.83
Angola	AO	16	37	2.33	58.33
Cura√©ao	CW	16	20	1.26	31.48
Myanmar (Burma)	MM	16	36	2.25	56.66
Honduras	HN	13	28	2.16	54.19
Cayman Islands	KY	13	8	0.59	14.62
Nicaragua	NI	13	15	1.15	27.85
Zimbabwe	ZW	12	17	1.46	36.23
Anguilla	AI	12	48	4.02	93.55
Suriname	SR	12	16	1.33	33.08
C√©te d'Ivoire	CI	12	25	2.05	52.25
Barbados	BB	12	22	1.87	51.04
Monaco	MC	11	23	2.08	57.62

Liechtenstein	LI	11	15	1.36	33.25
Bahamas	BS	11	23	2.1	52.03
Maldives	MV	10	14	1.45	35.89
Mozambique	MZ	10	11	1.1	31.03
Martinique	MQ	9	16	1.72	42.86
French Guiana	GF	9	18	1.98	50.23
China	CN	9	5	0.6	15.98
Zambia	ZM	9	6	0.61	15.07
Mauritania	MR	9	15	1.65	39.31
Djibouti	DJ	8	4	0.51	12.32
Antigua and Barbuda	AG	8	18	2.23	59.67
Bhutan	BT	7	16	2.28	59.89
Saint Lucia	LC	7	13	1.84	50.84
Paraguay	PY	7	14	1.98	48.45
Mayotte	YT	7	22	3.12	79.66
Congo (DRC)	CD	7	12	1.67	40.01
Saint Martin	MF	7	10	1.44	41.28
Solomon Islands	SB	7	15	2.17	57.87
Rwanda	RW	6	10	1.72	45.02
Cape Verde	CV	6	9	1.53	38.62
Belize	BZ	6	13	2.13	59.89
Botswana	BW	5	1	0.3	7.09
Tajikistan	TJ	5	7	1.34	35.51
Vanuatu	VU	5	11	2.25	58.07
Aruba	AW	5	3	0.59	14.14
Haiti	HT	5	7	1.33	29.78
Guernsey	GG	4	9	2.26	53.85
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	VC	4	7	1.79	19.24
Åland Islands	AX	4	2	0.38	8.56
Andorra	AD	4	2	0.62	15.26
Guadeloupe	GP	4	2	0.44	10.81
Saint Kitts and Nevis	KN	3	3	0.95	22
Namibia	NA	3	3	1.03	28.51
Mali	ML	3	2	0.53	15.09
Cuba	CU	3	13	4.37	99.73
Lesotho	LS	3	7	2.39	56.89
Niger	NE	3	5	1.65	38.38
Malawi	MW	3	9	3.09	74.86
Gabon	GA	3	4	1.34	38.18
American Samoa	AS	3	1	0.18	4.65
Sint Maarten	SX	3	3	1.03	24.39
Bolivia	BO	3	2	0.79	19.27
Grenada	GD	2	1	0.35	10.29
Jersey	JE	2	2	0.77	22.24
Cameroon	CM	2	4	1.82	45.3
Guyana	GY	2	1	0.56	16.06
U.S. Virgin Islands	VI	2	2	0.78	18.89
Timor-Leste	TL	2	3	1.28	30.12
Equatorial Guinea	GQ	2	1	0.62	16.55

Dominica	DM	2	6	3.21	90.94
Somalia	SO	2	1	0.61	17.18
Togo	TG	1	1	0.59	17.01
S√£o Tomv©	ST	1	0	0.4	9.16
Nauru	NR	1	0	0.34	9.6
Kiribati	KI	1	1	1.14	27.56
British Virgin I	VG	1	1	0.74	18.58
Benin	BJ	1	0	0	0
Greenland	GL	1	2	2.06	50.46
Burundi	BI	1	0	0.17	4.82
Faroe Islands	FO	1	1	0.5	11.41
Gibraltar	GI	1	4	4.38	99.89
Gambia	GM	1	1	0.9	28.82
Sierra Leone	SL	1	1	0.63	19.24

Subscriber via	Subscriber mir	Total estimate	Ad earnings	AdSense earni	DoubleClick ea
4692	9862	\$213.22	\$213.22	\$198.83	\$14.38
393	875	\$13.22	\$13.22	\$12.56	\$0.66
270	471	\$11.34	\$11.34	\$10.34	\$0.99
83	229	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.00
19	43	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.00
46	117	\$1.58	\$1.58	\$1.49	\$0.08
20	32	\$0.44	\$0.44	\$0.39	\$0.05
13	16	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.00
6	15	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.00
27	54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
309	482	\$3.99	\$3.99	\$3.70	\$0.29
45	78	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.14	\$0.00
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1	4	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.00
49	141	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.24	\$0.01
2	4	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.15	\$0.01
10	16	\$0.23	\$0.23	\$0.22	\$0.01
22	46	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.00
11	22	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.49	\$0.02
24	41	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.49	\$0.01
11	10	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.27	\$0.02
21	35	\$1.59	\$1.59	\$1.46	\$0.13
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8	16	\$0.74	\$0.74	\$0.62	\$0.12
24	33	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.02
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6	15	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.00
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23	14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Transactions	Estimated mor	Playback-base	Playback-base	Impressions	Impression-ba
\$0.00	40283	\$9.52	\$383.69	54853	\$6.99
\$0.00	5084	\$4.70	\$23.92	7454	\$3.21
\$0.00	2417	\$8.49	\$20.51	3439	\$5.96
\$0.00	593	\$1.38	\$0.82	944	\$0.87
\$0.00	711	\$1.22	\$0.87	932	\$0.93
\$0.00	963	\$2.97	\$2.86	1199	\$2.39
\$0.00	149	\$5.43	\$0.81	212	\$3.82
\$0.00	185	\$2.00	\$0.37	270	\$1.37
\$0.00	299	\$1.09	\$0.33	431	\$0.76
\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
\$0.00	1209	\$5.84	\$7.07	1588	\$4.45
\$0.00	149	\$1.65	\$0.25	233	\$1.06
\$0.00	76	\$2.88	\$0.22	125	\$1.75
\$0.00	163	\$5.34	\$0.87	249	\$3.50
\$0.00	287	\$1.56	\$0.45	436	\$1.03
\$0.00	180	\$1.70	\$0.31	221	\$1.39
\$0.00	193	\$2.16	\$0.42	245	\$1.70
\$0.00	30	\$9.64	\$0.29	34	\$8.50
\$0.00	123	\$7.60	\$0.94	147	\$6.36
\$0.00	557	\$8.15	\$4.54	799	\$5.68
\$0.00	191	\$2.80	\$0.53	250	\$2.14
\$0.00	354	\$8.12	\$2.88	483	\$5.95
\$0.00	49	\$6.65	\$0.32	64	\$5.09
\$0.00	498	\$2.61	\$1.30	673	\$1.93
\$0.00	156	\$4.35	\$0.68	227	\$2.99
\$0.00	615	\$4.50	\$2.76	803	\$3.44
\$0.00	172	\$5.52	\$0.95	227	\$4.18
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\$0.00	146	\$5.10	\$0.74	204	\$3.65
\$0.00	333	\$0.01	\$0.00	541	\$0.01
\$0.00	161	\$4.23	\$0.68	193	\$3.53
\$0.00	103	\$2.53	\$0.26	140	\$1.86
\$0.00	102	\$6.20	\$0.63	133	\$4.76
\$0.00	303	\$4.72	\$1.43	429	\$3.33
\$0.00	73	\$4.22	\$0.31	93	\$3.31
\$0.00	84	\$2.78	\$0.23	129	\$1.81
\$0.00	9	\$0.00	\$0.00	9	\$0.00
\$0.00	41	\$2.67	\$0.11	64	\$1.71
\$0.00	90	\$2.30	\$0.21	123	\$1.68
\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
\$0.00	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	7	\$0.00
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\$0.00	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	14	\$0.00
\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
\$0.00	54	\$4.34	\$0.23	78	\$3.00
\$0.00	7	\$1.43	\$0.01	9	\$1.11
\$0.00	1	\$6.00	\$0.01	1	\$6.00
\$0.00	8	\$0.00	\$0.00	10	\$0.00

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\$0.00	54	\$8.11	\$0.44	68	\$6.44
\$0.00	64	\$2.96	\$0.19	91	\$2.08
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\$0.00	34	\$1.18	\$0.04	61	\$0.66
\$0.00	23	\$4.78	\$0.11	26	\$4.23
\$0.00	13	\$2.28	\$0.03	19	\$1.56
\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
\$0.00	112	\$0.03	\$0.00	176	\$0.02
\$0.00	16	\$4.61	\$0.07	21	\$3.51
\$0.00	17	\$2.60	\$0.04	22	\$2.01
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\$0.00	2	\$10.18	\$0.02	4	\$5.09
\$0.00	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
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\$0.00	5	\$4.94	\$0.02	7	\$3.53
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Impression-ba Clicks	Clickable impr	Click through	Closes	Closable impre	
\$383.69	76	12603	0.71	458	32711
\$23.92	7	2106	0.32	190	5415
\$20.51	2	1464	0.19	127	3403
\$0.82	0	516	0	11	1225
\$0.87	1	532	0.17	16	1083
\$2.86	2	796	0.23	5	1501
\$0.81	3	325	0.91	11	812
\$0.37	1	371	0.27	3	916
\$0.33	0	254	0.35	17	565
\$0.00	2	216	0.91	4	332
\$7.07	7	540	1.33	13	1358
\$0.25	0	128	0	4	296
\$0.22	0	126	0	0	304
\$0.87	1	143	0.69	4	351
\$0.45	0	387	0	6	678
\$0.31	0	90	0	3	178
\$0.42	0	120	0	1	286
\$0.29	2	299	0.32	12	673
\$0.94	0	57	0	1	147
\$4.54	2	236	0.57	11	602
\$0.53	0	400	0	9	514
\$2.88	0	171	0.71	5	435
\$0.32	0	22	0	2	65
\$1.30	0	212	0.25	16	418
\$0.68	0	95	0	4	201
\$2.76	0	342	0.2	7	782
\$0.95	0	162	0	6	319
\$0.00	0	164	0	4	284
\$0.74	0	51	0	2	146
\$0.00	0	187	0.59	11	338
\$0.68	0	24	0	3	112
\$0.26	0	58	0	1	120
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Subject: H.B. 1700, H.D. 1 Relating to the State Budget
HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

Date: March 16, 2014

My name is Colleen Cidade and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,00.

The reason that I support a deaf center are suppose to be adult education, workshops, senior citizen center, youth programs, and any other services they need as I need too.

Sincerely,

Colleen k. Cidade

Colleen Kapuaililani Cidade
Aloha State Association of the Deaf President

Written Statement of

Aaron A. Kagawa
Senior Software Engineer
LiveAction

before the
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HTDC has helped my company through being a great advocate and supporter of Hawaii's tech community. We look at them as leading the charge of creating opportunities for creating a tech culture in Hawaii. This benefits all of the tech companies directly and indirectly. HTDC is a great organization and we look forward to their continued support and even growth in the future as there is much more work that can be done in tech in Hawaii.

My company is growing and we are looking to expand our technical staff in Hawaii. HTDC efforts helps us organize and grow our talent pool in Hawaii. Their support is essential to our continued growth.

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

Written Statement of

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Especially with Hawaii TechWorks, based on the Big Island, we're looking to see these types of ideas come to our island, and we have a dedicated crew of volunteers that are seeking to make that happen.

Right now our members consist of hardworking individuals who are putting in sweat and time, with the vision of seeing high technology jobs grow and flourish in the Hawaiian islands. HTDC is a major contributor and like-minded organization that sees the importance. We all need to join

together to make a more economically stable future for Hawaii, and supporting HTDC is a big part of this equation.

Thank you!

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new careers in software development. Their Holiday Tech Fair allowed us the opportunity to get new student applications, increase our Employer Network for graduating students, meet potential instructors, and get general exposure as we continue to grow and expand our course schedule. Again, CRITICAL components to a young startup with a small marketing budget.

As a software development agency owner for Sudokrew, MIC has also been invaluable again for affordable accommodations. As a young agency, allowing us to be virtual tenants that needed a low-cost physical space to work and high speed internet has helped us tremendously with keeping costs low and allowing us to focus on paying employees rather than rent as we continue to grow. HTDC has also been key in providing us a great space to recently host a product workshop hosting top talent from San Francisco to infuse some of that knowledge into our local working professionals.

Also, we are a small shop with big aspirations and servicing big clients and the ability to have access to other tech professionals and HTDC themselves for consulting and collaboration is an opportunity that you cannot even put a price on. Some of these opportunities can prove to be the difference between sink or swim and ultimately the ability for us to create more tech jobs for local talent. If we can stay on our current trajectory working with medium to big businesses we will be able to continue to employ top talent locally and keep our talent in Hawaii.

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The GMAC and its constituents recognize the importance of public hunting in our state. It provides healthy outdoor recreational opportunities as well as a means by which food can be "put on the table". It is an integral part of everyday life, especially in the more rural parts of our island home. More importantly, it has also become an important local tradition that is shared by families and friends, and that is passed down from one generation to the next.

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The Hawaii Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) was formed in 2013 to advise County, State and Federal agencies on matters related to the preservation of subsistence hunting and fishing, and protecting traditional and cultural gathering rights. The GMAC was voted in by the people of Hawaii island, appointed by the Mayor and then confirmed by the council as prescribed in section 13-4, Hawaii County Charter. The commission consists of 9 elected members, one from each council district and strives to focus on the island's community needs as a whole. The commission works very closely with the Department of Land and Natural Resources on improving all aspects of game management, including but not limited to access issues, hunting rules, designation/creation of hunting areas, and enforcement.

Mahalo for your time,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie-Joe Camara	National Wild Turkey Federation	Support	No

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Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

March 18, 2013

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Committee Members,

This testimony is submitted in support for the Hawaii Department of Education's Supplemental Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as it applies to the State Budget, HB1700 HD1.

Hui for Excellence in Education, or "HE'E," is a statewide coalition of diverse stakeholders committed to working collaboratively to identify opportunities to improve public education in Hawaii. HE'E seeks to be the focal point for community and parent engagement while serving as a public resource for educational policy. The Coalition currently has over 40 members. Our member list is attached.

The Coalition supports the Hawaii Department of Education's supplemental budget request for fiscal year 2014-2015. We support the additional capital in operating funds to assist at the school level. As reflected by the positive recent NAEP scores for Hawaii schools, school transformation is progressing and moving in the right direction. Therefore, we want to continue providing adequate resources to schools to continue the positive trajectory.

In addition, Coalition members strongly support sufficient capitol funds for air conditioning, or more broadly for heat abatement to make a difference. We understand that there are schools in our state that are not air-conditioned and in some areas, temperatures in classrooms can get up to over 90 degrees Fahrenheit. From a parent and family perspective, a child's environment is extremely important for learning. We also realize that funding air-conditioning for our schools is an extremely expensive and a complicated proposition. Nevertheless, we think that attention needs to be focused on this issue of cooling classrooms. It is going to take a long-term view to address all of our schools, but this appropriation is a good start and is an indication that having our students in comfortable environments for learning is a priority.

Finally, the Coalition supports an appropriation to the Department of Education for early learning programs, to the level that was originally requested by the Executive Office of Early Learning. The Coalition supports the effort to expand pre-school at our public schools as an option to provide our children under the age of five, a high quality education experience. Access is key, especially in rural areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration. Our support of this bill represents a 75% consensus or more of our membership.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Member List

Academy 21
After-School All-Stars Hawaii
Alliance for Place Based Learning
*Castle Complex Community Council
Center for Civic Education
Coalition for Children with Special Needs
*DOE Windward District
*Faith Action for Community Equity
Fresh Leadership LLC
Girl Scouts Hawaii
*Good Beginnings Alliance
Harold K.L. Castle Foundation
*Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars
*Hawai'i Charter School Network
*Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition
*Hawaii State PTSA
Hawai'i State Student Council
Hawai'i State Teachers Association
Hawai'i P-20
Hawai'i 3Rs
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Kamehameha Schools
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*Parents and Children Together
*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i
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The Learning Coalition
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University of Hawai'i College of Education
YMCA of Honolulu
Voting Members (*)

Written Statement of

Jonathan C. Gradie, Ph. D.
President
TerraSystems, Inc.

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

TerraSystems, Inc., (TSI) respectfully submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

Based on my 30 years of experience participating in both academic and commercial technology development, I have found the HTDC to be vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community. Based upon my direct experience HTDC's key support has been through:

- research commercialization grants
- technical assistance for manufacturers
- tech business incubation programs
- innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries
- startup mentoring workshops and conferences, and
- by its very presence a strong signal to Hawaii's technology entrepreneurs that the State of Hawaii values their presence as a key element enabling the future economic success of our State.

The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

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HTDC helped TSI when, in the mid-1990s, TSI transitioned from a “cottage start-up” based in the cottage at my residence in Kailua to much larger facilities at the Manoa Innovation Center (MIC) with more space, needed facility support and an air of commercial respectability. But equally as important was access to the HTDC-sponsored seminars, workshops, consultations, and SBIR conferences. Of particular relevance was HTDC's 1999 workshop on “Business

Planning for Scientists and Engineers” which has remained my business planning guidebook for the last 15 years of high the entrepreneurship and commercialization.

At MIC, TSI grew from two fulltime employees to five fulltime and five part-time employees. Revenues increased by a factor of about 15X. A key element of this increase in revenue was the all-important perception of permanency provided TSI’s presence in the MIC, a perception that allowed TSI to attract and win contracts with internationally known customers. Without that support it is unlikely TSI would have been as successful.

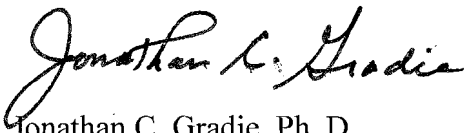
In 2011 Science and Technology International, Inc. (STI), acquired TSI in an assets-only purchase agreement and TSI became dormant. Until just recently, that is.

I have returned to Hawaii after three years of entrepreneurial pursuits in a San Diego to re-start and re-grow TSI, in the same cottage where it all began in 1992! I will be looking for start-up office space and the essential support HTDC offers. I am especially encouraged by HTDC’s foresight in configuring their proposed innovation hub for enhanced Internet connectivity and to facilitate collaboration since that is where TSI’s business is now focused.

I ask your full support of HB 1700 and the \$23 million CIP request for HTDC’s expanded incubator facility.

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

Respectfully,



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Russel Cheng	Dev League LLC	Comments Only	No

Comments: Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony. Aloha! Russel Cheng.

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Dr. Robert Yonover	SEE/RESCUE Corporation	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the New Innovation Hub HB1700 HD1 as we need to continue to build the Technology community in Hawaii to diversify the economy and provide young people with opportunities aside from tourism and construction. We have made some great strides over the last few years and the innovation hub will add to those gains in a big way. Thanks for your consideration. Aloha, Dr. Robert Yonover CEO/Founder SEE/RESCUE Corporation

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Written Statement of

Bryan Butteling
Head Organizer
Startup Weekend Honolulu

before the
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Startup Weekend Honolulu respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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HTDC has helped my organization through sponsorship of our events and allowing Startup Weekend to host two monthly WetWare Events.

Our organization has grown from 20 participants in 2011 to over 150 participants currently.

HTDC is also known to be a valuable partner and supporter for such industries as tech, STEM, fashion, and arts. The growing need for more and more entrepreneurs and leaders within these sectors are things HTDC has scene and supported over the years.

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

Written Statement of

James Wang
CEO / Principal Software Engineer
Slickage Studios LLC

before the
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HTDC has helped my company through MIC, Holiday Tech Fair, and networking events.

My company has grown from 0 employees to 3 employees.

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



**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth
In Support of Portions of HB 1700 Relating to the State Budget**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

18 March 2014, 9:00am in Conference Room 211

Audrey Newman

Hawai'i Green Growth

P.O. Box 535 Ho'olehua, Hawai'i 96729

Hawai'i Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of more than 50 state, county, federal, business, and non-governmental leaders from energy, food production, natural resources, waste reduction, planning, green jobs, and other sectors who have come together to support a shared statewide commitment and tangible actions toward sustainability and a model green economy.

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports ten critical appropriations in HB 1700 that will significantly advance action for sustainability across Hawai'i:

1. **HI State Sustainability Coordinator position** (currently in DLNR's budget) provides invaluable support to state, federal and county agencies and private sector partners to increase collaboration on shared priorities. This position is key to the **Aloha+ Challenge (HCR104 & SCR69)**, a shared sustainability commitment by the Governor, Mayors, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, legislators and partners to support 2030 targets in clean energy, local food, natural resources, waste reduction, green jobs, and climate adaption and smart growth.
2. **\$11M to DLNR for watershed protection** and management (\$3.5M in general funds (LNR407) and \$7.5 CIP funds).
3. **\$5M for Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC)** programs, as supported by the 2014 Majority Package and HB 1716.
4. **Increase spending ceiling for the State Energy Office** with \$1.5 M from the Energy Security Special Fund, \$2 M for federal sourced funding, and \$50M for the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Special Fund.
5. **Increase support for the Environmental Response Revolving Fund (ERRF)** to ensure staffing and readiness for environmental emergencies, such as oil and other spills.
6. **\$50M CIP (AGR161 & LNR407) to purchase priority Central O'ahu agriculture lands:** \$40M in the Department of Agriculture's budget request and \$10M in DLNR's budget request for adjacent forest lands key to this acquisition.
7. **\$3.5M CIP (AGR141) for the Waimea community agriculture park**
8. **\$750K (HTH840) for the Department of Health's Solid Waste Master Plan** to support planning with neighbor islands to address our growing solid waste challenge.
9. **Funding for community fisheries enforcement unit positions** in the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (LNR405) to continue the successful unit on Maui and establish units on Kaua'i, O'ahu, and Hawai'i islands.
10. **Funding for two essential new planning positions focused on sustainability & smart growth** in the Office of Planning. These positions will provide expertise and facilitate statewide collaboration on these emerging issues.

These critical investments will build a more diversified economy and a more resilient, secure and sustainable future for everyone in Hawai'i. HGG leaders agree on these top priority investments in HB 1700 and urge the Legislature to fund these critical priorities this year.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Newman".

Audrey Newman

Senior Advisor, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG)

Bringing leaders together to achieve sustainability in Hawai'i & be a model for a green economy

Written Statement of

**Alan Solidum
Makerfaire Organizer
Honolulu Makerfaire**

before the
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Honolulu Makerfaire respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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HTDC has been a valuable partner with Honolulu Makerfaire where HTDC has partnered with the following outcomes:

* over 750+ attendees for an inaugural event which included families interested in technology and makers. According to Makerfaire, "makers are hobbyists, enthusiasts or students (amateurs!)—but they are also a wellspring of innovation, creating new products and producing value in the community. Some makers do become entrepreneurs and start companies."

* workshops and talks which included subjects from teaching people how to solder, SpaceGambit (open sourcing space exploration), running a Kickstarter campaign tips and game development.

* putting Makers under one roof with diverse backgrounds from students in DevLeague to virtual reality hobbyists to companies such as Oceanit demoing and sharing their projects. Makers from

other islands also participated.

* mainland Makers interested in participating in future events and definite interest from the general community wanting to get their family or friends to attend the next event.

HTDC has been a strong supporter of technology development in our community. While the Honolulu Makerfaire was volunteer supported and received in-kind donations, HTDC stepped up as the primary financial sponsor. Without their support, this event and it's positive outcomes may have never happened.

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

Testimony of Haleakalā Ranch
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
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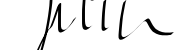
As a member of the Leeward Haleakalā Watershed Restoration Partnership, Haleakalā Ranch recognizes the importance of protecting native forested ecosystems. We understand that our source of pure water is dependent upon a system of healthy forested watersheds which capture rain and cloud moisture and then deliver it naturally to aquifers and other sources for consumption and the benefit of our island economy. Many of these forested watersheds require direct on-the-ground management actions by professional staff to prevent further watershed degradation and forest loss.

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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Scott Meidell,
Vice President and General Manager

Testimony of Ka'ono'ulu Ranch
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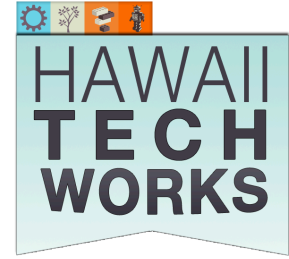
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Sincerely,

Ken Miranda
General Manager



Written Statement of

Anthony Marzi
President and Founder
Hawaii TechWorks

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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Hawaii TechWorks is a tech community in Hilo, with a coworking and event space that is the hub of over 25 tech professionals and small companies. On behalf of Hawaii TechWorks, I respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$22 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

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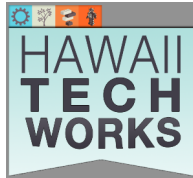
HTDC has helped my company through workshops, seminars, sponsorship, and networking. HTDC has been instrumental in making our small tech community in Hilo feel connected to the opportunities and programs throughout the state and especially in Honolulu.

The impact from HTDC's events and workshops has directly resulted in the recruitment and employment of members from our community, as well as development of powerful knowledge and skills that are helping our members launch businesses.

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

Written Statement of

Anoka Jung
Director
Hawaii TechWorks



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HTDC's support of Hawaii's high technology industry is critical to Hawaii TechWorks' mission, as we compete in the global marketplace and work to connect our local tech community with opportunities across the islands and the Mainland.

HTDC has helped our organization through their workshops, seminars, and sponsorship, as well as the networking opportunities they have enabled.

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Dan Domizio	Puna Community Med Ctr	Support	No

Comments: The Family Medicine Residency Program at Hilo Medical Center [program HTH-212] must be supported if health care in Hawaii is ever to catch up with our crushing physician provider shortage. The program must be seen as of the highest priority for this state as viewed by our communities as well as the Federal Government and other potential funders. Without Hawaii's commitment to the future of this program, others who might lend support will not. A budgetary line item is required, with a commitment to adequate funding levels in the future. Thank you for this opportunity to lend enthusiastic support to HB-1700, HD-1. Dan Domizio
Programs Director PCMC

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FROM: Blair D. Collis
President & CEO
Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum
1525 Bernice Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817

RE: House Bill 1700, HD1: Relating to the State Budget

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of Bishop Museum in support of HB 1700, HD1, relating to the state budget. We are writing to highlight the museum's funding request for essential deferred maintenance projects providing a safer environment for visitors, local residents and staff as well as a more welcoming environment in our entrance and retail areas. Critically important fire safety projects will upgrade, improve, and replace current systems and result in the provision of broadly applicable, essential communications throughout the Museum's large campus to alert and instruct visitors and staff in urgent situations.

Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in honor of his late wife, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the last descendant of the royal Kamehameha family. Bishop Museum is designated the State Museum of Cultural and Natural History and is a non-profit organization with the mission to engage people in the presentation, exploration and preservation of Hawaii's cultural heritage and natural history.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Nicole Hokoana, Director of Maui County Programs
Child & Family Service

RE: H. B. 1700, H.D. 1
Relating to the State Budget

Program ID/Org. Code: ATG 100 AC
Program Title: Legal Services
Title of Request: Increased Funding for Master Contract for Sexual Assault Services

Good morning Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Nicole Hokoana and I am the Director of Maui County Programs for Child & Family Service.

Child & Family Service strongly supports the operating budget adjustment request submitted by the Department of the Attorney General for Program ID/Org. Code ATC 100 AC, requesting funding to support the increased cost of service provision provided by all statewide sexual assault centers and to cover costs for the Hawai'i Sexual Assault Response and Training (HSART) program.

SATC administers state funding through a master contract between the Department of the Attorney General and KMCWC/SATC for sexual assault services provided by SATC, the YWCA Kaua'i, Child & Family Services Maui (including Moloka'i & Lana'i), and the YWCA Hawai'i. These sexual assault centers partner to ensure a high standard of care across Hawai'i. SATC provides oversight, consultation, and technical assistance to support the delivery of 24/7 crisis response, counseling, and education services throughout the state. Since the 2007 fiscal year, the State appropriation for statewide sexual assault services has been \$2,000,000. While operational costs to deliver much needed services have steadily increased, this amount has remained static.

Child & Family Service (CFS) is the Maui County provider of critical sex assault support services to victims, and their families, for the lifetime of a case: from initial disclosure and forensic interview with detectives, through forensic examination and ongoing clinical therapy. Serving three distinct islands, and geographic areas as diverse and distant as Lahaina and Hana, is a tremendous challenge. While our hotline, crisis and long term clinical services are primarily delivered from our central Maui, Wailuku, location, we understand and acknowledge that much more must be done for the communities of outlying areas.

Significant gains were made in expanding services to the island of Molokai in 2013; for the first time ever, there is a designated sex assault hotline, crisis services and CFS will soon deliver clinical therapy to victims free of charge through our AG funding. However, for every person meaningfully employed on Molokai to carry out this work, there is a position lost on Maui to do the same. And providing services on Lanai, Lahaina and Hana are not currently under consideration due to budgetary limitations.

Although every penny afforded us is spent with great consideration of all needs; and CFS actively seeks opportunities to partner in order to reduce the cost of service delivery to outlying communities, it is certain that our expansion efforts will cease unless monies allocated to sex assault services statewide are increased. There simply isn't enough funding to provide these critical services to the many communities of Maui County.

We urge you to support the operating budget adjustment request submitted by the Department of the Attorney General for Program ID/Org. Code ATC 100 AC, as it will provide vital services to survivors of sexual assault and education on issues of sexual violence to our communities throughout the State.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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DATE: March 18, 2014

TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige,, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Renae Hamilton, Executive Director
YWCA of Kaua`i

RE: H.B. 1700 H.D.1
Relating to the State Budget

Program ID/Org. Code: **ATG 100 AC**
Program Title: **Legal Services**
Title of Request: **Increased Funding for Master Contract
for Sexual Assault Services**

Good morning, Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, Vand members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Renae Hamilton and I am the Executive Director for the YWCA of Kaua`i.

The YWCA of Kaua`i strongly supports the operating budget adjustment request submitted by the Department of the Attorney General for Program ID/Org. Code ATC 100 AC, requesting funding to support the increased cost of service provision provided by all statewide sexual assault centers and to cover costs for the Hawai`i Sexual Assault Response and Training (HSART) program.

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The rising costs of services while funding remains static is impeding the YWCA of being able to meet all the needs of our community. The YWCA is the sole provider of these crucial services on Kaua`i, and up to date, we have been able to keep intact the core crisis and treatment services due to expense reductions such as; frozen salaries and long delays in hiring. However, these practices cannot continue indefinitely without compromising the quality of services provided. The Prevention Education program is not at full service capacity and we are unable to fulfill all requests for education services which make our community safer. Schools, government agencies, community organizations, businesses and churches request help for educating the populations they serve, but the agency has limited personnel and resources to meet the demands. Without increased funding for the growing cost of this limited service, it will be inevitable that further education reductions will be necessary and the Kaua`i community will be at a greater risk of increasing the number of sexual assaults instead of progressing to reducing and eliminating this violent crime.

We urge you to support the operating budget adjustment request submitted by the Department of the Attorney General for Program ID/Org. Code ATC 100 AC, as it will provide vital services to survivors of sexual assault and education on issues of sexual violence to our communities throughout the State. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



DATE: March 15, 2014

TO: The Honorable David Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Lorraine Davis, COO 
YWCA of Hawaii Island

RE: H.B. 1700, H.D.1
Relating to the State Budget

Program ID/Org. Code: **ATG 100 AC**
Program Title: **Legal Services**
Title of Request: **Increased Funding for Master Contract for
Sexual Assault Services**

Good morning, Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Lorraine Davis and I am the Chief Operating Officer and Interim Program Director for the Sex Assault Support Services for the YWCA of Hawaii Island.

The YWCA of Hawaii strongly supports the operating budget adjustment request submitted by the Department of the Attorney General for Program ID/Org. Code ATC 100 AC, requesting funding to support the increased cost of service provision provided by all statewide sexual assault centers and to cover costs for the Hawai'i Sexual Assault Response and Training (HSART) program.

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The effects of sexual assault, left untreated, is debilitating and affects the person long after the assault occurred. We work with victims at various stages of their lives to help them heal from

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the debilitating effects of sexual assault through a variety of services. Our goals are to help them become more productive and healthy.

As you are aware, the Island of Hawaii is a large geographic area and in order to provide services island wide, we support offices in both Hilo and Kona and still find that our outer areas are still underserved. We believe that there is need for services in those areas, even on a limited basis. We do not offer any type of educational services at this time due to the greater need to provide direct services and lack of funding, but firmly believe that in order to reduce the number of sexual assaults on this island, we need to provide education to our community by advocating for safe relationships, giving voice to our keiki and our victims, and taking a stand that sexual assault is not acceptable. At the same time, we need to have an infrastructure available to provide the services when educational activities result in disclosures and requests for services.

In our challenges to meet the needs of the community, our victims and the standard of care, it has been critical for us to have and utilize the oversight, consultation and technical assistance to support our program provided to us by SATC through the state funding..

We urge you to support the operating budget adjustment request submitted by the Department of the Attorney General for Program ID/Org. Code ATC 100 AC, as it will provide vital services to survivors of sexual assault and education on issues of sexual violence to our communities throughout the State.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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Testimony
HB 1700, HD1
Relating to the State Budget
March 18, 2014, 9:00 A.M., Room 211

Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii the only Federally Qualified Health Center and Native Hawaiian Health Care System on Kauai is **Supports the State Budget with Amendments.**

We were encouraged that the administration recognized the need to restore to the adult dental benefits under QUEST and placed it in the executive budget. We urge the committee to restore these needed benefits in the state budget that were eliminated in HB 1700, HD1. Many QUEST patients need basic dental services to maintain their health. This was the first time since 2009 that adult dental benefits would be restored to QUEST patients.

Please Restore Adult Dental Benefits to QUEST patients.

Respectfully Requested,

David Peters
Chief Executive Officer

Written Statement of
ROBBIE MELTON
Executive Director & CEO
 High Technology Development Corporation
 before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 18, 2014
 9:00 a.m.
 State Capitol, Room 211
 In consideration of

HB 1700 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) respectfully submits testimony in **SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for a new innovation hub on Oahu.

The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. The CIP funds are critical to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space, and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible incubator space for startups. It will enable HTDC to expand its programs to include entrepreneurial and workforce training, makery labs and support new emerging tech industries such as film and fashion.

HD1 changed the project description with specific language to be “at the gateway to the University of Hawaii at Manoa”. *HTDC prefers the original description which was not site specific.*

HTDC’s ability to support the entrepreneurial community comes from revenue generated by the tech incubation program. **Our leverage is \$1:\$8. For every state dollar HTDC receives \$8.** HTDC’s programs have made a big impact on the community. Below is the impact from 2012.

Program	Result
research commercialization grants	\$520k state grants awarded to 18 companies \$7,600,000 federal grants to companies
technical assistance for manufacturers	\$15,700,000 new sales, 135 new/retained jobs, \$15,100,000 new investment
tech business incubation programs	71 companies (11 new) served, 10 graduated with 35 employees and \$10,000,000 in revenue
innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries	\$19,000,000 current federal DoD contract
startup mentoring workshops and conferences	24 workshops/events, 2 conferences over 1,700 attendees, 8 partner sponsors

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



Written Statement of

Holly Kessler
Operations Manager
Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association

before the
SENAT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

- research commercialization grants
- technical assistance for manufacturers
- tech business incubation programs
- innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries
- startup mentoring workshops and conferences

The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs.

HTDC has helped our organization through event co-sponsorships, housing our association in the Manoa Innovation Center, and general support for our food manufacturing members.

Our association has grown from 110 members to 126 members.

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

Sincerely,

Holly Kessler, Operations Manager
Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association



TO: Chair David Ige
Vice Chair Michelle Kidani
Members of the Committee

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.

RE: HB 1700

Good morning. This testimony is submitted to request the Committee's consideration in restoring funds that would have been designated to support the delivery of specialized services for those suffering the harm of domestic abuse. In the Executive Budget, allocated to Department of Human Services, there was designated \$200,000 for domestic violence services. It has been deleted in the budget under consideration by Ways and Means Committee.

In 2009, all community programs suffered a 30% loss of funding support to meet the grave and complex needs of island families where domestic abuse is present. It is well understood that the economy was in crisis and many difficult decisions had to be made. It is also obvious to anyone working in the community that there are many competing needs to be considered by policy makers and foundations, leaders and organizations.

That being said, the lack of understanding about the long term, costly impacts of violence in a family/home is startling! Substance abuse, learning difficulties, poor health, crime, teen pregnancy, homelessness and a host of other community problems have their roots in the home. A violent home creates a kind of chaos, terror, distrust and immobilization that we cannot afford, and that our island families should be helped to overcome.

In a single day in February (2014) DVAC – (one domestic violence agency) had 122 telephone contacts with clients on its agency caseload, 59 in-person contacts with clients, completed 91 safety plans, answered 13 Legal Helpline calls, and made 91 referrals to other agencies. Since 2000, DVAC has had telephone contact with 247,704 callers, received 5,787 requests for legal representation, opened 3,917 advocacy cases, made 6,980 court appearances on behalf of clients, completed 44,812 safety plans and spoken to 53,063 students, educators and youth serving organizations about dating violence.

The restoration of monies to rebuild programs has been slow and limited. It is our hope that the legislature will see the wisdom in supporting programs that serve our families, in the greater interest of our community and make the investment that will save lives,



reduce costs in the long run and provide hope for a solid future for Hawaii's communities. Please restore the \$200,000. Thank you.



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Written Statement of

Lynn Fujioka
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of

HB 1700 HDI RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee on isisHawaii respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$22 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

- research commercialization grants
- technical assistance for manufacturers
- tech business incubation programs
- innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries
- startup mentoring workshops and conferences

The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs. HTDC has helped my company through MIC, seminars and workshops, business consultation, sponsorship, Holiday Tech Fair, networking events and key contacts.

HTDC has been a valuable partner by providing a critical networking and collaborative environment in connecting the tech community with our educational outreach initiatives.

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



TO: Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

FR: Philip Bossert, Ph.D.

DT: March 15, 2014

RE: Support for HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

I am writing in **strong support** of the \$23 million CIP appropriation requested in the current budget to provide for a new innovation and incubation facility for the High Technology Development Corporation. This funding is needed to continue the great work that HTDC has done over many years to incubate many excellent start-up companies in Hawaii, such as Digital Island, Blue Lava and Blue Planet.

My own company, OrienTech, benefited from the HTDC virtual tenant program when we were just starting up, and the legal, marketing and financial advice that we obtained helped to establish us on a sound footing from the beginning. As a startup, we would not have been able to afford this kind of high-level advice from experts in each of these fields.

The Manoa Innovation Center will lose its lease in April of 2015. Without a new location HTDC and its valuable programs will no longer be available to technology companies seeking to establish themselves in Hawaii. The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups.

I urge you to support this funding request and invest in Hawaii's technology future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TO: Honorable, David Y. Ige, Chair
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DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 211
Hawai'i State Capitol

FROM: Kamehameha Schools

RE: HOUSE BILL 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HB 1700, HD1 relating to the state budget. Kamehameha Schools offers comments in support of funding for Early Learning programs, the Executive Office on Early Learning, and support for Charter Schools.

Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian children through education. We serve K-12 students through campus programs on O'ahu, Hawai'i and Maui, and three-and-four-year-olds at preschool sites statewide. In 2004, the Early Childhood Education division also began serving keiki from birth to three years old, as part of its Hi'ilani Early Childhood Collaborative program. We also provide scholarships to keiki attending other preschools and provide funding for child-family interaction programs that have filled a great need in rural communities.

Since its inception more than 20 years ago, the Kamehameha Schools Early Childhood Education Division has provided more than 11,000 keiki with their first preschool experience. Early childhood education and parental support is the cornerstone of the Education Strategic Plan adopted in 2005, which seeks to foster long-term intergenerational change in the way Native Hawaiian families approach learning. Research demonstrates that early education is a key factor in lifelong success for all children, and we strongly urge the legislature to promote, enhance and support the efforts of the State of Hawai'i to appropriately address the needs of Hawai'i's pre-kindergarten children.

Kamehameha Schools also supports promoting the achievement and success of Hawai'i's public school students and, as such, has been a collaborator with the Hawai'i public charter schools for over a decade. Through our work with public charter schools, we hope to significantly impact more children and their families through education. We believe charter schools provide positive choices for education and ultimately enhance both achievement and engagement for students across Hawai'i.



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Financial support for the charter school system is crucial in maintaining the services these schools provide. We ask that you help to provide our state's most innovative educators with the strong support and stable foundation they need continue their positive growth. We believe efforts to improve the public charter school system improve access to education and, ultimately, enhance education for all of Hawai'i's children.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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Members, Senate Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW
Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: **Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 211**

Testimony for HB1700 HD1, Relating to the State Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the State budget bill, HB1700 HD1. PHOCUSED is a statewide coalition of health and human services organizations committed to strengthening policies and programs that benefit the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii. Our testimony relates specifically to Program ID: **HMS224** – We support the inclusion of **\$1.5 million in the Department of Human Services (DHS) base budget for the Housing First program**, as well as appropriations for **a permanent Program Specialist IV (SR-22) position within the DHS Homeless Programs Office** to assist in procuring, contracting, and monitoring of services for homeless programs.

Housing First is an evidence-based model of service delivery, which encourages increased collaboration among service providers and has been proven effective in addressing homelessness in numerous communities across the country. Over the past two years, the Legislature has appropriated funds to support Housing First, but this has been done on a year-to-year basis only – funding Housing First in this way has made it difficult to implement the model effectively with fidelity to “best practice,” and does not provide stability to the individuals being housed, who are often the most vulnerable in our community. When implemented with fidelity, Housing First has proven to not only be effective in housing the most vulnerable and chronic homeless, but has also proven to be cost effective. For example, the City of Seattle found that housing 95 homeless persons with alcoholism **saved the city \$4 million in the first year of operation.**

While PHOCUSED supports Housing First, we also recognize the importance of supporting a wide continuum of programs for homeless individuals and families in Hawaii. In addition to our request that Housing First funding be included in the DHS base budget, we respectfully request support for a new permanent Program Specialist position for the DHS Homeless Programs Office (HPO). We believe that providing additional permanent staffing support will enable HPO to provide better oversight for the 100+ contracts it currently oversees, and also provide much needed capacity to further expand services to reduce homelessness throughout our state.

PHOCUSED strongly believes that Housing First is a critical piece of Hawaii's continuum of services to support our state's diverse homeless population, and we acknowledge the critical role that the Homeless Programs Office plays in the implementation of this and other homeless programs in our continuum of care. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at admin@phocused-hawaii.org. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 211

House Bill 1700, HD1- Relating to the State Budget

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the committee. Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) **supports** HB 1700, HD1, which provides funding for Early Learning programs.

Research has shown that investment in high quality early childhood programs is a wise move. High quality people are essential to create a high quality program, and funding for scholarships and professional development opportunities is essential to building quality.

HAEYC acknowledges the vision and courage it takes for legislators to enact laws that will come to full fruition after they leave office. Investing in early childhood development and education will be a lasting legacy.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Katherine E. Murphy
Executive Director
HAEYC



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**EXECUTIVE
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Lori Rogers

March 17, 2014

Dear Senate Ways and Means Committee Members,

I am writing to ask that you support HB17001 and keep 2.8 million in the budget to help support funding of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program or commonly referred to as the "Residency Program." As the Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation I have personally spent years working with our community members to help find a way to bring more doctors to our rural areas of Hawaii Island and the training program in Hilo Hawaii is a good place to start as any. In the state of Hawaii there are many rural areas that need physicians but the rural areas such as in Kauai, Maui, Hilo, etc... Especially need doctors. That has been the community cry since 2007 when the Foundation and other supports in our community formed an advocacy group and went out and gathered more than 8,000 signatures through many community venues to send to the capital then to try and get our legislators to release funds for this important and innovative program for Hawaii to train doctors to help solve the shortage back then. Of course now in 2014 it is past the critical point but you can make a difference by supporting 2.8 million in the yearly budget to train doctors in a program that has evolved to a "team approach." In which doctors are training doctors in their last three years to become a primary care physician with the help of nurses, pharmacy consultation, and mental health consultation. All is in place we just needing the State to give the green light on funding 2.8 million a year in the state budget. Our rural communities cannot wait any longer for some solution to the physician shortage. This program is a start to many other good ideas and programs that can follow but we have to start somewhere and give this program a fighting chance through some substantial funding. As I said the Foundation has been working to raise funds for this program in many ways from the community and will continue to do so but we need your help. Thank you for all you have done so for it is greatly appreciated as well as all your time and work you do as our elected representatives.

Respectfully,
Lori Rogers, Executive Director
Hilo Medical Center Foundation

Testimony Regarding HB1700 HD1

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani members of the committee, I enthusiastically submit my support for Creative Industries/DBEDT (BED105) CL request of \$200,000 from HB1700 HD1.

Greetings ladies and gentlemen of the committee, my name is Walter Dods and I am a struggling local filmmaker. As someone who does this work everyday, I can attest that this is indeed a very difficult business. That is why I was so thrilled to be accepted into the Creative Lab Writer's Accelerator program last year. When we were going through the process of applying, I thought to myself...if we get in, at least we'll get the chance to have our locally written material (in my case, a tv pilot written by local novelist Chris McKinney and myself) examined by industry professionals, and who knows, maybe meet some cool folks and make a few new friends. What we experienced once we were accepted into this program, far exceeded wildest imagination.

We were paired with a group-mentor, named Michael Palmieri, who is just an amazing person! Completely knowledgeable about the entertainment business, and also one of the kindest, most nurturing people I've ever met. He was the perfect mentor for this program (which I now understand that he designed with the help of Georja Skinner from Creative Industries and Robert Lambeth from HIFF). Beyond understanding how to navigate the business (which I will return to momentarily) he is extreme knowledgeable about the writing process, from story structure, to theme, to character development, and even into marketability of story-type. Sitting with Michael for 5 days, was like taking a writing-intensive, master-class. Having studied screenwriting for 2 years at the London Film School, I feel like I learned more about the craft in 5 days with Michael, which is significant. In 5 days, Michael helped us not only to improve our existing script, but to improve upon our knowledge of the craft of screenwriting. He gave us tools we can use in our writing careers moving forward, which was most helpful.

As part of the Writer's Accelerator program, we were also paired with writing coaches for smaller tutorial sessions. These coaches were all flown in from LA and are working members of the Writer's Guild of America. This was a pretty big deal for Creative Labs to bring in WGA coaches... These folks, like Michael, were able to not only help us improve our scripts, but also offer pithy advice on how to navigate the tricky waters of the LA entertainment industry (advice, I might add, that it is *extremely* difficult to find out here in Hawaii). Learning from WGA writers is kind of like learning your golf swing from someone on the PGA tour... someone you might have even heard of and watched on tv before.

The guest speakers that the Creative Labs brought in, were also top notch! We get to meet and speak to Bobby Moresco, and academy award winning writer/producer

(Crash; Million Dollar Baby) as well as meeting Peter Lenkov, the Executive Producer and show runner for Hawaii Five-O.

Michael Palmieri also believes, as I do, that it is important to create a system of support for the fledgling screenwriting community here in Hawaii. As such, he as generously given his time, to do a monthly conference call with all of the participants from the writing program, to discuss their ongoing progress in their scripts and as writers. The group also has a facebook page, on which members post helpful articles for each other, and help read each other's new scripts and/or drafts to help everyone in the group produce the best stories possible.

If this wasn't enough, as one of three finalists, selected from the initial 12 projects accepted into the writing program, Creative Lab and HIFF flew us out to Los Angeles for a one week blitz of the town. Through the extensive connections of Michael Palmieri, and Georja Skinner, we were able to meet with numerous agents and producers who helped provide us with an overview of the industry and also graciously agreed to read our projects and provide us with 'notes'.

We also spent 2 days in the Hawaii Five-O writers room, which was very cool. We got to watch a team of professional writers "break" a story (i.e. we got to watch them come up with the idea for a new episode, and then kick it around the room, changing and reshaping the idea until it was right for the show). It was incredibly helpful to see the creative process of professional tv writers.

Through the contacts we have made in the program itself, and from our trip to Los Angeles, our tv pilot is now in the hands of an agent who is taking it to networks and production companies in the hopes of getting the project 'green-lit'. My understanding is that Holly Sereni has optioned one of her screenplays as a result of this LA trip. So while we are still a long way from our first "success story" for this program, to have two projects that are already gaining traction and having people in Hollywood working on our behalf to try to get them off the ground, says a lot about this program and its potential to help build an entirely new industry...*local* film/television. Both stories are set in Hawaii, are authentic pieces, written by people who grew up here, and would provide dozens (our tv show would probably provide hundreds) of well-paying local jobs. Given the potential of a program like this to not only build our own local film industry but also establish creative bridges for Hawaii-based stories with the LA community, one can see that \$200,000 is a small price to pay to help create a sustainable, local industry that will eventually provide hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of well-paying jobs.

Having experienced the dramatic ups and downs of the tourist slump of 2009-2011, the idea of diversifying Hawaii's economy should appeal to us all. One industry that's proven its longevity is the creative/film industry. Whether it be hit television series or major motion pictures, Hawaii has been the backdrop of many memorable pieces of entertainment.

With the economy finally starting to take off again, now is the ideal time to start investing in departments like Creative Industries/DBEDT which will help to create a sustainable, local industry that can provide much needed jobs and broaden our tax base.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Walter Dods



Ho'okāko'o Corporation

Hawai'i State Senate – Ways And Means Committee

**Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
And Committee Members**

Testimony In Supprt of HB1700 HD1 Related To The State Budget - Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 Hearing: 9 a.m., Tues., March 18, 2014

Chair David Ige, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani and WAM Committee Members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on HB 1700 HD1. The Ho`okāko`o Governing Board is committed to excellence in public education through our work with conversion charter schools, which educate nearly 20% of Hawaii's charter school student population in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12.

We support the State House of Representatives' recommended CIP funding of \$9.89M for Waimea Middle School's long-planned 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building. This funding would be combined with \$5M in CIP approved by your committee and the full Senate and House in 2013 to construct this building and also fund ground and site improvements and equipment and appurtenances to ensure that this will be a state-of-the-art 21st century educational facility. We especially support including in the CIP authorization a photo voltaic system that is environmentally responsible – reducing dependency of fossil fuel and also reducing energy costs on an island that has the most expensive electricity in the country.

As the Governing Board for Waimea Middle School, we thank the State Department of Education Facilities Branch staff for collaboratively supporting this project. The DOE's Hamakua-South and North Kohala-North Kona complex area has not enjoyed significant new CIP educational infrastructure in nearly 20 years. It is appropriate and appreciated that the Facilities staff recognize the need for improved Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) education facilities to support academic achievement and school engagement to ensure college and career preparedness for the 21st century.

We would also like to assure WAM members that the faculty and staff at Waimea Middle School are seriously committed to excellence and raising the academic bar for their students. This is not without serious challenges as the students who come into this community school's 6th, 7th and/or 8th grade are 67% Title 1 (a poverty indicator), have low reading and math proficiency, come from single family and/or foster homes or a growing number of Pacific Island families. The school also has high-need Special Education and English Language Learners (ELL).

To push forward on continuous school improvement WMS faculty and staff applied for and are currently a "Candidate for Accreditation." They expect their Accreditation Visiting Committee to be at the school later this month and hope to be awarded with WASC Accreditation soon thereafter. As you know, this really means more work – implementing comprehensive Action Plans which involves the entire faculty-staff.

Some additional key points about Waimea Middle School that we believe reflect the faculty's and staff's commitment to continuous improvement:

❖ Areas of Excellence:

- **Mission is focused on ALL students succeeding.** Data-driven in-school and after-school supports including free before- and after-school tutoring and summer school. Also counseling and Athletics, K(Arts), Robotics and Student Leadership.
 - **Academic Accountability & Family Engagement:** Online Jupiter Grades for students and families to track assignments and grades and facilitate teacher-family communications.
 - **1st Semester '13-'14SY: Average student growth exceeded standard expectations by 200% in Reading, 300% in Math!**
 - **Safe, Nurturing School Environment** with Imbedded Core Values: *"I KAIR" - 'Ike, Kaizen, Accountability, Integrity, Respect.*
 - **Integrated Hands-On, Place-Based Lessons blending Common Core Curriculum** with **'Ike Hawai'i and Mala'ai School Garden** cultural and environmental stewardship and health-wellness.
 - **Extensive Community Partnerships and Community Service.**
- ❖ **STRIVE HI Classification: Continuous Improvement**
 - ❖ **Rigorous Annual Teacher & Administrator Evaluations.**
 - ❖ **Schoolwide Family Engagement:** Includes Online Grading w/ family access (51% of families averaged 1.3 logins per student per week).
 - ❖ **College & Career Preparation & Dropout Prevention:** New "Connecting For Success" 3-year **Hawai'i Community Foundation** grant that targets at-risk students.
 - ❖ **Financial Accountability:** Annual Audits & Performance Contract. Also, all stakeholders involved in academic and budget planning/review.

In closing we thank the Ways And Means Committee for visiting the school during the past summer to become more familiar with the campus and the needs of this school-community.

We are available to answer questions and appreciate your support for this urgently needed building to significantly enhance STEM education in a relatively remote area of Hawai'i Island.

Mahalo,



Megan McCorriston, Executive Director
Ho`okāko`o Governing Board



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 1700 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** HB 1700 HD1.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber strongly supports the appropriation to the Military Affairs Council ("MAC") in the manner in which the legislature sees fit. The appropriation is necessary to preserve military presence in Hawaii. The MAC generates the second largest revenue through maintenance of the state's defense industry. In order to maintain the MAC's prominent support of the defense industry in Hawaii, we ask that the committee approve of this appropriation. We are requesting up to \$564,450, which would greatly help efforts in keeping the military assets that we presently have in Hawaii.

The Chamber also supports the appropriation in this bill of \$6 million to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation ("HSDC"). The continued support of HSDC is integral to the continued growth and success of Hawaii's economy. The Hawaii Growth Initiative stimulated job growth and dramatically boosted local business development by providing building blocks for small businesses to grow and operate on a more self-sufficient level.

Furthermore, the Chamber supports the \$22 million appropriation to the High Technology Development Corporation ("HTDC"). The HTDC has provided overwhelming support to Hawaii's entrepreneurs by offering research grants, assistance to manufacturers, programs to enhance business technology, as well as startup workshops and events to many industries. Continued funding of the HTDC is necessary to sustain the many programs supported at the Manoa Innovation Center. With the lease set to expire in 2015, the CIP funds would provide a new innovation hub to expand startup organizations and support Hawaii's diverse economic future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Tuesday– March 18, 2014 – 9:00 am
Conference Room 211
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
From: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russi

Re: Testimony HB1700, HD1 — Relating to the State Budget

My wife, Christine and I are very concerned with the use, and misuse, of tax dollars. There is a much needed medical facility in Kona, Alii Health Center, which needs tax dollars to keep their doors open. But along with the proper use of tax dollars, is the misuse of tax dollars.

A state employee working for HHSC, hired a family member to work at HHSC, to badger us, to the point of the employee being removed from his position. He held his position at HHSC, for only eight months, at which time, he was removed because of complaints filed against him that could not be investigated without holding him accountable. He was paid \$78,567.52, including vacation pay, when he was removed. This is a serious violation of the public's trust and a misuse of tax dollars within the hospital system. If a sustainable hospital system is going to work, this type of personal agenda needs to be stopped. If any legislator checks the work product of this HHSC employee, in the Risk Management Position from Jan 2013 to Sept 2013, it will definitely shed some light on this situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of the \$6 million appropriation to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative. This funding is needed to continue the HI Growth Initiative, which has helped to catalyze an ecosystem that provides the building blocks for high-growth business to grow and scale in Hawaii. This is important for the future of our economy to help stimulate high wage job growth to reverse the brain drain and bring our kamaaina back home to work in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Ann Boots

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Regards,
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Aloha!
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Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Heaukulani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HTDC needs a new innovation center that can act as a hub for our growing tech community. I support the \$23 million CIP request for HTDC.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Spencer Toyama	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support HB1700 HD1, specifically BED143 in funding the High Tech Development Corporation. We live in a time of accelerating change, where investment in a technology infrastructure could prove vital to the economical well-being of Hawaii. Scalable technologies allow Hawaii to make exportable products that create new jobs, and circulate new money into our economy, while creating a market incentive for STEM skills in our education system.

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Written Statement of:

Refugio Gonzalez, Instructor University of Hawaii Maui College, Applied Business Information Technology

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, Tuesday March 18, 2014, 9:00AM

RE: HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 14, 2014

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Refugio Gonzalez respectfully submits testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$22 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

As a business instructor in the Applied Business, Information Technology (ABIT) Program at UH Maui College, I see first-hand the importance of the HTDC to the developing startup community of Maui County.

I am involved as a mentor for both my students as well as entrepreneurial startups from Honolulu and Maui. Skill sets are developing implementing the newest lean startup methodologies. Valuable time and investment is conserved through needs identification, ideation, product/service market fit using crowd sourced feedback and funding.

Our island state is ready for the support and infrastructure to develop sustainable businesses born here to stay here.

HTDC must grow to offer tech incubation programs and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

HTDC has been a valuable partner for UH Maui College through numerous programs, grants, workshops, conferences, networking, and introductions to key contacts supporting the entrepreneurial community. Maui College has benefited with the following outcomes: Advisory Board leadership, supporting course learning with workshops, sponsorship, and class presentations of design thinking and innovation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Please support the HI Growth Initiative!

Thank you,

Refugio Gonzalez

Instructor, ABIT Maui College

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Submitted on: 3/14/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Comments: Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and committee members, Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the \$22M CIP request that will allow HTDC to develop a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds —amid office space for startups. Hawaii's future is tied to innovation and a connected global economy and it in the best interests of the state to support construction of a new innovation center. The Manoa Innovation Center has had a tremendous impact on our economy with dozens of small companies having taken their first steps there. We need to provide similar opportunities to our up and coming entrepreneurs. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on this important issue. Aloha, Kevin Kelly Waialua, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barrie Rose	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Not only is STEM education a priority for all of us, but there's another important point to consider: prior to 2013, Waimea has not received significant CIP funding for any public school facilities for more than 20 years. As part of the South Kohala and North Kona Districts of Hawai'i Island, our community helps pay more than 60% of the General Excise Taxes and Transient Accommodations Taxes for the entire island. We humbly ask the Legislature for support, not just because all of our children need and deserve this, but because it really is this community's turn to receive its share of the taxes we have paid in

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Aloha Senators,

Please pass House Bill 1700.

What is more important to our Hawaii than water?

Mahalo,

Laura L. Thompson
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathryn Rawle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support funding for Waimea (Big Island) Middle School. With our growing population, we need to invest in this school--both for the current keiki but also for their children. This is a very good school, doing miraculous things with so little funding. But it needs this project to move forward. Please please please fund it! Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Forest Frizzell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means. I respectfully submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation. The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through: • research commercialization grants • technical assistance for manufacturers • tech business incubation programs • innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries • startup mentoring workshops and conferences I've personally worked with HTDC on a number of occasions and they play a vital role in the technology and entrepreneurial community. Mahalo, -Forest A. Frizzell

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Pat Allbee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janie Chandler-Edmondson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Waimea Middle School's 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building CIP. My children, and my community's children need Science, math and technology education that ready's them for high school and college.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melvin Macy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Education is about career preparedness. 6th- 8th grade students are ready and eager to learn. With the addition of a Science-Technology building at the Waimea Middle School we can turn that eagerness into substantial careers. Adequate facilities are one of the best things a community can do to contribute to a productive sustainable society.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carolyn wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help us build these important facilities for our children!

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From: [Susan Steinemann](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support injury prevention
Date: Friday, March 14, 2014 9:13:39 AM

Dear Senator Ige,

I am a trauma surgeon practicing in Hawaii for 17 years. I have seen firsthand the devastating effects of injury: psychosocial, workforce, and economic. Trauma is a DISEASE with predictable demographics (our most vulnerable populations) and can be reduced by robust injury prevention programs. Hawaii has a superb program but it needs substantial manpower and your continued support. It is essential that you support funding the injury prevention positions with Trauma Special Funds in the 2015 Governor's Supplemental Budget.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Steinemann
3011 Diamond Head Rd
Honolulu, HI 96815-4716

Testimony of *Karin Schlappa*

Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

I support H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvement and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' original budget request for watershed protection and management.

I particularly support funding the DLNR's budget request because as someone who has worked in conservation in Hawaii for the last 25 years, I understand how important it is that the State protects our natural resources.

Protecting and restoring native forests means:

- Protection of native plant and animal species which are unique to Hawaii
- Protecting our only source of fresh water
- Prevention of runoff and siltation which in turn means:
- Protection of our streams and near-shore resources

For Hawaii residents as well as tourists, the only source of fresh water is our aquifers that are replenished by the water collected in healthy watersheds. For all of us, to be able to enjoy Hawaii's precious natural resources be it in the forest or snorkeling in the water, we need to fund DLNR so it can carry out its mission.

Sincerely,
Karin Schlappa

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Testimony Submitted to the Ways and Means Committee
In Support of HB1700 HD1
March 18, 2014, 9:00 AM
Capitol Room 211

Committee Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee, my name is Michael Hamnett. I am Executive Director of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii and an affiliate faculty member at the University of Hawaii. But, I am testifying as an individual.

I have been involved with science and technology development in Hawaii since the early 1980s. I was involved in the establishment of the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research under Governor Ariyoshi. I conducted an assessment of State organizations that support high technology research and development in Hawaii for the Office of State Planning under Governor Waihee. I was a founding Board member of the Science and Technology Council and led a study of the growth of science and technology industries in Hawaii published in 2008 by the Hawaii Science and Technology Institute.

I have worked with the High Technology Development Corporation for many years and have been a tenant in the Manoa Innovation Center since 2004. HTDC has provided tremendous support to science and technology businesses and must be given credit for contributing to the growth in science and technology industries between 2002 and 2007. While that growth stalled in 2009 and the industries have contracted since that time, HTDC's assistance to science and technology businesses has helped many survive.

I believe that a \$23 million investment in a new incubator for HTDC would be a good investment for the state and I strongly support the CIP in HB1700HD1.

Written Statement of

Ka-Chun K. Chak

before the

SENAT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014

9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ka-Chun K. Chak respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

- research commercialization grants
- technical assistance for manufacturers
- tech business incubation programs
- innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries
- startup mentoring workshops and conferences

The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs.

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

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Testimony of Ililani Sawyer
Supporting H.B.1700 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

I, Ililani Sawyer, support H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$7.5m in capital improvement and \$3.5m in general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget for watershed protection and management.

The East Watershed Partnership (EMoWP) has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Moloka'i since 2000. As a member of the East Moloka'i, Mana'e, community I know the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture fresh water - our most precious resource.

I happen to have had the adventurous experience during my youth and spent 6 years growing up in Pelekunu Valley with my family of 8, through the years of 1978 – 1984. I can relate to first hand experience in depending on using, needing and protecting our natural resources. It was then and still is now the most important portion of all our lives, that needs to be cared for, monitored and maintained for our survival. There is no one else that will care for and can care for our resources as ourselves. I am now 45ish and have lived here on Moloka'i most of my life but have also spent many years away, and seen our island dry up. I have pictures from 1979 to the present date that show drastic changes in our now treeless mountain sides, to dried up rivers, to sliding/eroding landscapes, on both north and south shores. Hooved animals continue to cause irreversible damage everywhere. For 12 years to the present I have worked in the schools with our youth and attended field trips year after year, focusing on protecting our natural resources. Passing this on to our youth and helping them to understand it, is as important as protecting our resources for our future. These are my reasons for being a strong participant of the MMWG. There is so much work to be done to protect healthy forested watersheds in East Moloka'i , which the EMoWP's East Slope Watershed Project aims to accomplish.

The source of fresh water is not the faucet, pipe, or even the well or stream it's drawn from. The real source is a system of healthy forested watersheds, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives, not forests overrun by invasive plants and animals that help to cause erosion and destroy the mountain top canopy.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Ililani Sawyer

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HB1700

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Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Page Macy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support bill HB1700 for a STEM building at Waimea Middle School. We are in dire need of this.

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HB1700

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Robertson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Supporting Waimea Middle School's 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building CIP Funding. Waimea needs this for STEM education.

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HB1700

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gladys Peraro	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Ige and members of the Ways and Means Committee, I support the line item which provides \$1,500,000 for Housing First which would direct efforts to placing our most vulnerable and chronically homeless into housing before requiring them to “qualify” for the current housing models we have today. I am requesting your favorable consideration of this bill and line item. Respectfully, Gladys Peraro

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Honorary Rep. David Y. Ige, Chair
Honorary Rep. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
TIME: 09:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

HB 1700 HD 1 - Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony relating to the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center. The Primary Care Training Program is an effective means of increasing the number of primary care physicians and clinicians practicing in Hawaii. Studies have shown that in 5 years, 1-in-3 physicians currently practicing on Hawaii island will not be doing so. It is well known that due to the shortage of providers on the island, many Primary Care physicians are not taking new patients, and when a new Physician establishes a practice on the island, that practice is soon filled to capacity within 2-3 weeks.

The Family Practice Residents will train primary healthcare teams and advance the model of Patient Centered Medical Homes, with a focus on pro-active care. With this new model of care, we anticipate being able to service 10,000 patients compared to 2,500 with the traditional model of a single Provider and his office staff. This paradigm of care includes advanced practice nurses, pharmacist clinicians, and psychologists, as well as family physicians. Being able to provide preventative care will also help lower costs to families. The focus is on training for practices in smaller communities – where skills are different.

We anticipate that in the 2nd and 3rd year of the Residency program, Residents will be able to work in other neighbor island (Hawaii, Maui, Kauai) facilities, in close consultation with their Resident Professors. The appropriation being requested is an investment in a model of healthcare that will best serve our rural and neighbor island communities.

It is imperative that the funding amount as stated \$2.8 million in the budget is kept as is.

I fully support Program ID HTH212 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program as stated in H.B. 1700 H.D.1.

Again, I thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted by:

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From: [patricia rice](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: [Sen. Malama Solomon](#); [Rep. Cindy Evans](#)
Subject: Waimea Middle School's 9 Classroom Science-Technology Building
Date: Friday, March 14, 2014 3:58:18 PM

TO: Senator David Ige, Chair and Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee
State Capitol - Room 211
RE: Hearing on HB 1700, HDI - Related to the State Budget

Aloha,

As a former principal and current consultant to Waimea Middle School, I humbly ask you to support Waimea Middle's 9 Classroom Science-Technology Building CIP Funding of 9.89M as included in HB 1700 HDI.

When compared to other middle schools throughout the state, Waimea Middle School is severely lacking in facilities for science and technology. Our sixth and seventh grade science classes have no laboratory facilities and operate in regular classrooms. Our eighth grade science classroom was retrofitted approximately 10 years ago but it too lacks adequate access to equipment necessary for a complete science curriculum. The same is true for our computer labs. They were originally regular classrooms and have been retrofitted with electrical outlets to support our equipment, but little else has been done.

As our mission states, we seek to "empower all students with the skills, values and cultural understanding to successfully navigate high school and beyond." Your support of the new facility will greatly enhance our ability to help all students succeed.

Mahalo,

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TO: Sen. David Ige, Chair and Sen. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
And Members of the Senate Ways And Means Committee
State Capitol – Room 211, Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HEARING ON HB 1700, HD1 – Related To The State Budget
Tuesday, March 18, 2014

My interest in this issue is that my ancestors, both Hawaiian and haole, attended Waimea's Thelma Parker School from 1851 and continued through the generations to about 1916. I have a deep interest in ensuring quality education at that school.

I am writing this testimony in strong support of Waimea (Kamuela) Middle School's 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building CIP Funding of \$9.89M as included in HB 1700 HD1. Our school has eluded meaningful CIP funding for close to a dozen years - the Outer Island penalty.

Before I wrote this testimony, I did some checking around to see how Hawai'i is doing in the nation. As a taxpayer and voter, I was horrified.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress tests in 2011-2012 showed that Hawai'i starts out below the national average in reading (which is basic to every subject), scoring 257 (US average was 264) of which 68% were Basic or above, but only 26% were considered Proficient. These scores all include the private schools.

In math the national score for "Proficient" is 299 – Hawai'i's average was 278!

In science we scored 142 and the average was 152!

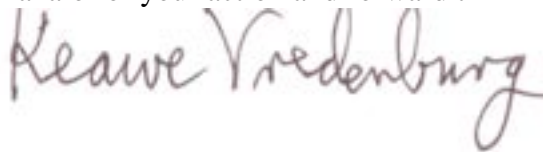
Overall in science, Hawai'i had 45% of its 8th graders scoring below Basic skills, 33% were at Basic, and only 21% were Proficient.

On the bright side, there is this quote "If you look at D.C., Tennessee, Hawaii – they've done some really tough work, and it's showing some pretty remarkable dividends," said (US Secretary of Education, Arne) Duncan, noting that some people "scoffed" when Hawaii was selected as a winner. "Hawaii to their tremendous credit have proved a lot of skeptics wrong," she said.

Again, as a taxpayer and voter, I am hurt and angry that the mainland "scoffs" when Hawai'i does well, to many of them we're just hula skirts and surfing, not a real State. We have to break out of this underdog thinking and this Bill is a great step in the right direction.

Please support the funding for this educational breakthrough in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. All four of those disciplines are integrated even in middle school.

Mahalo for your action and forward thinking,



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TESTIMONY OF
RODERICK J. MACDONALD
SUBMITTED TO
THE HAWAII STATE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Regarding
HB1700

“comprehensive service center for deaf, hard-of-hearing and deaf-blind persons”

Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol
9:00 am

Mr. Chairman, Members,

On Friday, March 14, 2014, I wrote a letter to each member of the Senate urging support for restoring full funding for the Comprehensive Service Center, which the House Finance Committee cut by 62.5% in HB1700. I will not repeat myself here; I will just focus on the most important message of all:

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support in establishing the CSC last year.

Thank you for your patience in working with a community with communication challenges.

Thank you for the program you have established.

And ... thank you for your continued support.

Mahalo nui loa.

Rod Macdonald

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 1. support for full funding of construction and equipment for the UHH, College of Pharmacy, New Instructional Facility, and 2. support for the Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program....Program ID HTH212 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Mahalo nui loa.

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Sherman Warner
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March 16, 2014

The Honorable David Ige, Chair
and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Testimony in Favor of House Bill 1700, relating to the state budget and funding for a 9-classroom STEM classroom building at Waimea Middle School

Hearing: Tuesday, March 18 at 9:00 .m. in Conference Room 211

Aloha Chair Ige and Committee Members,

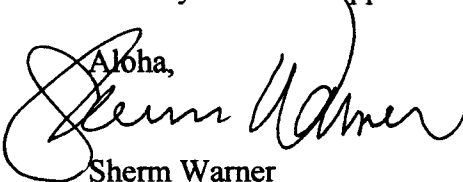
I am a resident of Waimea, and I have followed closely the efforts of dedicated staff, parents, and community volunteers as they have worked to improve the quality of education for our keiki at Waimea Middle School.

We are a small, rural community with blessed with an abundance of schools, but there are probably few communities in our State or even our country where the difference between the facilities for teaching the critical subjects of Science-Technology-Engineering-Math are so extreme. At one end of that range is a private school with a science classroom building that is nationally recognized for its excellence, and at the other end are our public schools that, prior to 2013, have not received significant CIP funding for more than 20 years.

At a time when science and technology are changing our world at a pace that we can hardly grasp, it is critically important that we provide our public school students with the tools they'll need to understand, participate and succeed in the technological society of the future. Waimea Middle School has a very high percentage of low-income students. At a time when our country's income disparity is widening and social mobility is lessening, it is especially important to give our Waimea Middle School students the tools they will need to succeed.

As you wrestle with a budget in these challenging times, I urge you to think of the challenges our keiki face and ensure the \$9.89M in funding for completion of the STEM classroom building at Waimea Middle School.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Sherm Warner

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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/16/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine Warner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The STEM building is an urgent need for our struggling, emerging rural students. With no public high school in Waimea(Kamuela) it is imperative that we offer the best possible education to our middle schoolers. Your support for this project is deeply appreciated by this community.

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Written Statement of

Robert C. Hicks
Former President
ORINCON Hawaii Inc.

before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday March 18, 2014
9:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

I personally respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$22 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through:

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The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs.

I am submitting this as an individual as I have been retired for five years now but while I worked for ORINCON Hawaii Inc. I worked closely with the folks at HTDC in many areas. The programs they sponsored enabled many local technology companies to get a start through their incubation programs, their SBIR Grant Matching programs, and their Technology related Jobs Programs. We received assistance in many areas to include help finding a location for our Maui office, recommendations for teaming partners, and locating talented potential employees.

I believe that HTDC has and will continue to make an impact in the development of Technology Jobs in Hawaii and would strongly recommend that you support this bill to ensure they have the resources they need to continue their programs.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Hicks

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March 16, 2014

TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair and Members, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Fred C. Holschuh, M.D.

SUBJECT: HB 1700, HD1 Relating to the Governor's Budget

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9 a.m., Conference Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in strong support of HB1700 HD1 relating to Program ID HTH 212, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for the Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program. I am a retired 29 year Hilo Hospital emergency physician starting in 1972 and two term Hawaii County Council member. I realized very early on that Hilo Hospital would serve as a fantastic training program for students and residents. I was one of two Hawaii Island members of the task force and transition team that created HHSC over 3 years. I continued to advocate for medical school training programs in Hilo throughout my career and as Chief of Staff in Hilo and an officer in the Hawaii Medical Association.

When I was a medical student at Columbia University in New York City, I had a number of rotations through community hospitals that were affiliated with Columbia, had teaching staff and trained medical students and residents under the Columbia system. It was great for those in training, added to the level of care to patients in those communities and frequently allowed physicians to locate in some of these areas to practice where they had been trained. I have no doubt that the same benefits would occur on Hawaii Island. I have always felt strongly this would be a great step in helping solve our physician shortage problem. I respectfully ask for your support for this bill. Thank you.

Aloha,

Fred C. Holschuh, M.D.

From: [Glenn Mikasa](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#); [Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland](#); [Rep. Sylvia Luke](#)
Subject: HB 1700; H.D. 1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802; Vocational Rehabilitation.
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 12:05:43 PM

Hello,

My name is Glenn Mikasa, and I am a Title Officer for a Title Company in Honolulu. I am a resident of Pauoa Valley, at 2565 Pauoa Road, in Honolulu.

The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request for the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf from \$400,000.00 to \$150,000. This program is very important to me and I ask that the Senate please restore the allocation of monies to \$400,000.00 in the Budget.

The reason that I support a Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf (CSC) is because I am a personal witness to success after the State invested in my Brother's education and vocational rehabilitation. My brother, Karl (as well as both of my parents), are deaf. Karl works as a manager in the field of Information Technology, and is a successful contributing member of society. He is a success-story as a result of the State's interest and educational investment into Hawai'i's deaf community through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation program. It was a very small program, but they did their best to help Karl succeed with what little resources they had.

Karl is a demonstration of what happens when the State takes an interest in a fellow Kama'aina's educational and professional success in our State. I feel very lucky, because without the CSC, my parents went through a very difficult trial-and-error period in making sure that Karl had the tools he needed to succeed, and no parent, either deaf, or hearing, should have to go through what they went through, with very limited support. The CSC can provide these resources and support, not only to deaf students, but also their parents, which they are lacking now.

As I understand it, the CSC program began as a Pilot Program in FY 2013-2014, but had not begun its services until October of 2013 due to lack of a Program Director, and its performance should not be used as justification for the State's decision to cut the program's funding.

I am the only person in my family that is hearing, and to hear that the infrastructure and investment in the deaf community is not being done, affects me personally. Please support the CSC Program.

Thank you,
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Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 1:14:18 PM

TO: Hawai'i State Senate Ways And Means Committee

RE: HB 1700 HD1 Hearing - 9 a.m., Tues., March 18, 2014

I am resending this on behalf of Mr. Pete Hendricks whose earlier attempt to email testimony bounced back. Mahalo!

***Patti Cook (937-2833)
Waimea Middle School***

-----Original Message-----

From: pete hendricks <oldsaltp@yahoo.com>
To: cookshi <cookshi@aol.com>
Sent: Sat, Mar 15, 2014 2:29 pm
Subject: Re: Waimea Middle School CIP

Hi Patti, thanks for resending, since I got the addressee WAMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov bounced back undelivered. Street address 64-5324 Noekolo St. Mahalo...pete

On Saturday, March 15, 2014 1:45 PM, "cookshi@aol.com" <cookshi@aol.com> wrote:

Mahalo - may I email for you to Sen. Ways And Means Committee Pete!?? Really appreciate you taking time for this!

Could you provide your street address if you want me to email it in for you...MAHALO

Patti Cook (937-2833)

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From: pete hendricks <oldsaltp@yahoo.com>
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Cc: Malama Solomon <sensolomon@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Cindy Evans <evans2@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Sent: Sat, Mar 15, 2014 1:22 pm
Subject: Waimea Middle School CIP

I strongly support Waimea Middle School's 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building CIP Funding of \$9.89 as included in HB 1700 HD1. My children and grandchildren have attended WMS and I am a former member of the school Local Advisory Panel. WMS is in the forefront of 21st century learning innovation but is currently without adequate science and technology facilities.

Aloha...pete hendricks

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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/16/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karl Mikasa	Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind Community	Oppose	No

Comments: Hi, Attached are the signed testimonies opposing the House Committee on Finance reducing the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000. Thanks, Karl Mikasa, M.S.

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Dear Senator/Representative -----

In the spring of 2013, the Hawaii State Legislature unanimously approved \$400,000 in funding for the establishment and operation of a Comprehensive Service Center (CSC) for Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf-Blind citizens of Hawaii. This marked the culmination of 38 years of effort on the part of the consumer community, and is an achievement universally cherished by the consumer community. The appropriation was subsequently added to the DHS Executive Budget. It was fervently hoped that this would lead to a permanent, State-operated agency administered through DHS's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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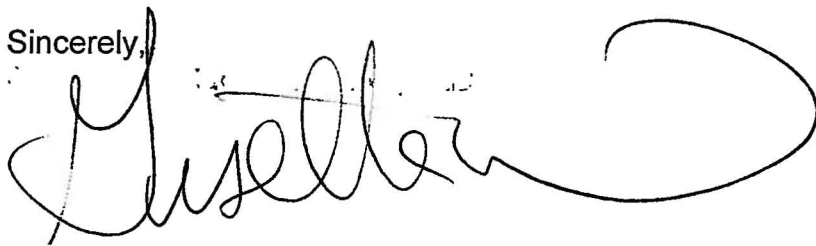
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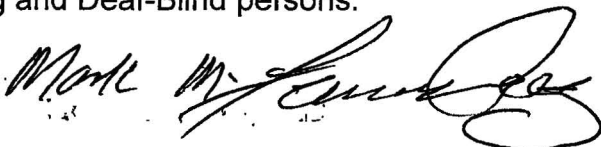
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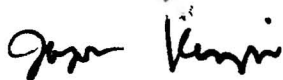
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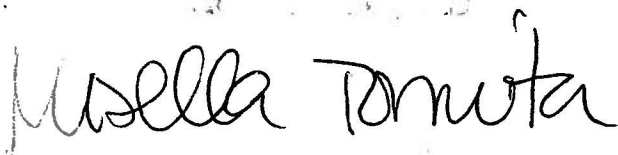
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Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM*
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Submitted on: 3/16/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Pezzuto	Individual	Support	No

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Matthew Lynch	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Islands are the first victims of climate change - and island nations such as Kiribati, Vanuatu, and others in our Pacific region are already beginning to feel its impacts. Continued funding for our Statewide Sustainability Coordinator position is not only a smart economic investment with the potential to increase departmental efficiencies and yield savings, it is also vital to our island communities' resilience and ability to thrive & flourish. Please continue to include funding for the Statewide Sustainability Coordinator, and related positions which work to steward the natural resources our island economies & communities are dependent upon. Sincerely,
Matthew Lynch Director Asia-Pacific Center for Regenerative Design

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To whom it may concern,

I'm one of the six participants that attended the 2013 Creative Lab - Broadband Accelerator program. After being accepted I knew I was going to be receiving help to get my video project off the ground, I had no idea it was going to be so informative and helpful. I couldn't believe how day after day I was able to converse with professionals and get one on one help that made such a big difference in taking my show from what I thought I was supposed to be doing to the real world way of getting my show to the audience. I don't think there is any other way I could have achieved this level of help. I'm very grateful to everyone that has helped make this program available and I highly recommend it for anyone serious about producing a broadband show, it's priceless. I can think of no better way for the state to give me support to not only further my career but to hire local people for my productions to help everyone, this really works.

Sincerely,
James Mylenek Sr.
1118A Kupulau Dr.
Kihei, HI 96753
808.269.1107

From: [Barbara Earth](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: URGENT --SAVE CSC
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 3:18:57 PM

To House Committee on Finance,

Hello, I am writing to urge you to keep the 400K budget for the Deaf Service Center. You just have no idea what it means to me personally and to all the Deaf, HH, Deaf- Blind, and their families who stand to benefit from it.

I became progressively Deaf over many years. I had a career that collapsed when I became too deaf to pass in hearing society. I couldn't function in meetings, hear on the phone, respond to questions, etc. etc. I had to leave my career in 2007 and I have been struggling ever since. I have a non-paid adjunct position at UH and I earn only 12K per year as a Researcher on Hawaii Deaf history.

I want the Center to succeed so that we can accomplish more with our lives. I have been dreaming of working for the Center and had already filed an application. I want to develop courses (including Hawaii Deaf history) that can enlighten and enrich our Deaf communities.

I am urging you not to crush our dreams!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Earth (Ph.D.)

From: [Darlene Ewan](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Comprehensive Service Center Fund
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 4:57:06 PM

Aloha.

My name is Darlene Ewan and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,

Darlene Ewan

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Cc: bentut@gmail.com
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HB1700

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Ben Trevino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Written Statement of Ben Trevino before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE Tuesday March 18, 2014 State Capitol, Conference Room 211 HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means. I respectfully submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation. The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community through: • research commercialization grants • technical assistance for manufacturers • tech business incubation programs • innovation research for the transportation industry and other tech industries • startup mentoring workshops and conferences The CIP funds will be used to build a new innovation hub equipped with collaborative space and competitive connectivity speeds – amid flexible office space for startups. It will elevate HTDC's tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community. The current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015. Without a new location HTDC will not exist. The tech community will suffer without HTDC programs. HTDC has helped my individual interests in growing the professional tech community by supporting a number of community events that I attend and helped to organize, such as civic hackathons and conferences like the Aloha.rb conference in 2012 Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this bill. Ben Trevino

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From: [david breese](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: adult dental funding of 4 million cut by house
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 6:03:26 PM

My name is David Breese. I am a dentist and have been at KKV community health center since 1979. I was the dental director for 27 years and still work full time at the center focusing my work on the elderly. I was very encouraged when medicaid and the governor requested the reestablishment of adult dental services. It has been seventeen long years without consistent funding. The request was for four million dollars with a federal match of 7.7 million dollars.

It is very frustrating to communicate the need for oral health services since there is so much misunderstanding about dentistry in general. Dentistry is divided into elective and medically necessary services. This budget request is for medically necessary services. Dental caries and Periodontal disease(gum and bone disease) are two most prevalent and pervasive diseases of mankind. Left untreated can cause serious general health complications. An access in the oral cavity is no less serious than an infection in the lung or anywhere else in the body. Faye Curran the CEO testified at an informational meeting with the health committee on friday morning that I also testified at. From HDS and Quest insurance filings and Delta Dental insurance guidelines she testified that Hawaii now has the worst children's oral health in the entire united states. That meeting was to talk about strategies to improve this situation. When you realize the status of children and then talk about adults on medicaid who have not had access to primary dental care for 17 years, anyone can easily understand the oral health condition of this population.

I am humbly asking on behalf of these medically at risk adults that you restore the 4 million dollars of state funding with 7.7 million federal match dollars to the budget to restore medically necessary oral health care.

I have worked 35 years in Kalihi, if I were to state my most personal reasons it would be this:

First, The developmentally disabled; the aged,blind and disabled; young single mothers after children are the most fragile and at risk people in our state, they do not have any options or alternatives other than what we can provide. Second, when I look at my career in dentistry with children, without question the best oral health outcomes I have had are with children that come to the dentist as a family. From a young age they come with their parents, they see their mother or father participating with them. That is powerful to a child. Adults on medicaid not having at least preventative coverage has broken that link.

I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to testify

David Breese DDS

Kokua Kalihi Valley Community Health Center

808-791-9428

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: pharmatsci@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM*
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HB1700

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ken morris	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha

My name is Keri Lee and I am hard of hearing. I appose House bill 1700. The House Committee on Finance reduce the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Dear, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind from \$400.000 to \$1500.000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400.000.

This money is badly needed to support the day-to-day operations of CSC and other services that the CSC will provide for the Deaf community. For example: workshops, education, Senior Citizen programs, and youth programs to name just a few.

Sincerely
Keri Lee

From: [Dar](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: H.B. 1700 H.D. 1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Voc Rehab
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 8:52:27 PM

My name is Deven Rhett and I am hard of hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is quite devastating for the community. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The purpose for this is because I support the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Heard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind. This is the most critical center for all of the community to function as a citizen of Hawaii.

Please reconsider and restore the funds at \$400,000. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind community.

Sincerely,
Deven Rhett

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Mahalo, Deven

<http://www.daishar.yoli.com/my-story/>

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March 16, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee: Testimony to the Ways and Means Committee
Bill No. & Title: HB1700 HD1

Date, Time: Tuesday March 18, 2014
9:00AM

Place: State Capitol, Room 211

Chair David Ige, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani and Members of the
Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Tara Coomans I am a small business owner, a founding member of Hawaii Innovation Alliance and immediate Past President of Social Media Club Hawaii.

I strongly support HB1700 HD1, Relating to the State Budget. Specifically, I am in support of the CIP request of \$23 Million which enables HTDC to develop a new innovation hub. As the State of Hawaii continues to continue to diversify its economic base, the technology and startup communities will play ever more important roles in our state's economy. Because HTDC's current lease at Manoa Innovation Center will expire in April 2015, this is an important turning point for our State and HTDC.

In order to attract new businesses and empower local start-up businesses, HTDC's innovation hub will continue to provide an incubation location for these businesses who have the potential to create high paying, clean jobs for the State of Hawaii.

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

Sincerely,
Tara D. Coomans

From: [Mala Arkin](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 1700 testimony
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 9:12:12 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mala Arkin (Sign language/English interpreter), and I am writing in support of keeping full funding that was allocated in HMS 803 for the establishment and operation of the Comprehensive Services Center (CSC) for the Deaf. The CSC will provide the Deaf community with many needed services such as, education, workshops, senior services, youth services, and more.

The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request for the Department of Human Services Comprehensive Services Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000. This reduction will have a significant negative impact on the Deaf community which is in need of a fully operational CSC. Please restore the full \$400,000 for the CSC.

Mahalo,

Mala Arkin

From: [Wiz Glen Rudd](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: H.B. 1700
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 10:10:41 PM

My name is Glen Rudd and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,
Glen Rudd

I don't want to be a **good** man... I want to be a **great** one. Oscar Diggs/Oz in *Oz the Great and Powerful* 2013

From: [Emily Jo](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Comprehensive service center for the deaf budget
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014 11:45:04 PM

Aloha.

My name is Emily Jo Noschese and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Emily Jo Noschese

From: [Kathy](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: H.B. 1700 / H.D.1
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:34:39 AM

My name is Kathy Thomas and I am Deaf. I'm so shocked to hear that the House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are deaf education, senior citizen center and others. Deaf Blind people really need more support as well as Deaf seniors and youths.

Sincerely,
Kathy Thomas

Testimony submitted by Jordan Jokiel
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211

I support H.B. 1700, particularly the proposed \$750,000 requested by the DLNR to enhance the Department's public hunting program. More specifically Item #4, LNR 804 Recreational Activities: Forest and Outdoor Recreation Operating Request for an additional \$750,000 in "A" funds (General funds), for a total of \$2,001,336 in "A" funds for the program in FY15 (page 33).

As a lifetime Hawaii resident, professional conservationist and outdoor enthusiast I recognize the importance of public hunting in our state. It provides healthy outdoor recreational opportunities as well as a means by which food can be "put on the table". It is an integral part of everyday life, especially in the more rural parts of our island home. More importantly, it has also become an important local tradition that is shared by families and friends, and that is passed down from one generation to the next.

This bill proposes to provide additional funding for the enhancement of the Department's public hunting program. It proposes a well-rounded approach to increasing the Department's capacity to manage game species; improve and expand hunting areas; increase administrative efficacy and oversight; and provide increased access to private and public hunting areas.

Mahalo for your time,

Jordan Jokiel

From: [Dina Dela Pena](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: H.B. 1700
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 6:14:37 AM

Hi,

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Eric Dela Pena Sr

From: [Dina Dela Pena](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: H.B. 1700
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 6:16:28 AM

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Dina Dela Pena

Lara Reynolds
643 12th Ave.
Honolulu, HI 96816

March 17, 2014

Re: Testimony to support a part of HB 1700

To Whom It May It May Concern,

I specifically support the continued funding of the State Sustainability Coordinator position (currently in the Department of Land & Natural Resources' budget) proposed in HB 1700. The State Sustainability Coordinator provides much-needed and invaluable coordination across state, county, and federal partners on Hawai'i's sustainability and climate change priorities. I support continued funding for this critical position so that the State of Hawaii has the capacity to make strides in this important work.

Mahalo,

Lara Reynolds

From: [Tsutsumi, Eva L CIV](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: H.B 1700
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 6:47:31 AM

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From: teddy.ewan@gmail.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Comprehensive Service Center for Deaf, Deaf Blind, and Hard of Hearing
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 6:52:27 AM

Aloha.

My name is Theresa Ewan and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sent from my iPad

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Randal Valdez

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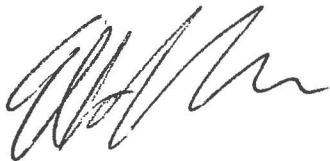
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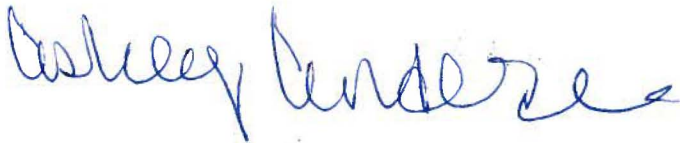
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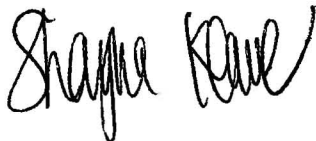
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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

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This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

*because these are the people that
need extra help, care and support.*

Sincerely,

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is JESSE GREENLEAF and I am HEARING. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

LIVING IN THE NEUMAN AREA FOR THE
LAST 30 YEARS I AM VERY AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF
THE DEAF AND BLIND IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. 2 BLOCKS
FROM THE DEAF AND BLIND SCHOOL OFF OF KUAKINI
SEEIN FIRST HAND THE BENEFITS OF THIS FUNDING
AND AM STRONGLY AGAINST ANY DIVERSION OF
THESE FUNDS!

Sincerely,

Jesse Greenleaf

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Julie LaCagnina and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

With the funding, it will make it easier for them to learn & be more active in the community. They need to know we support them.

Sincerely,

Julie LaCagnina

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Michael Manns and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

Education is key and important for all, and I believe that the deaf and blind children need more than we do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Manns", written in black ink.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Tony Eborn and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

I have family that are involved in the education of deaf students. My cousin is dean of students @ Campbell HS.

Sincerely,



Tony K. Eborn

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Karyn Castro and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

They are people too, and shouldn't be denied good education and opportunities because the government can't keep its promises. Equal opportunity for all people should be a common thing that shouldn't have to be fought for.

Sincerely,

Karyn Castro.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Marcie Reihani Tam and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

because I am going into the field of elementary / special education and I believe our youth deserve as much support possible especially those who face challenges with disabilities.

Sincerely,



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Malia Arce and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

Because I feel that these services should be available for those who need them.

Sincerely,



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Jennifer Adams and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

~~was~~ the issue is one that hits close to home & I know just how very important it is to have the state backing this issue for all the families involved.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Adams

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Ed White and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

It would seem that the cutting of the budget for the sensory-deprived from its initial \$400,000 ~~budget~~ to a fraction of that would not provide the adequate funding that ~~it requires~~ the program requires. I can understand that all funding has limits and budgets must be managed appropriately but to slash the funding so drastically would seem to, in my eyes, almost nullify the creation of the Comprehensive Service Center.

Sincerely,



Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Ashley Anderson and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

- important to educational purposes.
- devastating on their social skills.

Sincerely,

Ashley Anderson

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

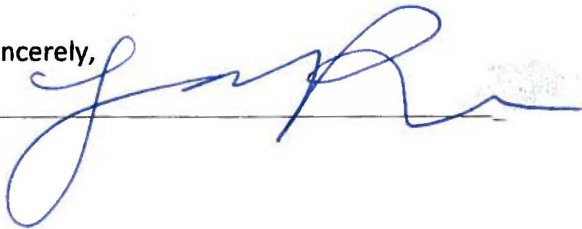
My name is Tanya Rames and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

My brother is deaf

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Rames', written over a horizontal line.

3/16/14

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Darren Lacaden and I am Hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

My friends are supporting it, so I support it too.

Sincerely,



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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Brittany Gonzales and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

I think that those who are hearing impaired or blind should have a place to go with a budget that will actually allow the attendees to be able to have adequate equipment to help them with their everyday tasks.

Sincerely,

Brittany Gonzales

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Kristen Gagesch and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

because early education for special needs students is important!

Sincerely,

Kristen Gagesch

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: H.B. 1700, H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

My name is Melanie Mikase and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center are:

My cousin Karl is a successful contributing member of society and is a success-story as a result of the State's interest & educational investment into the Hawaii's deaf community. I support CSC because of my cousin has invested in his education & vocational rehabilitation. Also because my father who is also deaf I feel that they should not cut the funding. They need to have that \$ monetary support to further their education.

Sincerely,



Melanie Mikase 3/16/14



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: lrogers@hhsc.org
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:11:04 AM

HB1700

Submitted on: 3/17/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lori Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support for HB1700 HD1 School of Pharmacy

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From: [COREY, MICHIKO A GS-07 USAF PACAF PACAF/A1E](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony Letter
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 7:19:53 AM

Aloha.

My name is Michiko Corey and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center because of various of services such as adult education and deaf services that have been used in the office.

Sincerely,

Michiko A. Corey

From: [Florence Rapozo](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 7:24:57 AM

Aloha.

My name is Florence Rapozo and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,

Florence Rapozo

From: [Trey Balding](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 7:36:05 AM

Aloha.

My name is Peter Balding III and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,

Peter Balding III

Vicki McManus
PO Box 6599
Kamuela, HI 96743

March 17, 2014

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: House adjustment budget for Program ID HTH 212 **Hawaii Health Systems Corporation For Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program** as stated in the **Governor's Budget Bill H.B. 1700 H.D.1**

I am writing in support of the **Governor's Budget Bill H.B. 1700 H.D. 1** to fund a portion of the start-up cost of training family practice physicians and primary care providers through the **Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center on Hawaii Island.**

As a member of the Hawaii Medical Education Council, one of our primary areas of discussion concerns increasing the number of practicing physicians in Hawaii and especially the underserved populations of the neighbor islands. There are well-documented shortages in nearly all areas of medical practice in the state and especially on Hawaii Island. The shortage of Primary Care Physicians is a major reason for the significantly poorer health outcomes on Hawaii Island and the resulting higher costs due to higher utilization of expensive emergency room treatment.

Data shows that residents commonly remain in the communities where they are trained. Support of **Hawaii Health Systems Corporation For Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program** is critical to improving access to physicians and non-physician primary healthcare providers on Hawaii Island.

I respectfully request your support of **Governor's Budget Bill H.B. 1700 H.D. 1.**

Sincerely,

Vicki McManus

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: cmatthews@hpsc.org
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 7:44:08 AM

HB1700

Submitted on: 3/17/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Matthews	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This will be very beneficial to our rural island community. Please support this.

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From: [renee trempe](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: letter
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 7:47:59 AM

Aloha.

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Sincerely,

Renee' Trempe

From: [Setsue Ikeda](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 1700 HD
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 7:58:50 AM

Aloha,

My name is Setsue Ikeda and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,

Setsue Ikeda

From: [Danielle](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Aloha
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:06:32 AM

Hi my name is Danielle Moran, I am a parent of a deaf child here in Hawaii. I request to please restore the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf back to \$400,000 please. Deaf services for us are very important and something our family will really relies on. As a parent of a deaf child, the deaf community, their support and a place to turn to is something that really matters to us. Funding for this center is huge in our lives and many others. Thank you

Danielle Moran

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jonathan Ikeda](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 1700 HD 1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:06:58 AM

Aloha.

My name is JONATHAN IKEDA and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,

JONATHAN IKEDA

From: [Chryston-Morgan Wingerd](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:10:34 AM

Aloha. My name is Chryston-Morgan Wingerd and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000. This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000. The reasons that I support a deaf center because of various of services such as adult education and deaf services that have been used in the office. Sincerely, Chryston-Morgan Wingerd

From: [Fredelyn M. Frank](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: [Fredelyn Frank](#)
Subject: Submit my testimony concerning the reduced budget for the Deaf services
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:10:43 AM

Aloha,

My name is Fredelyn and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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The reasons that I support a deaf center because of various of services such as adult education and deaf services that have been used in the office.

Sincerely,

Fredelyn

From: tajoyams@aol.com
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: please restore the budget request back to \$400,000
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:12:27 AM

Aloha.

My name is Tad Yamada and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Mahalo,
Tad Yamada

From: [Austin Darner](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Comprehensive Service Center for Deaf, Deaf Blind, and Hard of Hearing
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:13:12 AM

Aloha.

My name is Austin Darner and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,

Austin Darner

From: [Dave Hunter](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Budget Cuts
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:14:58 AM

Aloha

My name is David Hunter and I am Deaf! As a resident of Hawaii, I am concerned about the House Committee on Finance decision to reduce the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is not a great idea. This is going to hurt the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community! I am asking the Senate to restore the original request for \$400,000 to help with various services that has been used in that office, such as Adult Education and other services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Mahalo for your understanding and support of the Deaf Community!

David Hunter

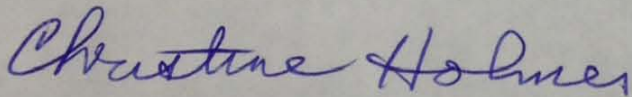
March 17, 2014

Aloha,

My name is Christine Holmes and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000. The reasons that I support a Deaf Center because of various of services we truly need such as Adult Education and other Deaf services that have been used in the office. Please kindly put back the money to \$400,000. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Christine Holmes

From: [Kathrina Pe Benito Smith](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind testimony letter
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:23:16 AM

Aloha.

My name is Kathrina Smith and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,

Kathrina Smith

From: [Joshua Smith](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind testimony letter
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:31:08 AM

Aloha.

My name is Joshua Smith and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

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Sincerely,

Joshua Smith

From: [Shannon McMahon](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: H.B. 1700
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:32:56 AM

My name is Shannon McMahon and I am Deaf. I'm so shocked to hear that the House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is so devastating! I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support a deaf center are deaf education, senior citizen center and others. Deaf Blind people really need more support as well as Deaf seniors and youths.

Sincerely,
Shannon McMahon

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: alex.wegmann@islandconservation.org
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:41:25 AM

HB1700

Submitted on: 3/17/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alex Wegmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In order for the State of Hawaii to meet current and future goals for sustainable growth and use of natural resources, the Sustainability Coordinator position must be funded and filled. It is of my opinion that this position should become permanent rather than by gubernatorial appointment.

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*Holly Sereni
3114 Huelani Drive
Honolulu, HI 96822*

March 17, 2014

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee,

I am writing to encourage your support of the DBEDT Creative Industries (BED105) budget request for Creative Lab (\$200,000) contained in HB1700 HD1.

As a direct result of my experience in the 2013 Creative Lab, my screenplay has been optioned by a seasoned Hollywood producer. This transpired only because of my experience in Creative Lab, which provided the catalyst for my submitting my screenplay, as well as the coaching and mentoring I needed to re-write my project into something appropriate for the marketplace. My screenplay is a Hawaii-based feature film, and I'm hopeful it will eventually be made here, allowing Hawaii to reap far beyond the State's initial investment made in Creative Lab.

I am just one participant in Creative Lab, but I strongly believe my experience demonstrates the potential of this program to inspire and cultivate marketable content within Hawaii's creative media, film, design/fashion, music and art clusters.

The caliber and devotion of the mentors and coaches in Creative Lab were second to none. I cannot strongly enough recommend that this program be continued, to provide our Aloha State with the impetus it needs to become a true creative hub in these industries.

Please feel free to contact me or seek more information, as I am eager to share my life-changing experience in order to support this program.

With mahalo and aloha,

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March 17, 2014

To: Ways and Means Committee:

Regarding: Budget Bill HB1700 (Creative Industries / DBEDT to support the expansion of the Creative Lab program)

Dear, Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committee,

My name is Diane Seo, and I'm writing to encourage your support of the DBEDT Creative Industries (BED105) budget request for Creative Lab (\$200,000) contained in HB1700 HD1. I participated in the 2013 Creative Lab screenwriting program and benefited greatly from the experience.

Before moving back to Hawaii, I had taken several writing/screenwriting courses and workshops at the New York Film Academy, The New School in NYC and through UCLA Extension. I just assumed when I came to Hawaii that I would never have a chance, at least in the islands, to participate in similar programs at the same level. But Creative Lab turned out to be the best writing program I've been involved in. It resurrected my desire to get back to screenwriting and start another screenplay. It provided the structure, instruction, motivation and camaraderie that really helped me get back to writing, which is something I've long wanted to do, but had trouble getting to that point on my own.

Creative Lab is not just a four-day workshop, but rather a year-long writing program. I can't say enough about the generosity, commitment and invaluable mentoring that the program's director, Michael Palmieri, provides. He is the best writing instructor I've ever had, and it's almost unbelievable that he's willing to guide each person in our group for an entire year. This is a tremendous perk of the program, because writers often attend a few days of workshop, get motivated during that time, then drop their projects.

With Michael staying with us for a year, I know it will undoubtedly further my current script.

Creative Industries/DBEDT undoubtedly will help Hawaii's creative economy because the root of all creative projects comes from the writers. If writers here in Hawaii or with affiliations in Hawaii initiate projects, there's a much better chance that more films will be produced here. In order to foster an art/film community here in the islands, you need writers and creative people as your base. Workshops such as what Creative Labs has initiated is a great way of fostering that talent.

I would urge you to support Creative Industries/DBEDT with \$200,000 to allow for the expansion of the Creative Lab initiative. Without Creative Lab, there are very few opportunities in Hawaii for screenwriters and other creative to further their talents.

Sincerely,

Diane Seo

From: [Carie Sarver](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Comprehensive Service Center for Deaf, Deaf Blind, and Hard of Hearing
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:52:03 AM

My name is Carie Sarver and I am a hearing ally to the Deaf Community. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is unacceptable. I ask that the Senate restore the \$400,000 originally requested. Support for a deaf center is crucial due to the provision of essential services such as adult education, vocational rehabilitation, reading programs for children, mental health counseling and others that would be minimized if not eliminated by such a drastic cut in funding. We should be maximizing the potential of these types of programs to ensure that individuals in this community are able to maximize THEIR potential and continue to be contributing citizens. This cut would be extremely detrimental to the community. I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,

Carie Sarver

From: [Billy](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: [Billy Kekua](#)
Subject: HD1700 Testimony
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:53:16 AM

March 17, 2014

Testimony by Billy Kekua,
Member of the Deaf Community
to Senate Ways and Means Committee

Relating to the State Budget (HD1700)
for Hearing Session
on March 18, 2014 at 9 am
in Conference Room 211

Chairperson David Y. Ige, Vice Chairperson Michelle N . Kidani, and WAM Members,

My name is Billy Kekua and I am Deaf. Last year, I wrote my testimony in support for the bill to establish a Comprehensive Services Center for the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and Deaf-Blind. With your support, our dream became a reality so I would like to remind everyone how grateful I am and how important it is for the center to remain available, accessible, and aloha.

The House of Finance reduced the budget of Comprehensive Services Center from \$400,000 to \$150,000. I ask that the respected Senate to please restore the severe cut and put back to the budget of \$400,000. So the Center can continue the mission to become a permanent agency for Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and Deaf-Blind.

It is crucial that we all stay together and ensure that the Center to remain a beacon for everyone. I thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ka ha`aha`a,
Billy Kekua

From: [Victor Rodriguez](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: keep \$400k
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:55:23 AM

Aloha,

My name is Victor Rodriguez and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000.

The reasons that I support s deaf center because of various of services such as adult education and deaf services that have been used in the office.

Sincerely,

Victor Rodriguez

From: [Torrey Hufana](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: CSC
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:57:02 AM

Aloha.

My name is Torrey Ho-Ching and I am hearing. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000. The reasons that I support a deaf center because of various of services such as adult education and deaf services that have been used in the office.

Sincerely,

Torrey Ho-Ching

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Keli Ho-Ching](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: CSC
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 8:58:42 AM

Aloha.

My name is Max Ho-Ching and I am Deaf. The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000. The reasons that I support a deaf center because of various of services such as adult education and deaf services that have been used in the office.

Sincerely,

Max Ho-Ching

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From: [BENJAMIN BESS](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of the HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 14, 2014 7:05:44 PM

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of the \$6 million appropriation to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for the HI Growth Initiative. This funding is needed to continue the HI Growth Initiative, which has helped to catalyze an ecosystem that provides the building blocks for high-growth business to grow and scale in Hawaii. This is important for the future of our economy to help stimulate high wage job growth to reverse the brain drain and bring our kamaaina back home to work in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/14/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Cook	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senate Ways & Means Committee Chair - Sen. David Ige, Vice Chair - Sen. Michelle Kidani and Members: In less than three weeks, Waimea Middle School will welcome to campus the Western Association of Schools and Colleges' (WASC) five-member Accreditation Visiting Committee to determine if our 285-student 6th, 7th and 8th grade public school is ready to be Accredited. This comes after an intense two-year deep Self-Study involving our entire school-community to evaluate the effectiveness of the school's programs and operations to support high achievement of all students. To strengthen the current program, four Action Plans were developed collaboratively by our teachers and staff working with students, families and community partners. One of the Action Plans specifically addresses Educational Technology. HB 1700 HD1 includes CIP funding for \$9.89M to complete a 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building with site work and essential appurtenances for our school. Please support this funding request as the building will play a critical role in helping our school achieve the Technology Action Plan's goal of "empowering all students with effective and ethical utilization of technology." It also will enable the school to meet the college and career preparedness requirements put forth by the Department of Education. Why Waimea Middle School? The public perception of Waimea and general economic indicators for this community reveal considerable affluence and a fairly high level of education. But in this education "rich" community, affluent families opt out of the public schools and instead, send their children to one of several high profile private schools. This means the public schools have a higher than expected number of students (67%) eligible for Title 1 free and reduced lunch. We also have a growing number of Pacific Island families and other English Language Learners (ELL). Suffice it to say, there is a gaping "digital divide" here between "the haves" and students who do not have technology connectivity at home and in many cases, parents who are, at best, digitally challenged. WMS students truly need as much exposure to technology use and application as possible to help us bridge the "digital divide" that, if not remedied, will marginalize their future education success and employment opportunities. We sincerely appreciate the consideration being given to support our students and families with the requested \$9.89M CIP for a 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building that has been on the DOE facilities matrix for more than a decade. Mahalo. Patti Cook (808-937-2833) Waimea Middle School – Community Liaison cookshi@aol.com

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From: [Jan Dean](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support funding of Waimea middle school cst building in HB 1700 HD1
Date: Friday, March 14, 2014 8:58:19 PM

I SUPPORT Waimea Middle School's 9-Classroom Science-Technology Building CIP
Funding of \$9.89M as included in HB 1700 HD1.

Every child in our public school system deserves a chance at the best learning opportunities that our equipment, facilities and teachers can provide. The students here on the big island deserve the same chances offered on Oahu.

I support this, and I ask that you support this as a person that believes in our kids, education, and the future for all of us.

Jan Dean
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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/15/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 18, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

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Betsy Cole	Individual	Support	No

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair

The Hon. Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Support of the House adjustment budget for Program ID # HTH 212 in HB 1700 HD1 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program.

As a member of the University Hawaii School of Nursing faculty and Program Coordinator for the new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, I want to support the continued funding of the HHSC Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency program. This program is serving the School of Nursing by training much needed family nurse practitioners for the state of Hawaii through the DNP program. At this time, two DNP students are seeing patients under the supervision of qualified preceptors in the areas of adult and pediatric primary care. The opportunity to work in an interdisciplinary setting as demonstrated in the HHSC Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program is vital to the training of new providers who are introduced early in their training to the value of multiple service providers (team approach) rather than the outdated single provider model. This clinic is essential to the training of new primary care providers whether medical or nursing who will make a significant difference in the health outcomes of our rural Hawaiian communities. In the future these students will become the dynamic cadre of newly recruited health care practitioners who provide evidence based interdisciplinary care to the residents of the state of Hawaii regardless of the island they reside.

HHSC is leading the initiative to reduce health care disparities, by improving access to preventive screening and interventional care; a strategy that will reduce health care costs. Please support the \$2.8 million in the budget as requested.

Alice Davis, PhD, FNP-BC

Associate Professor

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