

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
In Support of HB1700 Relating to the State Budget**

By Breanna Rose
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**Tuesday, 18 March at 9:00am
Conference Room 211**



Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Breanna Rose and I am a Board Member for Kanu Hawai'i and Assistant Coordinator for Hawai'i Green Growth, but I am testifying as an individual.

I would like to express my **strong support for the State Sustainability Coordinator position** (currently in DLNR's budget in **HB1700**). The creation of this position in October 2013 was a great achievement for Hawai'i because it provides invaluable coordination across state, county, and federal partners on shared sustainability and climate change priorities. It is critical to continue support for this position, so Hawai'i can have the capacity to make coordinated, integrated efforts on sustainability statewide.

This position is also key to 1) 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 adaptation and smart growth; 2) **Climate Change coordination** efforts outlined in the Majority Package (**HB1714 and SB2344**)

I also support **these appropriations in HB 1700 that will significantly advance action for sustainability across Hawai'i:**

- **\$11M to DLNR for watershed protection** and management (\$3.5M in general funds (LNR407) and \$7.5 CIP funds).
- **\$5M for Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC)** programs, as supported by the 2014 Majority Package and HB 1716.
- **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.
- **Increase support for the Environmental Response Revolving Fund (ERRF)** to ensure staffing and readiness for environmental emergencies, such as oil and other spills.
- **\$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.
- **\$3.5M CIP (AGR141) for the Waimea community agriculture park**
- **\$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.
- **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.
- **Funding for two essential new planning positions focused on sustainability & smart growth** in the Office of Planning.

These critical investments will help advance a more secure future for the overall health of Hawai'i's people, economy, and way of life.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony,
Breanna Rose



March 18, 2014

The Honorable David Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

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I am Burt Lum, Executive Director of Hawaii Open Data, a non-profit dedicated to advancing open data principles in Hawaii and creating collaborative environments that foster civic innovation. Formed in 2012, we focus on improving data accessibility and integrity in support of public/private collaboration, government transparency, and civic engagement.

Hawaii Open Data submits this testimony in **Strong Support** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation. I've had the opportunity to work closely with the HTDC on many initiatives to grow Hawaii's tech and innovation ecosystem. HTDC is vital to Hawaii's innovation and entrepreneurial community for many reasons 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

We need to maintain HTDC's focus on these efforts to help grow the tech industry in Hawaii to become a viable economic engine. The CIP funds will allow HTDC to build a new innovation hub, elevate their tech incubation program and expand their reach to a broader tech community.

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

Burt Lum
Executive Director



Kaua`i Watershed Alliance

Ben A. Dyre Limited Family Partnership, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Department of Water County of Kaua`i, DLNR – Division of Forestry and Wildlife & Land Management Division, Grove Farm Company, Inc., Jurassic Kahili Ranch, Kamehameha Schools, Kaua`i Ranch LLC, Lihu`e Land Company, McBryde Sugar Company, Ltd., National Tropical Botanical Garden, Princeville Development, LLC

"The Mission of the Kaua`i Watershed Alliance is to PROTECT, PRESERVE and MANAGE our valuable watershed resources for the benefit of our residents, communities and all future generations through the concerted efforts of its members."

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

The Kaua`i Watershed (KWA) Alliance strongly supports *HB 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; and its purpose to generate additional funding to support, for a second year, projects designed to protect Hawaii's forested watersheds.

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

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*). The remote and rugged terrain in these priority project areas allows for access primarily by helicopter:

- 2,000 ac., East Alaka`i Summit Fenced Unit – Feral Ungulates removed; fence, vegetation recovery, ungulate ingress monitored.
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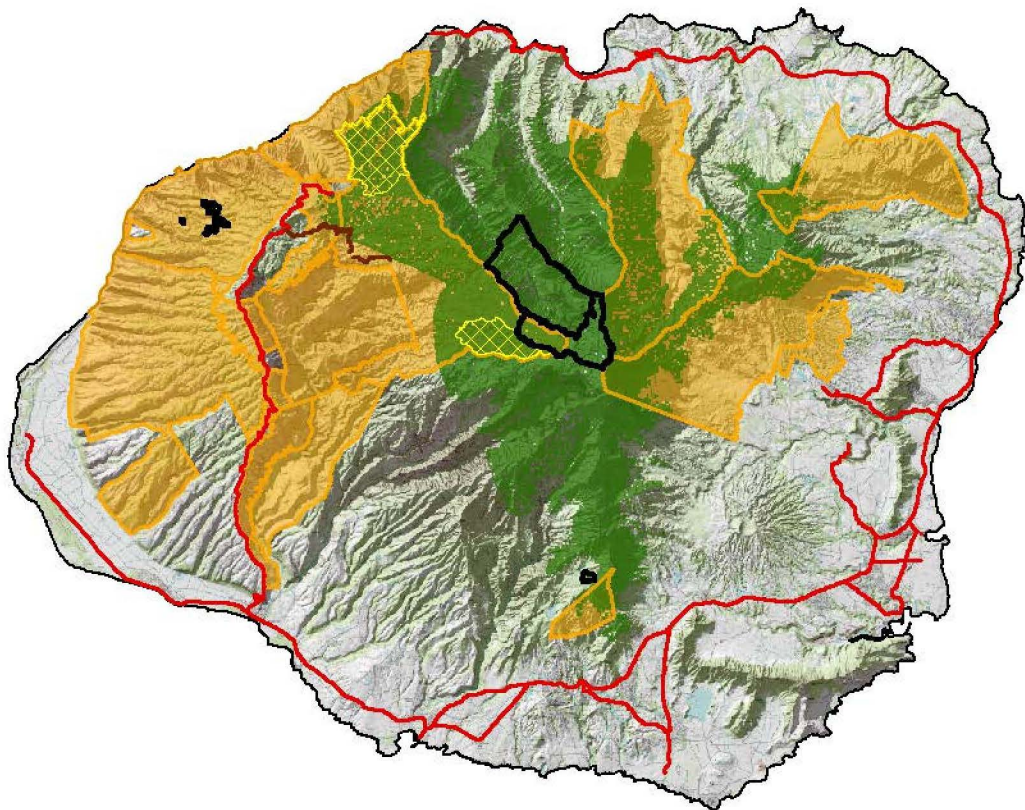
The watershed protection and invasive species programs supported with state funds are leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supportive testimony.

Mahalo

Chipper Wichman, Chair

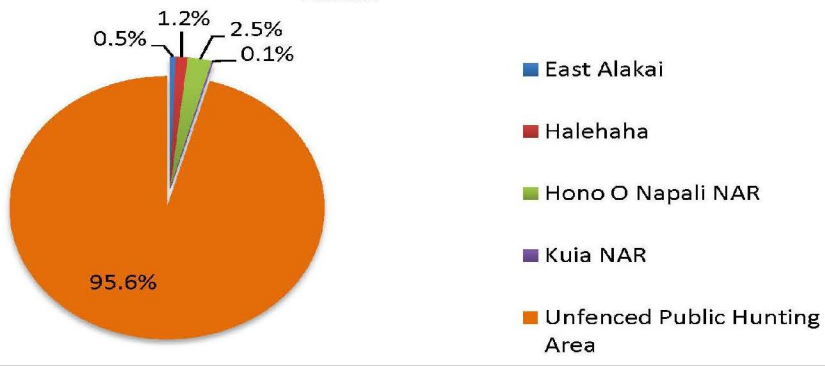
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Kauai Watershed Management Areas

- Current Watershed Protection
- Watershed Protection Priority I
- Proposed Watershed Protection
- Public Hunting Areas

Comparison of Current and Proposed Watershed Management Areas as a Percentage of Public Hunting Lands





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**TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET
CLYDE T. HAYASHI - DIRECTOR**

HAWAII STATE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1700, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET & UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REQUEST FOR A NEW INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO, COLLEGE OF PHARMACY.

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID IGE, CHAIR, MICHELLE KIDANI, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii LECET. Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, its 5000+ members, and 250+ unionized contractors.

Although Hawaii LECET is not taking a position on the overall Executive Budget, **we would like to express our strong support for the University of Hawaii's request for funding for a new instructional facility for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo campus.**

The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is the only program in Hawaii and the Pacific Region that offers the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, which enables individuals to become licensed, registered pharmacists. This program is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Accreditation Council of Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Many of our local children can now stay home and pursue a career in pharmacy. Prior to this, students were required to attend a mainland school to pursue this career.



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Although the College of Pharmacy has been successful academically, the College currently stands out of compliance with one of thirty professional standards mandated by the ACPE. The standard that must be addressed relates to physical facilities. Currently, the College of Pharmacy is operating in a temporary physical structure. Unless a permanent new instructional facility is built, the College of Pharmacy's professional accreditation will be lost.

In order to ensure the success of the College of Pharmacy, we respectfully request your consideration and support for the University of Hawaii's funding request for a new instructional facility for the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

As our population continues to age and as the Affordable Healthcare Act is implemented, Hawaii's need for pharmacists will grow. Investing in the University of Hawaii at Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy is a good investment in our community and for our future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Although Hawaii LECET is not taking a position on the overall Executive Budget, **we are in strong support of the University of Hawaii's request for repair and maintenance funding and full-time positions requested to address repair and maintenance issues around campus.**

Presently, the University of Hawaii has a repair and maintenance backlog of approximately \$487 million, which is increasing by \$70 million each year. These maintenance issues must be addressed to avoid further added costs in the future.

In addition, it is important to recognize the significance of the University of Hawaii, the only public higher education institute in the State. Recently, U.S. News & World Report announced their best graduate schools rankings for 2015. The University of Hawaii



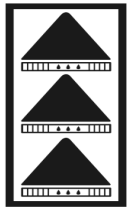
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William S. Richardson School of Law was among the 146 top-tier law schools nationwide, and the University of Hawaii College of Education was ranked number 74 out of 245 schools nationwide. In order for the University of Hawaii to maintain its competitiveness, both nationally and internationally, it is imperative that repair and maintenance issues be addressed.

The University of Hawaii is our University. I am a University of Hawaii graduate, as are many others who were born and raised in Hawaii. I was able to benefit from the investments made into the University of Hawaii by previous generations. We need to continue these investments into the University of Hawaii for future generations.

For these reasons we respectfully request your consideration and support for the University of Hawaii's funding request for repair and maintenance and approval of the full time positions being requested.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



THREE MOUNTAIN ALLIANCE

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Testimony of Three Mountain Alliance
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
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The Three Mountain Alliance (TMA) watershed partnership 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 TMA is a voluntary alliance of 10 federal and state agencies and private landowners who collectively own and manage over 1 million acres across the three volcanoes of Kīlauea, Mauna Loa, and Hualālai on Hawai'i Island. Members of the TMA have worked together since 1994 to conserve and protect forested watersheds and native ecosystems across the landscape. Healthy diverse native forests efficiently capture and deliver fresh water into streams and aquifers for our use. When forests are lost or degraded, Hawai'i loses its source of fresh water as well as habitat for our native species. Sadly, more than half of Hawai'i's forests have been lost due to overharvesting, development, and invasive plants and animals.

To address these issues, TMA manages and protects native ecosystems through invasive weed control, ungulate management, and ecosystem restoration. Invasive weeds and feral ungulates present serious management challenges across the TMA landscape while tightening budgets across TMA member organizations require even more pooling of resources and staff to meet partnership goals. Additionally, TMA works to restore degraded ecosystems by planting native canopy and understory seedlings. With substantial help from community volunteers, TMA plants thousands of seedlings every year in areas recovering from logging and grazing. Returning these areas to forest not only improves watershed resources but also provides important habitat for Hawai'i's native species, including many that are rare and endangered.

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,

Colleen Cole
Coordinator, Three Mountain Alliance

LATE



March 16, 2014

To: Chair David Ige
Vice-Chair Michelle Kidani
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Deborah Zysman
Good Beginnings Alliance

Re: Funding for Early Learning – HB1700 HD1 (GOV100/EDN300)

Chair David Ige, Vice-Chair Michelle Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The Good Beginnings Alliance, in conjunction with the Be My Voice Hawaii initiative, appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in support of including funding for early learning as requested by the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) in the original version of HB1700 (GOV100/EDN300). This funding request is critical to the EOEL's goal of developing and implementing a high-quality early learning system that will, among other things, expand access to preschool for all of Hawaii's four-year-olds.

GBA is a policy and advocacy organization focused on ensuring that Hawaii's young children are healthy, safe, and ready for school. We strive to support our stakeholder community to this end, as well as provide relevant information to our families and fellow advocate community. We see this funding as an important investment in our state's long term viability.

Fully funding the early learning items within HB1700 ensures that Hawaii is able to compete for early learning funds at the federal level, including the \$250 million new state preschool competitive grant program included in the bipartisan appropriations bill passed by Congress and signed by President Obama.

The time for weighing whether investing in early learning as a state interest is over. Policy leaders from around the country recognize that in order to compete in a global economy, and attract the businesses and employees with the skill sets that lead to sustainable economic growth, they must invest in their children at an early age. This supplemental budget request is a significant investment in ensuring that our keiki will have the educational foundation they need to compete with their colleagues – nationally and internationally.

On behalf of the Good Beginnings Alliance and the Be My Voice Hawaii initiative, I urge the Committee to include funding for early learning programs as requested by the Executive Office on Early Learning.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Zysman', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Deborah Zysman
Executive Director
Good Beginnings Alliance

From: [Douglas Mersberg](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 1700 HD1
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:51:36 PM

This testimony is for:

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Bill: HB 1700 HD1 Related to the State Budget (specifically HTH 560 - Family Health Services Division - Budget Worksheet Sequence #100-001)

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair; Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair; and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

As the Executive Director of Waianae Coast Early Childhood Services, I am submitting testimony strongly supporting HB 1700 HD1. This testimony is specifically related to HTH 560 - Family Health Services Division - Budget Worksheet Sequence #100-001:

1) Additional funds for early intervention purchase of service contracts (HTH 560/CG), FY '15: \$1,232,495.

Our strong support is based on providing services to over 300 children in the Waipahu, Ewa, Ewa Beach, Wahiawa, Waialua, Haleiwa and Waianae coast geographic areas. These funds are important to our state being in compliance with federal law (Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). Further, they are important to our being able to deliver services to young children with developmental delays and their families. Research informs us that delivering early intervention services to children at this age is critical to maximizing their developmental trajectory, decreasing the need for special education services, and improving their lives.

2) Additional funds for the early intervention data system (HTH 560/CG) FY'15: \$200,000

We strongly support Early Interventions request to plan a new data system that is web-based, allows real time access to data, has electronic record capabilities, provides reports needed for federal reporting and quality assurance, and has billing function 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify about these important matters.

Sincerely,

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TO: HONORABLE DAVID IGE, CHAIR, HONORABLE MICHELLE KIDANI,
VICE CHAIR AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF H.B. 1700, HD1. RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET & UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REQUEST FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING.** To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013-15 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

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

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately six hundred (600) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

Although GCA is not taking a position on the overall Executive Budget, **GCA is in strong support of the University of Hawaii's request for repair and maintenance funding and positions requested.** In particular, GCA is in support of the University of Hawaii's request for \$286.9 Million for ongoing repair and maintenance and the request for \$1.4 Million for operating costs for 22-24 full time positions to address the repair and maintenance issues around campus.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa campus is facing an unprecedented backlog of repair and maintenance issues that need to be addressed in order to avoid further added cost in the future. In November 2013, the University of Hawaii Student Network for Action and Progress (SNAP) marched to the state capitol to protest the decrease in state funding to the University of Hawaii. SNAP organizer said that "[t]he march itself is to bring attention to the loss of funding to University of Hawaii system over the last five years . . . [the march] will bring attention to the fact that the university here in Hawaii is the best investment for the state of Hawaii's future." Smith, David. "The Budget-Balancing Act." *Ka Leo O Hawaii* 20 Nov. 2013 *Ka Leo O Hawaii Online*. Web. 20 Nov. 2013.

Additionally, with the recent adoption of the Board of Regents Sustainability Policy, more of the repair and maintenance can focus on making the campus both student and environmentally friendly for the long run. These steps being taken by both the students and the Board of Regents are a positive direction for the University as a whole.

It is important to recognize the significant role that the University of Hawaii system plays for our State. The maintenance and upkeep of the facilities should be a high priority since it is the only public higher education institution in our state. It is evident that without proper operating facilities an instructor's method of teaching and a student's learning capacity could be compromised. Furthermore, as a cutting edge research facility, the University of Hawaii deserves top notch infrastructure to remain internationally competitive. The University of Hawaii through its student body, administration and Board of Regents are making concerted efforts to address the backlog in the repair and maintenance issues at the Manoa campus and the funding and additional positions should help resolve these issues.

Please rest assured that GCA and its members stand ready to assist by providing the construction resources, expertise and manpower necessary to carry out the University's effort to address the large repair and maintenance backlog of our University of Hawaii.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your consideration in appropriating the funding request of the University for repair and maintenance funding and approval of full time positions being requested.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.



March 17, 2014

**To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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**From: Gregory R. Kim
Partner, Convergent Law Group LLP
President, Business Law Corps
Lecturer at Law, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Clinic at the
University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law**

Re: HB 1700, HD 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation (“HTDC”).

The University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law, the Business Law Corps and my law firm Convergent Law group have collaborated with HTDC over the years to provide crucial support for Hawaii’s startups and entrepreneurs, including:

- a. Conducting a business law clinic at the Manoa Innovation Center (“MIC”), where law students studying business law provide free counsel to startups and small business owners.
- b. Conducting seminars at the MIC, most recently relating the public relations for startups.
- c. Meeting with MIC tenants to provide pro bono assistance when the need arises.

In addition, a number of our startup clients had their start at MIC. This includes Hoku Scientific, ChipIn, Pipeline Communications, PeopleBridge, Tow Choice, and hotU, among others. These startups have added significantly to the momentum for the creation of a vibrant high technology industry in Hawaii, and MIC played a key role in helping to launch these companies in Hawaii, and continues to do so.

As the owner/manager of Hawaii’s only incubator, HTDC provides a crucial element to the ecosystem that is necessary to create a legitimate high tech industry, which the private sector is unable to replace. By providing reasonably priced space to startups on a limited budget, HTDC brings startups together in a single location, where synergies and collaborations may naturally form. With the challenge of a limited number of startups in Hawaii, providing space for them to congregate is critical to their success at this stage of development for the Hawaii tech industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 780-2495, gregoryrkim@gmail.com, if you have any questions.



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HAWAI'I PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION



Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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Testimony in Support of House Bill 1700 HD1 with Amendments

Relating to the State Budget

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

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The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, **supports HB 1700 HD1 with amendments.**

The House draft of the state budget bill eliminated funding in areas of Hawaii's Medicaid program that are important priorities for Hawaii's community health centers. Under Program ID HMS 401, we request the Senate Committee on Ways and Means reinstate funding for sequence 91-001 (funding for health home services) and sequence 92-001 (funding for adult dental benefits under QUEST.) We also request the Committee reinstate funding under HMS 9012, sequence 103-001 for the administration of a health home program in Medicaid.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Written Statement of

Holland J Wood
President & CEO
Ikehu, Inc.

before the

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday March 18, 2014
State Capitol, Conference Room 211
In consideration of

HB 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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Ikehu, Inc. 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
- startup 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 greatly without HTDC programs and the startup ecosystem will be impaired for years to come. HTDC has helped my company through its SBIR grant workshops and through the HSBIR matching grant program. Such guidance and funding are critical to our current and future success.

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Although my company is a startup, we have grand visions of growing into a profitable and successful technology company. Most importantly, this would mean 10s of high quality jobs for Hawaii County.

HTDC has been an invaluable partner in achieving success in the U.S. Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) grant program. With assistance from the HTDC, we have achieved the following outcomes:

- Ikehu was recently awarded \$150,000 SBIR grant from the National Science Foundation
- Upon receiving our SBIR funds, we were awarded a \$20,000 HSBIR matching grant

Lastly, I think it's important to remember that the HTDC is really about people, both inside and outside the organization. In our experience, the HTDC staff (Len, Sandi, and Sandy) are highly skilled and a pleasure to work with. Technology startups need more help, not less, from the HTDC.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holland J Wood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Holland J Wood



Ben Dyre Family Limited Partnership

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The Ben Dyre Family Limited Partnership has been a part of the Kauai Watershed Association (KWA) since its formation in 2003. As a landowner on Kauai, it is an honor to be a part of such an upstanding group, which has helped to protect and conserve our most vital assets- water, and our unique native plants and animal species.

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*):

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- o 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.
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Healthy and diverse Hawaiian forests that are not degraded by invasive pests act like a sponge, collecting rain and moisture from passing clouds, slowly delivering fresh water into streams and aquifers, absorbing greenhouse gases, and reducing runoff and siltation into streams and onto coral reefs during storm events.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Holly Dyre
General Partner
Ben Dyre Family Limited Partnership



KAKO'O 'ŌIWI

LATE

March 17, 2014

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

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Time: 09:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Janice-Renee Yoshioka, Chief Financial Officer
Kāko'o 'Ōiwi, a non-profit organization

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:

H.B. 1700, H.D. 1, adjusts and requests appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2013-2015 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Kāko'o 'Ōiwi, a native Hawaiian 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, **strongly supports** H.B. 1700, H.D. 1 and the Hawaii Community Development Authority's \$500,000 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request for infrastructure improvements in the He'eia Community Development District.

Our organization currently leases an approximately 405-acre property in He'eia, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu from the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) situated in the He'eia Community Development District. Since 2009, Kāko'o 'Ōiwi has worked extensively with the HCDA, community members and other stakeholders in the He'eia community to articulate, develop and implement actions that restore ecological and agricultural productivity to the He'eia wetlands (meadowlands) and providing meaningful, 'āina-based cultural and educational opportunities for the local community.

The requested CIP funds are necessary for the HCDA to develop critical water and electricity infrastructure within the He'eia Community Development District that will enable and support the restoration and adaptive management of native habitat and ecosystems; expansion of sustainable, traditional and diversified agriculture; the creation of sustainable, culturally appropriate economic development opportunities; and increased opportunities for students, educators and their families to engage in 'āina-based cultural and educational experiences.

In the past year alone, Kāko'o 'Ōiwi hosted roughly 3,000 students, educators and community members, restored 8.0 acres of native wetland habitat and expanded traditional wetland taro lo'i and diversified agricultural gardens in the He'eia wetlands (meadowlands). The requested CIP funding requested by the HCDA for the He'eia Community Development District will enable our organization to continue to achieve the goals of ecological and agricultural sustainability and provide cultural and educational enrichment for our community. For this reason, we respectfully request your consideration and support of H.B. 1700, H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Mahalo Piha,



Janice Renee Yoshioka
Chief Financial Officer





March 17, 2014

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

Committee: Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Bill Title: HB 1700 HD1, Relating to the State Budget
Date, Time: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.
Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Chair David Y. Ige, Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I am Jared I. Kuroiwa and one of the founding members of the Hawaii Innovation Alliance (HIA). The Hawaii Innovation Alliance is an organization formed in 2012 that aims to create a more unified voice representing the islands' technology community to foster innovation, educate lawmakers, and advocate appropriate policy.

The Hawai'i Innovation Alliance **strongly supports** the the \$22 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) within **HB 1700 HD1, Relating to the State Budget**. The funds will be used to build a new innovation hub as the current lease at the Manoa Innovation Center (MIC) is expiring in April 2015.

The Hawai'i Innovation Alliance is keenly focused on fostering an entrepreneurial environment and building high-growth technology businesses that HTDC supports. Many of our members have used HTDC from being graduates of MIC, being incubated at MIC, or through the many programs the HTDC offers the tech community. We consider HTDC to be a core piece of the technology infrastructure in Hawaii. There is no doubt that without the HTDC, the tech community will be hamstrung.

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



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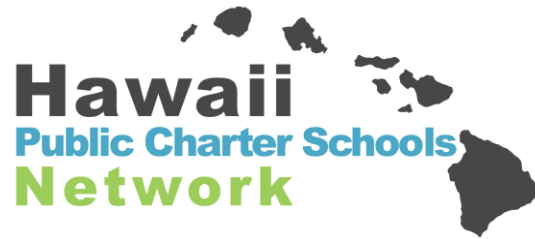
Testimony in support of the Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program:
Program ID HTH212 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for Hilo Medical Center
Primary Care Residency Program as stated in the Governor`s Budget Bill H.B. 1700
H.D. 1.

I am writing to offer my strongest support for the Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program. As President of the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, Director of the Area Health Education Center, a physician workforce researcher, and the Principal Investigator of the federal State Loan Repayment Program grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for working to increase the number of primary care providers caring for patients in the underserved areas of Hawaii.

My research has shown that Hawaii has 700 fewer physicians, 200 fewer nurse practitioners and 100 fewer physician assistants than a comparable population on the mainland US. The shortage is most severe in rural areas such as Hawaii Island, and the shortage is equally split between primary care and specialty. Hilo is one of those areas. The residency program there is a key factor for increasing the primary care workforce in the region, because healthcare providers usually stay where they train. And the fact that the residency program is interdisciplinary is ideal. In this way, Hilo Medical Center will be training the providers of tomorrow as a team in the exact location that we need them to practice. This methodology has great chance for success and I fully support the Hilo Family Medicine Residency Program. Hopefully this model can be used on Maui and Kauai eventually too and we can create the health workforce teams we need in Hawaii to care for our rural and underserved populations.

Thank you for supporting this important residency program!

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Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Ways and Means

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

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

Re: HB1700 HD1– EDN 600 Charter Schools

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. The Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network supports:

- 1) **The increased general funding for DOE in EDN 100, 200, 300 and 400.** Charter school per pupil funding is calculated through a formula based on DOE’s general fund appropriations in the above mentioned categories. In order to meet the challenges of increased student achievement, quality and accountability; charter schools need this additional operating funds.
- 2) **The addition of a line item in HB1700 within EDN600, separate from the charter school per pupil funding, to acknowledge the significant and growing responsibilities of each and every charter school governing board since the passing of Act 130 SLH of 2012.** Charter schools will be able to keep the “up to 2% of the per pupil funding” that currently pays for the State Public Charter School Commission (SPCSC) and will enable charter schools to use this money to build a much needed system of support that charter schools lost when the Charter School Administrative Office was eliminated in Act 130 SLH of 2012. The charter school governance structure is very different from the HIDOE model. By design, the SPCSC is the accountability arm of the charter school system in Hawaii and offers little to no technical assistance.
- 3) **The addition of facilities funding/support.** Three charter school facilities bills (SB2516, SB2517 and HB2576) are meeting the crossover deadline. In toto, these bills are a thoughtful way that starts to fulfill the facilities support needs of charter schools while also respecting the difficult state budget decisions legislators need to make among a variety of competing priorities.

Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network (HPCSN) is committed to quality education for all public school students in Hawaii through our support of, and work with, Hawaii’s public charter schools.

Mahalo for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Finnegan". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "L" and "F".

Lynn Finnegan
Executive Director

SENT VIA EMAIL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ISLAND OF OAHU

March 17, 2014

Senator David Y. Ige
Chair, Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Michelle N. Kidani
Vice Chair, Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing on House Bill 1700 HD1
Relating to the State Budget
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Aloha Chair Ige and Vice Chair Kidani!

There is a national White House invitation which Enterprise Honolulu, High Tech Development Corporation, University of Hawaii, State Office of Planning, Small Business Administration, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Foreign Trade Zone, Natural Energy Laboratory Hawaii Authority, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Boards from each county, through the Economic Development Administration and other job creation drivers are working on for Hawaii.

This competition positions the awarded regions, Federal monies above the rest. HTDC is a vital complement to the work that EH has done in the past five years, to invest time and resources in Hawaii's future. Together we are working on silo busting as the President's administration is asking agencies to do.

This activity begins in our own selves and cannot be an external theory, but active practice, the White House has identified this initiative as the foundation for economic development. HTDC is crucial to Hawaii's future and this legislation is key to realizing the manifestation of all of the collective efforts of us working together.

As the Manoa Innovation Center lease with the University of Hawaii expires in 2015, there is an imminent need to secure a new location for HTDC. The CIP funds will be used for a new center. Therefore, Enterprise Honolulu stands in strong support of House Bill 1700 HD1 for the \$23 million CIP request for the High Technology Development Corporation.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Pono Shim
President and Chief Executive Officer
Enterprise Honolulu, Oahu Economic Development Board



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From: [Natividad, Rey](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB1700
Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 10:13:30 AM

Aloha Senator,

My name is Renante "Rey" Natividad and I am Hard-of-Hearing person. 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 adult education, workshops, senior citizen center, youth programs and independent living center all in one location.

Sincerely,

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

FROM: Sara L. Collins, Ph.D., Legislative Chair
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HEARING: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:00 AM, Room 211

SUBJECT: Comments with **Concerns** on HB 1700, HD1, Relating to the State Budget
(H. Cultural and Recreation, Item No. 3, Historic Preservation, LNR802)

I am Dr. Sara Collins, Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology (SHA). We have over 150 members that include professional archaeologists and advocates of historic preservation in general. Our Legislative Committee has been reviewing the proposed 2014-2015 supplemental budget for State of Hawai'i as proposed in HB 1700, HB 1700 HD1, and the budget worksheets for HB 1700 HD1. There is one change made in made HB 1700, HD1 that concerns us greatly.

In HB 1700 HD1, the Historic Preservation Geographic Information Systems Specialist (GIS Specialist) position (#102288) was removed from the list of 10 positions identified in the Executive Budget (HB 1700) as being converted from temporary to permanent. Of the ten positions, two are funded by the General Fund and eight are federally funded. The GIS Specialist is listed as one of the eight positions being federally funded.

This is troubling because the GIS position is critical to rebuilding and perpetuating the GIS system of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD). Once fully functional, this system will significantly improve access to information on the location, distribution, and nature of historic properties identified throughout the State. As has been demonstrated throughout the country, a GIS and its linked databases are invaluable planning and preservation tools. Those proposing projects will be able to identify known or potential historic properties and cultural resources within or near their project areas much more efficiently and do so early in the planning process. Agencies reviewing project and land use applications will have efficient access to information during the permitting and approval process. Those with concerns about the appropriate treatment and preservation of Hawai'i historic sites could raise issues earlier and be better informed when they do. These GIS and database functions are particularly critical for SHPD staff that review thousands of projects every year and rely heavily on the kinds of information more effectively managed by GIS systems. This function is also critical to our membership, many of whom need this information when preparing compliance documents in accordance with HRS Chapter 6E and its implementing regulations or when conducting research.

Many other State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) across the nation already have functioning GIS systems, which serve as a primary portal to a state's official inventory of historic properties. Creating and maintaining a statewide inventory in some form is a requirement of all SHPOs in the nation in order to receive federal funds and, in Hawai'i, this requirement is reiterated in HRS 6E-3(3) as a mandate of the historic preservation program implemented by SHPD. Having the GIS Specialist in a permanent position is an essential commitment to fully developing and sustaining this badly needed function.

We can only speculate on why the House removed one position from the list of eight federally funded positions and why the GIS Specialist was the affected position. The House may have been concerned that the \$575,000 in federal funds budgeted was not sufficient to realistically support eight permanently authorized positions. If this is the case, we suggest that the GIS Specialist position be funded instead by the General Funds or, as a second option, that one of the

two unfilled positions, the Librarian Archivist (#91217C) or the Certified Local Government Grant Specialist (#91218C), remains temporary until it is actively under recruitment or filled. We are reluctant to make this latter recommendation because all of these positions are important to rebuilding a strong historic preservation program in Hawai'i.

The decision to remove the GIS specialist position may also represent a misunderstanding about the responsibilities and functions of this position and that of the Historic Preservation Data Management Specialist (Data Management Specialist) position (#102283). The House may have seen these positions as being sufficiently similar and assumed that the more generalized Data Management Specialist could assume responsibilities for the GIS if funds were limited. The responsibilities of these two positions and the qualifications needed to fill them are very different. It would be rare to find one individual who was fully competent in both. Managing GIS systems has become a highly specialized field and, in this case, having an individual with a solid background in one of the historic preservation fields (e.g., archaeology, history, architecture, etc.) is essential in developing the GIS layers and interfaces that best serve the intended user groups and the diverse historic and cultural resources in Hawai'i.

We also wish to disclose that the current incumbent in the SHPD GIS specialist position is a member of the SHA board. The incumbent did not request that SHA submit this testimony nor was the incumbent involved in its preparation in any way. SHA has consistently emphasized the importance of GIS and this position in its testimony before the legislature for many years since the prior administration allowed the GIS to lapse into disuse and dysfunction.

Consequently, we respectfully ask that you not concur with the House on Program ID LNR 802 and instead amend HB 1700, HD1 by returning the Historic Preservation Geographic Information Systems Specialist (#102288) to the list of positions to be converted from temporary to permanent.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have any questions about the specific importance of this position, particularly on how it benefits the State's historic heritage, please feel free to contact me at the above email address.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol



Re: Support for Program ID HTH212 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation For Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program as stated in H.B. 1700, H.D.1

Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of this Committee:

My name is Vivian Landrum, and I am the President/CEO of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce (KKCC). KKCC represents over 525 business members and is the leading business advocacy organization on the west side of Hawai'i Island. KKCC also actively works to enhance the environment, unique lifestyle and quality of life in West Hawai'i for both residents and visitors alike.

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the \$2.8 million designated in the budget for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for the Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency Program as stated in H.B. 1700, H.D.1.

The shortage of physicians on Hawaii Island has been documented and discussed for the past eleven years. As noted in several reports from the North Hawaii Outcomes Project as well as the Hawaii County Community Health Profile, the health of the people of Hawaii County is consistently worse than the state average. Factors attributing to this include genetics, social and economic conditions, health related behaviors and **access to healthcare**. Increasing the healthcare workforce was cited as one requirement to improve the health of Hawaii Island's people.

The HHSC Primary Care Training Program could help stem the current and projected shortage by increasing the chances for additional physicians on Hawaii Island as it is documented that many residents choose to remain where they are trained. This could have a positive domino effect as new physicians will require staff, thus supporting job growth as well.

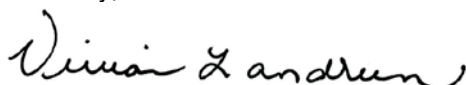
The physician shortage also impacts hiring challenges for employers. Members of this Chamber have reported even though they have health care plans for their employees; new employees are struggling to find physicians who will take on new patients. Current practicing physicians are already over burdened and reluctant to bring on new clients. Qualified workforce candidates are therefore reluctant to upgrade to a new job if the change means a change in health care provider.

The Primary Care Training Program has the potential to impact Hawai'i Island via a multitude of positive outcomes. More primary care providers will decrease unnecessary hospital visits, increase ability to treat debilitating diseases and lower costs, are just a few to add to the list.

Hawaii Island is experiencing a gradual recovery from the past few years of economic turmoil. The appropriation of funding for a Primary Care Training Program is an action that is greatly needed for this Island now and for the future. I urge you to support the \$2.8 million as stated in this budget for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,



Vivian Landrum
President/CEO



From: [Alex Young](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Budget
Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:04:36 AM

Aloha.

My name is Alex Young 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,

Alex Young

H.B. #1700, H.D. 1 Relating to the State Budget HMS 802 Vocational Rehabilitation

Ami M. Tsuji-Jones
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March 17, 2014

To Ways and Means Committee:

Hi, my name is Ami Tsuji-Jones and I am Deaf. I was born and grew up in Hawai'i. When I heard that the Department of Human Services asked the House Committee on Finance to reduce the budget for Comprehensive Services Center from \$400k to \$150k, I was greatly upset and mortified! That is not even half of the budget; it's more than 62% cut!! Why? Why? We are just starting to set up the Comprehensive Services Center (CSC) and you already want to slash the budget more than half. I feel like you want us to be unsuccessful or fail in achieving our dream of having a center for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind!

We have been struggling for more than 30 years to establish such a center and thanks to Hawai'i legislature for helping us by funding \$400k last year. Now you want to reduce the budget by eliminating \$250k. That's a lot! We still need \$400k to help us continue the center, so we can have workshops, training, classes for adult education, provide senior citizen and youth programs, social events, etc. The blind people have its own center; we want to have our own center as well for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind! We have experienced so many obstacles, went through oppression, discrimination, etc. Please don't become an obstacle for the deaf community!

I am imploring all of you to reinstate the \$400k budget and not reduce any of it. Please help us realize our dream!

Thank you,
Ami M. Tsuji-Jones



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HB1704

Submitted on: 3/18/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 20, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Audra White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB1704.

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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/17/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aurora Winslade	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I specifically support the State Sustainability Coordinator position (currently in the Department of Land & Natural Resources' budget). This position is critical to the future of our state and I urge you to ensure it is included in this year's budget.

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HB1700

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Bong Kang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Aloha,

My name is Brian Nakamoto and I am Deaf kama'aina. The House Committee on Finance proposed 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 devastating. I ask that the Senate to restore this cut by putting the money back to \$400,000 for the Comprehensive Service Center. The reasons that I support the deaf center because of various of services such as adult education and deaf services that have been used in the office.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brian Nakamoto



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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
Brian Turano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support funding the sustainability coordinator. It is essential to have a person to liaison with legislators and stakeholders.

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HB1700

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Kauai Lucas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I specifically support the State Sustainability Coordinator position (currently in the Department of Land & Natural Resources' budget) as a means of maximizing effectiveness in the critical task of implementing sustainable practices statewide.

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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/17/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carly Quisenberry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I specifically support the State Sustainability Coordinator position.

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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/17/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Nakamoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, I am hard of hearing and my two year old niece is deaf. I am requesting that the Senate restore the budget back to \$400,000 for the Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind. Unless we have the appropriate funding, we will be unable to provide much needed services to our deaf community. Sincerely, Carol Nakamoto

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From: smile4cathie@aol.com
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Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:05:08 AM

Aloha Senators:

My name is Cathie Collier and I am a teacher for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf blind children at Waimalu Elementary School. The House Committee on Finance has reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind individuals from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

I am against HB 1700. I was shocked to learn of this reduction as this would hurt much of the positive gains that was accomplished this year. I ask that the Senate restore this cut and return the money at \$400,000.

The reason that I support a deaf center is because it affords both young and old deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf blind people of Hawaii the opportunity to improve their lives. Just this year classes were offered in reading, writing, math, sign language, pre-employment skills, and technology, with other classes and workshops in the planning. Please do not take this away.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cathie Collier
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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 211

House Bill 1700, HD1- Relating to the State Budget

Aloha Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee

I, Cheryl Mizusawa, am respectfully submit testimony in strong support of the \$400,000 to restore the budget for Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf. I'm a member of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Board for the Vocational Rehabilitation. I devastated to learn that The House Committee on Finance reduced the budget request of the Department of Human Services for the Comprehensive Service for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000. I desperately want to help the deaf community to continue receive various support service like independent living, community service, and various that help them to increase their educational by Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind.

This is important for the future of our deaf community to help stimulate their self-esteem and empowerment to reserve protection from without acknowledgeable. Comprehensive Service Center will helping us to strong talent and become leadership to grow. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Chris Brosius	Individual	Support	No

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Crysttal Steiner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support funding for the state Sustainability Coordinator position. This position is critical to our future and should be fully funded.

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Cyrus Howe	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daita Serghi	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I wholeheartedly support the adoption of this bill. I am the coordinator of the non-profit organization "Sustainability Association of Hawaii" and the interim sustainability coordinator of the University of Hawaii System, The Governor appointed Jackie Kozak Thiel as Hawai'i's first State Sustainability Coordinator in October 2013, which was a great achievement for the State. This State Sustainability Coordinator provides invaluable coordination across state, county, and federal partners on Hawai'i's sustainability and climate change priorities. Given our state's location and resources, we absolutely need to continue preparing to adapt and become resilient to the changes ahead. Without coordination at the state level, we will not be able to prepare properly. Please adopt this bill for the sake of our children and grandchildren, so that they can enjoy a piece of paradise, the way we do today.

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Testimony in Support of Budget: for Statewide Sustainability Coordinator

Doorae Shin

March 17, 2014

Aloha,

This testimony is specifically in support of funding for the State Sustainability Coordinator. The State of Hawai‘i made a huge leap forward and a bold statement in creating this position in October of 2013

The State Sustainability Coordinator is currently a temporary position and without it, Hawai‘i will lose immensely valuable coordination at county, state and federal levels in the arena of environmental protection and climate change.

As it stands, these islands are increasingly vulnerable to the current and impending affects of climate change and sea level rise. The President of Kiribati just visited the East-West Center on Thursday to speak of the islands of his nation slowly being lost to sea level rise with significant parts of the coastline sinking every year.

As a student at UH Mānoa, I also attended the 2nd Annual HI Sustainability in Higher Education Summit, which took place for three days last week to carry forth the discourse and action around making sustainability a priority on our campuses. Even more, the Board of Regents passed a Systemwide policy in January emphasizing sustainability and stating goals of carbon neutrality, zero-waste and local food self-sufficiency.

Further, the 2050 Sustainability Plan for Hawai‘i states ambitious goals, yet stands stagnant following the creation of the document. Without a coordinator, we threaten to remain a state of rhetoric and inaction. The talking and collaboration has largely come to consensus among the professionals, politicians and community members of these islands, and it is time to turn our words into meaningful action.

In any organization, student club or job I have been a part of, a leader and an organizer is needed to carry out any project or task. Hawai‘i cannot truly move forward in a meaningful way without the leaders in place to build the foundations for effective coordination and progress.

My testimony represents 150 students of the Student Sustainability Coalition of Hawai‘i which includes dozens of students from neighbor islands who could not make it in person today. Hawai‘i’s ecosystem faces dire circumstances with myriad endangered and already extinct species on top of loss of viable agricultural land and decline in air and water quality. It is inevitable to address these issues to envision and create a healthier and vibrant Hawai‘i, and we now have the choice to begin addressing them today.

Mahalo,
Doorae Shin

Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Ways & Means
March 18, 2014 at 9:00 am in Conference Room

LATE

HOUSE BILL 1700, House Draft 1, RELATING TO THE STATE
BUDGET

Chair David Ige, Vice Chair Michelle Kidani, and Members of Ways and Means

Aloha from Kentucky! To my astonishment and shock with disbelief, my friends in Hawaii informed me about the House hearing on March 12, 2014 of their request of cutting \$400,000.00 appropriation to \$150,000. I firmly oppose to the House decision-making of cutting the fund by 62.5% for the Comprehensive Service Center (CSC) in the Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation Line Item for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf –Blind Persons because of 3 IMPORTANT reasons as follows: 1) History; 2) Delay; 3) Need of Programs and Services.

During my 25 years of advocacy for the Deaf community at the Hawaii State Legislature, the entire community of deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, students, teachers, parents, and sign language interpreters who proudly rallied at Department of Human Services (DHS) building and State Capitol; testified at hearings; and met with you, asking for your support in 2013. This resulted in the unanimous passage of the \$400,000 appropriation to establish and operate a Comprehensive Service Center (CSC) for Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Deaf–Blind Persons in the State of Hawaii that was signed by the governor in 2013. This was the true victory for the Deaf community who had fought for over 30 years unsuccessfully to seeking for the grants to continuously provide the programs and services. May I strongly remind you that the nonprofit agency for Deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind suffered the financial loss, resulting in its closure and that the state-operated agency would be a long-term guarantee to ensure improvement of services for them. They deserved this important accomplishments—their DREAM! Remember the Deaf Alamo!

The real problem is an unexpected cancellation of the DVR contract of hiring three staff through University of Hawaii Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (PBRRTC). Assuming that the positions were already filled, we were in dismay, learning that the hiring was cancelled and postponed. Being among the applicants for the project specialist position with my past work experiences in federal, state, local and church government sects, the postponement of hiring process forced me to relocate to the mainland because of high cost of living in Hawaii without fulltime or/and part time job. I wish the best of luck to whoever is hired for CSC.

Citizens who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind need the CSC primarily because of communication access that no other agencies provide (i.e., staff skilled in American Sign Language and knowledgeable in Deafness-related issues). The funding cut will

definitely interrupt the services and programs provided by the CSC to deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf blind. For example, Ho'opono Center for Blind cannot provide the services and programs to those who are deaf or hard of hearing and may limit the services to those who are deaf-blind. The ARC in Hawaii cannot provide either because of their different perspective related to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To remind you again, there are no agencies having the staff knowledgeable in Deafness related issues and skilled in sign language in order to provide the efficiency and effective of services and programs for those who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind.

Therefore, I strongly and firmly urge you to support restoring the funding request \$400,000 for the Comprehensive Service Center for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind and restore the original appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2013 to 2015.

Thank you for your serious consideration for the improvement of the community serving people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Francine Mae Aona Kenyon

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Ghissou Rosala	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support the state sustainability coordinator position in department of land and natural resources' budget.

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James Callahan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I specifically support funding for the State Sustainability Coordinator position (currently in DLNR's budget)

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Jason Maga	Individual	Support	No

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My name is Jeffrey W. Ching. I am hard of hearing. The house committee on finance of the department of human services reduced the budget request for the comprehensive service center for the deaf and hard of hearing and deaf-blind from \$400,000 to \$150,000.

This is devastating. Many of the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind rely on such services for daily independent living. I ask the senate to restore this cut and put back the \$400,000 each year needed.

The reason that I personally support the comprehensive service center for the deaf are adult education and workshops.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Ching



From: [Kayo Lambrecht](#)
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Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:19:16 AM

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 17, 2014, at 9:13 AM, Kayo Lambrecht <kayo2la@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Aloha.

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>> My name is Kayo Lambrecht and I am Deaf. The House committee on finance reduced the budget request of department of human services for 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 services such as adult education and deaf services that I have been used in the office.

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>> Sincerely.

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>> Kayo Lambrecht

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Kirsten Rosa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I specifically support the State Sustainability Coordinator position (currently in the Department of Land & Natural Resources' budget.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kristine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Kristine Pagano. Please do not reduce the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation budget request of \$400,000 to \$150,000. The budget request of \$400,000 is for the Comprehensive Services Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind. Our community needs the center to improve the quality of life and support for job placement. Please restore the House Committee on Finance cut and put back the \$400,000 for the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Thank you.

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Aloha.

My name is Laura Safranski and I am an ASL Interpreter. 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 for the economy and disability services. I ask that the Senate restore this cut-back to the originally approved 400,000.

Almost every state has a Community Center or Comprehensive skills center for the Deaf. I support a deaf center because of various of services such as adult education and deaf services leading to successful employment causing a decrease of SSDI payments and a happier, more fulfilled community.

Sincerely,

Laura Safranski
Concerned Voter and Community Member



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Elento	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: The Education budget is not clear on how or if a student who is Section 504/Rehab. Act receives related services under Hawaii Administrative Rules 8-61 and protection under HAR 8-41. Therefore, eligible students are not treated fairly in both regular DOE schools and public charter schools. The descriptions under EDN150, 200, 300, 600 are inconsistent and require clarification. For example, is a regular school include a charter school as described on the Performance Measures and Programs Report P62, EDN 150, under Program Target Groups, no. 2: Special Ed. students in Regular Schools? And, under Program Activities, no. 2, No. Of students eligible for special ed programs include charter school students eligible under Sec. 504 and HAR 8-61? Thank you for your support with funding directed towards these students' needs.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Tom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is LisaAnn Tom and I am deaf. I am very shocked to find out 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. I strongly ask that the Senate restore this cut and put back the money at \$400,000. The reasons that I support a deaf center is primarily communication access that no other agencies provide such as staff's skill in American Sign Language and knowledgeable in Deafness-related issues. This opens the door for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind who receive appropriate services and training like a one-stop center. Senior Citizen center, youth programs, and communication access are the examples. They need specific resources available. With this budget being reduced to \$150,000, we will not be able to get enough services and trainings we need. It would be very hardship for all of us. Once again, I stringy urge you to support restoring the funding request \$400,000 for the Comprehensive Service Center for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, LisaAnn Tom

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Subject: Deaf Community
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Aloha,

My name is Marylou G. Beal and I am Hearing Impaired. 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,

Marylou G. Beal



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Subject: Comprehensive Service Center for Deaf, Deaf Blind, and Hard of Hearing budget
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Aloha.

My name is Mr. Matthew Sacco and I am Deaf and originally from Rochester, NY- the home of the largest deaf population include National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and Rochester School for the Deaf. I am shocked to see 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 devastating news to the deaf and hearing people of Hawaii. I formally make a request that the Senate restore the amount of the money at \$400,000. There are several reasons that I support the deaf center because of a variety of reasons that helps deaf and hearing people find their endeavors. A deaf HIV/AIDS education, a deaf consumer education, sign language classes, job hunting clubs, deaf culture and awareness education, social security disability education, medical education, and others are used in the office. I ask for more than \$400,000 because of salaries, maintenance cost, interpreter costs, and other small fees. In addition to this, Rochester, NY have a largest support system – job hunting clubs, medical education at University of Rochester Medical Center, several interpreting services, and others. Recently, I lost 40 pounds because I went to the Deaf Weight Wise at University of Rochester Medical Center, which funded by the Control of Disease Center in Atlanta, GA because they recognized the city by itself. I am sure that other organizations would recognize the deaf center in Honolulu, HI. Many organization would probably want to use the facilities of the deaf center for many good causes The Deaf Center of Honolulu, HI would probably be recognized by nationally known in the future. We want to inform about this deaf center who lives in Hawaii, Guam, and American Samoa.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Sacco



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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."

Creative Lab is a crucial part of the infrastructure needed to grow and expand the creative sectors including fashion, film, music, art, and new media. Collectively these creative industries provide significant growth potential for Hawaii's economy, creating high value jobs, exportable products and intellectual property, and attracting and retaining talent. By providing creative entrepreneurs with business development training, access to mentors, and connections with industry decisionmakers and platforms outside Hawaii, Creative Labs will accelerate the growth of these key industries and put in place infrastructure that will support entrepreneurs at all levels.

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 a fashion accelerator will be critical in closing the gaps in the fashion industry so that we can grow international visibility and a market for Made in Hawaii fashion. Many professionals in our industry are constrained by limits of manufacturing, access to capital, and opportunities to showcase on large platforms both within and outside Hawaii. We intend to work closely with Creative Labs and DBEDT to enhance and leverage the opportunities available to entrepreneurs completing the program so that Hawaii's fashion talent can rise to the international stage.

Mahalo for your consideration and the opportunity to testify.

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Melissa White, Co-founder and Partner

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Michelle Tigchelaar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I specifically support the continued funding and support of the State Sustainability Coordinator position (currently in the Department of Land & Natural Resources' budget).

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Milli B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the Aloha+ Challenge resolution (SCR 69 & HCR 104) that defines six sustainability targets for Hawai'i to reach by 2030 in clean energy, local food, natural resource management, waste reduction, climate change/smart growth and green jobs & education. These targets were developed collaboratively by lead State agencies with key private partners and endorsed by Hawai'i Green Growth members- more that 50 leaders from government, business and non-profits. Aloha+ Challenge builds upon and will help advance outstanding work by dedicated people across the state. This statewide "challenge" can provide the needed political leadership to make sustainability a state priority. I specifically support specifically support the State Sustainability Coordinator position (currently in the Department of Land & Natural Resources' budget. The Governor appointed Jackie Kozak Thiel as Hawai'i's first State Sustainability Coordinator in October 2013, which was a great achievement for the State. This State Sustainability Coordinator provides invaluable coordination across state, county, and federal partners on Hawai'i's sustainability and climate change priorities.

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Olin Lagon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the creation and funding for a State Sustainability Coordinator position. Mahalo! Olin Lagon (96819)

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Date: Monday, March 17, 2014 5:50:33 PM

Aloha,

My name is Pinky Aiello 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,

Pinky Aiello

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Randal Tadashi Bartlett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony of Randy Tadashi Bartlett Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget Senate Committee on Ways and Means Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 9:00AM, Room 211 Aloha Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani & Committee Members: 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. The East Maui Watershed Partnership has been actively managing portions of the windward, mauka watersheds on Maui since 1991. The seven 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. Healthy and diverse Hawaiian forests that are not degraded by invasive pests act like a sponge, collecting rain and moisture from passing clouds, slowly delivering fresh water into streams and aquifers, absorbing greenhouse gases, and reducing runoff and siltation into streams and onto coral reefs during storm events. Mahalo nui loa no kou kokua!-) Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka `Aina I Ka Pono!!! Randy Tadashi Bartlett

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Ryan Perroy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Governor appointed Jackie Kozak Thiel as Hawai'i's first State Sustainability Coordinator in October 2013, which was a great achievement for the State. This State Sustainability Coordinator provides invaluable coordination across state, county, and federal partners on Hawai'i's sustainability and climate change priorities. It is currently a temporary position, and the State is requesting continued funding & support from the Legislature. We are in jeopardy of losing this critical position if funding is not approved, and will not have the capacity to make strides on this important work.

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Vicky Newman	Hudnut LED Lighting	Support	No

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Vicky Newman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: specifically support the State Sustainability Coordinator position (currently in the Department of Land & Natural Resources' budget) this is a very needed positions and without it we will not be able to reach are 2030 energy reduction goals

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Meguro	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I specifically support funding the State Sustainability Coordinator position (which is currently in the Department of Land & Natural Resources' budget).

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Wyatt Bartlett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to make our legislators aware that I specifically support funding for the State Sustainability Coordinator position. The Governor appointed Jackie Kozak Thiel as Hawai'i's first State Sustainability Coordinator in October 2013, which was a great achievement for the State. This State Sustainability Coordinator provides invaluable coordination across state, county, and federal partners on Hawai'i's sustainability and climate change priorities. It is currently a temporary position, and the State is requesting continued funding & support from the Legislature. We are in jeopardy of losing this critical position if funding is not approved, and will not have the capacity to make strides on this important work. Hawaii needs this position to meet its renewable energy goals of 70% clean energy by 2030. Please sustain the Sustainability Coordinator, she will help us to make it happen.

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