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David Y. Ige
Governor

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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
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Members of the House Committee on Finance

H.B. No. 1700 – Relating to the State Budget -- **Testimony in SUPPORT**

The Office of the Governor appreciates the Committee's past support in approving last year's emergency appropriation (EA) that provided funds for vacation payouts to departing staff, paid annual memberships for the National Governor's Association and Western Governors Association, and allowed us to upgrade our office's information technology to implement a paperless document review and approval process within the Governor's Office.

Our FY17 supplemental budget requests continued funding and positions for our **Special Advisor on Federal Funds Maximization** and **Military Affairs Liaison**, additional funding for **three vacant positions to support community engagement**, and funds to maintain our **Microsoft Office 365 licenses**.

Our **Special Advisor on Federal Funds Maximization**, who was appointed one year ago, has assisted the Governor's Office on the following projects: Established regular meetings with B&F's Office of Federal Awards Management to implement statewide use of this management tool within the executive branch; supported streamlining of highway fund and airport fund state allocations to increase drawdown of federal funds; scheduled and staffed meetings for Governor with key federal officials, including the Secretaries of Transportation, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, and the Administrator of EPA; represented the Governor at the Western Governors Association to support a WGA resolution in support of expansion of international airport preclearance for Hawai'i and other western states; coordinated and assisted with correspondence from various state departments to requests from federal agencies; and provided updates from Governor's office to Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation on various policy decisions involving Federal programs. Many of our state departments have acknowledged the additional capacity that this position gives us in making connections with federal agency staff and advocating for Hawai'i given the geographic separation from our nation's capital and our state.

Our **Military Affairs (MA) Liaison**, who was appointed in October 2015, has assisted the Governor's Office by: facilitating multiple meetings for the Governor with military leadership, including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the Pacific Command and providing staff support to the Governor at military-related events such as change of command and promotion ceremonies. Finally, we have provided staffing for military-related issues such as coordination on the Red Hill consent decree, tours of neighbor island military programs, and attendance at Military Affairs Council meetings. We respect the contributions of our military partners and seek to assure them that their presence in our state is appreciated.

Finally, our **Community Engagement** team on O'ahu, along with our neighbor island offices, respond to hundreds of requests each week that range from invitations for Governor's appearance at community events, to school groups wanting tours of the capitol, to complex casework requiring referrals to and follow-up with our executive departments. Additionally, we receive continuous feedback through our Twitter and Facebook accounts, and, we receive dozens of daily telephone calls and letters expressing opinions and sharing concerns. It is challenging to provide timely responses to all these forms of communication. Thus, we would appreciate additional funding to fill **three vacant positions** so we can respond in a more timely way to these myriad requests.

Mahalo for your continuing support of the Governor's Office budget. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Laurel Johnston, Deputy Chief of Staff, at 586-0034.

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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.
Room 308

HOUSE BILL NO. 1700
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

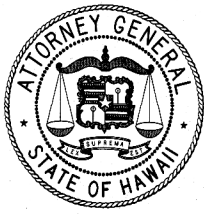
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1700. This bill amends Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015 and other appropriations and authorizations effective during fiscal biennium 2015-2017. The Department supports this bill.

The Executive budget request includes additional positions to assist in addressing the vacant position backlog in the Department and to continue the Farm to School program. Other requests include trade-offs/transfers to better utilize the resources available to the Department. Also included in the budget request are funds to address health and safety concerns at departmental facilities and to make repairs and improvements to the Molokai Irrigation System.

We realize the budget will undergo further iterations before reaching its final form and look forward to working with the committees to craft a budget that is amenable to all of those involved.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

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

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 2016

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308

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

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

We support the Governor's supplemental budget package, including Governor's Messages as submitted.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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**TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1700**

March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 1700. The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) supports H.B. 1700, the Executive Supplemental Budget submittal. The departmental requests include necessary adjustments to our fixed cost payments (debt service, employer retirement benefit payments, and employer health premium payments) and to support mission critical needs of our departmental programs and attached agencies.

We also respectfully request that the following items which are contained in the Governor's Message No. 10 be included in the measure because they reflect adjustments to the funding levels for the State Employer Health Premium requirements to reflect actual health premium amounts for active employees based on health premiums rates that were recently approved by the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF). The Governor's Message also reflects the inclusion of 1.00 permanent position and funds for a Benefits Compliance Audit Specialist which is needed to expand the EUTF's compliance and claims audit capabilities as this will directly impact and generate savings for both the employers and employees. The Governor's Message items that directly pertain to our department are as follows:

B&F – Health Premium Payments – State (BUF 761/ST)

Reduces \$793,740 in general funds in FY 17 to reflect actual health premium amounts for actives based on the rates approved by the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund's (EUTF) Board of Directors on January 21, 2016.

B&F – Health Premium Payments – DOE (BUF 765/LE)

Reduces \$5,081,249 in general funds in FY 17 to reflect actual health premium amounts for actives based on the rates approved by the EUTF's Board of Directors on January 21, 2016.

B&F – Health Premium Payments – UH (BUF 768/HE)

Reduces \$327,412 in general funds in FY 17 to reflect actual health premium amounts for actives based on the rates approved by the EUTF's Board of Directors on January 21, 2016.

B&F – Health Premium Payments

Amends related proviso, Section 45 of Act 119, SLH 2015, to update revised funding requirements for health premiums for BUF 761/ST, BUF 765/LE and BUF 768/HE.

B&F – Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (BUF 143/EU)

Adds 1.00 permanent position and \$44,559 in trust funds in FY 17 for a Benefits Compliance Audit Specialist. The position will be responsible for compliance audits along with managing claims audits performed by third parties to expand the EUTF's audit capabilities and create savings for employers and employees.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



DOUGLAS MURDOCK
COMPTROLLER

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TESTIMONY
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TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
MARCH 9, 2016

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on H.B.1700. The Department of Accounting and General Services supports HB 1700.

We would ask for the Committee's consideration for the following budget requests:

1. Our critical general fund requests totaling \$2 million for the following initiatives.
 - a. Eight (8) accountant positions and \$319,000 in general funds for the Accounting Division to support the design, testing, development of policies and procedures, and support users for the payroll and general ledger computer application upgrades and the installation of a time and attendance system. This is our top priority to ensure the successful implementation of the three software applications.
 - b. One (1) plumber and four (4) custodians and \$585,000 in general funds to maintain, clean, and operate the public buildings in the capitol district

including the Kamamalu Building which will be operational in December 2016.

- c. Office of Elections general fund request for \$356,000 to maintain and operate the online voter registration system in a secure environment.
 - d. Transfer of Office of Information Practices (OIP) from the Lieutenant Governor's office effective July 1, 2016. Our general fund requests include six (6) permanent positions, two and a half (2.5) temporary positions and \$576,000 in general funds for this transfer.
 - e. General fund requests totaling \$173,000 for Office 365 licenses for DAGS, Office of Enterprise Technology Services (OETS), and the OIP.
2. Increase of \$1.2 million in the special fund expenditure ceiling for the Enhanced 911 Board to fund system enhancements for "Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs)" operated by the county police departments.
 3. CIP supplemental budget requests totalling \$37 million including \$5.8 million in general funds to convert bond funded positions (76 positions) to general funded. Of the \$31.2 million in general obligation bond funded requests, \$15 million is to upgrade the financial systems, \$5.2 million for upgrades to the State's microwave and land mobile radio communication systems, \$1.2 million for the plans and design to renovate the capitol reflecting pools, \$10 million to address health and safety projects at Aloha Stadium, \$1.5 million for plans and design for improvements at Aloha Stadium for transit oriented development projects, \$2 million for State office building remodeling, \$5 million for health and safety improvements at Washington Place, and a reduction of \$8.7 million for the elimination of bond funded staff costs.
 4. Office of Enterprise Technology Services general fund requests totaling \$3,355,000 and an additional 31 permanent positions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

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Statement of
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before

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

11:00 AM

State Capitol, Room 308

HB 1700
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism's (DBEDT) budget.

DBEDT's mission is to support the development of a Hawaii economy that embraces innovation; an economy that is globally competitive, dynamic and productive; and provides opportunities for all Hawaii's citizens. The department's overall strategy focuses on growing jobs, raising income and cultivating innovation.

Hawaii is on the right track. Unemployment and inflation are low. Tourism numbers are at peak levels. The real estate market is strong, and construction activity is booming.

Moving forward, we are actively looking to advance our overall growth strategy for the state, by investing in infrastructure, attracting capital and developing talent. Focusing on these foundational principles helps to position Hawaii to become an innovation and knowledge-based economy.

DBEDT's divisions and attached agencies have organized and aligned their programs to support this mission under the banner of the "HI Growth Initiative." The HI Growth Initiative implements programs and investments that support the establishment of new companies with rapid growth potential. These firms also have the potential to form strong industry clusters that will allow our State to participate in the global economy.

The budget request includes \$5 million to help maintain the momentum HI Growth Initiative programs have achieved. The first \$20 million of State and Federal funds has successfully been deployed to five active venture funds and three highly

successful accelerator programs, all of which encourage startups and companies grow and scale their businesses here in Hawaii.

In order to create a sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem, we need a network in place with financial and professional resources. A good example of sustainable job growth and opportunity is the goal for Hawaii to reach 100 percent renewable energy goal by 2045. This ambitious goal is both eco-friendly and good for our economy. By growing our clean energy economy, we will increase energy efficiency and utilize new technologies, which will ensure energy security, environmental quality and long-term benefits to residents.

Innovation in Hawaii means setting the bar high to achieve significant positive changes. DBEDT is actively working to create an environment that enables Hawaii's creative and entrepreneurial talent to turn ideas into products and services in today's globally competitive economy. This will, in turn, increase the flow of people, products, services and ideas between Hawaii and the rest of the world.

In conclusion, we need to take advantage of the current economic cycle, which will inevitably begin to contract. We have the opportunity to make sound investments and policy decisions that will diversify our economy and prolong the "expansion" periods and shorten the "contraction" periods. The innovation sector is what Hawaii needs. It impacts all industries, improves our quality of life, provides high-wage job opportunities, and is the best opportunity to create a vibrant and sustainable economy for the future generation.

We look forward to our continued collaboration to provide best plan for Hawaii's future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of our budget.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT DIVISION – BED 100

BED 100 - Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$90,000 in the second year of the Biennium to the base budget for salaries and fixed expenses of the State's overseas offices in Beijing and Taipei. The overseas offices promote trade, investment attraction and international student recruitment. As the offices are sanctioned and supported by their respective central governments, the offices also serve to maintain bi-lateral relations.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES – BED 105

BED 105 - Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$75,000 for Hawaii Film Office Operations, Business Development and Marketing. Hawaii Film Office requests restoration of funding for the Statewide Film Program, including supporting the marketing of Hawaii as a production location, tax incentive program, core operations for the office and shortfall repair and maintenance at the Hawaii Film Studio.
- \$1,720,000 for Hawaii Film Office Studio, Various Site Improvements, Phase 3A. This request is a continuation of the ongoing site improvements to the existing facilities.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE – BED 107

BED 107 Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$1 million CIP for Chiller Replacement – The FTZ is requesting CIP funds to replace its three aging air conditioning chiller units, which service its older makai wing of the Pier 2 facility. Two of these units were installed in 2002 and the third in 2005 so they are already 14 and 11 years old, respectively; and has cost an additional \$28,063.18 in repairs this year above the \$30,270.00 cost for the base annual maintenance contract for these A/C units.

STATE ENERGY OFFICE - BED 120

BED 120 Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$259,954 and (\$257,954) tradeoff request to re-appropriate special funds to Personal Services from Other Current Expenses to cover higher fringe benefit costs.

OFFICE OF AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT- BED 128

BED 128 Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$250,000 to supplement PISCES operations for space exploration, research, and education/training.
- \$150,000 to maintain UAS test site operations in conjunction with Alaska and Oregon as part of FAA Pan Pacific UAS Test Range.
- \$15,585 to cover collective bargaining increases for teachers.

- \$50,000 to establish the director position within OAD in accordance with Act 149 to lead, coordinate and promote OAD-related activities.
- \$55,000 to establish a ceiling for FY 2017 for PISCES Special Fund established by Act 163, SLH 2015.

RESEARCH & ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DIVISION – BED 130

BED 130 - Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$18,944 request for two part-time student intern positions and funds. Student interns are needed to help the program in data collection, entry, verification, and formatting data.

HAWAII GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY – BED 138

BED 138 - Executive Budget Adjustment:

- Add the part-time HGIA Accountant Position for the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority. Position was created to perform essential financial reporting, budgeting and accounting functions.
- Add a \$45 million appropriation ceiling for special funds in FY 17 for the issuance of green infrastructure loans.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE – BED 142

BED 142 Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$100,000 for HBI Project Manager to cover the budgeted salary for one temporary position and operating expenses. The primary purpose of the position is to provide a full range of program planning and development activities, in support of the HBI Program.
- \$25,386 request to restore one Management Analyst Position that was abolished in 2010. The management analyst will provide assistance to DBEDT for department-wide support, including coordinating legislative responses. The management analyst will also work on department-wide initiatives to enhance its effectiveness and efficiency, along with conduct organizational analyses, including studies of operational practices and procedures. The cost for the initial year is \$25,386 for half-year funding. Thereafter, the funding will be for \$50,772.
- \$70,750 request to add funds for the purchase of Office 365 licenses. B&F provided an allocation of the FY 2017 Office 365 license cost to the Department.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – BED 143

BED 143 Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$47,500 request to restore the general funded portion (50 percent) of the Operations Manager, so the agency can hire a full-time person. A full-time Operations Manager is necessary for fiscal oversight and managing the day to day operations.
- Authorize a 100 percent federally funded Project Manager position that was established

in FY16. The Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies (HCATT) program received a new six-year, \$20 million cooperative agreement. A Project Manager position was established in compliance with the Budget Execution Policies. A Project Manager is required to oversee the micro grid project.

- Adjust the Other Current Expense portion of the current federal appropriation for FY17 by (\$15,026,723) since no new federal grants are anticipated to be awarded in FY16-17. The Personal Services portion of the appropriation is needed to cover the ongoing payroll costs.
- Appropriate \$3 million in CIP funds for the Entrepreneur Sandbox Kakaako Collaboration Center. The funding is necessary to complete the project and cover additional work to strengthen the foundation and offset rising construction costs.

OFFICE OF PLANNING – BED 144

BED 144 Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$203,278 increase in federal funds ceiling to continue positions funded under prior federal awards. Increase appropriation ceiling due to continuing positions funded under prior federal awards. This is part of the ongoing efforts to more accurately track federal award expenditures.
- \$150,000 request to update the Hawaii State Planning Act. Conduct a comprehensive review and update of the Hawaii State Planning Act (HRS Chapter 226) to ensure that the plan responds to changes in economic, physical, and social conditions, technology, and the global marketplace; and addresses new constraints and opportunities as it plans for the future.
- \$91,000 request to establish a Sustainability Coordinator position. The position would coordinate numerous activities with the objective of balancing economic development with environmental sustainability and social well-being for Hawaii residents. The position would coordinate with federal, state, and county for plans, policies, programs, projects, and regulatory activities to preserve land, energy, water, and other resources.

HAWAII STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – BED 145

BED 145 - Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$5 million general fund replenishment to catalyze more public-private initiatives that contribute to the infrastructure, talent development and capital needs of the innovation ecosystem.

NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY – BED 146

BED 146 Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$5.2 million request in CIP reimbursable GO bond funds to upgrade and make various improvements to the seawater system.

HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – BED 150
BED 150 Executive Budget Adjustments:

- \$1,450,000 CIP funding for HCDA Community Development Districts for FY2017 to pay the wages for 19 project-funded staff positions converting from funding by general obligation bonds to general funds. These positions have historically been funded by Government Obligation Bond CIP appropriations.
- \$6 million CIP funding for Kalaeloa Enterprise Energy Corridor Extension to create an underground utility connection along Enterprise Avenue. The new connection would service significant government assets such as the National Guard, FBI, and Kalaeloa Airport, and would seed further development in the district.

HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - BED 160
BED 160 Executive Budget Adjustment:

- \$15 million for Phase One of the 902 Alder Street mixed-use residential development will provide approximately 180 affordable rental housing units for working families, space for juvenile shelter and services, and parking. The HHFDC and Judiciary have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to develop the mixed-use residential project in Honolulu, Oahu.
- \$75 million request in taxable General Obligation Bond funds for infusion into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (formerly known as the Rental Housing Trust Fund).
- \$25 million request in taxable General Obligation Bond funds for infusion into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund
- \$6.5 million request for Waiahole Water Systems Improvements for a re-appropriation of funds due to project delays. The requested CIP funds were previously appropriated in FY14-15 for repairs to the access bridge to the Waiahole well pumps and upgrade the potable water system in Waiahole Valley, Oahu, which serves residential and agricultural water users, the Waiahole Elementary School and area fire hydrants.
- \$8,459,000 request for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Loan Program. The program encourages the development and preservation of rental housing for lower income households by providing a cost-effective financing mechanism for projects that are awarded State LIHTCs. Projects which have been awarded State LIHTCs that demonstrate the inability to find syndicators for their State credits may exchange either credits for a LIHTC loan.
- \$100,000 request for HOME Program Ceiling Increase. Need to add a federal funds expenditure ceiling increase to expand the supply of affordable housing in the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 308

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

HHFDC **supports** H.B. 1700, the Executive Supplemental Budget request. HHFDC's request for adjustment to its base operating budget is as follows:

BED 160/HF HOME Program Ceiling Increase **\$100,000 (N)**
Federal funds expenditure ceiling increase to expand the supply of affordable housing in the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui.

This request is to conform the Federal funds expenditure ceiling in HHFDC's base budget to the actual amount of the HOME Program allocation for the State of Hawaii to ensure that those funds are fully expended and not lapsed.

Additionally, HHFDC **strongly supports** the Governor's Supplemental Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request for FY2017 as follows:

902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu (BED 160/HD) **\$15,000,000 (C)**

The proposed mixed-use affordable rental housing project will redevelop the former Juvenile Detention Home site into a mixed-use project consisting of approximately 180 affordable rental housing units for families at 60% and below the HUD area median income and a juvenile services center/shelter. HHFDC is requesting \$15 million in CIP funds to finance phase 1 of the juvenile shelter/services component of this mixed-use development. This includes the prorated cost for approximately 24,000 square feet of completed office and shelter space and approximately 10,000 square feet of "shell" space with utility rough-ins on the bottom 3 floors of a high-rise tower and 50 of approximately 250 parking stalls that would be set aside to the Judiciary. In 2015, the Legislature appropriated \$1.7 million for plans and design.

Rental Housing Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$75,000,000 (C)

For every \$10 million dollars infused to the RHRF, it is estimated that approximately 60 new affordable rental housing units would be produced. This Supplemental request would therefore help produce up to 510 new units.

These figures are based on the assumption that 9 percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects will utilize approximately \$15-20 million dollars from the RHRF to produce 150-175 new affordable rental units annually at a cost of approximately \$110,000 per unit, and that any additional CIP funds infused into the RHRF would help produce rentals in 4 percent LIHTC projects at an average cost of approximately \$165,000 per unit.

Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide (BED 160/HD) \$25,000,000 (C)

An infusion of funding into the DURF will provide additional opportunities to facilitate the development of affordable housing, including transit-oriented development projects along the planned rail transit line, and to help finance regional infrastructure improvement projects as contemplated in HB 2305, HD1, Relating to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.

Waiahole Water Systems Improvements, Oahu (BED 160/HD) \$6,500,000 (C)

This request is for a re-appropriation of funds previously appropriated in FY2014-2015 due to project delays. The funds are intended for repairs to the access bridge to the Waiahole well pumps and to upgrade the potable water system in Waiahole Valley, Oahu, which services residential and agricultural water users, the Waiahole Elementary School and area fire hydrants.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Loans, Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$8,459,000 (C)

This request will provide continued funding for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Loan Program. This Program encourages the development and preservation of rental housing for lower income households by providing a cost-effective financing mechanism for projects that are awarded State LIHTCs. Projects which have been awarded State LIHTCs that demonstrate the inability to find investors for their State tax credits may exchange their credits for a LIHTC loan instead.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of these requests. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HAWAII
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Written Statement of

KARL FOOKS

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Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation

Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

11:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of

HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET, IN RELATION TO BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) is in **strong support** of HB1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that provides \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative. The HI Growth Initiative is an economic development program to invest in an innovation ecosystem that supports entrepreneurial high growth businesses and creates high wage jobs for the citizens of Hawaii.

This requested infusion of capital will help maintain the momentum of the HI Growth Initiative programs.

Businesses need capital to grow. The new generation of businesses need equity capital and not bank loans. States that have successfully developed ecosystems that attract equity capital are able to retain and attract growing businesses. This budget appropriation would provide a critical mass of new funding for the HI Growth Initiative to build on its successful launch and to continue the Legislature's support for an important economic development effort. Providing funding to the HI Growth Initiative sends a powerful signal to our entrepreneurs and investors that Hawaii is serious about growing our economy and retaining and attracting successful businesses to our state.

HI Growth helped in the establishment of 6 Hawaii-based venture capital investment funds, mobilizing over \$50 million of investment capital for Hawaii businesses to access. All these funds have 50% or greater of their capital from private sector investors. Each of these funds is managed by private sector teams that have some background in startups, technology or investing. The establishment of these funds and their investment activity has attracted the participation of Hawaii and Mainland angel investors, Hawaii institutional investors, Hawaii corporate investors and Mainland VC investment funds in Hawaii's startup ecosystem.

These investment funds have helped to retain and attract talented entrepreneurs pursuing opportunities in the tourism, agriculture, clean tech, film and media content, and health care industries. From virtually no startup activity 3 years ago, Hawaii now has five nationally recognized accelerators that are graduating over 40 new companies a year.

HI Growth also is a significant sponsor of events that help Hawaii entrepreneurs and investors interact with counterparts from Asia Pacific (East Meets West), Silicon Valley (MaiTai Maui Tech Night) and Hollywood (GVS All Access). HI Growth also supports Startup Weekends, pitch events and seminars that bring experts from other regions that have had success building innovation communities. These activities are important to educate and inspire Hawaii's entrepreneurs and help them find collaborators that can help them create successful businesses. These events have attracted over 1,500 participants.

Finally, HI Growth has also begun to look at gigabit enabled coworking spaces as a key infrastructure piece of the innovation community and is experimenting with models to see how the establishment of these innovation hubs could help Hawaii retain and attract successful startups.

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



Statement of
Robbie Melton
Executive Director & CEO
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before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
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In consideration of
HB1700
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** HB1700 regarding the request by Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for the \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request for the Entrepreneurs Sandbox, to add one 0.5 general fund positions for HTDC, and to authorize the 100% federally funded position established in FY16, under BED 143.

The \$3 million CIP request is for the Entrepreneurs Sandbox in Kakaako. Partnered with the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) in 2014, HTDC was awarded a \$3.0 million U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Authority (EDA) grant and secured a \$1.3 million matching commitment from the private sector to fund construction. The Sandbox is not a replacement for the Manoa Innovation Center (MIC). It is a 13,500 sq. ft. community innovation center that provides learning for all ages that enhances the program offerings to the community that MIC does not have the capacity to create. The Sandbox provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. Planned amenities include a creative digital media lab, production studio, makery for prototype development, video conference/workforce/training room, co-working and collaboration space, private offices, and meeting rooms. It will be adjacent to an office tower/retail space built by the private sector.

The Sandbox is currently in the final phase of design and scheduled to start construction in the first quarter of 2017. As part of the site assessment, environmental engineers discovered that the soil conditions are poor and requires pilings for the foundation. In addition, rising construction costs on Oahu have pushed the estimated

construction costs to \$7.3 million. The \$3.0 million CIP funds are required to complete the project.

Without the CIP funding, the project cannot be completed and HTDC will have to return the \$3 million grant it received from EDA. A condition of the federal award is that the Sandbox project must be complete with a final report submitted and approved by the EDA prior to September 2019 or the award will be forfeited and return to the federal general treasury. Extensions are not allowed. With an estimated 20-month timeline for construction and budgeting 6 months to wrap up the reporting requirements, construction must begin in early 2017 to complete the project. Returning grant funding will negatively impact HTDC's ability to receive EDA grant funding in the future.

The 0.5 position is to restore a position for an Operations Manager lost during the 2014-2015 session. The general funded portion of the position was lost as a result of not being filled, and not filled due to budget restrictions and hiring freezes. The position is 0.5 special funded and 0.5 general funded. HTDC is currently budgeted to fund the 0.5 special funded portion of the position and has the workload for a full time staff. Last year, HTDC launched several new initiatives as part of a vision to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030. The new initiatives were launched through the commitment of the existing staff and will require additional support to build out and maintain. Over the past 2 years HTDC's activities have grown with:

- plan and design of the Entrepreneurs Sandbox in Kakaako, to be constructed with the assistance of a \$3 million U.S. Economic Development Authority federal grant
- securing additional federal funds for HTDC's two federal programs to expand manufacturing and alternative energy transportation technologies which will require more administrative management matching support from HTDC
- planning of three technology parks (geriatric research, cyber and astronomy/aerospace)
- successful launch of the Neighbor Island Innovation Initiative providing mentorship support on Kauai and Hawaii island.
- setup and administration of 3 new grant programs for manufacturers and alternative energy federal contracts, and expansion of Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program
- creating a new coworking space at HTDC's Maui Research and Technology Center
- launch the Creative Lab Fashion Immersion in partnership with the DBEDT Creative Industries Division

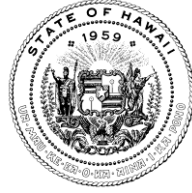
These new initiatives are added to our current program responsibilities that include:

- managing 2 tech incubators supporting 49 startup companies with 8 graduating this past year
- sponsoring and supporting 21 training workshops and networking events serving over 50,000 participants on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and Hawaii island
- assisting 25 manufacturing companies with over \$22 million in revenue
- awarding \$520,000 of matching grants to 14 SBIR awardees that won \$1.3 million in federal phase I SBIR awards

HTDC is currently operating with a total staff of 18 employees, 8 of which are federally funded and dedicated specifically to two federal projects. An Operations Manager is imperative to ensure the continued success of HTDC programs. If the existing staff is left to focus on administration, we cannot continue the work we have started to achieve our goals for the 80/80 jobs initiative. The 80/80 initiative is about thinking differently, thinking big and taking action. We hope the committee sees the value HTDC is delivering in building an innovation economy and creating high wage job opportunities to keep Hawaii's brightest minds home.

Finally, the authorization of the 100% federally funded position is a housekeeping request to have the Project Manager position for the waste-to-energy micro grid project by HTDC's Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies (HCATT) program authorized through the legislative process so it can be listed on the BJ-Table. The position was established and approved by administration in compliance with the Budget Execution Policy last year.

We respectfully ask for your support. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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**PRESENTATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1700, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

TO THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“DCCA” or “Department”), testifying in support of House Bill No. 1700, Relating to the State Budget, which proposes adjustments to the State’s executive budget for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium set in Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015. The requested adjustments to DCCA’s present operating budget in this measure will each serve to improve the Department’s functioning and to increase support for various programs dedicated to protecting consumers and ensuring fair commercial regulation in Hawaii.

In summary, the Department respectfully requests this Committee's favorable consideration of the following requested items:

1. Special Fund Items

- Increase the budget ceiling by \$304,889 for the Public Utilities Commission for administrative overhead (CCA 901).
- Convert two temporary civil service positions to permanent positions for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (CCA 105).
- Increase the budget ceiling by \$30,000 for litigation expenses for the Office of Consumer Protection (CCA 110).
- Increase the budget ceiling by \$40,000 for other current expenses for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division relating to the implementation of the Behavior Analyst program established by Act 199, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015 (CCA 105).
- Increase the budget ceiling by \$500,000 for an IT project for the Division of Financial Institutions (CCA 104).
- Increase the budget ceiling by \$430,102 for collective bargaining costs for the Public Utilities Commission (CCA 901).
- Increase the budget ceiling by \$150,000 for the Department's proportionate share of the statewide Office 365 expenses for the Director's Office and Administrative Services (CCA 191).
- Increase the budget ceiling by \$15,000 for Office 365 expenses for the Public Utilities Commission (CCA 901).

2. Trust Fund Items

- Increase the budget ceiling by \$200,000 for condominium mediation services related to Act 187, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, through the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (CCA 105).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure. I will be happy to answer any questions the members of the Committee may have.

TESTIMONY OF RANDY IWASE
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

MARCH 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.

MEASURE: H.B. No. 1700

TITLE: Relating to the State Budget

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

DESCRIPTION:

This measure adjusts and appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch of the State for Fiscal Biennium 2015-2017. The amounts to be expended from the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund ("PUC Special Fund") under section 269-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") are appropriated through this measure.

POSITION:

The Commission supports the passage of H.B. No. 1700, which appropriates a total expenditure of \$16,060,272 from the PUC Special Fund for Fiscal Year 2016-17 ("FY 2016-17").

COMMENTS:

The Commission anticipates the need for two (2) significant adjustments to the Commission's current budget for FY 2016-17. These requested adjustments are critical to the Commission's efforts to effectively complete its statutory duties and regulatory responsibilities. The two budget adjustments are:

- 1) **\$304,889 to fully cover payment of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") Administrative Expense Assessment for FY 2016-17 as required by HRS § 26-30 and HRS § 269-33.**

HRS § 36-30 and HRS § 269-33 provide that the Commission is responsible for its pro rata share of administrative expenses incurred by DCCA. The Commission's pro rata share of costs incurred by DCCA to fulfill DCCA's oversight and administrative support functions were calculated to be \$604,889 for FY 2016-17. However, Act 119, SLH 2015 approved only \$300,000 to meet this assessment for FY 2016-17 leaving the PUC Special Fund ceiling \$304,889 short. Therefore, the Commission requests a PUC Special Fund ceiling increase of \$304,889 in order to fully cover DCCA's administrative expenses assessment for FY 2016-17 as required by HRS § 36-30 and HRS § 269-33. Denial of this request will leave the Commission significantly short of amounts necessary to meet a statutory financial obligation and may negatively impact the effective administrative operation of the Commission.

2) \$430,102 to cover increases for the State's fringe benefit assessment rate increase to 52% and for Collective Bargaining ("CB") increases for DCA.

Under HRS § 269-33, the Commission Special Fund is to be used to cover DCA's expenses in the administration of chapters 269, 271, 271G, 269E, and 468J. This \$430,102 request will cover additional DCA expenses resulting from the State's fringe benefit increase to 52% that was effective in FY 2015-16 and the CB adjustments for BU 03 and 13. Denial of this request will leave the PUC significantly short of amounts necessary to meet a statutory financial obligation and may negatively impact the effective administrative operations of both the Commission and DCA.

The Commission respectfully requests this Committee's consideration for the inclusion of these appropriations in the State Budget. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
March 9, 2016

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and the members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am Major General Arthur Logan, Adjutant General and Director of the State Emergency Management Agency. I am providing written testimony in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1700.

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

The Department of Defense's operating budget request is \$15,449,422 in State funds. The matching federal funds will be \$89,190,807, bringing the FY2017 total to \$104,640,229. This operating budget ensure the department's continued drive to provide for the defense and welfare of the State. The department includes Hawaii Army National Guard, Hawaii Air National Guard and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, all divisions critical to the welfare and defense of the State.

The Office of Veteran Services request for \$2,959,500 in State funds with federal matching of \$1,636,720, totaling \$4,596,220, allows the office to service our veterans and to maintain the State operated veteran cemeteries.

The Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy request for \$1,750,000 State funds is matched with \$5,584,387 federal funds. The increased funding for the 5½ month live-in program which accepts at-risk youth will provide services and materials which were restricted due to the rising cost of living.

The FY2017 capital improvement project (CIP) request for State general obligation bond funds (C) is \$2,518,000. Approval of these funds will bring in matching federal funds (P) of \$1,910,000, for a total of \$4,428,000. These capital improvement project funds will be used to resolve health, safety and code related issues, and repair and upgrade facilities to permit DOD programs to meet current their mission objectives at the Youth Challenge Academy facility in Kalaeloa, at Building 621 on the Keaukaha Military Reservation in Hilo, and at the Birkhimer Emergency Operations Center in Diamond Head. These funds will additionally support the continued growth of the local economy and construction industry.

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



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/09/2016
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: 308
Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Purpose of Bill: To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) strongly supports this measure to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement needs of the public school system.

The Department's general fund appropriation per Act 119, SLH 2015 are:

- \$1,530,655,758 (current year, FY2015-16); and
- \$1,536,073,019 (next year, FY2016-17).

Included in H.B. 1700 is a request for general fund support to the Department totaling \$1,581,757,795 in FY2016-17, which represents a modest 1.3% increase from FY2015-16 when excluding the year to year increase for collective bargaining, or a 3.3% increase when including the collective bargaining increase.

As outlined in the Department's pre-session Budget Briefings held in January for the FY2016-17 Supplemental Operating Budget, this measure includes:

- \$26.5 million for the Weighted Student Formula for targeted ELL support and 2% to WSF pot;
- \$9.0 million* for utilities to maintain funding close to, but below, the current year level;
- \$6.9 million for student transportation to maintain funding to pay current contracts that are close to, but below, the current year level;
- \$2.0 million for a skilled nursing service contract to maintain funding at the current year level to support increased school and student support;
- \$1.0 million for equipment for new school facilities;
- \$98,108 for the Executive Office on Early Learning and Preschool program; and
- \$60,438 for operations of the Board of Education.

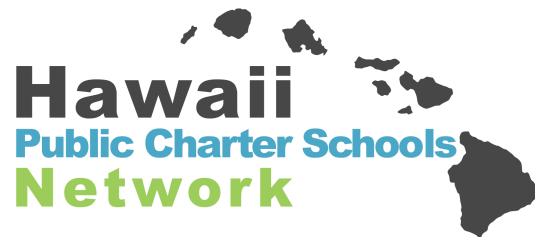
(* subsequently reduced to \$5.2 million through revised projections due to current oil prices)

The Department appreciates the support included for CIP in the Executive Budget, in particular the full funding for the urgently needed new classroom building at Campbell High School and the funding for the Department's request for heat abatement. However, while mindful of competing statewide priorities,

additional funding is necessary to continue to address the R&M backlog, program support, and capacity concerns.

In closing, the Department appreciates the Legislature's effort to make public schools a top priority. Any additional resources that may be afforded will be invested to advance our mission of developing the academic achievement, character, and social-emotional well-being of our students to be college- and career-ready.

Thank you the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.



March 9, 2016

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

From: Jeannine Souki, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network

Re: **HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, EDN 600 – Requesting amendment to EDN 600 to include a \$3.1 million appropriation to provide facilities funding for Hawaii’s Public Charter Schools for FY2016-17**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308, March 9, 2016 – 11 AM

On behalf of the Hawaii Public Charter School Network (HPCSN), we are submitting support testimony for HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, requesting an increase to EDN 600 for a \$3.1 million appropriation to provide facilities funding for Hawaii’s Public Charter Schools for FY2016-17.

Research shows a significant relationship between the condition of school facilities and student performance. Every child is deserving of safe public schools facilities including those who chose to enroll in public charter schools.

Act 234, Sessions Laws of Hawaii 2015, provided authorization to address facilities needs shares by charter schools, that provided amongst other things, a framework for facilities funding and support for public charter schools with adequate prioritization, oversight and accountability that:

- **Requires the Legislature, starting with FY 2016-17 to consider appropriations and bond authorizations for charter schools facilities; and**
- **Establishes a charter school facilities funding working group within the DOE and gives guidance for the Commission to develop criteria to determine the distribution of funds appropriated.**

Act 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, authorized the Public Charter School Commission to request facilities funding as part of its annual budget request to the Director of Finance beginning with FY 2014-15.

During the State Public Charter Schools Commission’s (SPCSC) Budget Briefing presentation on January 7, 2016, the SPCSC Executive Director, Tom Hutton, noted that its budget requests historically have not been approved. Capital improvement project requests totaling \$29.3 million that were not included in the Governor’s budget package

were submitted for consideration to the respective House and Senate committees on Finance and Ways and Means.

In its 2016 Legislative Report, the Hawaii Board of Education (BOE) acknowledged: “A major and ongoing challenge is the lack of funding for charter school facilities.” **The BOE recommend that the legislature provide some form of facilities funding to charter schools to address this unmet need.**

In a 2002 report: *On the Level? Policy, Law and the Charter School Movement*, the Legislative Reference Bureau reported the following regarding the financing of charter school facilities:

“Unlike the public schools, conversion school, and school-within-school counterparts, start-up schools must rent or build facilities, or ask the public to donate facilities, or both. The cost of building public schools is usually spread out over twenty years through the issuance of general obligation bonds. Neither the BOE, the HIDOE, nor individual public schools are responsible for debt service—or the payment of principal and interest on these bonds. These bonds are the responsibility of the State, and are backed by its the full faith and credit (i.e., taxing power).

Debt service attributable to public schools amounted to \$84,698,210, during fiscal year 1999-2000, or \$457 per pupil based on an official enrollment count of 185,036 (see Table 1). Since neither the BOE, the HIDOE, nor individual public schools are responsible for the payment of principal and interest on these general obligation bonds, they essentially operate "rent free" and "debt free" in their physical facilities.”

The same report also states: ...federal regulations require states to treat charter schools and public schools alike.

What about public charter school facilities?

In the Hawaii DOE's latest financial report for FY13-14:

Debt Services Costs = \$272,936,119

Capitalized Equipment Costs = \$9,038,712

Total debt and capitalized equipment costs = \$281,974,831

Divided by 175,476 students = \$ 1,606 per pupil

See: <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/Reports/FinRep2013-14.pdf>

A per pupil equation of \$1,600 to cover facilities and capitalized equipment needs could represent an equitable starting point for Hawaii's public charter school schools. But at a cost of \$16.8 million, this may be too steep a mountain to climb this year.

HSTA's Omnibus bills that call for a 1% increase in the General Excise Tax to fund a number of education priorities, request for charter schools facilities is \$10 million/year.

Knowing that needs for public charter schools are much higher than our state budgets are willing and capable of presently supporting, we are asking to start funding at reasonable point and appropriate \$3.1 million to be allocated by the SPCSC through a facilities funding working group within the DOE to public charter schools across the state for facilities needs.

Act 234 (2015), provides authorization and a framework to equitably distribute facilities funding and direction for the legislature to start in FY2016-17. Let's do it now! Let's take the next step and start in 2016 to get facilities funding to charter schools.

HPCSN works to support public charter schools in Hawaii and to be a voice for children and families that seek choice in an independent public school setting. Thank you for consideration of our testimony. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of HPCSN.



STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
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February 24, 2016

TO: Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Lauren Moriguchi, Director

SUBJECT: HB 1700 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Hearing Date: March 9, 2016
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 308

Purpose of Bill: To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) **strongly supports** HB 1700.

EOEL is committed to our mission which is to coordinate efforts to help ensure a solid foundation for Hawai'i's young children, prenatal to age five, by working with partners, families, and communities and connecting policies, programs, and funding in relation to health, safety, early childhood education, and school readiness and success.

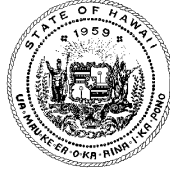
Adequate staffing and funding is crucial in order to address the comprehensive responsibilities of the office, currently in statute.

We are appreciative of Governor Ige's request for the Data Analyst position and are also grateful that Governor included \$6 million in the budget for Preschool Open Doors (POD).

HB 2266 HD2, which requests staffing for EOEL and funding for travel, has passed and we appreciate the support we have received. EOEL respectfully asks the House to consider adding these items to the budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

DAVID Y. IGE
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March 7, 2016

TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

For Hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m., Conference Room 308

BY

JAMES K. NISHIMOTO
DIRECTOR

House Bill No. 1700
Relating to the State Budget

TO CHAIRPERSON SYLVIA LUKE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of House Bill No. 1700 is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal year 2017.

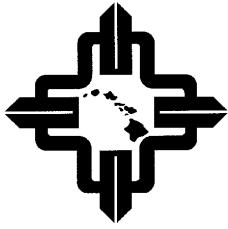
The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) strongly supports this measure as it relates to DHRD's three budget requests:

1. HRD102 – Addition of \$500,000 to address increasing workers' compensation costs. Workers' compensation is a statutorily mandated benefit with penalties and fees assessed to employers who do not timely pay their obligations.
2. HRD102 – Add \$30,012 for the delay in hire that was applied to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program position. This will allow the Department to fill the position on a full year basis and provide centralized services to State agencies regarding EEO issues

3. HRD191 – Addition of \$23,250 for the purchase of yearly licenses for the Office 365 product suite.

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.



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS

C O R P O R A T I O N

Quality Healthcare For All

**House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair**

March 9, 2016
Conference Room 308
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting House Bill 1700, Relating to the State Budget. To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
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 H.B. 1700, that relates to the State Budget.

Healthcare today is a very complex, highly regulated, and rapidly changing business with constant pressure from payors to deliver higher quality care at a lower cost. Development of health information technology, physician networks, quality improvement and expertise in revenue cycle is essential for successful hospital operations. Private hospitals have invested substantially in these areas while HHSC, with limited resources, is challenged to keep pace.

Challenges

HHSC hospitals face challenges such as:

- Inadequate government and third-party reimbursements for healthcare services.
- The impact of federal health care reform and other federal mandates and budget reductions.
- Labor costs well above industry norms
- Inability to outsource non-clinical functions.
- Escalating costs related to physician and clinical staff recruitment and retention.
- Long-term care waitlist (patients in acute hospital beds who cannot be placed but don't bring revenue).

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- The need for capital investment in new medical technology and deferred maintenance.
- Aging facilities, with life and safety code issues, well beyond the average for similar facilities across the country.
- Small scale operations which are costly to maintain.

Despite these challenges, HHSC has managed to increase its net patient service revenues almost every year since fiscal year 1998. These increases have come from intense focus on better negotiations with third party payors, better documentation, improved billing, coding and collection procedures, strategic pricing initiatives and other measures.

In addition to the revenue growth, HHSC has done a number of things over the past two fiscal years to improve the financial performance of its hospitals, which were provided to this committee as part of HHSC's budget briefing.

Despite our progress in financial performance HHSC is unable to keep up with collective bargaining pay increases and mandated increases in the fringe rate for retiree health insurance costs (OPEB). The inability to generate sufficient revenue to cover these costs has led to reductions in personnel and services.

HHSC REQUEST

The Legislature appropriated \$86,440,000 in general fund appropriations for all of HHSC's programs for fiscal year 2017, which is \$21,000,000 less than what was appropriated for fiscal year 2016. In accordance with the Governor's Message, HHSC is requesting additional general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2017 of **\$21,000,000**. This means that HHSC as a whole is requesting from the Legislature **no more** than what it had provided HHSC in fiscal year 2016. The \$21,000,000 would be expended as follows:

- 1) \$3,400,000 would be used to complete the funding for the first year of operations of the new Maui Regional healthcare entity,
- 2) \$9,000,000 would be used to fund Maui Region's share of Corporate-wide costs for fiscal year 2017, and
- 3) \$8,600,000 would be used to fund cash flow deficits for the remaining four HHSC regions as a result of anticipated fringe benefit rate increases of approximately \$13,000,000 and known collective bargaining pay raises net of general funds provided of approximately \$7,900,000.

Although HHSC would still be faced with a cash flow deficit, HHSC believes it will be able to absorb that deficit through use of its existing cash balances and/or stretching its accounts payable to vendors. This would leave HHSC with very low levels of days cash on hand and/or high levels of accounts payable.

The impact of the fringe benefit rate assumption on HHSC's budget cannot be overstated. For HHSC, every 1% increase in the fringe rate equates to approximately \$1,900,000 annually in additional expense. As an example, the 3.5% difference between the 49.5% rate that Budget & Finance is currently assessing HHSC and the budgeted 52% rate could mean an additional \$6,650,000 in expense savings to HHSC annually. As a result, it is clear that even the smallest change in the fringe benefit rate could make the difference between further service closures or not.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1700, and we hope that you will consider the Governor's Message to increase the general fund appropriations provided to HHSC by \$21,000,000. Thank you for all of your support in the past and your continued support of HHSC.



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March 9, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Luke, Representative Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 1700 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **strongly supports** HB 1700 relating to the specific budget items noted below. The purpose of this bill is to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

1. HTH 905 – Developmental Disabilities Council
Page 20, Item No 22.
FY 17: \$246,464

The above amount includes \$17,350 for FY 17 for relocation of the DD Council to the Kamamalu Building (HTH 905/AH).

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100-001 Supplemental Request FY 17: \$17,350

- Moving Expenses (\$10,700)
- Telecommunications Costs – Voice/Data (\$4,400)
- Disposal of Old Furniture (\$2,250)
- \$17,350 Non-Recurring

**2. HTH 907 – General Administration
Page 20, Item No 23.**

DD Council Lease Rent

Department of Health's budget request to add funds for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Building Lease Rent (HTH 907/AB).

Budget Worksheet: Page 335 of 558

100-001 Supplemental Request FY 17: \$1,968,000

- Disability and Communication Access Board (\$137,760)
- Developmental Disabilities Council (\$57,240)
- Environmental Health Administration (\$1,773,000)

**3. HTH 501- Developmental Disabilities
Page 19, Item No 15.
FY 17: 78,696,156**

**A. State Match for Medicaid Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver**

The above amount includes \$2,829,923 for State match for Medicaid Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HTH 501/CN).

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100-001 Supplemental Request FY 17 \$2,829,923 A (State General Funds)

- Home and Community Based Services Waiver - 5% Rate (\$2,413,347)
- Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Waiver - 5% Rate (\$224,458)
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disability - 5% Rate (\$192,118)

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 and to address the actual cost of providing services. Rates for services have not been adjusted in over ten years. Many factors are impacting costs, such as minimum wage increases and the cost of living. Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires Waiver programs to have payments that are sufficient to have an adequate pool of service providers.

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

- 4) A reduction in Federal reimbursements
- 5) Non-approval of the waiver program from CMS

Items 1 and 2 would require approval from CMS. Last year, Department of Health (DOH) DD Division drew down over \$55,000,000 in Federal Medicaid funds. Without Federal reimbursement, people with I/DD would be served through only State funds and may not be able to live in the community.

B. Electronic Health Records

DOH's budget request to add funds for an Electronic Health Record and Analysis Solution (HTH 501/KB).

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101-900 Supplemental Request FY 17: \$250,000 A (State General Funds)

Development Cost - 10% State Portion (\$170,000)

- Analytical Cost - 10% State Portion (\$50,000)
- Administrative Cost - 50% State Portion (\$30,000)
- \$50,000 Non-Recurring

The funds are necessary for the processing of service claims in an efficient manner in order for service providers to receive timely payments.

4. EDN 150 – Special Education and Student Support Services Page 26, Item No. 2

Department of Education's budget request for Skilled Nursing Services (EDN 150/SA).

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100-001 Supplemental Request FY 17: \$2,000,000 A (State General Funds)

5. HMS 401 – Health Care Payments Page 23, Item No. 18

- A. Department of Human Services (DHS) Med QUEST Division's (MQD) budget request to add funds for Preventive Adult Dental Benefits (HMS401/PE)

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90-001 Supplemental Request FY 17: \$4,799,926 A (State General Funds)
\$7,664,177 N (Federal Funds)

These funds, in addition to Federal funds, would re-establish the adult dental program and restore adult dental benefits. This provision would directly benefit adults with DD in

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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.

- B. DHS MQD's budget request to add funds for Ticket to Work Medicaid State Plan Services (HMS401/PE).

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92-001 Supplemental Request FY 17: \$293,405 A (State General Funds)
\$344,155 N (Federal Funds)

These funds would allow DHS to establish and implement the Medicaid Buy-In program for individuals with disabilities. This program would enable them to seek and obtain employment while maintaining their Medicaid benefits.

- C. DHS MQD's budget request to add funds for Services to Medicaid Recipients through age 6 with Autism Spectrum Disorder (HMS401/PE).

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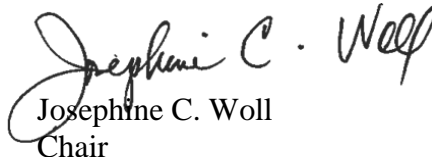
101-001 Supplemental Request FY 17: \$4,878,120 A (State General Funds)
FY 17: \$5,721,880 N (Federal Funds)

The Council respectfully ask for your favorable support of the above budget items. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **strongly supporting the above mentioned budget items in HB 1700.**

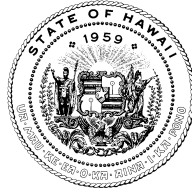
Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator



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Testimony of
TODD NACAPUY
Chief Information Officer, State of Hawai‘i

Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Wednesday, March 9, 2016; 11 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

HOUSE BILL NO. 1700
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

I am Todd Nacapuy, Chief Information Officer of the State of Hawai‘i, testifying in support of House Bill No. 1700, to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

We respectfully request that the items contained in this budget for the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), together with ETS’ request in Governor’s Message 11, be considered for approval. Collectively, they represent total funding for additional activities that are essential to meet our mission-critical objectives to deliver IT governance and cybersecurity governance for enterprise-level projects, as well as to modernize and integrate State business processes. These request items will enable ETS to provide the necessary services that support all of State government.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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To: House Committee on Finance

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: March 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 1700
Relating to the State Budget
LTG 105 & AGS 105 – Enforcement of Information Practices

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Office of Information Practices' (OIP) requests shown in the supplemental budget bill as LTG 105 and AGS 105 on page 36.

OIP's first supplemental budget request is to transfer previously authorized 6.0 permanent positions and \$575,984 in General Funds to effectuate OIP's move for administrative purposes from the Lt. Governor's Office (LTG 105) to the Department of Accounting and General Resources (DAGS) (AGS 105), effective July 1, 2016, pursuant to Act 92, SLH 2015.

OIP's second supplemental budget request seeks \$30,000 in additional General Funds for salary increases to retain its staff and bring their salaries closer to parity with comparable government agencies.

OIP's third supplemental budget request is for \$2,500 in General Funds to pay for Office 365 software licenses at the government's

bulk discount rate, so that OIP can continue to write documents; create presentations; manage e-mails, contacts, and calendars; and do other work.

With respect to OIP's second request for \$30,000, OIP reviewed the attached resolutions adopted by Honolulu and Maui counties regarding salary ranges for their deputy Corporation Counsel attorneys, along with the **pay disparity** study by the Attorney General's (AG) office. As the AG's study showed, the median salary for deputy AGs is about 24% less than for their City counterparts at the Honolulu Department of Corporation Counsel. OIP's median attorney salaries are even less than deputy AGs' salaries. Moreover, OIP's legal and administrative staff are exempt from the state's Civil Service system and get no step increases for their years of experience. **While the modest \$30,000 supplemental budget request is still far from bringing OIP's salaries to pay parity with the counties, it would be a good faith step that would boost morale and help to retain the hard-working team at OIP.**

As a point of clarification, OIP has been authorized the equivalent of 8.5 FTE positions (6.0 permanent; 2.5 temporary). In actuality, OIP has 10 employees, consisting of six full-time employees and four part-time employees, who work a total of 8.0 FTE. Last year, OIP had redescribed two positions (position numbers 102633 and 102257) with the intent of having a long-time, experienced part-time attorney split the newly redescribed 1.0 FTE staff attorney position (position number 102633) with another part-time attorney. After the redescription was approved, however, OIP learned that job sharing was no longer allowed and that legislative authorization in the budget was required for the creation of two .50 FTE positions to replace the existing one 1.0 FTE position. **Without legislative approval, OIP has been unable to fill the other half of the part-time**

attorney's job and has been doing its work with the equivalent of only eight full-time employees.

Nevertheless, OIP and the people of Hawaii have greatly benefitted from having **very experienced attorneys and administrative personnel on OIP's staff**, who willingly mentor and share their **institutional memory** with new OIP employees so that OIP can efficiently operate and provide uniform and consistent legal interpretations of Hawaii's open government laws to all state and county government agencies and the general public. Six of seven OIP attorneys — the Director and five staff attorneys — have been licensed to practice law for 20 to 36 years. Half of OIP's employees — 3 attorneys and 2 administrative staff — have been with OIP for 11 to 20 years. **All of OIP's employees have special knowledge and varied skills that are valued by other government agencies**, as nearly every state and county agency and board is subject to one or both of the open government laws that OIP administers.

It is through the experience and hard work of OIP's team that OIP was able to keep up with its workload that has substantially increased since 2011. Over 80% of all requests for assistance are typically responded to the same day through OIP's Attorney of the Day (AOD) service, despite a 59% increase in AOD requests from FY 2011 to FY 2015. And despite a 60% increase in formal requests for assistance from FY 2011 to FY 2015, OIP has still managed to reduce the age of its oldest pending cases that are not in litigation from 12 years to 2 years, has resolved 20% more formal cases, and has substantially increased its training and public communications during that same time period.

In recent years, OIP has lost employees to other state and county agencies, in whole or in part due to salary issues. **Whenever employees leave, there is a loss of productivity** because new employees must be recruited and

trained, at the expense of the more experienced mentors' own productivity and time. Because of OIP's small number of employees, the loss of one employee has a bigger impact on OIP in comparison to the AG's office. OIP cannot afford to lose any more employees to better paying jobs with other government agencies. **OIP's ability to retain employees is threatened by competition from most other state and county government agencies, which have pay scales exceeding OIP's salaries.**

Retention of personnel is crucial for OIP to continue to consistently interpret and fairly administer the laws that keep our state and county governments open and accountable to the public. **Therefore, OIP respectfully requests the Legislature's help in retaining OIP's personnel by approving at least \$30,000 in additional general funds to bring OIP's salaries closer to that of other government employees. Additionally, it is imperative that OIP's current budget be transferred to DAGS in order to effectuate OIP's administrative transfer on July 1, 2016, and that the \$2,500 for Office 365 license fees be approved so that OIP can continue to do its work.**

Mahalo for your help.

ORDINANCE NO. 4071

BILL NO. 74 (2013)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.44.015,
MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SALARIES OF DEPUTIES
CORPORATION COUNSEL AND DEPUTIES PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Section 2.44.015, Maui County Code, is amended by
amending subsection A to read as follows:

"A. The corporation counsel and the prosecuting attorney shall have sole discretion to set the annual salary of each deputy in their respective departments within a range that is [eighteen] twenty percent greater [and twenty-five percent] or less than the allocated amount, provided that the annual salary of any deputy shall not exceed the salary of the first deputy corporation counsel or the first deputy prosecuting attorney, whichever is lower. The allocated amount for a deputy shall depend upon the number of full years that has elapsed since the deputy was admitted to the practice of law in any State or the District of Columbia, as of the beginning of the fiscal year, as follows:

[Effective July 1, 2008

Years	Allocated Amount
0	\$51,300
1	57,216
2	63,132
3	69,060
4	74,976
5	80,892
6	86,808
7	92,736
8	98,652
9+	104,568]

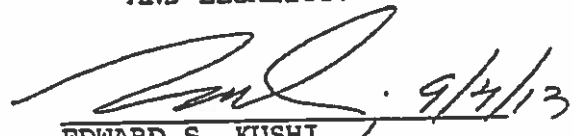
Effective [October 1, 2008] July 1, 2013

Years	Allocated Amount
0	[\$53,352] \$ <u>57,620</u>
1	[59,064] <u>63,789</u>
2	[64,776] <u>69,958</u>
3	[70,488] <u>76,127</u>
4	[76,200] <u>82,296</u>
5	[81,924] <u>88,478</u>
6	[87,636] <u>94,647</u>
7	[93,348] <u>100,816</u>
8	[99,060] <u>106,985</u>
9+	[104,772] <u>113,154"</u>

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 3. This ordinance, upon its approval, shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2013.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:



EDWARD S. KUSHI
First Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing BILL NO. 74 (2013)

1. Passed FINAL READING at the meeting of the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, held on the 4th day of October, 2013, by the following vote:

Gladys C BAISA Chair	Robert CARROLL Vice-Chair	Eleanora COCHRAN	Donald G COUCH JR	S Stacy CRIVELLO	Donald S GUZMAN	G. Riki HOKAMA	Michael P VICTORINO	Michael B. WHITE
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye

2. Was transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 4th day of October, 2013.

DATED AT WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII, this 4th day of October, 2013.

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GLADYS C. BAISA, CHAIR
Council of the County of Maui

JEFFREY T. KUWADA, COUNTY CLERK
County of Maui

THE FOREGOING BILL IS HEREBY APPROVED THIS 7 DAY OF October, 2013.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA, MAYOR
County of Maui

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon approval of the foregoing BILL by the Mayor of the County of Maui, the said BILL was designated as ORDINANCE NO. 4071 of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii.

JEFFREY T. KUWADA, COUNTY CLERK
County of Maui

Passed First Reading on September 20, 2013.
Effective date of Ordinance July 1, 2013

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 4071, the original of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui, State of Hawaii.

Dated at Wailuku, Hawaii, on

County Clerk, County of Maui

RESOLUTION OF THE 2015 SALARY COMMISSION

APRIL 21, 2015

ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND SALARY SCHEDULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU 1973 (2000 ED.)

WHEREAS, Section 3-122 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973 (2000 ed.) ("ROH") provides for an independent Salary Commission to establish the salaries of all elected officials, including the Mayor, Councilmembers and Prosecuting Attorney, and the following appointed officials: Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director, First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Department Heads, Deputy Department Heads, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chiefs, Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Medical Examiner, Deputy Medical Examiner, and Band Director, and salary schedules of the Deputies Corporation Counsel and Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 3-122 further provides that the Salary Commission shall convene annually no later than the first day of February, and shall, after public hearing, establish salaries and salary schedules no later than the first day of May subsequent thereto; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 3-122 further provides that the Salary Commission shall set salaries in accordance with the principles of adequate compensation for work performed, and preservation of a sensible relationship with the salaries of other city employees; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 3-122 further provides that any action of the Salary Commission altering salaries shall be by resolution accompanied by findings of facts and that said resolution shall be forwarded to the Mayor and the City Council but shall take effect without their concurrence sixty calendar days after its adoption unless rejected by a three-quarters vote of the council's entire membership; and

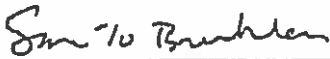
WHEREAS, the Salary Commission has this day adopted the Findings of Fact, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the 2015 Salary Commission of the City and County of Honolulu

1. The salaries of all elected officials including the Mayor, Council Chair, Councilmembers, and Prosecuting Attorney and appointed officials including Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director, First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Department Heads, Deputy Department Heads, Band Director, and salary schedules for the Deputies Corporation Counsel and Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, shall be increased by the percentages provided below, and the salaries shall be as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>2015 Proposed Salaries</u>	<u>Percentage increase</u>
Mayor	\$157,080	2.505873%
Council Chair	\$64,872	2.502844%
Councilmember	\$58,056	2.500000%
Prosecuting Attorney	\$148,872	2.495043%
Managing Director	\$150,264	2.504912%
Deputy Managing Director	\$142,440	2.504318%
Department Heads, except Police Chief, Fire Chief, Medical Examiner	\$140,352	2.506573%
Police Chief	\$173,424	5.504453%
Fire Chief	\$167,904	5.504449%
Medical Examiner	\$261,384	2.503529%
Deputy Department Heads, except Prosecutor's Office, Police, Fire, Medical Examiner	\$133,176	2.493535%
First Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	\$141,552	2.502607%
Deputy Police Chiefs	\$165,384	5.496020%
Deputy Fire Chief	\$160,128	5.502846%
Deputy Medical Examiner	\$209,136	2.505588%
Band Director	\$123,816	2.503477%
Schedule of salaries of the Deputies Corporation Counsel:		
Deputies with 0-10 years of experience	\$63,312 – 109,368	2.486403% - 2.496626%
Deputies with 10+ years of experience	\$109,368 – Salary of Corp. Counsel	2.496626%
Schedule of salaries of the Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys	\$49,800 – 138,216	2.519763% - 2.491547%

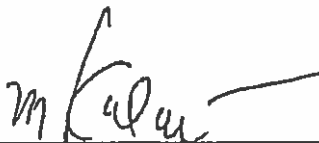
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned members of the 2015 Salary Commission have signed this Resolution as of 21st April 2015, and transmitted it together with their findings of fact attached hereto to the Council of the City and County of Honolulu this 21st day of April 2015.


SARA BUEHLER, CHAIR


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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1700
RELATING TO
THE STATE BUDGET
by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director

House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 9, 2016; 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 309

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill 1700, which details the Department's FY 2017 Supplemental Budget Request for operating and capital improvement appropriations. PSD's FY 2017 Supplemental operating budget requests reflect the conversion of temporary positions to permanent, provides for additional positions for increased law enforcement at the State Capitol, 24/7 electronic monitoring of furloughs, and for a permanent Public Information Officer position. The Department also requests additional funds for lease payments for our current office at the AAFES Building and funds to relocate to another site; a federal fund ceiling increase, additional funds for physician salaries and malpractice insurance, and funds to cover increased operational costs for utilities, motor vehicle gas, and Office 365 licenses.

Our capital improvement budget request will provide much needed funds to complete ongoing CIP projects and for new projects that will increase and improve inmate housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
 House Committee on Finance
 March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., Room 308
 by
 David Lassner
 President – University of Hawai'i

HB1700 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (UH) supports HB1700, Relating to the State Budget, with the amendments proposed in Governor's Message No. 11.

As the State's sole public higher education system, we remain strongly committed to create, preserve, and transfer knowledge in a multi-cultural environment for current and future generations. Because we have previously provided testimony regarding our budget request to this committee on January 12, 2016, this particular testimony shall be brief.

Operating

Provided below is a table showing both the Board of Regent (BOR) approved request for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) and the amount requested by the Governor as reflected in HB1700. All Means of Financing (MOF) are general funds.

Description	BOR Request		Gov's Decision	
	FTE	\$\$\$	FTE	\$\$\$
Cancer Center		5,000,000		4,000,000
Hawai'i Research and Innovation Initiative	20.00	3,500,000	20.00	3,500,000
UH-West O'ahu Campus Evolution	12.00	728,020	12.00	728,020
Community Colleges Equipment Fund		1,250,000		1,250,000
CTAHR - Agricultural Extension Service	4.00	350,000	-	330,000
UH-Hilo Security	37.00	420,000	27.00	-
Athletics - UH-Mānoa		3,000,000		-
Athletics - UH-Hilo	3.00	560,000		-
Mānoa - ORC General Fund Restoration		306,168		-
Mānoa - EHSO General Fund Restoration		1,093,832		-
Total	76.00	16,208,020	59.00	9,808,020

- Cancer Center – The Cancer Center is Hawai'i's only National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated program. Additional general fund support is needed to help address funding needs of the Cancer Center.

- Hawai'i Research and Innovation Initiative – This is a three-pronged request to: develop the workforce in cybersecurity and sustainable water resources; establish a Center for Commercialization to help develop collaboration between academic research and industry; and establish a Strategic Grants Development Office.
- UH-West O'ahu (UHWO) Campus Evolution – Funding will provide for support services as UHWO continues to grow.
- Community Colleges Equipment Fund – Establishes an equipment fund to allow the Community Colleges to flexibly manage and prioritize expenditures for much needed equipment.
- College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resource (CTAHR) – Agricultural Extension Service – Continues funding provided for in Act 105, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2015.
- UH-Hilo Security – Adds positions and funds to allow those security services currently being contracted to be provided by campus personnel.
- Athletics – UH-Mānoa and UH-Hilo – funds are requested for Athletics programs at these two campuses to help offset costs that are higher at UH than other comparable institutions.
- Mānoa – Office of Research Compliance (ORC) and Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) General Fund Restoration – These two programs have sustained general fund reductions over the last several years. They are currently using revenues from other funds which is not sustainable.

We recognize that our State has many competing needs for general funds and are appreciative of any support that the Legislature can provide.

Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Provided below is a table showing the BOR approved request for FY17 and the amount requested by the Governor as reflected in HB1700. All MOF are General Obligation (BO) bonds:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>BOR Request</u>	<u>Gov's Decision</u>
Lump Sum CIP for Higher Education, Statewide	131,342,000	-
CIP Staff Costs, Statewide	300,000	-
Mānoa - Snyder Hall Renovation	2,500,000	2,500,000
Mānoa - Dean Hall Renovation	2,000,000	-
West O'ahu - New Creative Media Facility	38,800,000	-
Community Colleges - Minor CIP	10,000,000	10,000,000
Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance, Statewide	-	60,000,000
Total	184,942,000	72,500,000

- Lump Sum CIP – This funding will provide UH the flexibility to prioritize improvements to existing facilities and construction of new facilities to address health, safety, and code requirements in addition to decreasing the deferred maintenance backlog through a comprehensive strategy.
- CIP Staff Costs – Funding for CIP-related positions to implement projects.
- Snyder Hall Renovation – Design funds for a total renovation of this 50 year old building with teaching labs, classrooms, and office space in the heart of the Mānoa campus.
- Dean Hall Renovation – Design funds for a complete renovation and modernization of this historic structure.
- UHWO – Creative Media Facility – This will provide construction money for classrooms, production facilities, and offices for a new Creative Media Facility.
- Community Colleges – Minor CIP – Funding for improvements to various campuses to meet current operational and instructional requirements.
- Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance – Funding to help address the deferred maintenance backlog.

Currently, the deferred maintenance backlog for UH is approximately \$500 million. In addition, we recognize that the Legislature will probably not simply provide this amount of funding in GO bonds and we look forward to working with the Legislature to address our backlog.

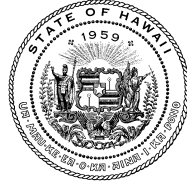
Governor's Message

Finally, Governor's Message No. 11, received by the Legislature on March 3, 2016, requests additional general funds to provide a one-time subsidy in FY17 for costs related to the collective bargaining agreement with Unit 8. It is important to note that these funds are in addition to those provided in HB2013 and its companion SB2835.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

SHAN TSUTSUI
LT. GOVERNOR



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DIRECTOR OF TAXATION

JOSEPH K. KIM
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: March 9, 2016

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget

The Department of Taxation (Department) strongly supports H.B. 1700, which funds the operations of the Department of Taxation (Department).

Aside from funding ongoing tax operations, the most significant adjustment contained in the Department's budget request is the establishment of an Investigation Branch by consolidating two existing Special Enforcement and Criminal Investigation sections and adding a new Tax Fraud Section. A total of fifteen (15) new positions are requested. The purpose of the establishment of the Investigation Branch is to provide a coordinated effort to promote voluntary compliance of Hawaii tax laws and regulations. This Investigation Branch will be a critical part of the tax department and will continue with its efforts of deterrence through the successful prosecution of tax offenders. The effectiveness of the Investigation Branch can be measured by the additional revenue generated through assessments and criminal fines varying from \$300,000 to \$1,849,000 per case.

Also, there is an additional resource request for two (2) new positions for the Collections Branch as DoTAX refocuses its efforts to work directly with taxpayers and businesses to collect the outstanding liabilities owed to the State of Hawaii.

Overall we believe that the additional 17 positions will result in additional revenue of approximately \$29.3 million annually.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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March 9, 2016

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Cathy Betts
Executive Director
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Budget Testimony for CSW/HMS HB 1700

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) was established in May 15, 1964 through executive order by the Governor, and made permanent through Act 190, Session Laws of Hawaii 1970. The HSCSW was established to: 1) aid in the implementation of policy recommendations; 2) advise governmental and non-governmental organizations of the specific issues and problems faced by Hawaii women; 3) act as a central clearinghouse and coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental activities and information relating to the status of women and; 4) create public awareness and understanding of the responsibilities, needs, potentials, and contributions of women in Hawaii.

The HSCSW is the statewide link between the Honolulu, Maui, Kauai and Hawaii County Committees on the Status of Women, and the University of Hawaii President's Commission on the Status of Women. We serve as a voice and advocate for women across the state on a range of issues; including domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual violence on college campuses and the intersections of Title IX/VAWA and the Campus Save Act, pay equity, pregnancy discrimination, breastfeeding rights, and a host of other issues and policy areas affecting women and girls.

The Commission has always operated on a small budget and has been able to maximize public private partnerships and statewide working coalitions to achieve our mandates under the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Commission is requesting continuance of its base budget of \$161,833. This total includes two FTE positions and annual operating budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
HB1700
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA) supports HB 1700, the FY17 Executive Supplemental Budget request, and urges the committee to amend the bill to include Governor's Message 10, which requests, among others, an addition of \$45 million in special funds in FY17 for the issuance of green infrastructure loans.

The Attorney General has indicated an appropriation ceiling is appropriate for expenditures out of the GEMS special fund. The current FY17 appropriation ceiling of \$1 million for the GEMS special fund did not account for this.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB1700.



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i

Testimony to the House Committee on Finance

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 308

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

by

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Administrative Director of the Courts

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1700, Relating to the State Budget.

Purpose: To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-2017 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary is in strong support of the allocation to the Hawai‘i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to develop the Alder Street property in partnership with the Judiciary. *See* page 59, Item No. 18.00.

The Judiciary is pleased to support this partnership with HHFDC. The Judiciary feels that this is a truly unique project that meets some of the most pressing needs facing our community. This project provides for creative use of limited resources to address several social needs in our community that impact juveniles, the community and its safety. The needs of our youth and families at risk are great. They are faced with a housing market that is beyond their ability to afford and is shrinking through the loss of rentals to the vacation rental market. Families must have two income providers and/or work multiple jobs to provide for the basics such as housing and food for their families often leaving little time for more traditional family activities and child rearing. These realities mean that families face economic, social and educational challenges that often result in their entering the justice system. The court is ill equipped to deal with these challenges without partnerships with the executive branch around housing; substance abuse and



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mental health services, job training etc. The more the branches of government can partner to provide a full safety net aimed at restoring families to a full and productive place in our community, the safer the community will be. This partnership, the first of its kind between the Judiciary and the Executive Branch, is an example of how such partnerships can maximize the use of scarce resources to provide for multiple needs within our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this portion of House Bill 1700.

March 8, 2016

Statement of
R. Kawehi Inaba
Director, County of Hawaii Research & Development

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

In Consideration of
HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

The County of Hawaii Department of Research & Development respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

HI Growth has been a strong supporter of the County of Hawaii's vision for a vibrant innovation economy through our support of GVS, GVS Connect and Big Island Demo Days.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; co-working facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

We humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the national map for tech startups and investment.

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

Representative Luke, Chair
Representative Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the House of Representatives Finance Committee

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 1700, requesting restoration of \$6 million for the proposed supplemental budget-- Hearing March 09, 2016 at 11:00 am, Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Members of the House of Representatives Committee on Finance:

My name is Robert G. Peters and I currently serve as the chair of the State Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB) composed of 19 public and private members representing state departments, the early learning community, philanthropy, and the State university system. On behalf of the members of the ELAB, I urge you to support HB 1700 (Relating to the State Budget) to appropriate \$6 million for the Pre-school Open Doors (POD) program operated by the Hawaii Department of Human Services. This program has been in existence since 1990 and has provided a valuable lifeline for hundreds of families every year throughout the state.

POD provides critical subsidies for income-eligible families sending their children to a licensed preschool during the school year prior to kindergarten entry. Given that we know that child care is generally the second largest expense in family budgets after rent and mortgage (PATCH), these subsidies broaden access and opportunity to families in need. POD allows low-income children and families in our Islands to afford childcare so that parents can work or pursue higher education. At present, nearly half of the children served are from single-parent households.

The goal of POD is to promote school readiness for children, and the program focuses on meeting the needs of the child. During the current year, almost 1300 children are being served by the program while a number remain on the waiting list. If the \$6 million is not appropriated for the 2016 - 17 year to operate POD, over 1,000 children will be denied the chance to be school-ready when entering kindergarten. This will be most seriously felt among the underserved and at-risk children of our State. And, the need for this critical safety net program is clear given the 54% increase in POD applications this past year.

We appreciate that you are all well-aware of the school readiness advantage of those who benefit from POD and, therefore, urge you to support HB 1700 to include the \$6 million for Preschool Open Doors. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony.

Sincerely,
Robert G. Peters, EdD
Early Learning Advisory Board, Chair



March 8, 2016

Representative Sylvia J. Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Comments in Support of Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's Requests regarding HB 1700 Relating to the State Budget. (To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.)

FIN Hearing: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., Conf. Room 308

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its ***strong support*** of the portions of HB 1700 (the Executive Supplemental Budget request), which pertain to Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's (HHFDC) request for adjustments to its base operating budget within the state budget for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (BED). HHFDC's budget requests relate to affordable housing financing, capital improvements, construction and development; and federal funding for affordable housing.

HB 1700. This bill has been proposed by the Governor and the State Executive Branch Agencies to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs

LURF's Position. LURF ***strongly supports*** the portions of HB 1700 which pertain to HHFDC's request for adjustments to its base operating budget relating to affordable housing financing (HF), capital improvements, construction (HC) and development (HD), and federal funding for affordable housing (N), as follows:

- **HOME Program Ceiling Increase, Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui (BED 160/HF) \$100,000 (N = Federal funds).** This is a request to increase the federal funds expenditure ceiling to match the actual amount of federal HOME funds received by the State of Hawaii to expand the supply of affordable housing in the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui.

The HHFDC administers the federal HOME program which is intended to expand the supply of decent, safe, affordable and sanitary housing. HOME funds may be used for a variety of activities including tenant-based rental assistance, down payment loans for first-time homebuyers, rehabilitation loans for existing homeowners, property acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, moderate or substantial rehabilitation, site improvements, demolition, relocation expenses, loan guarantees, and other reasonable and necessary expenses related to development of affordable housing. The HHFDC receives approximately \$3 million in federal HOME funds from HUD each year. Funds are allocated on an annual rotating basis to the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui. As explained above, this request is to conform the federal funds expenditure ceiling in HHFDC's base budget to the actual amount of the federal HOME Program allocation for the State, to ensure that those funds are fully expended and not lapsed.

- **902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu (BED 160/HD) \$15,000,000 (C).** This request is the next step in following the 2015 legislative appropriation of \$1.7 million for plans and design for the Alder Street mixed-use affordable rental housing project.

The proposed Alder Street project will redevelop the former Juvenile Detention Home site into approximately 180 affordable rental housing units for families at 60% and below the HUD area median income and a juvenile services center/shelter. HHFDC is requesting \$15 million in CIP funds to finance phase 1 of the juvenile shelter/services component of this mixed-use development. This includes the prorated cost for approximately 24,000 square feet of completed office and shelter space and approximately 10,000 square feet of "shell" space with utility rough-ins on the bottom 3 floors of a high-rise tower and 50 of approximately 250 parking stalls that would be set aside to the Judiciary.

- **Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$75,000,000 (C).** For every \$10 million dollars infused to the RHRF, it is estimated that approximately 60 new affordable rental housing units would be produced. This Supplemental request would therefore help produce up to 510 new units.

These figures are based on the assumption that 9 percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects will utilize approximately \$15-20 million dollars from the RHRF to produce 150-175 new affordable rental units annually at a cost of approximately \$110,000 per unit, and that any additional CIP funds infused

into the RHRF would help produce rentals in 4 percent LIHTC projects at an average cost of approximately \$165,000 per unit.

- **Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF), Statewide (BED 160/HD) \$25,000,000 (C).** An infusion of funding into the DURF will provide additional opportunities to facilitate the development of affordable housing, including transit-oriented development projects along the planned rail transit line, and to help finance regional infrastructure improvement projects as contemplated in HB 2305, HD1, Relating to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.
- **Waiahole Water Systems Improvements, Oahu (BED 160/HD) \$6,500,000 (C).** This request is for a re-appropriation of funds previously appropriated in FY2014-2015 due to project delays. The funds are intended for repairs to the access bridge to the Waiahole well pumps and to upgrade the potable water system in Waiahole Valley, Oahu, which services residential and agricultural water users, the Waiahole Elementary School and area fire hydrants.
- **Low Income Housing Tax Credit Loans, Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$8,459,000 (C).** This request will provide continued funding for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Loan Program. The LIHTC program encourages the development and preservation of rental housing for lower income households by providing a cost-effective financing mechanism for projects that are awarded State LIHTCs. Projects which have been awarded State LIHTCs that demonstrate the inability to find investors for their State tax credits may exchange their credits for a LIHTC loan instead.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports portions of HB 1700**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this measure.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 1700 Relating to the State Budget
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00AM, 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 depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 1700. In particular, we call out a few priority items:

- **WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (DLNR):** \$5.143m CIP funds to provide long-term protection for **watershed forests** across the islands.
- **CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT (DLNR):** Funding for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (LNR405) to operate permanent **community fisheries enforcement units** on four islands.
- **SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR (DBEDT):** \$91,000 (BED144) for a State **Sustainability Coordinator** position to work across State agencies.

These budget items 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 conservation enforcement programs, which help to ensure that all of us can survive and thrive in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. 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 otherwise abused contribute to the islands' food security, a healthy economy and protection from storm events.

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.

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O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy

House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Conference Room 308
11:00 AM

House Bill 1700
Relating to the State Budget
for
Aloha Tower Complex and Irwin Memorial Park

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

House Bill 1700, relating to the supplemental State Budget for FY 2016-17, carries a significant message toward respecting, maintaining and caring for Honolulu's unique historic assets and vital green spaces within the Honolulu urban area.

The major features of the Honolulu Waterfront historic complex listed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places include Aloha Tower, Irwin Memorial Park, Dillingham Transportation Building, and Piers 10 and 11 - all of which have been preserved to grace the Honolulu Waterfront for more than 90 years. Following the construction of Aloha Tower as a welcoming beacon to ships arriving in Honolulu before air travel, Irwin Memorial Park was designed in 1930 by renowned Honolulu landscape architects as Aloha Tower's landscaped companion and waterfront centerpiece park.

Irwin Memorial Park soon became Honolulu's gathering place for lei makers, residents and visitors alike on "Boat Days" at Honolulu Harbor, which celebrated the arrival of visitors from abroad and heralded the global popularity that Hawai'i Nei enjoys today. But during the past several decades this valuable and intended green waterfront centerpiece park has suffered deferred maintenance and vehicular encroachment that has seriously threatened the survival of the vital and historic landscape qualities of this tree-shaded oasis.

Intensified remedy long overdue. We now have a State administration motivated to effectuate such remedy; together with a caring lessee, Hawaii Pacific University, and long-standing advocacy organizations that are ready, willing and able to join in a precedent public-private partnership to rectify past neglect, and revitalize and restore this significant Honolulu Waterfront centerpiece landscape between Bishop Street and Front Street across from Aloha Tower and Piers 10 and 11.

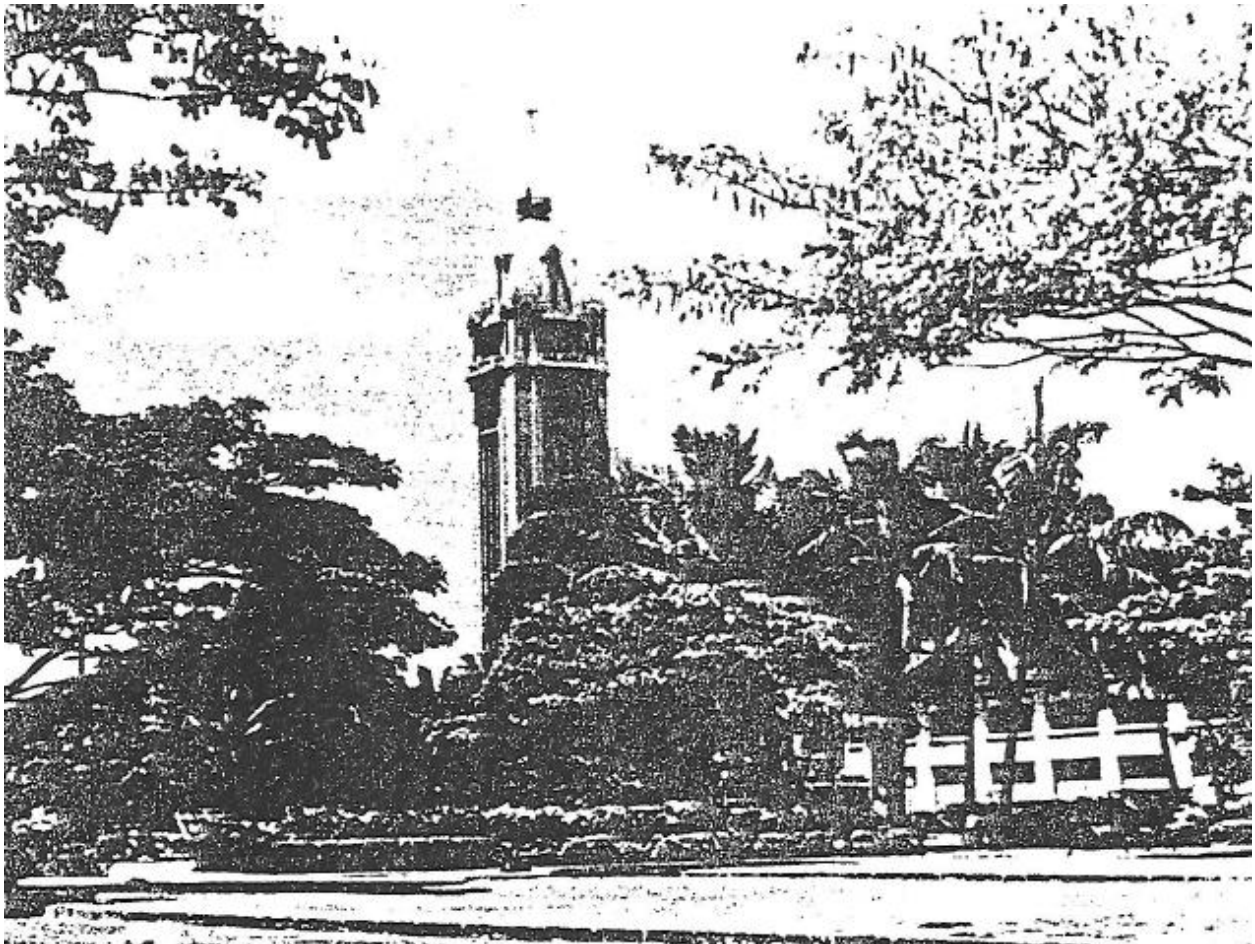
In order to accomplish this, the committed first step must be taken to repair, replace and upgrade the original irrigation infrastructure, now deteriorating and broken, that must continue to nourish and sustain Irwin Memorial Park's historic landscape. Notably, the August 2015 certified arborist's report describes findings that must be prioritized without further delay. Included in these findings is repair and replacement of the deteriorated 1930's irrigation system to improve the health of the historic trees and reduce risk of loss.

Now, as part of the DOT's FY 2016-2017 Capital Improvement goals for the Aloha Tower Complex, TRN 301, #40.03 under Section 5 on page 85 of HB 1700 requests funds for the

“design and construction of improvements to address... essential infrastructure issues that impact historic Aloha Tower and the Aloha Tower Marketplace Complex.”

Thus we wholeheartedly encourage the Governor of Hawai'i, the Hawaii State Legislature, the State Department of Transportation and its Harbors Division, and all the interested and affected community advocacy organizations and foundations who have supported and continue to support the restoration of historic Irwin Memorial Park, to all work together to make this happen in 2016 as a continuing legacy to future generations. Thank you for the opportunity to express the above comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,
Michelle Spalding Matson
President, O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy



Aloha Tower, Irwin Memorial Park and Piers 10 and 11 in 1940
as viewed from Bishop Street on the Honolulu Waterfront



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The Trust For Public Land's Testimony In Support of HB 1700 Relating To The State Budget

House Committee on Finance, Conf. Room 308
Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

The Trust for Public Land supports increased funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to manage watersheds that produce our clean drinking water, recover rare and endangered plant and animal species found nowhere else in the world, and provide outdoor recreation experiences for residents and visitors, and other DLNR programs. Specifically, we support the Governor's request for an increase of \$1.7 million in the spending ceiling for the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

The Legislature places a cap on spending in its budget for all of the special funds. The Legacy Land Conservation Fund receives 10% of the real estate conveyance tax. Unless the spending ceilings/caps are increased in the budget, it will not matter how much money the fund receives – DLNR will not be able to increase its spending (currently, the cap is a little over \$5 million). Therefore, the Trust for Public Land supports the Governor's request to increase the cap by \$1.7 million.

Increasing the Legacy Land Conservation Fund's spending cap is appropriate. In the 2015 legislative session, the Legislature passed a bill allocating \$1.5 million of the fund to the Turtle Bay Makai (Kahuku Kawela Forever project) every year for the foreseeable future (20+ years). The Legacy Land Conservation Program is intended to conserve special lands throughout the entire State of Hawai'i. By increasing the spending cap, the Legislature can allow all districts and islands to benefit from the fund.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify. I regret that I cannot make attend the hearing in person due to a prior commitment.

Me ke aloha,

Lea Hong
Hawaiian Islands State Director
Edmund C. Olson Trust Fellow





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Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Finance

Hearing: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 11 am
Conference Room 308

In Support for HB 1700 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee.

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports increased funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to manage our essential watersheds, recover endangered and threatened species, provide outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitor, and other DLNR Division of programs.

We ask you to support the following additions to HB 1700:

1. An additional \$2 million in the Aloha+ request, to include \$800K for wildfire prevention and control, \$450K for endangered species, \$450K for Na Ala Hele, \$150,000 for the Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary, and \$150K for the Kawanui Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary;
2. \$4,143K in addition to the \$1 million that was appropriated in last year's budget for a total of \$5,143K;
3. A \$1.7million ceiling increase for the Legacy Land Conservation Program to at least cover the perpetual annual request of \$1.5 million for debt service for the Turtle Bay purchase.

The DLNR's budget is less than 1% of the entire state budget, even when federal and private grants are included. The DLNR's mandate is huge, and it is a stewardship agency. With all due respect, the legislature is not providing enough funding for our land and other public trust resources, which are held in trust by the State for the people. We are concerned about the legacy we leave for our kids and generations to come.

Every Hawai'i resident and visitor to the islands is affected by the lack of funding for DLNR programs. We urge you to increase funding for the DLNR to meet its needs.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
HB 1700 Relating to the State Budget

Supporting BED 160 – HHFDC: Rental Housing Revolving Fund + Alder Street Project
House Committee on Finance

Scheduled for Hearing Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00AM, Room 308

Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice Hawai'i Appleseed is committed to a more socially just Hawai'i, where everyone has genuine opportunities to achieve economic security and fulfill their potential. We change systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice through policy development, advocacy, and coalition building.

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members, Committee on Finance:

Thank you for an opportunity to testify in strong support of BED 160, for funds to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) including: \$75 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), and \$15 million for the construction of the Alder Street Project.

Hawaii's housing needs are well documented: 27,224 rental units are needed by 2020 for people under 80% of the Area Median income (AMI). Furthermore, Hawaii has the highest homelessness rate in the nation, and the problem continues to worsen.



To address the current housing and homelessness crisis, we need to be devoting all available resources toward creation of affordable housing. Without affordable, stable, and decent housing, low-income individuals and families will continue to face insurmountable barriers to their financial self-sufficiency. Almost 80 percent of extremely low-income households are paying more than half of their income toward housing, an immense strain on their budgets. The consequences of their inability to make ends meet include worse health and educational outcomes, as well as the most visible consequence, homelessness.

Hawai'i Appleseed strongly supports allocating \$75 million to the RHRF, a major tool for the creation of affordable housing with a long record of success, funding over 5,000 units since its creation, and functions as an economic driver. The availability of these affordable housing units gives low income individuals and families in Hawai'i an alternative to becoming homeless, and also provides infrastructure for programs which rehabilitate those who are currently homeless.

Hawai'i Appleseed also supports the \$15 million allocation to the Alder Street Project. This state land is underutilized and ideal for redevelopment. It already is zoned A-2 which allows apartment buildings up to 150 feet. It has adequate sewer and water capacity in a convenient urban location. The \$15 million would enable the construction of 180 units of rental housing for families, serving as a model for future state TOD initiatives.

Thank you very much for hearing and considering these important appropriations, necessary to address Hawai'i's affordable housing and homelessness crisis.



PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu Continuum of Care

Partners in Care is a coalition of Oahu's homeless service providers, government representatives and community stakeholders working together in partnership to end homelessness.

TESTIMONY RE: HB 1700: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

RE: BED 160 – HHFDC: Rental Housing Revolving Fund + Alder Street Project

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair; Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair; and Members, Committee on Finance

FROM: Greg Payton, PIC Advocacy Chair

Hearing: Wednesday, March 9, 2016; 11:00 am; Conference room 308

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support of BED 160**, for funds to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) including: \$75 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), and \$15 million for the construction of the Alder Street Project. I am Greg Payton, Chair of the Advocacy Committee of Partners in Care (PIC).

Partners in Care is a coalition of over 30 homeless service providers and many other in the community on Oahu dedicated to ending homelessness. In the past year on Oahu, we have developed a coordinated entry system to more effectively and strategically help homeless to navigate resources and be linked to housing. The next step and the KEY to ending homelessness is the creation of more affordable rental housing.

Partners in Care supports allocating **\$75 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF)**. Creating more affordable rental housing is critical. Our service providers each day see the impact of the lack of affordable housing. This bill puts into action the legislature's commitment to create more housing options. \$75 million would be a significant step forward.

The need is great: Hawaii has the most expensive housing in the country, at more than twice the national average. Our rate of homelessness per capita is the top among the US states. Our rents have skyrocketed. The fair market rent for a 2 bedroom unit in Honolulu is \$1,810, an increase of 67% over the last 10 years (2005 to 2015). Action must be taken now. Non-profit and for-profit developers stand ready to produce units, but projects are not economically feasible without funding from the RHRF. The gap equity provided is critical, even as it is leveraged with other resources.

Partners in Care also supports the **\$15 million allocation to the Alder Street Project**. This state land is underutilized and ideal for redevelopment. It already is zoned A-2 which allows apartment buildings up to 150 feet as well as public uses, such as the juvenile justice services. It has adequate sewer and water capacity in a convenient urban location. The \$15 million would enable the construction of 180 units of rental housing, already designated for families. It has taken much effort by two State entities to develop this TOD project. It is important to move forward as this could serve as a model for future state TOD initiatives. We urge your support so that the people of Hawaii do not lose this chance for affordable housing as well as creating more services for very vulnerable and at-risk children.

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We thank you for your dedication to creating solutions for Hawaii's housing needs. We urge your support for these two sections of the State Budget. Please contact me at (808) 529-4554 or gpayton@mhkhawaii.org if you have any questions.

TO: Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair and
Members of the House Committee on Finance

FROM: Rev. Bob Nakata and Catherine Graham
Co-Chairs of FACE Housing Task Force and the Housing Coalition

RE: Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m., Rm. 308
Hearing on HB 1700

Thank you for this opportunity to support those parts of Governor Ige's budget that funds Affordable Rental Housing. FACE has been a strong supporter of such housing for 20 years.

House Bill 1700 presented to the Legislature for the 2017 year has some very positive elements addressing the severe crisis in affordable rental housing and homelessness. It is widely known that Honolulu is the worst in the nation affordable housing and homeless issues and only getting worse. There are many causes that go back a long time. Bringing them under control will take years and we need different solutions for different causes by different stake holders. These stakeholders; the Governor and his leadership team, the Mayor and his Administration, the Legislature, the City Council, developers, the construction industry (including unions), the business community, the media and the human service agencies are all starting to come into alignment on the crisis. But far more needs to be done in coordinating their efforts.

Everyone acknowledges that the ultimate solution is affordable housing, especially rentals. Almost everyone also realizes that it will take several years before we see them come on line in significant numbers. The Governor's request for \$75 million for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) and the request to remove the cap on the amount of the conveyance tax going into the RHRF are crucial this year so that loans from the RHRF to developers of affordable rental housing can continue flowing to keep the production of affordable rental housing going and even increasing. The same reasoning applies to the \$25 million request for the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) which can be used to fund infrastructure (sewers, water, drainage) which are needed before development can begin in many places in Honolulu. The reason Kakaako is booming (unfortunately with high-end housing) is that 30 years ago the State pumped \$200 million into infrastructure there. A good area to do this now is Iwilei-Kapalama, where there is much State and County lands along the proposed rail line which could be developed for affordable rentals such as Mayor Wright housing. This area also includes the public housing headquarters, Honolulu Community College, and the former Oahu Railroad Station. Kamehameha Schools owns much land in the area that could be developed if infrastructure were available. Discussions about using the Oahu Correctional Center for transit oriented development (TOD) becomes realistic if infrastructure were available.

How to address the housing crisis in the short term? The Governor's emergency declaration has made it easier to develop emergency and transitional housing, which are needed until permanent housing can be built. The City's Sand Island container project (Hale Mauiola) seems to be a good model of such housing. And repairing and maintaining all the public housing units is absolutely the quickest way to house our lowest income residents. Here, we believe the Governor's \$31 million budget request is too low and believe SB 2998's \$100 million is more realistic especially since the repair and maintenance backlog for public housing is over \$800 million.

Other items in the budget bill would expand the Housing First program and provide more rent

subsidies. It is encouraging that many more agencies and types of organizations are becoming involved in finding solutions. The strong commitment of the media to keep these issues in the limelight is a major plus and bodes well for the future.

While the sums of money required are daunting, if they are not provided, caring for the increasing numbers of homeless and at risk of homeless due to lack of housing could cost tax payers even more. We must plan for the future and the common good of Hawaii and all of its residents. We call on the conscience of our legislators to do the right thing this session and pass the money bills required to provide the requisite amount for affordable housing. Hawaii needs affordable homes.

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TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice-Chair

House Finance Committee Members

FROM: Howard S. Garval, MSW, President & Chief Executive Officer

RE: In Support of HB 1700 Relating to the State Budget

HEARING: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 308,
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI

Aloha, Rep. Luke, Rep. Nishimoto, and members of the House Finance Committee. I am Howard S. Garval, President & CEO of Child & Family Service (CFS), Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human services organization. We serve from keiki to kupuna and touch the lives of over 40,000 Hawaii residents each year with services that range from child abuse prevention and treatment, early childhood programs, child welfare programs, domestic violence programs, services for troubled youth, and kupuna services.

I would like to make several comments in support of HB 1700. They are as follows:

1-As I understand it, HB 1700 includes a proposed 3 additional positions in the POS (Purchase of Service) unit at the Department of Human Services. These positions are vital to efficiently and effectively procure for the wide range of human services that not only CFS provides under contract with the Department, but for various other nonprofit organizations that do the same. In the last two years especially CFS and other providers have seen significant delays by DHS in getting RFPs out for competitive re-bid as these contracts in some cases have reached their six-year limit. Last fiscal year there were also numerous amendments at the final hour to a couple of RFPs that made it very difficult for CFS and other providers to respond effectively in the time allotted. This also created a rush to execute contracts at the last minute in time for the new fiscal year without which CFS and other providers would not get paid for services even with a contract award. This fiscal year DHS has even more contracts that need to go out to competitive re-bid and we are already into March and only one is out with a deadline this month to submit. DHS

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is now communicating that it will extend several contracts another 6 months because it cannot get RFIs and RFPs out in time. While this is much appreciated by CFS and other providers to allow for adequate time and to prevent a recurrence of what happened last fiscal year, the problems continue due to lack of adequate staff resources at DHS for procurement.

2-CFS is asking for your support of the Governor's budgeted amount for Kupuna Care and the Aging Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). This funding is essential to meet the growing number of seniors in Hawaii and to help our kupuna "age in place" and prevent institutional care that is not only more expensive but is not what seniors want if they can be maintained in their own community. The Kupuna Care services are specifically designed to help kupuna stay either in their own homes or in the homes of a loved one for as long as possible.

If the Committee has any questions about either of these two budget items, please feel free to contact me at hgarval@cfs-hawaii.org or by calling me at 681-1418.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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March 8, 2016

Hearing: HB 1700
Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Time: 11:00 AM.
Room No. 308

House Committee on Financing
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of HB1700

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in Strong Support of HB 1700 as it relates to affordable housing and in particular BED 160/HF Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) Infusion of \$75 Million and BED 160/HD Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) Infusion of \$25 Million.

I am Kevin Carney, Vice President of EAH Housing. EAH is a 48 year old non-profit public benefit corporation whose mission is to develop, manage and promote affordable rental housing. We are one of the largest non-profit affordable rental housing developers in the western United States. We have developed over 95 affordable rental properties, manage over 100 rental properties and we serve over 20,000 residents in communities in Northern California and Hawaii. The people we serve are primarily those with incomes at or below 60% of the area median income (AMI).

The primary source of equity funding for the projects we acquire and rehabilitate and for projects we develop is the federal and state low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC). A secondary source, but equally important is the State's RHRF. Additional supplements to this funding source are sought every year because of the demand placed on the fund by developers like EAH. The requested DURF infusion is intended to support the construction of infrastructure for low-income projects such as ours. Aging infrastructure and/or no infrastructure at all are increasingly becoming a detriment to the production and preservation of affordable housing.

We know from our 20 years of experience in serving Hawaii residents in over 1,900 rental apartments on Kauai, Maui and Oahu that the demand for affordable rental housing at 60% of the area median income and below is huge. We have the waiting lists at our properties to prove it. These one-time infusions are helpful but for the long term we need more certainty. Reliable and sustained sources of funding will help to reduce risk and encourage more development. In the meantime we encourage your committees' full support of both the RHRF and DURF infusions at the levels requested.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Carney, RB-16444
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Vice President, Hawaii
EAH Housing, RB-16985



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TESTIMONY RE: HB 1700: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

- ***In support of BED 160 – HHFDC: Rental Housing Revolving Fund, and Alder Street Project***

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair; Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair; and Members, Committee on Finance
FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison, Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Hearing: **Wednesday, March 9, 2016; 11:00 AM; CR 308**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support of BED 160**, to allocate \$75 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), and \$15 million for the construction of the Alder Street Project. I am Betty Lou Larson, from Catholic Charities Hawai'i. We are also a member of Partners in Care.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 60 years. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i. Catholic Charities Hawai'i has a long history of working in the areas of affordable housing and homelessness. We have supported funding to the RHRF since its inception. We consider it a key resource for the construction of affordable rentals.

We support a **\$75 million allocation to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund**. Hawaii has the most expensive housing in the nation—twice the nation average. Rents have increased 65% over the past 10 years. Hawaii also has the highest rate of homelessness per capita of the US states. The Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) has successfully enabled public private partnerships to create 5,673 units of affordable rental housing. Projects have been created across the State of Hawaii. The RHRF is an effective tool that not only provides gap equity to make projects feasible, but also promotes leveraging these funds with other available resources. At least 22,500 new affordable rental units are needed by 2026. The proposed \$75 million would be a significant commitment by the Legislature and State to create much needed affordable rentals.

The **\$15 million allocation to the Alder Street Project** would also result in the construction of 180 units of rental housing, designated for families. It is in an ideal location with no roadblocks from sewer or water issues (that may be issues for other sites). Not only are these family rentals of high importance, at risk youth can be served in a more timely fashion. This project would be the first joint TOD State project to be developed. It could be a model for TOD initiatives by the State. It is imperative for State entities to start working together to create affordable housing opportunities within TOD areas. This \$15 million for the Judiciary's share of the project will result in the redevelopment of underutilized state land into a mixed-use development that will help to address the State's affordable rental housing and juvenile justice needs. HHFDC stands ready to initiative a RFP for Phase One of this combined project, but it cannot move forward without the funding for the juvenile justice segment of the construction.

The Key to ending homelessness and providing a decent life for many Hawaii citizens is building the supply of affordable rental units. We urge your support for these budget items.





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To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget HMS 305 – Strong support
for \$6 million appropriation to continue funding for the Preschool
Open Doors program for FY2016-17
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 308, March 9, 2016 – 11 AM**

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), formerly Good Beginnings Alliance, we are writing in strong support of HB 1700, Relating to the State Budget. HMS 305 includes a \$6 million request to continue Preschool Open Doors (POD) at the current level. POD is a critical safety net program that helps underserved and at-risk children gain access to Department of Human Services-licensed childcare.

HCAN is committed to improving lives and being a strong voice advocating for Hawai'i's children. Last fall, HCAN convened input in person and online from more than 50 organizations and individuals that came forward to support or express interest for a number of issues affecting children and families in our state that resulted in the compilation of 2016 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaiican.org/2016policyagenda>.

We are seeking continuation of POD funding for FY 2016-17. Last session, the legislature passed Act 191 (SB64) to appropriate \$6 million for POD in the FY15-16 budget. Currently, the state's FY16-FY17 biennium budget includes funding for \$1.6 million. Governor David Ige requested \$6 million in HMS 305 in his supplemental budget for FY 16-17, which HCAN strongly supports. Keeping the Governor's request in tact will ensure a restoration of \$6 million,

which is equal to the current FY15-16 level funding of \$7.6 million for the POD program.

In Hawaii, access to childcare is especially challenging with average childcare costs ranging from \$7600-\$9300/year. For most families, childcare is the second highest cost for families after rent or mortgage. The average POD subsidy is \$540/month to families with a median annual income of \$33,000 in 2015. Now 51 percent of families served come from single-parent households. POD is especially critical to help bridge the financial gap for as many low- and low-moderate income families in the state.

POD provides access to affordable and quality care for young children and serves two main purposes by:

- Providing families with young children the needed childcare so they can seek employment or higher education opportunities to improve their family's economic status; and
- Providing young children with a stimulating and safe environment that boosts cognitive, social and emotional development that supports school readiness in our state, where only 14.5 percent of children display comprehensive readiness for Kindergarten and one out of three children are not reading at grade-level by the time they enter 3rd-grade, which is a key indicator to high school graduation and later success outcomes.

Historically, the POD program provided childcare subsidies for 3- and 4-year-olds. In 2013, Act 169, restructured POD to focus on four-year olds to get as many into a childcare program the year before kindergarten, so help them prepare for school.

POD is now in its 26th year and currently serves approximately 1,300 4-and 5-year-olds throughout the state. Prior to the Great Recession, POD served as many as 1,571 children in 2006. In 2010, POD saw drastic cuts and by 2012 and 2013, POD served fewer than 350 families. In the same period, while Hawaii cut childcare subsidies, 34 states increased funding for preschool programs totaling more than \$1 billion in new state resources targeted toward early learning and quality childcare. In 2014, states across the nation increased spending by another 12 percent on average. We are still working to restore past levels of services in Hawaii.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the House Finance Committee support \$6 million adjustment to the state supplemental budget bill to authorize the restoration \$6 million to the state's POD program for FY16-17.

The House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.
Room 308

HB 1700
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Virginia Weinman. I am a member of the Friends of the Cancer Board and have been involved with the UH Cancer Center for about ten years.

My husband, Barry Weinman & I have supported the University of Hawaii for fifteen years, totaling over \$7M in donations. We have provided full scholarships to 10 students at UH JABSOM and have underwritten the Chair of Dr. Hedges, Dean of JABSOM. In addition, the Weinman Symposiums have enabled six Nobel Laureates in cancer research to visit and work with the Cancer Center's researchers.

We strongly support research and higher education in medicine in Hawaii. The continuation of the Cancer Center is vital to the growth of Hawaii and we hope to continue our philanthropy if the Cancer Center is adequately funded.

Cancer research is vital to the needs of the people in our community. The research taking place right here at the UH Cancer Center involves our diverse ethnic population as well as our natural resources. Having a recognized and National Cancer Institute designated cancer research center here in Hawaii is important not only for us, the citizens of our state, but also for the important role that Hawaii can play to contribute to the overall effort of finding better treatments through a deeper and more sophisticated understanding of the complex array of diseases called cancer. If you or your loved one is touched by cancer, I know you would want and expect the best treatment available anywhere to ensure a good outcome. The UH Cancer Center is just that for the people of our state. Clinical trials taking place over many decades along with the research in the laboratory were the key to curing once incurable diseases. Through clinical trials administered by the UH Cancer Center, our citizens are afforded the ability to receive state of the art treatment at local hospitals here in Hawaii surrounded by family and friends with the support they need.

The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawai'i with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

Each year more than 6,000 Hawaii residents are diagnosed with cancer, and more than 2,000 will die from the disease. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Hawaii, and accounts for one of every five deaths statewide. As a NCI-designated cancer research center, the UH Cancer Center brings ground-breaking studies and new cancer-fighting drugs and treatment to our community, making it possible for Hawaii's people to receive the most advanced treatments for cancer.

The ethnic diversity in Hawaii is unlike other populations in other parts of the country. We in Hawaii face different challenges as the types and incidents of cancer as well as mortality rates may not be like those seen in other states. The UH Cancer Center is acutely aware of Hawaii's unique diversity and healthcare needs. Its focus is finding treatment, drugs and protocols that are specific to our community.

For instance, the UH Cancer Center's researchers have found that colon cancer in Native Hawaiian men is higher than in other ethnic groups. Thus, researchers are focused on investigating ways to reduce the high rate of cancer deaths in this population.

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. State funding support is required to address the operational needs of the Cancer Center which were planned when the facility was envisioned. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

The incidence of cancer is increasing significantly and may double during the next twenty years, according to recent estimates by the International Agency for Cancer. It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research relevant to those in Hawai'i and to provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials here in Hawai'i, in order to reduce the incidence of cancer in Hawai'i.

I respectfully urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700.



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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and the Members of the House Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street; Room 308
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Subject: House Bill 1700 - Relating to the State Budget

The Mutual Housing Association of Hawai'i, Inc. ("Mutual Housing") strongly supports provisions in House Bill 1700 which propose that the Hawai'i State budget include Capital Improvement Project appropriations infusing \$75 million for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund ("RHRF") and an additional \$25 million for the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund ("DURF").

As Hawai'i continues to struggle with its affordable housing crisis, we have seen our number of homeless growing, while even working families find it necessary to double-up with family or friends. New rental housing production has not kept pace with the needs of the community and the loss over the years of affordable housing units through demolition, speculation, and conversion to for-sale units.

As an owner and developer of affordable rental housing, we can attest to the critical need for permanent and dedicated sources of funding to build new rental housing. The flexible funding provided by RHRF and DURF allow developers to leverage other funding programs such as low-income housing tax credits, tax-exempt bonds and conventional bank loans to make affordable projects financially feasible.

Mutual Housing is currently building a 188-unit affordable rental project in East Kapolei targeting families earning less than 60% of median incomes. This project would not be possible without the gap financing provided by the State's RHRF.

It will take years to develop the projects to meet all of the need in the state. RHRF and DURF are critical tools helping organizations like Mutual Housing address our affordable rental shortage. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

David M. Nakamura
Executive Director

Written Statement of

Matthew W. Sasaki
Director of Strategic Business Initiatives
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before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

‘ike respectfully submits testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (**CIP**) for **HTDC’s Entrepreneurs Sandbox**

The Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC’s 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

HTDC has been invaluable not only to the ‘ike Family of Companies, but to the technology and innovation industry as a whole. The efforts being made by HTDC have been crucial to improving the workforce of industry professionals across the State of Hawaii. With their help, Hawaii is working to not only developing local talent and IP, but also expanding our economic reach beyond our shores to both the mainland and abroad.

Further HTDC has been a valuable partner for the development of the Innovation Block that is proposed for Lot C in Kaka’ako Makai. This block will not only be the home for the Entrepreneurs Sandbox, but also for an innovation hub, learning center and additional supporting resources. This Innovation Block will be a crucial tangible representation of innovation in Hawaii, with which we can convene public, private and non-profit sectors to grow this new leg of the economy.

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



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Statement of

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Testimony Presented Before the

House Committee on Finance

March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

In Consideration of

HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

The HI Growth Initiative has supported Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i in years past with sponsorship for events to allow our companies and members to further their networks and growth. In our current capacity, we work closely with the HI Growth Initiative to help expand Hawai'i's ecosystem, making sure our companies have the ability to engage and contribute to a thriving innovation economy.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawai'i-based venture capital funds.

The Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i is a 501(c)(3), for-impact organization focused on helping great entrepreneurs become great philanthropists by: 1) Hosting networking and educational events; 2) Organizing and connecting portfolio companies to community service projects; and 3) Accepting donations of company equity and--when a liquidity event occurs--help companies to set up foundations for charitable giving.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawai'i has five nationally recognized Hawai'i-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawai'i; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; co-working facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

We humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawai'i on the national map for tech startups and investment.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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March 8, 2016

Statement of
Melialani James
President

Hawaii Venture Capital Association (HVCA)

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

In Consideration of
HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Hawaii Venture Capital Association (HVCA) **strongly supports** HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

Since its founding in 1988, the Hawaii Venture Capital Association (HVCA) has stood as a nexus for entrepreneurs, capital foundation, and networking opportunities in Hawaii. Fostering entrepreneurship through education and exposure to prime members of our business community continues to be our goal as we strive to grow a vibrant and successful venture community.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

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We humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the national map for tech startups and investment.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our comments on this bill.

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Timothy Dick	Startup Capital Ventures	Support	No

Comments: Hi Growth has proven to be a high-leverage program with \$12 private sector \$ going in for ever \$1 Hawaii State \$. In the short time it has been going, it has already created 150 high paying / high skilled jobs in Hawaii. As traditional economic engines like agriculture shrink, this is an area where Hawaii can keep more of its best and brightest and pivot towards a better economy. Mahalo.

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Written Statement of
Roger C. Garrett
Founder and President
Hawaii Inventors Association

before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

Roger C. Garrett respectfully submit testimony in **OPPOSITION** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project **(CIP) for HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**.

I am writing in **OPPOSITION** to the HTDC's project of building a "sandbox" facility as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

Before any building is constructed, and certainly before any government money is allocated to it, it is of the utmost importance to understand exactly **HOW** such a structure will actually help the high tech (or any) industry in Hawaii. And that information does not appear to be available.

The HTDC seems to have the idea that this will somehow facilitate their idea of "80,000 new high tech jobs each making \$80,000 (or more) a year". But how does it do that? It seems to be based on the concept of "build it and they will come". But who is it that they expect to come? Where is the information that shows that there are companies or individuals in Hawaii who can and will make use of such a facility? Has a survey been done of potential users? Has feedback been solicited from existing or potential businesses? Are the facilities that are proposed for this building actually the facilities that are needed or desired by existing or up-and-coming businesses here in Hawaii to help them expand or get started? How, exactly, is the HTDC expecting the construction and operation of this building to translate into actual jobs? That kind of information seems to be sorely missing.

Have the various Makerspaces and co-working spaces that already exist in Hawaii been active participants in the Innovation Block and sandbox projects? It appears not. But wouldn't they have incredibly valuable insights into the viability of such a project?

There are numerous business organizations here in Hawaii. Many of them have the objective of helping the entrepreneur and start-up community. Which of those they been participating in the development of this sandbox idea? Certainly they are the ones with the best insight into what is needed.

I happen to be the founder and current president of the Hawaii Inventors Association, which has been in existence for over three years and has about 150 members. Yet in spite of the fact that we used to hold our monthly meetings at the Manoa Innovation Center, which is managed by the HTDC, we were never contacted by them regarding this Innovation Block and sandbox concept. Surely at least some of our

members have insights into how such a sandbox project could help in turning their inventions into successful businesses. But no one asked.

One of the features of the sandbox building is a section set off for prototyping. It's intended to include things like 3D printers. While prototyping may well be something that some companies, particularly start-ups, may need and want access to, but the question then becomes, What KINDS of prototyping equipment do they need access to? Is it 3D printing, or is it electronics design or packaging design or woodworking or metalcraft or fibreglassing or welding, or any number of other technologies? What has the HTDC done to determine what kinds of prototyping tools to include in the prototyping room? Sure, 3D printing is an up-and-coming technology. But how have they determined that 3D printing is something that the companies occupying the sandbox will actually need? Has a survey been done?

And even if they determine the right set of equipment to purchase, consider the fact that the section allocated for prototyping is just one, single, SMALL room in the building. There already exists two MakerSpaces in Hawaii, one in Maui and one here in Oahu. And they cover a huge amount of floor space. And even with their large size they must, by necessity, concentrate on only a few kinds of technology, include only a few types of equipment. The idea that the HTDC's tiny prototyping room in their sandbox building can provide any reasonable amount of prototyping ability is just silly.

It makes much more sense for the HTDC to team up with the existing makerspaces in order to provide prototyping capabilities, rather than try to provide a new, way-too-small, brand new facility of their own.

The sandbox facility also allocates a major portion of the building to a "display" area, where presumably the participating companies and individuals can show off their technologies. This isn't just a large room, it's a TWO-STORY large room. Ask a startup company whether they'd want to dedicate a portion of their business space just to the display of their project and you'd likely get an answer of, "That would be nice, but what we really need is DEVELOPMENT space". And they certainly wouldn't dedicate two stories worth of space. This display area looks like an architect's idea of what looks nice, and might make sense for a large, well-established corporation, but it's just bells and whistles for the kind of companies that the sandbox appears aimed at.

The display area also appears to be touted as a "collaboration space", with the idea that the various companies working at the building will get together and share ideas, help one another. Mention has been made of other well established co-working spaces around the nation and how they facilitate the sharing of ideas and collaboration between people. But if you look at those other facilities you find that they're not so much oriented towards starting up new companies but more along the lines of various artists sharing their artistic knowledge. And, sure, artists will do that. But artists aren't looking to start up a company employing tens or hundreds of people. They're looking to expand their own particular artistic talents. On the other hand, the HTDC's sandbox IS intended to help create lots and lots of jobs, by creating lots and lots of new companies. Any individual company at the sandbox will be spending their time working on THEIR OWN technologies and their OWN business plans. They don't have the time or luxury to be hanging out at the coffee machine chatting with other, unrelated companies.

But let's say that some of those other co-working spaces, upon which the HTDC's sandbox is based, actually do enhance the sharing of ideas. Where are the numbers, where are the statistics that show that providing such a facility actually results in new companies getting established, or new jobs being created? Maybe they do. But how many, how often? How well do those companies do in the long term? How many \$80,000 jobs do they create? How COST EFFECTIVE are the overall programs, and how

cost effective can we expect the HTDC's sandbox to be?

And what's the plan for actually EVALUATING the effectiveness of the sandbox? You don't start up a major construction program without having some idea as to how you're going to measure its eventual success. Is there such a plan? Are their projections on how many jobs will be created by this venture? That should be among the requirements if you're going to lay out government money for this project.

And then there's the whole idea of pushing for high tech in Hawaii. I realize that this seems to be a buzzword over the past few years. That we need to get away from relying almost entirely on the tourism industry and that high tech seems to be a potential answer. But is it? High tech in and of itself is NOT an industry. It's a catchall phrase that covers thousands of kinds of technologies. SO, WHICH high tech industry makes sense for Hawaii and will actually generate jobs that STAY HERE in Hawaii? Solar? At first glance that might seem reasonable. But solar has grown almost exclusively because of government subsidies, and now that those subsidies are going away, so are the solar companies.

One "shining star" in the solar industry in Hawaii some years back was SoPoGy. They reportedly had a novel approach to concentrated solar energy. One year they even won an Innovator of the Year award. And they got some nice contracts and did quite well. And where are they now? Like any tech company that starts out in Hawaii they realized that in order to grow they needed to be where the customers are. And that meant moving to California. So, so much for high tech SoPoGy jobs in Hawaii.

Will high tech engineers move TO Hawaii even if jobs are somehow generated through the sandbox initiative? Why would anyone do that when the PAY for such jobs here in Hawaii are HALF of what they can get on the mainland? Do we have high tech engineers graduating from our colleges and universities? Maybe. But 80,000 of them? Has the HTDC surveyed the graduating engineers to see what kinds of technologies they've got their degrees in and, even more importantly, whether they plan on staying here in Hawaii, at low paying tech jobs, or heading off to greener pastures on the mainland?

The point here is that an assumption is being made by HTDC that somehow "high tech" can thrive here, without ever identifying WHICH high tech actually has any chance of thriving. We're certainly not going to MANUFACTURE anything here. It's simply not competitive. And even if some new technology is actually ever DEVELOPED here, how does that translate into long-lasting JOBS here? It just seems that the HTDC hasn't really thought this through, that it's relying on buzzwords and hopes and dreams. "Build it and they will come". Except that, no, they won't come. We have no idea who "they" might be, how this sandbox building will help them, and how any of this will translate into actual JOBS, high tech or otherwise, here in Hawaii.

The bottom line is, it seems that the HTDC itself came up with an idea. They discussed it mainly among themselves, ignoring the vast information resources available through existing entrepreneurial businesses and organizations, and forged ahead to design and eventually build a spankin' new facility with little to no thought as to how it will actually operate and most importantly how it will actually create jobs. It may end up being a pretty building. But I cannot see it actually accomplishing anything worthwhile. So, yet another major construction job in Hawaii with, eventually, little to show for the effort.



March 7, 2016

TO: Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance

RE: **HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

The Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association (HFMA) respectfully submits testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for **HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**

HFMA is a non-profit organization that serves as a conduit for resources, tools and expertise to benefit existing and start-up companies in the state's \$900 million food manufacturing industry. Established in 1977, HFMA is the only statewide food manufacturing association in the United States, representing more than 150 member companies and industry stakeholders. HFMA advocates on behalf of the local manufacturing community and works to increase public awareness of Hawaii's unique, locally made food and beverage products.

Hawaii has over 1,000 active manufacturers employing approximately 17,000 workers and Hawaii's manufacturing industry helped the local economy by exporting nearly \$570 million in manufactured goods in 2013.

The Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

HTDC has helped HFMA through the INNOVATE Hawaii program, seminars and workshops and sponsorships and grants.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Coleman, President
Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association

BLUE PLANET SOFTWARE, INC.



March 8, 2016

Statement of
Maya Rogers
CEO, Blue Planet Software, Inc.

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
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In Consideration of
HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Blue Planet Software respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

Blue Planet Software, the sole agent for the Tetris brand, has supported the startup and tech sector locally for many years. As a company that directly employs local talent in the innovation economy, we see the value in keeping the HI Growth Initiative for the future of Hawai‘i. Furthermore, we have and continue to support Blue Starutps in in-kind services which we see would not be possible without additional help from the HI Growth Initiative.

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

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House Bill 1700
Relating to the State Budget
for

Aloha Tower Complex and Irwin Memorial Park

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

Scenic Hawaii, Inc., a non-profit organization that advocates and advances efforts for the protection and enhancement of Hawaii's scenic beauty, strongly supports the Department of Transportation's FY 2016-2017 Capital Improvement goals for the Aloha Tower Complex, TRN 301, #40.03 under Section 5 on page 85 of HB 1700. This funding will help realize the long-awaited restoration of historic Irwin Memorial Park in downtown Honolulu to its original purpose and splendor.

Most people alive today have seen Irwin Memorial Park only as a parking lot, unaware that it was created and dedicated more than 85 years ago as a private gift to the people of Hawaii as a welcoming oasis of green at the foot of Aloha Tower on the Honolulu waterfront. It is well time that we rectify the neglect to this place and restore it to the purpose intended by its donors.

Nearly two decades ago, Scenic Hawaii led a group of five non-profit organizations to seek legal protection of Irwin Memorial Park. We succeeded in this effort and last year retained the services of a landscape architect to prepare a historic restoration plan for the park. We are very pleased that the Department of Transportation supports the plan and is willing to fulfill the State's obligation to restore this public park in a manner that honors its listing on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.



John P. Whalen, Advisor to the Board



Ring of Fire Films, Inc.

March 8, 2016

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business:

Aloha,

Ring of Fire Films, Inc. would like to express our strong support of HB1700, a bill that allocates \$5 million a year for five years to fund the HI Growth Initiative. The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital.

This program has been a huge boost in launching our creative media business and franchise through the GVS Transmedia Accelerator. It has introduced us to investors, sponsors and helped employ 5+ people over the last year. Support of this bill will help us further our mission: *"Ring of Fire Films, Inc. is an Hawai'i State company that exists to develop, produce and distribute edu-tainment media that inspires, educates and engages communities... about Hawai'i, from Hawai'i to the world!"*

We humbly ask for your continued support of the HI Growth Initiative, which makes capital resources available to entrepreneurial high growth businesses.

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

Sincerely yours,

Michael Lienau

President, Ring of Fire Films, Inc.



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Sincerely yours,

Shari Lienau

Vice President, Ring of Fire Films, Inc.



March 8, 2016

Statement of

Donavan Kealoha

Senior Associate, Startup Capital Ventures

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Startup Capital Ventures (or SCV) respectfully submits testimony in **support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

SCV invests in early-stage, capital efficient B2B technology companies with proof of first revenue. Our initial investment ranges from \$250,000 up to \$1 million with reserves for future funding rounds. Typically co-investing with other leading funds at the Series Seed and Series A rounds.

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Lokahi Consulting and Technology

Written Statement of

Mr. Daris K. Hao
Principal
Lokahi Consulting and Technology

before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Honorable Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

Lokahi Consulting and Technology respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project **(CIP) for HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**

Lokahi Consulting and Technology is a Hawaii based Information Technology and Management Consulting firm with core expertise in Health IT and enterprise level technology/professional projects.

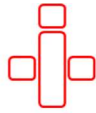
For the past year, I have had the pleasure of working with the High Technology Development Corporation in support of the HTDC's 80/80 by 2030 goal and the President's TechHire initiative which is to create pathways to better, well-paying Tech Jobs and Meeting Urgent Employer Demand Across the U.S. and our State of Hawaii. www.whitehouse.gov/issues/technology/techhire

The proposed HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

HTDC has been an invaluable partner to Lokahi Consulting and Technology in support of our efforts to create an environment where the technology sector can flourish and provide opportunities to create new high paying job opportunities for our residents.

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

Mr. Daris K. Hao, MPA Principal, Lokahi Consulting and Technology



iFirst Medical Technologies

March 8, 2016

Statement of
Luke Joseph
CEO, iFirst Medical Technologies

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

iFirst Medical Technologies, respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

Hi Growth has helped my startup company in providing mentoring, networking and connections to investors. It has also provided my company with opportunities to be seen and connect by helping sponsor events like East Meets West.

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Statement of
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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

<<INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION/COMPANY'S NAME HERE>> respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

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Hawaii Evolutionary Development, LLC

Written Statement of

LETIZIA DE LANNOY
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before the

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In consideration of

HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the
Committee on Finance.

Hawaii Evolutionary Development, LLC respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (**CIP**) for **HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**.

Hawaii Evolutionary Development, LLC is a startup developing software for aircraft design. Sandbox will enable us to have access to essential services and facilities such as meeting/video-conference rooms, collaboration space, digital media studio, makerspace, and training workshops and networking events that are fundamental to the grow of the business.

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HTDC has helped my company through matching funds to our SBIR Phase I project, seminars and workshops, and networking with key players in the State and the Nation.

HTDC has been a valuable partner on matching funds for the SBIR Phase I. Those funds were instrumental in our ability to win a specially competitive SBIR Phase II.

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

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Comments: In Consideration of HB 1700 Relating to the State Budget Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance Sudokrew Solutions respectfully submits testimony in support of the request by DBEDT for the \$3 million Capital Improvement Project for HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox. We've benefited substantially from being a part of the Manoa Innovation Center, as a small software development shop, we required a facility that had low rent, security, and access to local software engineering talent. I sincerely believe we would not have succeeded without the support of HTDC and the benefits of being a part of the Manoa Innovation Center for the past two years. HTDC has helped to bring Sudokrew opportunities in terms of community as well as helping to grow a small business that would otherwise be working out of coffee shops. They helped to host local hackathons, as well as connect us with businesses that required software development such as Nest Egg Guru, Auto Source, and Comprendio. The Sandbox would only help to grow this leg of Hawai'i's economy without the need to fill more jets or urban sprawl.

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March 9, 2016

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair; Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair; and Members
Public Hearing, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 308

**TESTIMONY of WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC
IN SUPPORT of H.B. 1700, RELATED to the STATE BUDGET**

My name is William Anonsen and I am the Managing Partner/Principal of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC. We strongly support HB 1700 which proposes to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects. **We support the supplementary inclusion of funding for HTDC's CIP request of \$3 million to construct the "Entrepreneurs Sandbox", an integral component of the first phase of the planned "Kaka`ako Innovation Block".**

The legislature's continued support for technology initiatives such as this are greatly appreciated and visionary, as these projects significantly contribute to the diversification of our island state's economy and our economic competitiveness in the Pacific Basin and the world. Customarily every job in a research community generates an average of 2.57 jobs in the local economy. The Kaka`ako Innovation Block is an excellent model of emerging strategically planned, mixed-use research facilities designed to create an environment that fosters creative collaboration and innovation that promotes the development, transfer and commercialization of technology.

Research communities have become a key element of the technology infrastructure supporting the growth of today's and our future knowledge economy. They are the primary drivers of regional development traditionally established to recruit research & development, and technology companies to locate in strategic areas in order to build a cluster of high technology companies. Technological based research communities exhibit a strong ability to attract and retain talent, which in turn, will permit Hawaii to create a critical mass that can yield high economic opportunities for Hawaii and our global community. These initiatives promise to further upsurge our homegrown business startups, retention and expansion with a focus on providing commercialization and business development support in addition to space for talent retention and innovation infrastructure. These communities are emerging as strong sources of entrepreneurship, talent and economic competitiveness.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment in support of this measure

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

William F. Anonsen
Managing Partner/Principal



March 8, 2016

Statement of Russel Cheng, Co-founder and Director, DevLeague

Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Finance, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am
In Consideration of HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

DevLeague respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

DevLeague is an immersive accelerated learning program where we teach in-class modern software development skills to adults and real coding to middle and high school students. As Hawaii's first and only software development boot camp, we design curriculum and conduct 12-week courses for motivated individuals. Our target outcome is that our graduates gain the necessary skills, confidence and project work to earn their career start as a web software developer--an industry that is high-growth, high-salary and in-demand by savvy employers.

DevLeague has graduated 62 graduates to date with a 94 percent success/hire rate. The alumni have a combined \$2.1MM in starting salaries (aka taxpayers) with 86 percent working in Hawaii.

Our alumni work in software development jobs at Microsoft, Hawaii Pacific Health, DSD Labs, Sudokrew, Uber, Thetus Corp, Internet Brands, Pono Health, DevLeague, MVNP, Upspring Media, State of Hawaii, SkyCatch, Goma Games, SparrowOne, KoaIT, DTL Hawaii, JamBIOS, LiveAction, Revacomm, Anthology Group, Better Way, Ike, Comprendio, Wall to Wall and VuNote. One graduate was accepted into Stanford Graduate School computer science program and two graduates started the social network Grumble were funded \$25,000 by Blue Startups accelerator program.


The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

We humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the national map for tech startups and investment.

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

Mahalo!


Russel Cheng, Co-founder, Director

March 8, 2016

Statement of
Melissa Uhl
Policy and Partnerships, Energy Excelerator

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Energy Excelerator respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

HI Growth Initiative is a great convener of the Hawaii startup community and hub for connecting our diverse and growing innovation ecosystem. HI Growth has also funded half of Energy Excelerator's first "proof of concept" follow-on investment fund to support the most successful companies graduating from Energy Excelerator. With the support of HI Growth, Energy Excelerator was able to attract over \$1.3MM in matching private capital investment. HI Growth has been a strong supporter of the Energy Excelerator's vision for a successful clean tech commercialization effort in Hawaii.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

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

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March 8, 2016

House Representatives

RE: House Bill 1700 and 1932, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Funding

Ensures the legislature fulfills its responsibility under article XII, section 1, of the state constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the department of Hawaiian home lands for reimbursement of fiscal year 2015-2016 and new fiscal year 2016–2017.

Aloha House of Representatives;

I am the President of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association and represent the *kupuna, aumakua, and beneficiaries* of the Hawaiian Home Lands Act of 1920 from the island of Molokai, Aina Ho'opulapula. We represent one of eight homestead associations on the island.

We humbly ask for your support and commitment to approve HB 1700 and HB 1932 as it would benefit the native Hawaiian communities throughout the State.

It is your *kuleana*.....to uphold your fiduciary duty and constitutional oath under Article XII, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution.

The legislature further finds that on November 27, 2015, the circuit court of the first circuit of the State of Hawaii issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in Nelson v. Hawaiian Homes Comm'n, Civil No. 07-1-1663-083. The circuit court found that since 1978, the legislature has not appropriated enough general funds to pay for the department of Hawaiian home lands' administrative and operating expenses. The circuit court noted that the legislature appropriated \$9,632,000 in general funds to the department of Hawaiian home lands for administrative and operating expenses for fiscal year 2015–2016, which was less than the department's request for \$28,478,966 in general funds. The court determined that the department of Hawaiian home lands "suffers from a lack of funding..., which adversely affects beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust," and declared that the legislature is constitutionally obligated to appropriate "more than \$28 million for fiscal year 2015–16" in general funds for the department of Hawaiian home lands' administrative and operating budget.

The purpose of this Act is to ensure the legislature fulfills its responsibility under article XII, section 1, of the state constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the department of Hawaiian home lands for fiscal year 2016–2017 and request for continued funding annually.

Here's more overview:

- The court reaffirmed that the sufficient funding level for the DHHL to perform at a level adequate to meet the demands on it is at least \$28 m this year, so a like amount is justified for next year
- The constitution mandates that the State provide "sufficient" funding for the DHHL administrative budget, so it does not have to lease out trust lands to generate funds to cover those expenses
- The DHHL waiting list has increased every year since 1978, when the mandate was enacted, from 5,700 to over 27,700.
- There needs to be sufficient funding for the DHHL to operate beyond the subpar level at which it finds itself forced to operate without resources to do everything it needs to do to truly help native Hawaiians acquire homesteads at a pace much greater than now.
- Native Hawaiians should not have to sue to force the state to comply with the funding mandate - it was properly adopted by the delegates and ratified by all voters in 1978
- All legislators took an oath of office swearing to "support and defend" the state constitution as that document requires - please live up to that oath.

We want to take this opportunity to MAHALO you in advance for your endorsement of HB 1700 and HB 1932 . Your KOKUA will greatly impact and benefit all of our native Hawaiian communities throughout the State of Hawaii.

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Very Truly Yours;

Sybil K. Lopez, President of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association



Ka Huli O Hāloa

March 8, 2016

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To: Sylvia Luke, House Finance Committee Chair

Fr: Carden Vincent, Chairperson, Ka Huli O Hāloa

Re: Increasing the State Legacy Land Conservation Fund Ceiling

Aloha Chairwoman Luke,

This letter is written in support of a spending ceiling increase of \$1.7m for the State Legacy Land Conservation Program Fund. This increase would allow the Land Conservation Program to award \$6.8m instead of \$5.1m for SY2017.

Ka Huli O Hāloa (KHOH) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports community-based educational and cultural initiatives in Windward O`ahu. After nearly four years of effort, and a matching commitment from the State Legacy Land Conservation Program, KHOH is poised to be the steward of a small lo`i kalo (wetland taro fields) property in Hakipu`u, the ahupua`a south of Kualoa in Windward O`ahu. This is the only property in Hakipu`u that has been kept in continual kalo cultivation for hundreds of years. Farmers in this area still use traditional methods, including an intact irrigation system which directs water from the Ko`olau mountains through Hakipu`u Stream into `auwai (irrigation ditches) that flood the lo`i kalo before draining into Kāne`ohe Bay. KHOH will be able to keep the Hakipu`u property in active kalo cultivation, and it will serve as an outdoor learning lab for area schools, community groups, and the public.

Protecting and preserving more special places, like the Hakipu`u lo`i kalo property, for future generations is critical. This would not be possible without increasing support for the State Legacy Land Conservation Program Fund.

Mahalo nui loa.

Written Statement of

Joseph Gefroh
Co-Owner
HNL.IO

before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

HNL.IO respectfully submits testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (**CIP**) for **HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**.

HNL.IO is a startup creating a unified event calendar and community platform for Hawaii's tech and startup sectors. Our goal is to improve collaboration and develop a unified representation of Hawaii's tech and startup sectors to promote investment from outside sources and grow local companies. The sandbox will help our company by centralizing many of the distributed efforts that currently exist, and by providing direct access to passionate and talented people who share similar goals. Face-to-face collaboration is extremely critical when building a community, and the collaboration space and networking events will allow us to closely cooperate with many in the innovation sectors. Training workshops will also help us improve our skills, allowing us to give back to the community even more.

The Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

HTDC has helped HNL.IO establish a foothold in the tech community through their advice and connections. They've provided valuable business consultation which has helped us set and refine our direction and goals to operate and thrive in Hawaii's distinct innovation climate. Their networking events like Wetware Wednesday and coffee hours has given us

opportunities to approach and gather many tech professionals under our banner who otherwise would never have met. HTDC creates opportunities which entrepreneurs and business owners like myself desperately need to succeed and thrive. Their help has been invaluable.

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

Written Statement of

L.P. Neenz Faleafine
Community Developer
Pono Media

before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

Pono Media respectfully submit testimony in SUPPORT of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox.

Pono Media is part of the Faleafine Enterprises, LLC portfolio. We are a Content Solutions company that leverages digital media to inform and empower the community. Our company relies on collaboration and co-creation with other startups and small businesses. Entrepreneur Sandbox will provide the space for us to explore new startup ideas, foster local business relationships, contribute to economic development, and build engaged and sustainable communities.

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There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

Over the course of my career, HTDC has helped me and my company through SBIR program, workshops, and co-creation with their agency and client tenants.

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

Sincerely,

L.P. Neenz Faleafine
Community Developer
Pono Media

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Jana Bogs	Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc.	Support	No

Comments: HTDC has been very supportive and helpful to me, the director of a small start-up business here in Hawaii. Funding their work helps our state move forward.

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To: Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:
From: Nicole Nietz, Director of Development for GVS Transmedia Accelerator
Subject: HB1700
Date: Monday, March 7, 2016

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

The GVS Transmedia Accelerator would like to express our strong support of HB1700 in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative. The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital.

The launch of Hawaii's innovation economy was catalyzed by the State's investment through the HI Growth Initiative. We are off to a great start: five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing in industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

GVS Transmedia Accelerator has enjoyed the support of the HI Growth Initiative over the past two years – enabling us to create a cutting edge accelerator program that is effectively empowering Hawai'i creative entrepreneurs to develop and produce entertainment franchises right here in the islands.

The seed funding for Hawai'i startups made available by the HI Growth Initiative was a strong motivator for our private equity investors to step forward to match and has been a real force for focusing interest and commitment in the private sector.

Furthermore, the HI Growth Initiative's support of our Accelerator Program events such as the GVS ALL ACCESS event (panels, workshops, focus groups that share our mentors and our startups with our community), our BOARDROOM event (a live pitch contest) and our GVS SHOWCASE (our demo day) has been a catalyst for connecting Hawai'i entrepreneurs with mentorship and investors and key for developing our ecosystem.

We humbly ask for your continued support of the HI Growth Initiative, which makes capital resources available to entrepreneurial high growth businesses.

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

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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."

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The Kaua`i Watershed Alliance supports **HB 1700**, particularly the proposed general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' 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. Specifically the \$2m additional for Aloha+ requests (\$800k for wildfire, \$450k Na Ala Hele, \$150k Kure wildlife sanctuary, \$150k Kawainui wildlife sanctuary, and \$450k for endangered species); \$4,143,000 in addition to the \$1 million that was appropriated in last's year budget (total of \$5,143,000) for the Watershed Initiative CIP funding, Statewide and the \$1.7m ceiling increase for Legacy Land Conservation Program.

The Kaua`i Watershed Alliance (KWA) has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Kaua`i since 2003. It members which include DLNR (DOFAW and Land Management Div.) 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. Funding provided to DLNR is very important to the Kauai Watershed Alliance, the Community of Kauai and the Native Hawaiian forested watersheds!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supportive testimony.

Mahalo

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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 2016
TIME: 11:00 A.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Committee Members:

Hawaii Fish Company Inc. (HFC) strongly supports the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for the \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC)'s Entrepreneurs Sandbox.

HFC is the recipient of nine Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards to date for innovative aquaculture technologies to help address our state's food sustainability and security, and bringing in more than \$1.8 million in federal SBIR funds. HTDC has assisted HFC in all these efforts, leading to our being honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration with the Tibbitts Award in Washington DC as a National Model of Excellence for the SBIR program.

This CIP effort will ultimately benefit the full range of Hawaii's innovative technology companies, from IT to aquaculture. It will provide creative space for tech entrepreneurs to enhance collaboration, networking, and training in our island State, in near proximity to our growing investment community. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources, providing high value for the state.

The HTDC has been a valuable partner for HFC's innovation efforts through the very important Hawaii SBIR matching grants program and the many services and trainings of INNOVATE Hawaii and the Manufacturing Enterprise Program (MEP). The Manoa Innovation Center has been a focal point of HTDC's support of the tech sector to date. The Entrepreneurs Sandbox expands this valuable support.

Mahalo for your support of this very important CIP budget item in HB 1700.

Sincerely, Ron and Lita Weidenbach, HFC Co-Owners

March 8, 2016

Statement of
George Yarbrough
Director of Operations, Impact Hub Honolulu

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I, George Yarbrough, on behalf of the Impact Hub Honolulu, respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

As part of the Innovation Community and Ecosystem of Hawaii, the Impact Hub has worked closely with HSDC and has benefited from and have seen the direct benefits of the HI Growth Initiative. The Impact Hub Honolulu, had a prototype location of over 5,000 sq feet of coworking, office and event space where entrepreneurs, innovators and the community would come together. A few of the notable events were held at the Hub that were supported by the HI Growth Initiative: two Start Up Weekend, Startup Paradise Demo Day, and the Best Practices Symposium: HVCA on growing Hawaii's Innovation Economy.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Becky Tyksinski	The Arc in Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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To: House Committee on Finance

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Protect Leahi & Maluhia `Ohana
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Re: HB 1700 Relating to State Budget
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
Long Term Care Services – A Priority Safety Net

On behalf of our 5,000-plus grassroots network of families and supporters who believe in the worth and priority of a public hospital safety net – we respectfully urge you to support funding for long-term care services in HB1700.

And we ask for favorable consideration of adding \$10 million (from companion bill SB 2064 and HB1881) to the \$21 million supplemental request from HHSC for a total of \$31 million.

Why? Statewide, an increasing number of families, like mine, have turned to these valued community resources – like Leahi and Maluhia Hospitals on O’ahu. When it was safer for my Dad to be at a long-term care facility, Leahi accepted my Dad without hesitation.

My Dad, Maa Asuega, used to love walking to Don Quijote (Pearl City shopping center) every morning to talk story with the other senior men sitting outside drinking their free coffee and eating pastries. He was the youngest. But at 76 years old, we never thought he would need to be at a long-term care facility, until an accident nearly 3 years ago left him a quadriplegic. God willing, my Dad will turn 80 years old this year and if not for the care and compassion of Leahi and their nursing staff, it would’ve been a challenge for me to continue to work, care for my family and my physically disabled sister who became a single mom after her husband left her and their 3 children last year.

Our fragile and elderly parents did their due diligence to provide for their children and raise them with love and care. Now it is our turn to do our due diligence to ensure their health and safety is not compromise when the solution is simple, fund this HB1700 bill, that will help our love ones live and enjoy the rest of their senior years in a place they call home, Leahi.

Long-term care hospitals serve an important purpose in our community. Until such time Hawaii provides a safety net for every stage of life – which is affordable and accessible – public facilities like Leahi and Maluhia are still needed and must be adequately funded.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Me ka mahalo nui loa.

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Gwen Yoshizawa	Protect Leahi & Maluhia Ohana	Support	No

Comments: We respectfully urge you to support funding for long-term care services in HB1700. These long term care hospitals serve an important purpose in our community. Statewide, an increasing number of families, like mine, have turned to these valued community resources when I could not keep both my father and mother at home. These facilities are accessible, affordable and are still needed and must be adequately funded. Our future depends on this as our community ages. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Hearing date March 9, 2016

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Project Leahi & Maluhia Ohana
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Re: HR 1700 Relating to State Budget
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
Long Term Care Services- A PRIORITY SAFETY NET

I am a member of the grassroots Leahi Maluhia Ohana Group that is seeking Budgeted Funds to support the current and future operations of Leahi and Maluhia State Hospitals. They are the only two (2) State Hospitals left in the State that provide "Long Term Care" Services.

Budget constraints have caused the closing of rooms/beds affecting much needed admissions by many Hawaii elderly families, etc. The partial closing has also resulted in down sizing of an experienced staff and the limitations of care services.

My aunt (89 years) has only been in Leahi for just 18 months but as a family we are very fortunate to have her reside at Leahi where she is cared/treated as a "family member" like all others, by a well trained, caring staff! Her being there and well cared for has also had a positive impact on her 91 year old husbands (prior care giver) over all health

Our Grassroots Ohana realize that the 2016 Legislation Session brings numerous challenges, as in the past, and pray that you as Lawmakers understand the priority for funding of these State Public Hospitals is a much needed service no different than police and fire protection. Let us remember our Kupuna's contribution to our "Great Aloha State" and now they need help!

Thank you for taking the time to read through my testimony and look forward to a very productive 2016 Session

Randy Funn
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Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m. – Conference Room 308

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Joan Watanabe
Protect Leahi & Maluhia 'Ohana
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Re: HB 1700 Relating to State Budget
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
Long Term Care Services – A Priority Safety Net

This is a heartfelt plea asking you and your colleagues NOT to turn your backs on Leahi Hospital.

My grandfather was a resident at Leahi back in 2001. He was a healthy independent man, until he fell and fractured his back at home. He was admitted to an acute hospital and then to another nursing home facility, where he was NOT happy at all. He was finally transferred to Leahi, where he commented to me (through his Japanese and broken English) how happy and content he was at Leahi. Really! He was especially glad that my mom (his only child) and dad could visit him daily since they lived close by. Throughout my grandpa's stay, my mom and dad commented numerous times how much they appreciated the care that the staff provided. My mom said that there was NO WAY that she could have taken such good care of my grandpa on her own.

My mom, too, (at age 84) eventually resided at Leahi last year for 2 weeks as a rehab patient to have therapy done for her broken femur. Like my grandpa, my mom was so happy and thankful to be admitted to Leahi. In fact, before being discharged from acute care, she adamantly requested to be admitted to Leahi for rehab. She loved the rehab staff and even raved about the curry stew she had for dinner. Plus, because we all lived close by, my sisters, my dad (with his walker) and I could visit her every day.

Last year, my dad entered ER multiple times. On one occasion, he needed to be admitted in the morning but because no beds were available, ended up waiting OVERNIGHT in the post-op area. Think of how grave the situation will be if patients are waiting to be discharged from acute care to be placed into long-term care facilities but there's no where available. Or no one will accept them, especially Medicaid patients. Acute care patients will just have to wait (like my dad) until beds open up. Leahi Hospital is a "safety net" facility and accepts patients that other facilities do not want to accept. This is a dire situation which will affect all acute hospitals. Think about having full or overflowing capacity because you're unable to discharge patients to long-term care facilities. Many long-term care facilities don't want Medicaid patients; they prefer private pay patients. Long-term care is extremely costly. Unbelievable still is that Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements keep decreasing. Oahu's population continues to age and grow. The "silver tsunami" (aging population explosion) is just around the corner.

Please, I urge you lawmakers to look ahead to the future of Hawaii. We need to take care of our kupuna NOW! Don't wait until the situation explodes and becomes harder to manage. We need to nip this in the bud. We need you to address the impact of the budget crisis on the statewide public hospital safety net system TODAY. Not next year or in 10 years. We need to do this NOW! Please support funding for long-term care services in HB 1700.

Thank you for allowing me to present my testimony.

From: rs94122@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 9:00 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: HB1700 State Budget Testimony in support of long term care services a priority safety net

To: House Committee of Finance
Fr: R. Sakamoto, Protect Leahi and Maluhia

Re: HB1700 Regarding the State Budget Testimony In Support of Long Term Care (LTC) Services - A necessary and priority safety net

I implore the committee to fund HB1700 to fund LTC for families with elders to care for.

I also ask for favorable consideration to add \$10M from companion bills SB2064 and HB1881 to the \$21M in support of request from HHSC for a total of \$31M.

These programs provide necessary resource for families caring for their loved ones. Much suffering would occur by families if these programs are further diminished. The programs to which support is being requested will keep families together, sense of community whole.



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Written Statement of

Elden Ito
President
RevaComm, Inc.

before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

RevaComm respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (**CIP**) for **HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**

RevaComm is a locally owned web and software consulting and development services company founded in 1990. We recently received our 8(a) certification from the Federal Government and are aggressively investing in growing this market. We are also planning to increase efforts to leverage Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants to develop software solutions that have commercial market potential. HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox will provide critical business infrastructure resources and connectivity to knowledge resources during the high-risk start-up stage of any spinout company we are able to produce.

The Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

HTDC has helped my company over the years through technology seminars, business workshops and networking events at the Manoa Innovation Center and Holiday Tech Job Fairs at the Japanese Cultural Center. Most of all HTDC has helped me as a business owner by providing inspiration through the passion, vision, energy and risk-taking of the entrepreneurial companies that they support and incubated.

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

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Submitted on: 3/7/2016

Testimony for FIN on Mar 9, 2016 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David G Watumull	Cardax, Inc.	Support	No

Comments: Strong support expressed in favor of Entrepreneur's Sandbox funding

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March 8, 2016

Darius "Bubs" Monsef IV
CEO | Fanhandle, Inc.

House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am
HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Position: STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Fanhandle, Inc. is in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

Our simple & powerful digital platform enables personal brands (musicians, actors, athletes, celebrities, etc.) to engage their fans in the most personal way possible. We are Hawai'i-based tech startup with offices in Los Angeles and Portland.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year, of which Fanhandle is pleased to be counted; we have a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

We kindly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the map for tech startups and investment.

Mahalo, Bubs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Darius Monsef IV', written over the text 'Mahalo, Bubs'.

BE A PART OF WHAT YOU LOVE.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

mbloom Ventures would like to express our **strong support** of the \$5 million budget appropriation for the HI Growth Initiative (BED 145) per HB 1700. The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital.

The launch and continued development of Hawaii's innovation economy, also known as was catalyzed by the State's initial investments through the HI Growth Initiative since its founding in 2013. We are off to a great start: five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing in industries including scalable tech, creative media and cleantech; coworking facilities and incubators; and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

mbloom was founded in 2013, and with investment by the State through the HI Growth Initiative, we launched the first Hawaii-based seed fund in many years. The State's commitment to our fund allowed us to attract private capital and leverage the State's dollar 1:1, as well as to make investments in innovative, high-growth Hawaii startup businesses.

As a Hawaii-based fund and member of the Startup Paradise contingent -- a private sector led movement of innovative startup businesses driving economic growth and prosperity in Hawaii -- mbloom is committed to investing in and helping to keep innovative startup businesses growing and profitable here in Hawaii.

Venture capital is a necessary source of capital for innovative startups, allowing them to grow and scale. The HI Growth Initiative will continue to help make more of this type of capital available to Hawaii startups, as well as invest in the critical components necessary to build a vibrant innovation economy.

We humbly ask for your continued support of the HI Growth Initiative.

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

Sincerely,



Lauren Primiano
Head of Venture

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

Comments: Your website is really awkward -its making me make comments- so here it is.

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David Cunningham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for your consideration in continuing to support this bill. A bill such as this provides amazing momentum and gives the State of Hawai'i the best possible opportunities. Bills such as these allow for such prosperity in the State and only ever proves to be a positive measure. Thank you for your support!

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Lei Fountain	Individual	Support	No

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Claretta Wakita	Individual	Support	No

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March 8, 2016

Statement of
Richard Farnham
Manager, MockStar Studios, LLC

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

In Consideration of
HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

MockStar Studios, LLC respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

HI Growth through the GVS Accelerator Program, has given my son, Alex Farnham, born in Vermont but raised in Hawaii since kindergarten, the opportunity to live his dream of being a independent filmmaker.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

We humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the national map for tech startups and investment.

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

Hearing Date: Wednesday – March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m. – Conference Room 308

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Ronald Tobará
ron@royalstate.com

Re: HB 1700 Relating to State Budget
Testimony IN SUPPORT
Long Term Services – A Priority Safety Net

Committee members:

I support HB 1700 and the funding for long term care services in the bill. I ask for favorable consideration of adding \$10 million (from companion bills SB 2064 and HB 1881) to the \$21 million supplemental request from HHSC for a total of \$31 million.

My father was a resident of Maluhia for just under a year. My mother and I took care of him at home for about seven years after he suffered a debilitating stroke. At the time of his placement in Maluhia he could not stand, was on tube feeding, incontinent, suffering from dementia. He was Medicaid qualified, waiting for nursing home placement and had been forced out of Kuakini Hospital after exhausting his Medicare benefits. My mother was starting to get caregiver burn out from providing this care at home. Fortunately, Maluhia was able to accept him and being the closest nursing facility to Salt Lake where we resided helped make it easier to visit him. I feel that this placement in Maluhia contributed to extending my mother's life span to age 99 when she passed away and a better quality of life. We need to restore Maluhia and Leahi to the level of service they provided.

As a Baby Boomer, I worry about my future need for care and feel we need to keep as many existing long term care beds in service. As the Baby Boomers age, the demand for long term care will only increase, placing more demands on all the different types of long term care services. It is short sighted for the State to shrink the pool of long term care beds with the private sector not able to put out more. Besides, Maluhia and Leahi are the safety net for families with the harder to place resident to due to the level of care and behavioral problems. Private facilities seem to want to "cherry pick" from the pool of possible residents.

The probability is high that someday or any day soon you and your family will also have to deal with long term care issues like this. Many are not prepared when it happens.

I urge you to pass HB 1700 with the \$31 million to restore funding so Maluhia and Leahi can continue at the previous levels of service. Thank you.

The House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.
Room 308

HB 1700
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. James Turkson, and I am a Professor/Researcher at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. In my work, my laboratory conducts research on natural products obtained from the endemic species here in the Hawaiian Islands to discover and develop new anticancer therapeutics. Our research activities have led to the discovery of five natural products from the Iron weed plant, one from poha berry obtained from the big Island, as well as two new synthesized compounds, all of which inhibit the growth of human breast cancer and brain tumors in experimental models. These discoveries represent new technologies and are part of the several pending patent applications originating from the UH Cancer Center, which have been filed by the University of Hawaii. The technologies are significant in their commercial potential, as they represent potential new options for development as treatments against not only breast cancer, but also for aggressive, lethal brain tumors, which are currently without effective treatments.

The UH Cancer Center has been an important partner within the healthcare community of the state, and has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many cancer patients and their families. Because of the ethnic diversity in Hawaii we face different challenges as the types and incidents of cancer and cancer mortality rates may not be like those seen in other states. The UH Cancer Center is uniquely suited to study this diversity in healthcare needs.

The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawai'i with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

Each year more than 6,000 Hawaii residents are diagnosed with cancer, and more than 2,000 will die from the disease. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Hawaii, and accounts for one of every five deaths statewide. As a NCI-designated cancer research center, the UH Cancer Center brings ground-breaking studies and new cancer-fighting drugs and treatment to our community, making it possible for Hawai'i's people to receive the most advanced treatments for cancer without the need to travel to the mainland away from home and at great expense.

The UH Cancer Center brings innovative clinical trials to Hawaii. In 2014, the UH Cancer Center, working with Hawaii's hospitals, gave Hawaii's adult and pediatric cancer patients approximately 100 different national clinical trials locally. Currently there are about 100 ongoing clinical trials enrolling both adults and children. These clinical trials always guarantee the national standard of best care and the opportunity to benefit from a better treatment. The Cancer Center is actively following over 1,000 patients who have enrolled in clinical trials in the past. The Cancer Center is also working on identifying potential cancer drugs from Hawaii's natural resources, including compounds from plants, such as ironweed, pohu berry, noni and sea sponge, all of which have shown promise against cancer. Several patents are pending based on the UH Cancer Center's findings and research.

Because the types and incidence of cancer among our local population varies significantly from populations on the mainland, the focus of our research has been to target our diverse ethnic groups. For instance, one of our researchers has found that the use of electronic smoking devices among adolescents in Hawaii is triple that of adolescents on the mainland. This tells us that we need to reach out to our younger population to address this problem. Additionally, the UH Cancer Center's researchers have found that colon cancer in Native Hawaiian men is higher than in other ethnic groups. Thus, researchers are focused on investigating ways to reduce the high rate of cancer deaths in this population.

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. The cigarette tax revenue has been declining since 2009. Although cost-saving measures have been implemented, state funding support is required to address the operational needs of the Cancer Center which were planned when the facility was envisioned. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

The incidence of cancer is increasing significantly and may double during the next twenty years, according to recent estimates by the International Agency for Cancer. It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research relevant to those in Hawai'i and to provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials here in Hawai'i, in order to reduce the incidence of cancer in Hawai'i.

I respectfully urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700.

March 8, 2016

Statement of
Josh Harmsworth
Technical Director of Harmsworth Productions
Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

In Consideration of
HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

Harmsworth Productions respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

HI Growth has been instrumental in helping us get our business started and step into a level of growth that wouldn't have been possible for another few years.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

We humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the national map for tech startups and investment.

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

From: MattMakaha99 . <makaha99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 12:09 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Testimony HB1700 SUPPORT – Long-Term Care Safety Net

Hearing Date: Wednesday– March 9, 2016, 11:00 AM Conference Room 308

To: House Committee on Finance

From: David Chong, makaha99@gmail.com

Re: HB 1700 Relating to State Budget
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
Long Term Care Services--A Priority Safety Net

Please support funding for long-term care services in HB1700. Hawaii has the nation's fastest aging population. Projections from U.S. Census data show that by 2030, 1 out of 5 adults in Hawaii will be age 65 or older, and adding the fact that Hawaii's long-term care bed rate of 22 beds per 1,000 residents age 65 and older is about half that of the national U.S. rate, Hawaii really should be preparing for this aging crisis by creating more nursing home beds for its population, not less. And last year the 4th floor of Leahi hospital and a wing at Maluhia were closed, so we actually shrank our capacity. The problem of our aging population isn't going away. It will only get worse, and by not addressing this, we are only kicking the can down the road for our next generation to fix.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for FIN on Mar 9, 2016 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia K.L. Rezendes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Luke and members of the Committee on Finance, I support the budget for HMS 224 which allows for funding for Housing First, which has been shown to be successful for getting many of our chronically homeless off the streets and into a stable situation to help them improve their living situation and also the interactions with others. This program also helps in reducing some of the extensive health costs associated with the chronically homeless and reducing that cost by 43% in 6 months. In addition Rapid Rehousing is another program that helps with finding working homeless families obtain a permanent rental unit. This helps not only the family who needs that stable environment for themselves and their children but also helps relieve the emergency and transitional shelters as we move people into permanent housing and allow others to be served to move along on the same path to stability in the community. Homelessness/houselessness is a continuing and tragic situation for many people and families who need just a nudge on the path to stability. These programs within the Department of Human Services does that and can continue to provide a great wedge into the continuing situation that we face as a State. Please support HB1700 and specifically the line items for HMS 224. Mahalo, Cynthia K.L. Rezendes

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From the Desk Of:
RYAN JAMES FROST

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business:

I would like to express strong support of HB1700, a bill that allocates \$5 million a year for five years to fund the HI Growth Initiative. The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital.

The launch of Hawaii's innovation economy was catalyzed by the State's investment through the HI Growth Initiative. We are off to a great start: five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing in industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

My job in the State of Hawai'i with the GVS Transmedia Accelerator has been impacted by the HI Growth Initiative in many positive ways.

I humbly ask for your continued support of the HI Growth Initiative, which makes capital resources available to entrepreneurial high growth businesses.

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

Sincerely,
Ryan James Frost

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel Angyal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have a film and tv production services company here in Hawaii, these Bills are greatly needed to see an increase in business in our industry here in the Islands and I really believe they will help bring more industry and development here.

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11:00 AM, Conference Room 308

To: House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: Kimberly Oshiro
kimberlyoshiro@yahoo.com

Re: HB 1700 Relating to State Budget
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
Long Term Care Services

I am a social worker at Maluhia, one of the two safety net long term care facilities in Hawaii. I respectfully ask you to support long term care services in HB 1700.

This is important especially with the elder population growing. It is important to give our elderly and disabled adults a choice of where they want to be cared for and to have the care they deserve.

The majority of the residents at Maluhia and Leahi have Medicaid. It is challenging to be admitted to private long term care facilities for those with Medicaid or need to apply for Medicaid. Private facilities limit or deny admittance of patients on Medicaid and frequently if not always do not accept those pending Medicaid approval. This is especially true in Central and West Oahu.

There are many foster homes in the community. However, foster homes are not for everyone. My residents and families that choose to be in Maluhia over foster homes (or other nursing homes) like the fact that there is a variety of activities and exercise programs, being part of a "community"/ "second family," dietician on staff, licensed nurses and nurse aides easily available 24/7, easy access to medical resources, doctors come to them to visit, and tougher health regulations. Generally, I recommend foster homes for those that are more able bodied, stable in health condition, do not like group activities, and/or prefer to keep to themselves.

There are many families that are unable to provide care at home as they go to work. Medicaid does not provide coverage for 24 hour home or community based care; therefore families would have to be responsible for the rest of the care. This is not possible for many families.

Please consider supporting the \$21 million supplemental request from Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. I support the Protect Leahi and Maluhia Ohana in asking for consideration in adding \$10 million (as stated companion SB 2064 and HB 1881) with in mind for future years in need and increasing costs of long term care services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Statement of

Sharon Aldeguer
CEO / Graphic and Web Designer / Aspiring Web Developer
DesignLab4Thirteen LLC

before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

DesignLab4Thirteen LLC respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for HTDC's **Entrepreneurs Sandbox**

I am a female entrepreneur without the luxury of a home office space. The Sand Box will dramatically help my business by providing a meeting space for my clients, a space where I can focus on my web and graphic design business, and the opportunity to meet others and help them with their projects.

The Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

HTDC has helped my company through networking, meeting key contacts, and software workshops.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jumping Flea	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jumping Flea Productions would like to express our strong support of HB1700. Legislature like HB1700 have helped the creation of many companies, similar to Jumping Flea Productions, which employs and contracts dozens of local residents, keeping them employed on high level production projects. To lose funding for this greater scheme is of great detriment to the greater state of Hawai'i. We humbly ask for your continued support of the initiative, which makes capital resources available to entrepreneurial high growth businesses. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GVS Connect	Individual	Support	No

Comments: GVS Connect would like to express our strong support of HB1700. Legislature like HB1700 have helped the creation of many companies, similar to GVS Connect, which employs and contracts dozens of local residents, keeping them employed on high level production projects. To lose funding for this greater scheme is of great detriment to the greater state of Hawai'i. We humbly ask for your continued support of the initiative, which makes capital resources available to entrepreneurial high growth businesses. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Hall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill! The momentum and critical mass on a piece of legislation such as this is only of benefit to the state of Hawai'i. Please consider the long standing impact of such a great bill. Mahalo for your consideration!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kona Snow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kona Snow Pictures would like to express our strong support of HB1700. Legislature like HB1700 have helped the creation of many companies, similar to Kona Snow Pictures, which employs and contracts dozens of local residents, keeping them employed on high level production projects. To lose funding for this greater scheme is of great detriment to the greater state of Hawai'i. We humbly ask for your continued support of the initiative, which makes capital resources available to entrepreneurial high growth businesses. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacob Lienau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern: So thankful for the support of the legislature for creative industries in Hawaii. It is building industry and opportunities in ways that I would never have imagined. I have been able to use the momentum gained through these bills to bring forth new film production opportunities and encourage/bring work to Hawaii which would have otherwise not been interested in the state of Hawaii. Thanks you! Keep up the good work! Sincerely, Jacob Lienau

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From: Charlene Wong <wongchar@msn.com>
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Subject: Testimony HB1700 Support - Long Term Care Safety Net

Please support HB1700.

I have urgently emailed the past few days/weeks to Senator Jill Tokuda -- several times to bring to hearing SB 2064. But that didn't happen. So although I had emailed numerous Senators - Senator Jill Tokuda did not bother to bring SB2064 to be heard.

I am very, very disappointed with Senator Jill Tokuda. We will all get old, frail and in need of long term care.

So now, I am I urgently pleading for your support for HB1700.

My father Lawrence Wong has lived at Maluhia Hospital for over 4 years. Due to a bad fall he required long term care. My dad is now 97 years old and has talked on numerous occasions that he doesn't want to live anywhere else. He loves the social activities, physical and occupational therapy each week. Being there has kept him alive and mentally well because he looks forward each day to play Bingo and go to his therapy.

In a few months, my father will exhaust all his savings and will be on Medicaid. He has been worried that he would be kicked out because of all the funding cutbacks. He strongly communicated to everyone that he doesn't want to leave Maluhia Hospital.

On behalf of my father and my family, we humbly ask for your support to provide the necessary funding for long term care at Maluhia and Leahi Hospitals.

Very grateful,

Charlene Wong & Family

Aloha Senators and Representatives,

Please support funding for the new and desperately needed multi-story building at James Campbell High School. Campbell is not only the largest high school in the state, with 3,049 students, it is also without a doubt also the most overcrowded. JCHS was designed to hold 1,700 but next year, 3,100 students are expected to enroll. By 2018, up to 3,800 are expected. There is no place else to put them; we need a permanent solution.

Many students already attend classes in portable buildings, and there's no place to put those either. These portables are crammed into every available open space, eliminating any grassy courtyards that previous generations and every other school in the state enjoy. Although the \$35 million price tag may seem high, it is an investment for Hawaii's future. The new 30 classroom building will include specialty classrooms, and help prepare students for competitive STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and other careers.

We understand that every school has needs, but no other high school in the state faces the challenges and facility inequities of JCHS. Students deserve better than their current jam-packed, fifty year old facilities. Please support the construction of a new building at JCHS – Ewa families deserve access to the same quality learning environment available at other public schools.

Mahalo for your time,

Manuel Navalta

HB1700

Testimony in Support of the Appropriation for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center

March 9, 2016

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joe W. Ramos and I am a UH Professor (Researcher) and Director of the Cancer Biology Program at the UH Cancer Center. I am providing testimony on behalf of myself as a faculty member of the Center.

I urge you to find ways to **improve the funding for UH across the board**. It is a beacon of all the best Hawaii has to offer the world. As part of that, I urge you to support the \$5 Million ask on behalf of its UH Cancer Center - which our recent National Cancer Institute External Advisory Committee called a *“crown jewel for UH.”* These G-funds are needed to put our outstanding faculty on stable funding streams. These funds are needed to allow the UH Cancer Center the chance to restructure its budget and business model. These funds are needed to recruit a top notch Director with the talent and integrity to lead us to fulfill our mission, in alliance with UH, to reduce the burden of cancer for the people of Hawaii.

NIH will get an extra \$2 Billion dollars this fiscal year. The first increase in funding in over ten years. President Obama and Vice President Biden have made cancer research a special focus with their **Cancer Moonshot Initiative**. Importantly, since our last NCI renewal our funding has increased at a time when funding at the national level had fallen. So we anticipate that we will bring in even more funds in the coming years. Now is not the time to pull our punches.

My own work at the Cancer Center is focused on understanding how cancers become metastatic and move to other organs in the body. This is what kills 90% of all patients and remains poorly understood. For example, metastasis of breast cancer to the brain is a frequent cause of death. We are using the knowledge we gain from understanding the underlying molecular mechanisms that drive metastasis to develop new drug candidates from local natural products and engineered small molecules. We have published several recent drugs candidates that are currently in testing in pre-clinical models including two promising ones for Kidney Cancer.

Our work on cancer involves our local graduate, undergraduate and high school students. We host UH undergraduates and local high school students in our labs to let them get a taste of doing research in a nationally funded team. I have hosted over 25 undergrads and 8 high school students in my eleven years at the Cancer Center - most as part of the Cancer Center CURE program (a supplement to our NCI designation grant). I hope that I might in this way promote our local students to consider a STEM career. This is part of the education mission of the Cancer Center: **providing students with opportunities they will NOT have if we lose the research capabilities here.**

You have heard about the multiple elements that make up our NCI designated Cancer Center and the many areas of value. We are in effect the mechanism through which NCI improves research, prevention, and patient care in our community. That is what an NCI designated Center is all about. In the government's own words an NCI designated Cancer Center's purpose is to:

*“...capitalize **on all institutional cancer research capabilities**, integrating meritorious programs in laboratory, clinical, and population research into a single transdisciplinary research enterprise **across all institutional boundaries**. Cancer Centers ...are expected: to serve as major sources of discovery of the nature of cancer and of development of more effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis, and therapy; to contribute significantly to the development of shared resources that support research; to collaborate and coordinate their research efforts with other NCI-funded programs and investigators; and to disseminate research findings for **the benefit of the community**.*

We just went through our annual evaluation by our NCI External Advisory Committee. They were very positive about the progress of our research programs in redefining themselves and the completely revamped clinical trials office. We are on track for renewal albeit with challenges. They also re-iterated many times their view that:

“The EAC is unanimous in stating - unequivocally and without hesitation - that the NCI designation/NCI

*P30 CCSG should be viewed as a “crown jewel” for UH, the participants in the Hawaii Cancer Consortium, and the state of Hawaii. Maintaining this Center and its NCI designation is the **only means** for the people of Hawaii to have their own NCI-designated Cancer Center which is accountable to the people of Hawaii and **whose primary mission is to be of service to the people of Hawaii** with their significant cancer burden and cancer health disparities. Thus, maintaining the NCI designation/NCI P30 CCSG for UHCC should be of the highest importance for all stakeholders, based on the importance of this designation to the people of Hawaii and access to care and NCI resources not otherwise available.”*

Our Cancer Center is greater than the sum of its parts. It is more than just the Epidemiology, or the Cancer Biology, or the Prevention and Control programs, or the clinical trials office. It is all these pieces working synergistically together to realize new breakthroughs and services here in Hawaii that none of them can do alone. With that in mind, we have become far more balanced over the last few years as we prepare to compete for renewal.

We continue to do well in obtaining funding. Indeed, our funding levels are up a bit since our last P30/CCSG renewal. At that time, we had **\$24.2 million** and we currently have **\$26.2 Million**-which includes a very important improvement in cancer focused funding. Indeed, the number of grants to UH Cancer Center faculty members **increased** from 68 in FY13 to 74 in FY15. We have done this in a time when funding was at historically low levels-unlike the early 2000s when funding at NIH was doubling.

Most of our Cancer Center faculty have at least one large NIH grant. To get one of these grants we must compete with researchers from everywhere in the US including top places like Stanford or Harvard and other Cancer Centers and we must be in the top 12% of the grants reviewed to get funded. The top 12%! Our faculty are therefore by definition among the top cancer researchers in the country.

NCI designation also has many important indirect effects. It is a funding multiplier. **Roughly 80% of all Cancer research funding goes to the 69 NCI designated Cancer Centers.** That is because of the quality of researcher drawn to these centers and also because the designation **establishes institutional quality.** This is one of the major points every grant is evaluated on. In the reviews it is called “Environment”- which includes both infrastructure and colleagues. The CCSG improves this score and thereby gives us each a “leg up” on our funding. Every one of us benefits in this symbiosis.

While we are on this subject-infrastructure is essential in two of the six essential characteristics that every CCSG application is evaluated on. At our last CCSG renewal in 2012 our **“Facilities were rated as outstanding to excellent”** and our **“Institutional Commitment was rated exceptional to outstanding.”** These are the two highest ratings. The investment of the state and UH was therefore essential for obtaining the P30/CCSG. Thank you.

When I joined the Center in mid-2004 the lab I was given in Lauhala made culturing cancer cells impossible. I had constant mold contaminations. This jeopardized and delayed my NCI R01 funded research until we moved into the new JABSOM building in early 2006. A new building was essential and putting us with the other large medical research group at JABSOM was the best location to foster new collaborations.

In closing, I imagine we have all been directly or indirectly affected by cancer. I lost a brother in law who was only 32 to a rare form of melanoma. He left behind two young children. I lost a close colleague here at the Center to breast cancer who left behind three very young children. These are catastrophes. My uncle is battling oral cancer now and my mother in law is a 10-year breast cancer survivor and just visited us this past Christmas. **This is personal.**

Every Day I remember them and others. **I know why I come to work.** Why I put up with the nonsense. Like my colleagues here: **I intend to make a difference.** So I am very proud of our University of Hawaii Cancer Center and its **irreplaceable** role in the islands.

Yes, there are more famous Cancer Centers on the Mainland, but they don't live here, and they don't address the specific needs we have in the islands-where we have one of the most diverse populations ethnically in the world.

That is our job. That is what NCI Designated Cancer Centers do.

We do **RESEARCH** in **our** communities centered on **our** lifestyle, **our** ethnicities, capitalizing on **our** special resources and local talent to **reduce the burden of cancer here** and everywhere.

We bring in and organize **CLINICAL TRIALS** here in the islands so you can get the **best treatment** without leaving the support of friends and family and the revitalizing comforts of home.

We **EDUCATE** our local physicians, nurses, students, friends and family about the very latest research in **basic cancer research, cancer prevention** and **treatment breakthroughs**.

That is what we do for Hawaii... That is our mission... That is our **value**.

I respectfully urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700.

Mahalo.

Joe W. Ramos, PhD,
Professor (Researcher),
Cancer Biology Program Director,
Chief Academic Lead

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business:

GVS Accelerator would like to express our strong support of HB1700, a bill that allocates \$5 million a year for five years to fund the HI Growth Initiative. The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital.

The launch of Hawaii's innovation economy was catalyzed by the State's investment through the HI Growth Initiative. We are off to a great start: five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing in industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

HI Growth has help us move forward on a multitude of startups as well as support the local film industry companies I work for including: GVS Accelerator, Big Island Gigs and Dakine Action Design. It has been invaluable to this big task of helping us jumpstart the film industry on Hawaii Island to its full potential. I have been able to work almost full time which was a near impossibility before HI Growth's support and resources.

We humbly ask for your continued support of the HI Growth Initiative, which makes capital resources available to entrepreneurial high growth businesses.

Thank you for your continued support of our film industry and the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Neil Sauvageau
GVS Accelerator Host
BIG Island Gigs Crew

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Judith Cunningham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have witnessed many new production opportunities get their start with these incentives. These projects have already begun to hire crew! This bill will continue the momentum of economic growth in our state! Thank you for your help to put Hawaii to work! Judith Cunningham

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Written Statement of

Shanah Trevenna
Director
Impact Hub Honolulu

before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

Impact Hub Honolulu respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (**CIP**) for **HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**

Impact Hub Honolulu is a coworking space that is in collaboration with the Sandbox. The startup ecosystem needs many options for diverse work needs and Impact Hub Honolulu will operate for the next few years growing the community. By the time the Sandbox is created, we will be overflowing and like many ecosystems around the world, Honolulu will be in need of multiple coworking, event, and meeting centers. By collaborating with HTDC since 2014, we are cocreating a future where entrepreneurs have many options for the fit they need in terms of facilities and community culture. Even currently, through our partnership Impact Hub Honolulu members can work out of the Manoa Innovation Center for free.

The Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

HTDC has helped Impact Hub Honolulu immensely since we opened our prototype space ProtoHUB. They were our first official Founding Partner, provided funding, mentorship, contacts, advice and good friends.

HTDC has been a valuable partner on many startup events and programs by providing sponsorship, event coordination, networks, and promotions.

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



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Denise Antolini	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support an ***INCREASE*** in the DLNR budget as follows: 1. An additional \$2 million in the Aloha+ request, to include \$800K for wildfire prevention and control, \$450K for endangered species, \$450K for Na Ala Hele, \$150,000 for the Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary, and \$150K for the Kawanui Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary; 2. \$4,143K in addition to the \$1 million that was appropriated in last year's budget for a total of \$5,143K; and 3. A \$1.7 million ceiling increase for the Legacy Land Conservation Program to at least cover the perpetual annual request of \$1.5 million for debt service for the Turtle Bay purchase. The DLNR's budget is less than 1% of the entire state budget, even when federal and private grants are included. Thank you for supporting protection of our irreplaceable natural resources!

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Aloha Chair and Finance Committee Members,

My name is Richard Onderko. I am a 12-year resident of Ewa Beach and proud parent of a current James Campbell High School (JCHS) student. It is well known that JCHS students suffer from significantly overcrowded and overheated classrooms. The conditions are too often not conducive to learning and have become a community health issue. JCHS is in dire need of a new building to accommodate our growing community and that meets the needs of 21st Century students. I ask that you do the right thing and vote to fund this project for JCHS. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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rodney boucher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair and members of the Finance Committee. I support HB1700 and the financing it will provide for the new classroom building at James Campbell High School. My name is Rodney Boucher and I submit this supportive testimony as a resident of Ewa Beach. Point of Disclosure I am the Vice Chair of the Ewa Neighborhood Board 23. Mahalo Rodney Boucher

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Aloha Chair and Finance Committee Members,

My name is Lynn Robinson-Onderko, I am a long time resident of Ewa Beach and proud mother of a James Campbell High School student. It is well known that the Campbell High School students suffer in significantly overcrowded, overheated classrooms. The conditions are often not conducive to learning and have become a community health issue. The school is in dire need of a new, state of the art building to accommodate growing enrollment in our growing community. I ask that you please do the right thing and vote to fund this construction for JCHS. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Michael Yahiku	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello Legislature. My mother is a patient at Maluhia Hospital for the past year. She is receiving excellent care there as opposed to the previous private nursing homes. My sisters and I are all retired and our mother cannot stand, bathe, or go to the toilet on her own. It takes two caregivers at Maluhia to help her. I have seen many pts. like her there and having a budget increase will assure continued quality care that she and other patients need. If we could afford to keep her home and hire a caregiver, we would. Unfortunately the cost is prohibitive for home care. Maluhia and Leahi provide that quality 24/7 care that this second generation has earned through their years of hard work. Thank you.

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Wally Inglis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Chair Luke and committee Members: I am president of a nonprofit that has developed more than 500 units of affordable housing at Hale Mohalu--former home for Hansen's disease patients in Pearl City. This would have been impossible were it not for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and other government programs. I urge inclusion in this budget bill of several items which will address our current housing crisis. Along with organizations such as FACE and Housing Now!, I support the following amounts: RHRF (\$75 mil); DURF (\$25 mil); public housing repair (\$100 mil); Housing First (\$3 mil); Shallow Rent Subsidy (\$2 mil). Thank you for your efforts to create more low-income housing for Hawaii's people. Wally Inglis Palolo Valley

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Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please insure that the funds for the James Campbell HS multi-story classroom building are retained in the budget. Thanks, Mike

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. James Campbell High School is overcrowded and a new building is the most practical reponse that is immediately available in addressing the overcrowding and overheating problems at JCHS. Construction jobs will be available for local laborers, and the state will be putting its money where its mouth is on education and capital improvements. Please, pass this bill!

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Susan Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Rodney Aveiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of the tens of thousands of individuals and families throughout our state, like myself, who have come to rely on our public hospital safety net, we respectfully urge you to support funding for long-term care services in HB1700.

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Bruce Bennett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill especially item funding plans & design for State Capitol Reflecting Pools (item 24.03 pg 156 or pg203 of pdf file).

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Hearing Date: Wednesday – March 09, 2016
11:00 a.m. – Conference Room 308

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Vanessa Y. Chong
Protect Leahi & Maluhia `Ohana
yukachong@hawaiiantel.net

Re: HB 1700 Relating to State Budget
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
Long Term Care Services – A Priority Safety Net

On behalf of our 5,000-plus grassroots network of families and supporters who believe in the worth and priority of a public hospital safety net – we respectfully urge you to support funding for long-term care services in HB1700.

And we ask for favorable consideration of adding \$10 million (from companion bills SB 2064 and HB1881) to the \$21 million supplemental request from HHSC for a total of \$31 million.

Why? Statewide, an increasing number of families, like mine, have turned to these valued community resources – like Leahi and Maluhia Hospitals on O`ahu. When we could no longer keep Mom at home, Leahi was there for us.

Hawai`i has not been closing the gap caused by low federal funds reimbursement of only half the costs of care. Now 76 beds – a 25% loss of capacity – and attached services are gone on O`ahu alone. My Mom's floor closed, she lost her care-giving team but fortunately found another bed at Leahi.

Furthermore, the budget crisis gave families and communities little time to transition and even forced some neighbor island families to try and find services on O`ahu because capacity on their home island were no longer available or feasible.

Long-term care hospitals serve an important purpose in our community. Until such time Hawai`i provides a safety net for every stage of life – which is affordable and accessible – public facilities like Leahi and Maluhia are still needed and must be adequately funded.

Thanks you for this opportunity to testify.

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March 8, 2016

Statement of
RYAN JAMES FROST

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

In Consideration of
HB 1700 – Relating to the State Budget, In Relation to BED 145

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I respectfully submits testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

My job in the State of Hawai'i with the GVS Transmedia Accelerator has been impacted by the HI Growth Initiative in many positive ways.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

I humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the national map for tech startups and investment.

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From: leake@hawaii.edu <David Leake>

Message:

Mayor DiBlasio is doing this for NYC, Hawaii needs to do so as well!

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

House Committee on Finance

Re: HB 1700 -- Relating to the State Budget

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 11:00am

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Sincerely,

David Leake

Evaluation Specialist

Kaneohe

Hawaii

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From: rinne@hawaii.rr.com <Corinne Uehara>

Message:

Aloha & mahalo for your consideration. I know you're well aware of how valuable this program is and that you are a champion for our keiki. Thank you again.

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Corinne Uehara

Office Manager, Good Shepherd Preschool

Honolulu

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Tracy Ruggiero

Behavior Analyst

Kihei

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Sincerely,

Craig Chong

President, Fresh Leadership

Honolulu

Hawaii

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Troy Abraham

Hilo

Hawaii

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HB 1700
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Diane T. Ono, and I am a member of the Friends of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center Board of Directors. I have been actively involved with supporting the UH Cancer Center for almost 13 years. As a private citizen, I am a firm believer in cancer research and the important role our University of Hawai'i can and should play in promoting and supporting cancer research here in our state.

The reason I so passionately and completely support the work of the UH Cancer Center is because my daughter was on a clinical trial administered by the Cancer Center from 1997 to 1999. My daughter successfully completed her 2-1/2 years of treatment for acute lymphocytic leukemia, and today she is 23 years old. I know she is one small example of the way the Cancer Center has helped the people of our state.

Cancer research is vital to the needs of the people in our community. The research taking place right here at the UH Cancer Center involves our diverse ethnic population as well as our natural resources. Having a recognized and National Cancer Institute designated cancer research center here in Hawaii is important not only for us, the citizens of our state, but also for the important role that Hawaii can play to contribute to the overall effort of finding better treatments through a deeper and more sophisticated understanding of the complex array of diseases called cancer. If you or your loved one is touched by cancer, I know you would want and expect the best treatment available anywhere to ensure a good outcome. The UH Cancer Center is just that for the people of our state. Clinical trials taking place over many decades along with the research in the laboratory were the key to curing once incurable diseases like my daughter's childhood leukemia. Through clinical trials administered by the UH Cancer Center, our citizens are afforded the ability to receive state of the art treatment at local hospitals here in Hawaii surrounded by family and friends with the support they need.

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Each year more than 6,000 Hawaii residents are diagnosed with cancer, and more than 2,000 will die from the disease. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Hawaii,

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The ethnic diversity in Hawaii is unlike other populations in other parts of the country. We in Hawaii face different challenges as the types and incidents of cancer as well as mortality rates may not be like those seen in other states. The UH Cancer Center is acutely aware of Hawaii's unique diversity and healthcare needs. Its focus is finding treatment, drugs and protocols that are specific to our community.

For instance, the UH Cancer Center's researchers have found that colon cancer in Native Hawaiian men is higher than in other ethnic groups. Thus, researchers are focused on investigating ways to reduce the high rate of cancer deaths in this population.

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. State funding support is required to address the operational needs of the Cancer Center which were planned when the facility was envisioned. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

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I respectfully urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700.

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Michelle L. Matter, and I am an Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. In my work, I have identified a new gene called PTRH2 that is important in human development and in cancer. It is especially important in the children's cancer neuroblastoma where high expression of this protein provides a survival signal in these cancer cells. This is an important advantage that these cancer cells use as they metastasize to new sites. My group is working to understand how this survival advantage occurs and if PTRH2 it is a therapeutic target for treating neuroblastoma.

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Thomas A. Wills and I am a Researcher (Professor) at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. My research for some years has focused on the etiology and prevention of adolescent smoking. More recently we have begun studying use of electronic nicotine delivery devices (e-cigarettes) among youth in Hawaii. During the past two years we published several reports on this work that have gained local and national attention owing to the importance of the findings for public health. We originally showed that e-cigarette use was particularly high in Hawaii compared to the rest of the US. We also showed that youth who used e-cigarettes only were intermediate in their profile of risk factors between nonusers and adolescents who smoked cigarettes. This suggested that e-cigarettes were operating to attract relatively low-risk adolescents, who otherwise would not have used any tobacco product. Most recently we reported that Hawaii adolescents who used e-cigarettes were more likely to start smoking cigarettes a year later. In addition to disseminating these findings to local and national audiences we have testified before committee hearings of the Hawaii legislature. We are told that that our testimony has informed the committees with scientific evidence and has made an impact on legislation that was adopted last year and legislation that is pending in the current session of the legislature.

Our study, which followed a sample of 2,300 adolescents over time, would not have been possible without the research infrastructure provided by the UH Cancer Center. Our research is funded by Federal grants that we compete for, hence collecting these important data does not cost the State money. However, conducting this kind of research requires a scientific environment that is available from the Cancer Center only because of the NCI designation.

Our research programs, in addition to providing new knowledge that increases scientific visibility for Hawaii, bring money into the Islands and provide jobs for local citizens--both students and community residents. Supporting the mission of the UH Cancer Center would help these important activities continue. For these reasons, I support the request for funds by the UH Cancer Center to help maintain the infrastructure that has made our research possible.

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Thomas A. Wills
5079 Maunalani Circle
Honolulu, HI 96816

March 8, 2016

Statement of
Stefan Schaefer
Director/Producer, Cicala Filmworks

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I would like to respectfully submit testimony in **strong support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

I am a filmmaker based on Maui with numerous feature film, TV and advertisement credits. Recently, a TV show I developed received support from the GVS Accelerator. I was able to match that funding with a larger investment from a film fund in LA. We recently shot a TV pilot on Maui's north shore and will take it to market in about a month's time. If we get a full-season pick-up, it will dramatically alter the entertainment landscape and job market here on Maui.

The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

We humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the national map for tech startups and investment.

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

Stefan Schaefer, Director/Producer, Haiku, HI | 808-575-5222

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business:

Twenty20Sound would like to express our strong support of HB2288, a bill that allocates \$5 million a year for five years to fund the HI Growth Initiative. The HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital.

The launch of Hawaii's innovation economy was catalyzed by the State's investment through the HI Growth Initiative. We are off to a great start: five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing in industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

HI GROWTH has given Twenty20Sound an opportunity to start and grow here in Hawaii. Having the continuance of the support of HI GROWTH will directly impact my business. We are hoping that in the next few years we will be completely sustainable and growing to help the local economy. It's such an honor to be able to help create new industries here in Hawaii!

We humbly ask for your continued support of the HI Growth Initiative, which makes capital resources available to entrepreneurial high growth businesses.

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

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Re: HB 1700 -- Relating to the State Budget
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 11:00am

Aloha,

I am submitting this testimony requesting the restoration of \$6 Million to the Preschool Open Doors (POD) program. As an early childhood educator and a parent of a child fortunate enough to have attended preschool, I know firsthand the academic as well as socio-emotional benefits of a quality early childhood education.

Research has shown the long-term benefits of quality preschool education. Numerous studies have shown (even at conservative levels) that every \$1 the government invests in high-quality early education can save more than \$7 later on by boosting graduation rates, reducing teen pregnancies, and even reducing crime. Other studies have shown that children who attend quality early education programs graduate at a higher rate, drop out at a lower rate, and gain long-term academic and career success.

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I strongly feel that one of the priorities of state government is to secure educational opportunities for the state's populace. You can make it heard loud and clear that education is a priority for our state by restoring the \$6 Million to the POD program. Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

Jin Chang

March 8, 2016

Statement of:

McKay H Davis
Organizer, Startup Weekend Honolulu Committee
Delivery Lead, Code for Hawaii

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As a leader in the local technology and innovation community, I respectfully submit testimony in **strong support of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145**, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

The HI Growth Initiative has been instrumental in giving not only funding support for events such as Startup Weekend Honolulu, it also provides a network of connections to individuals and businesses that provide assistance and support. Without the continued existence and support of the HI Growth Initiative, events such as Startup Weekend would not be able to continue.

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Startup Weekend Committee

Code for Hawaii Delivery Lead

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Lori Phillips, and I work at a local nonprofit that works in the field of educational research. The region we serve includes Micronesia. I am also a member of the Friends of the Cancer Board and have been involved with the UH Cancer Center for 8 years. I have been deeply involved with the Micronesian community both in Micronesia and in Hawaii. I also work in the Hawaii DOE Schools and am familiar with the migration of Micronesians to our Hawaii community.

The UH Cancer Center has been an important partner within the healthcare community of the state, and has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many cancer patients and their family. The UH Cancer Center is acutely aware of the Pacific and its unique diversity and healthcare needs. Its focus is finding treatment, drugs and protocols that are specific to our community.

As you know, the UH Cancer Center is a nationally recognized research center. Along with its many research projects much of the center's work focuses on Pacific Islander health, specifically Micronesians. **The following are just some of the research projects that assist in understanding Micronesian health:**

The UH Cancer Center and the University of Guam are collaborating to develop stronger cancer programs aimed at understanding the reasons behind cancer disparities among racial and ethnic minority and socio-economically disadvantaged populations. -The University of Guam and UH Cancer Center Partnership is one of only 13 Comprehensive Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (CPACHE), a program funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). The UOG/UHCC Partnership is the only partnership within NCI's CPACHE program that serves Pacific Islanders, specifically Micronesians.

Research projects funded for the new 5-year cycle (2015-2020) include a health communications study designed to increase **cervical cancer screening among Micronesian women in Hawai'i and Guam.**

A betel nut intervention in Guam is being initiated. The first of its kind; and **a study to identify molecular components of the Areca (betel) nut that promotes chronic inflammation in the immune system.** Betel nut chewing is practiced by many Pacific Island populations in the Western Pacific region. According to UH Cancer Center researchers chewing betel nut causes oral lesions and skin changes in the mouth that

can lead to the development of esophageal and oral cancers as well as other diseases. **The UH Cancer Center's betel nut research is of global and regional importance as study findings could inform future public health interventions and clinical recommendations for betel nut users in the Pacific region and worldwide.**

Cancer research is vital to the needs of the people in our community. The research taking place right here at the UH Cancer Center involves our diverse ethnic population as well as our natural resources. Having a recognized and National Cancer Institute designated cancer research center here in Hawaii is important not only for us, the citizens of our state, but also for the important role that Hawaii can play to contribute to the overall effort of finding better treatments through a deeper and more sophisticated understanding of the complex array of diseases called cancer. Through clinical trials administered by the UH Cancer Center, our citizens are afforded the ability to receive state of the art treatment at local hospitals here in Hawaii surrounded by family and friends with the support they need without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

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For instance, the UH Cancer Center's researchers have found that colon cancer in Native Hawaiian men is higher than in other ethnic groups. Thus, researchers are focused on investigating ways to reduce the high rate of cancer deaths in this population.

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. State funding support is required to address the operational needs of the Cancer Center which were planned when the facility was envisioned. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

The incidence of cancer is increasing significantly and may double during the next twenty years, according to recent estimates by the International Agency for Cancer. It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research relevant to those in Hawai'i and to provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials here in Hawai'i, in order to reduce the incidence of cancer in Hawai'i.

I respectfully urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700.

The House Committee on Finance
March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.
Room 308

HB 1700
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am Howard Stephenson, retired chairman of the Bank of Hawaii and former chair of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I am writing in support of SB 2690, SD1 now before you.

For more than 20 years I have been involved as a member of the board of the Friends of the UH Cancer Center. My interest initially was due to the fact that my wife was a cancer victim and subsequently passed away. I learned from my experience with the Cancer Center that it makes a great contribution to cancer patients in Hawaii and has been responsible for saving many lives here both directly and indirectly. We should be most proud that Hawaii has been recognized as an National Cancer Institute (NCI) cancer center, one of the relatively few in the country. It would be a terrible blow to this state and its people if we should lose this tremendous asset.

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I hope the legislature will see fit to provide needed support to the UH Cancer Center. None of us knows just when we may need its help.

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. Ioannis Stasinopoulos, the coordinator of the NCI designation grant of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center. Among other duties, I was recruited from the Johns Hopkins University School Medicine to organize the reporting of all UH Cancer Grants as required by the NCI designation. I'm delighted to report that the UH Cancer Center faculty lead an expanding portfolio of research grants from the federal government. For your information, I attach a recent public health relevance summary of cancer grants larger than \$50,000 led by Cancer Center Faculty.

Despite our investigators' increasing productivity, evident from their increasing grant funding and publications, it is widely accepted that grant income alone cannot sustain research efforts necessary for an important regional cancer center in the era that has followed the sequencing of the human genome.

Four main reasons exist for requiring the investment to support a NCI-designated Cancer Center in Hawai'i: *First*, the explosion of precision medicine research requires investment in researchers and technologies that tailor therapies to each patient's cancer. *Second*, investment is required to fight cancer disparities in our diverse population. *Third*, investment is required to enable access to patient-tailored and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland. *Four*, investment is required to expand research in areas of strength to Hawai'i such as natural products research.

To be financially sustainable national and regional Cancer Centers require significant hospital, university, and state investments to complement extramural grant funding. The Cancer Center needs to become more sustainable; however, complete financial sustainability based on extramural funding will cut off promising projects in the UH Cancer Center research pipeline. Such excessive austerity will force our most accomplished and funded researchers to leave Hawai'i for Universities that offer more investment on the mainland. The departure of funded researchers will lead to the shrinking of our grants portfolio and reduce the UH Cancer Center to holding a few grants in a negligible cancer institute of minor local importance. [The resulting cancer institute will lose its capacity to compete for the \\$32.3 Billion available from the National Institutes of Health annually.](#)

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families. The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center within a 2,400 mile radius with a catchment area exceeding that of 1.2 million Americans. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawai'i with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland. Each year more than 6,000 Hawai'i residents are diagnosed with cancer, and more than 2,000 die from the disease. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Hawai'i, and accounts for one of every five deaths statewide.

[The UH Cancer Center brings innovative clinical trials to Hawai'i.](#) In 2014, the UH Cancer Center, working with Hawai'i's hospitals, gave Hawai'i's adult and pediatric cancer patients approximately 100 different national clinical trials locally. Currently there are about 100 ongoing clinical trials enrolling both adults and children. These clinical trials always guarantee the national standard of best care and the opportunity to benefit from a better treatment. The Cancer Center is also working on identifying potential cancer drugs from Hawai'i's natural resources, including compounds from plants, such as poha berry, noni and sea sponge, all of which have shown promise against cancer. Several patents are pending based on the UH Cancer Center's findings and research.

Because the types and incidence of cancer among our local population varies significantly from populations on the mainland, the focus of our research has been to target our diverse ethnic groups. For instance, one of our researchers has found that the use of electronic smoking devices among adolescents in Hawai'i is triple that of adolescents on the mainland. Additionally, the UH Cancer Center's researchers have found that colon cancer in Native Hawai'ian men is higher than in other ethnic groups. Thus, researchers are focused on investigating ways to reduce the high rate of cancer deaths in this population.

It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research relevant to those in Hawai'i and to provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials here in Hawai'i, in order to reduce the increasing incidence of cancer in Hawai'i.

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Federal Grant Awards Led by UHCC Faculty - Public Health Relevance

The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center employs faculty dedicated to improving the health of the residents of the state, of the nation, and beyond. Covering more than 1.5 million Americans in Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin, our investigators compete for more than \$100 M of federal awards annually. The awarded projects comprise a broad and deep portfolio of clinical and translational research signified by the National Cancer Institute's designation with the award of the Cancer Center Support Grant. Our largest grant awards are listed below and contribute approximately \$9 M to Hawai'i's economy every year:

The Multi-Ethnic Cohort infrastructure and cancer risk studies which collect samples from Hawai'i's and California's minority populations and investigate the risks for the development of cancer in these populations, respectively, led by Dr. Loic Le Marchand

The UH/Guam Partnership that seeks to understand and prevent the risks associated with betel nut use and to improve the state's medical infrastructure, led by Dr. Neal Palafox

Two studies that seek to understand attitudes of adolescents and young adults to e-cigarettes, led by Drs. Pallav Pokhrel and Thomas Wills

Two separate studies that seek to understand the role of the gut microbiome in causing cancer and other diseases, led by Drs. Wei Jia and Unhee Lim

A study that seeks to validate a more reliable and accurate non-invasive assay to detect bladder cancer, led by physician scientist Dr. Charles Rosser, and

The Hawai'i Minority/Underserved NCORP, which conducts cancer care delivery research and contributes Hawai'i's multiracial/multiethnic population data to a national evidence base, aims to reduce cancer care disparities and the burden of cancer for the people of Hawai'i and elsewhere.

In addition to the direct monetary benefits of the NCI designation, the awards to Drs. Palafox, Pokhrel, Wills, Jia, and Rosser have been directly dependent on the Cancer Center's designation.

The majority of the awards listed in this expanding portfolio of Cancer Center grants are dependent on the NCI designation. The Cancer Center must renew its designation so as to keep the federal funds listed below in Hawai'i's economy and so as to provide pioneering cancer prevention, education, and research to the state and beyond.

BANTUM, ERIN

Impact of Social Networking on Dose and Effects of Cancer Survivorship Trials
Current Year Project Award: \$96,246 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Better methods for identifying levels of engagement, characterizing social networks, and measuring the quality of social support will be instrumental for improving e-health interventions. Results of this study could be used to identify subgroups at risk for low-engagement, to tailor the intervention based on social network attributes or support quality, or to benchmark network properties of other group-based e-health interventions. Given the large reach of Internet-based interventions, even small improvements to outcomes (e.g., improving levels of engagement) could greatly improve the public health impact of these kinds of interventions.

BERENBERG, JEFFREY

Hawai'i Minority/Underserved NCORP
Current Year Project Award: \$748,896 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The Hawai'i Minority/Underserved NCORP through 1) conducting clinical trial/cancer care delivery research, 2) contributing to NCORP research bases, and 3) contributing Hawai'i's multiracial/multiethnic population to a national evidence base, will reduce cancer care disparities and the burden of cancer for the people of Hawai'i and elsewhere.

BOUSHEY, CAROL

Domoic Acid Neurotoxicity in Native Americans
Current Year Project Award: \$97,650 (NIH/NIEHS)

Public Health Relevance:

Over the past 30 years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of harmful algal blooms (HAB's) in coastal waters throughout the world. As a result, there are more toxic algal species, more algal toxins and more geographic areas impacted than ever before. When these toxic species proliferate, they may cause massive kills of fish and shellfish, wildlife mortality, human illness and death. One of these marine organisms, pseudo-nitzchia produces a neurotoxin, Domoic Acid (DA). Within the past 17 years, DA

levels have been close to or exceeded these safety levels at razor clam harvesting beaches on Native American Reservations in the Pacific NW. Recent data indicate that this population is currently at risk for significant, but preventable, neurobehavioral impairment (ASP) from razor clam consumption, with memory problems ranging from the low average to amnesic range. This study investigates the health impacts of Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning, a new environmental health problem caused by repeated exposure to the marine biotoxin, Domoic Acid. The clinical syndrome and risk factors for human illness in a group of NW Coastal Native Americans will be identified.

BUENCONSEJO LUM, LEE ELLEN (Supplement Director)

University of Hawai'i Cancer Center (**P30**) Cancer Center Support Grant
Low and Middle Income Country Supplement
Current Year Project Award: \$177,700 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Due to insufficient resources to perform resource-intensive cytology-based cervical cancer screening across a dispersed geography, the women of Yap disproportionately suffer higher incidence rates of cervical cancer, late stage at diagnosis and premature deaths from this entirely preventable disease. The award addresses the Federated States of Micronesia desire and priority to improve their cervical cancer screening programs and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology's Committee recommendation to develop innovative strategies for cervical cancer screening within the cultural, geographic and resource environments in the Pacific Basin.

CARBONE, MICHELE

Germline BAP1 Mutations and Malignant Mesothelioma: Mechanisms and Early Detection
Current Year Project Award: \$349,988 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Germline BAP1 mutations are associated with high susceptibility to multiple tumor types, and mesothelioma (MM) may predominate upon exposure to low amounts of asbestos that does not normally cause disease. Moreover, there are no known biomarkers for asbestos exposure or for early detection of MM. The proposed studies will determine how BAP1 mutations increase susceptibility to MM and evaluate whether HMGB1 can be used as a biomarker for early detection of MM in this high-risk cohort.

FAGAN, PEBBLES

Project 4: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods for MRTP Evaluation
Current Year Project Award: \$90,172 (NIH/NIDA)

Public Health Relevance:

Together, the four projects will answer important questions about electronic cigarettes while giving the Food and Drug Administration an empirical demonstration of a transdisciplinary, integrated, iterative, modified risk tobacco product (MRTP) evaluation model. The Center thus provides FDA necessary scientific tools to ensure that only those novel tobacco products that have positive public health effects are marketed.

FEI, PEIWEN

Roles of the Fanconi Anemia Pathway in Bladder Tumorigenesis
Current Year Project Award: \$141,979 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The proposed studies are of an important and under-investigated area of bladder cancer research that has applicability to understanding a novel candidate oncogene and pathogenesis of bladder cancer. The proposed research is directly related to public health, because results from our studies will not only provide insights into the functions of a candidate oncogene, but will also potentially lead to the development of additional methods available for the diagnosis and treatment of bladder cancer.

FEI, PEIWEN

Molecular Insights into the Fanconi Anemia Tumor Suppressor Signaling Pathway
Current Year Project Award: \$317,475 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The proposed studies are of an important and under-investigated area that has an applicability to enhance our understanding of the pathogenesis of human cancer. The proposed research is directly related to public health, because results from our studies will not only provide insights into anti-cancer actions of tumor suppressors, but will also potentially lead to the development of additional methods available for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human cancers, including bladder cancer.

GARMIRE, LANA

Linking Maternal Obesity and Offspring Cancer Risks through Integration Cord Blood Stem Cell Methylome and Transcriptome (NIH/NIGMS)

Current Year Project Award: \$267,750

Public Health Relevance:

The goal of this proposal is to investigate the molecular links between maternal obesity and offspring cancer risks, through the integration of transcriptome and methylome of the cord blood stem cells obtained from a multi-ethnic case control study, in comparison with the data of the Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA).

GARMIRE, LANA

An Integrative Bioinformatics Approach to Study Single Cancer Cell Heterogeneity

Current Year Project Award: \$180,368 (NIH/NIEHS)

Public Health Relevance:

The goal of this K01 proposal is to integrate multiple types of high-throughput data, in particular, the transcriptome, exome-sequencing and CpG methylome data generated from single cancer cells. The proposed project is designed to address the urgent need for an integrative bioinformatics platform for mega-data generated from next-generation sequencing applications. It is also aimed to study the fundamental sources of tumor heterogeneity.

HEDGES, JERRIS (Parent Award Principal Investigator)

University of Hawai'i Cancer Center (**P30**) Cancer Center Support Grant

Current Year Project Award: \$1,361,692 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

UHCC's mission is to reduce cancer burden through research, education, and service. UHCC investigators have access to a distinct environment in terms of ethnic diversity, as well as health disparities. This allows UHCC investigators in Hawai'i to examine questions that are not easily broached within the continental states with the purpose of impacting patient care on a local, national, and global level. Moreover, UHCC provides Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with access to high quality cancer research and care.

HERNANDEZ, BRENDA

Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Study: Diagnosis Year 2013 (SEER)
Current Year Project Award: \$52,508 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

SEER Patterns of Care Studies describe, characterize, and compare practice patterns and treatments provided for cancer in different geographic areas of the United States. SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies are conducted to satisfy a Congressional directive (under Public Law 100-607, Sec. 413 (a)(2)(C) adopted November 4, 1988) to the National Cancer Institute to “assess the incorporation of state-of-the-art cancer treatments into clinical practice and the extent to which cancer patients receive such treatments and include the results of such assessment in the biennial reports...”. To select the cancers to satisfy this directive, the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences has been working closely with the Division of Cancer Treatment. This year’s Pattern’s of Care (POC) Study shall investigate state-of-the-art therapies for patients with cancers of sites: sarcoma for all ages and for ages 15-39 non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma, acute lymphocytic leukemia and female breast cancer.

HERNANDEZ, BRENDA

Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER)
Current Year Project Award: \$1,724,464 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program was established by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to collect and report periodically on population-based cancer incidence and survival data. It is a core component of the NCI's surveillance activities which provide information used for planning cancer control and research programs, and for evaluating the impact of such programs on cancer rates. The SEER Program was initiated in 1972 in response to requirements of the National Cancer Program for assessing the magnitude of the cancer burden in the United States, and for identifying factors related to cancer risk and/or patient survival. Objectives of the SEER Program include: 1. Assemble and report, on a periodic basis, estimates of cancer incidence. 2. Monitor annual cancer incidence trends to identify unusual changes in specific forms of cancer occurring in population subgroups defined by geographic, demographic, and social characteristics. 3. Provide continuing information on changes over time in extent of disease at diagnosis, trends in therapy, and changes in cancer

patient survival. 4. Identify the occurrence of possible iatrogenic cancers, i.e., cancers that are caused by cancer therapy. 5. Serve as a research resource to the National Cancer Institute, and conduct studies dealing with current cancer control issues as well as issues related to the operation of the SEER Program which may lead to improved and/or more cost-effective operating procedures.

HERNANDEZ, BRENDA

SEER-Linked Virtual Tissue Repository (VTR)
Current Year Project Award: \$138,367 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The National Cancer Institute Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program is interested in developing a SEER-linked Virtual Tissue Repository (VTR). A SEER VTR, with its population representativeness and large sampling frame would be a unique resource for assembling robust collections of biospecimens even for rare tumors and outcomes. The objectives of the VTR Pilot Study are to assess the ability of SEER Registries, to serve as a resource for biospecimen research, to locate cases with biospecimens in pathology laboratories and determine the requirements to retrieve those biospecimens, to provide custom annotation of specified data items, and to capture costs to identify and annotate these biospecimens.

JIA, WEI

Gut Microbiota Mediated Bile Acid Alterations in Hepatic Carcinogenesis
Current Year Project Award: \$536,813 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Alterations in gut bacteria may result in an increase in the concentration of toxic bile acids in liver, causing sustained liver injury and the subsequent development of liver fibrosis and cancer. The proposed study will help us design novel therapeutic approaches to protect against the development of liver cancer.

OKIMOTO, GORDON

Functional Genomics and Molecular Imaging of Liver Disease and Cancer
Current Year Project Award: \$201,167 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Altered choline phospholipid metabolism is a recently recognized hallmark of cancer that is being evaluated as a potential diagnostic and therapeutic target in a number of cancers, including hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). The feasibility of detecting HCC on the basis of measuring the phosphorylation rate of choline in-vivo has been shown using positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) and the investigational tracer compound [18F] fluorocholine (FCH). A formal evaluation of the diagnostic performance of FCH PET/CT in patients undergoing surgical resection as treatment for HCC is proposed using tumor histopathology as the gold standard of reference. Since the molecular signaling alterations leading to enhanced choline metabolism in tumors are not fully elucidated at this time, this proposal includes a novel plan to incorporate whole-genome gene expression profiling of the frozen tissue specimens being collected to identify the genes and signal transduction pathways related to altered choline metabolism in HCC. The expected results will not only provide a biological explanation of how and why PET imaging works as a diagnostic modality for HCC, but also advance our understanding of the role of choline metabolism in HCC progression and metastasis. The genomic results in turn could lead to novel biomarker signatures for early diagnosis of HCC and new targets for drug therapy. Furthermore, because hepatic choline metabolism declines with the progression of chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, this project will also evaluate FCH PET/CT as a marker of hepatocyte function, potentially leading to novel applications in disease surveillance, surgical treatment planning, and clinical trial risk stratification.

LE MARCHAND, LOIC

Epidemiologic Studies of Putative Functional Variation In Multiethnic Cohort
Current Year Project Award: \$198,468 (NIH/NHGRI)

Public Health Relevance:

In this proposal, we will investigate the role of biologically relevant genetic variants in a broad range of chronic diseases and risk factors, focusing on conditions disproportionately represented in non-European ancestry populations. We expect that the findings from this study will make a major contribution to our understanding of population differences in gene-disease associations and the role of genetic variation,

combined with behavioral factors, in understanding racial and ethnic differences in disease risk.

LE MARCHAND, LOIC

Multiethnic Genome Scan of Metabolic Phenotypes

Current Year Project Award: \$451,684(NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide. We have shown that African Americans and Native Hawai'ians have lung cancer risks that are 2-5 times higher than other ethnic/racial groups in the U.S. This study will examine the common genetic factors that affect how people smoke and respond to tobacco smoke carcinogens. This may lead to better smoking cessation and lung cancer prevention methods.

LE MARCHAND, LOIC

Understanding Ethnic Differences in Cancer: the Multiethnic Cohort Study

Current Year Project Award: \$3,879,211(NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The Multiethnic Cohort Study is a powerful resource for continuing research efforts aimed at greater understanding of the environmental causes of cancer and other chronic diseases, and how these risk factors interact with genetic variants to explain some of the ethnic/racial disparities in cancer risks in the U.S. population. It is our hope that this work ultimately will provide useful insights into the prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer.

LE MARCHAND, LOIC

Colon Cancer Family Registry Cohort

Current Year Project Award: \$132,713 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The Colon Cancer Family Registry Cohort is a resource established to facilitate studies worldwide on the causes, prevention, and treatment of colorectal cancer (CRC). It is the largest single family-based resource in the world for the study of CRC (and other

cancers that occur in association with CRC). As such, it is critical that this resource is supported since many important studies that may affect clinical and/or public health practice depend on this resource.

LE MARCHAND, LOIC

Obesity, Body Fat Distribution, and Cancer Risk in the Multiethnic Cohort
Current Year Project Award: \$4,121,831 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Excess body fat, especially in the abdomen, is hypothesized to contribute to cancer risk. Past studies relied on imperfect measures of fatness (weight for height, waist circumference) and did not often study risk differences among ethnic/racial groups. We propose to measure body fat directly using imaging methods (DXA and MRI) and identify blood biomarkers and lifestyle behaviors that predict body fat distribution in a multiethnic population, in order to test their associations with risks of breast and colorectal cancers in a prospective multiethnic study.

LIM, UNHEE

Brain-Gut Microbiome-Visceral Adiposity Relationships in Multiethnic Adults
Current Year Project Award: \$237,470 (NIH/NIDDK)

Public Health Relevance:

Obesity is a leading public health problem, with no effective long-term weight control strategy. Understanding how the brain regulates body fatness may be key to preventing and controlling obesity. This proposed study will obtain brain MRI scans from women and men participating in a large multiethnic cohort study in order to investigate their brain structure and chemistry in relation to their intra-abdominal fat, eating behaviors, and gut bacteria, with the goals of understanding ways to interrupt the metabolic dysfunction leading to obesity.

LIM, UNHEE

TMAO, the Gut Microbiome, and Colorectal Cancer Risk in the Multiethnic Cohort
Pending Year Project Award: \$367,000 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Trillions of bacteria inhabit the human intestine and play a critical role in host health and disease. This study will investigate their role in colorectal cancer development through production of a pro-inflammatory substance, called TMAO, from dietary consumption of red meat and animal foods. Understanding this bacterial metabolism may better aid in the prevention of colorectal cancer.

LOO, LENORA

Obesity and IGF-Axis Activation in Native Hawai'ian Women with Breast Cancer
Current Year Project Award: \$199,665 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Breast cancer is a complex disease with multiple factors such as environmental, socioeconomic, and biological factors influencing risk and survival. Native Hawai'ian women experience high rates of both breast cancer and obesity. It has been established that obesity is associated with a higher risk of developing, and dying from, breast cancer. The proposed work addresses the need to characterize the potential for underlying differences in breast cancer biology for women of different racial/ethnic backgrounds. Given that few studies have addressed the biological mechanisms that contribute to the health disparity experienced by Native Hawai'ian women with breast cancer, the molecular characterization of Native Hawai'ian breast tumors is an important step towards improving both prognostic and treatment strategies for this understudied population.

MASKARINEC, GERTRAUD (Supplement Director)

University of Hawai'i Cancer Center (**P30**) Cancer Center Support Grant
CURE Supplement
Current Year Project Award: \$114,745 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

University of Hawai'i (UH) Cancer Center was first awarded a CURE supplement to the P30 Cancer Center Support Grant in 2003. Since, the CURE Program sponsored

cancer research internship experiences to more than 100 high school and undergraduate students enhancing the Center's strong commitment to increasing diversity among researchers to better address cancer risk disparities among minority groups. The rationale of the UH Cancer Center CURE program continues to be the significant lack of underrepresented minority researchers engaged in basic, clinical, and population-based cancer research. The UHCC CURE program promotes the potential cancer research careers of promising underrepresented minority high school and college students. Given our geographic location, the focus of the program has been on Native Hawai'ian, other Pacific Islander, and Filipino student with a small number of Latinos and African Americans.

MATTER, MICHELLE

Regulation of Endothelial Permeability in Sepsis
Current Year Project Award: \$330,568 (NIH/NIGMS)

Public Health Relevance:

The cellular mechanisms regulating sepsis-initiated vascular permeability are not yet completely known and there are no therapies available that block vascular leakage in sepsis. We have identified a novel mechanism by which vascular barrier integrity is maintained. We propose that the association of RRas with Filamin A may regulate vascular permeability. We will test whether this complex is a therapeutic target in preclinical mouse models of sepsis.

PALAFIX, NEAL

University of Guam/University of Hawai'i Cancer Center Partnership
Current Year Project Award: \$1,015,895 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

This grant has supported the only cancer research infrastructure established west of Hawai'i, in the U.S. Territory of Guam. Continued funding will support three research projects described herein, focusing on cancers of regional significance. The partnership provides opportunities for faculty as well as pre-doctoral and post-doctoral students to develop and strengthen skills in project design and administration, team collaboration, recruitment and retention, specimen collection, data analysis, manuscript writing, grantsmanship among others. Early stage and senior investigators at the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center will gain opportunities to work with new populations in the

Hawai'i-Pacific region, including Chamorros, Chuukese and Marshallese, and establish collaborations with UOG faculty who share interests in cancer health disparities.

POKHREL, PALLAV & WILLS, THOMAS (Supplement co-Directors)

University of Hawai'i Cancer Center (**P30**) Cancer Center Support Grant

E-cigarette Supplement

Current Year Project Award: \$650,078 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The goal of these two projects is to understand the public health consequences of e-cigarette smoking and accordingly propose appropriate regulations to the FDA. Under the Family Smoking and Tobacco Control Act, tobacco products cannot be marketed targeting youths and young adults (e.g., fostering social enhancement beliefs) and cannot be marketed with unsubstantiated health claims. Thus our findings are likely to help public health by helping the Food and Drug Administration develop effective e-cigarette regulations.

POKHREL, PALLAV

Prospective Effects of Electronic Cigarette Marketing on Expectancies and Behavior

Pending Year Project Award: \$480,000 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Recently, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) have become popular as safer alternatives to traditional cigarettes. At present, ENDS marketing is not regulated and the health consequences of ENDS use are not well understood. Given the lack of strong regulations and effective media interventions, ENDS marketing may adversely impact youths and young adults through increased ENDS use. Increased ENDS use may prevent smokers from quitting smoking and may even promote tobacco use initiation. The proposed research has important public health relevance because its findings will facilitate development of regulations on ENDS and development of ENDS control media interventions that are beneficial to public health.

RAMOS, JOE

Regulation of Tumor Promotion by RASGRP1

Current Year Project Award: \$284,811 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The Ras proto-oncogene and its signaling pathways have been recognized to play a major role in human tumors; understanding the mechanisms governing these pathways may provide new molecular targets for therapeutic intervention in cancer. We have recently identified a novel Ras activator -RasGRP1- in the epidermal keratinocytes, which are the cells of origin of non-melanoma skin cancer. Using mouse models, we found that RasGRP1 participates in skin carcinogenesis. The studies we propose in this application will serve to identify the mechanisms of RasGRP1 tumorigenic effects. In addition, the results derived from the studies will contribute to our understanding of the control of Ras signaling pathways during tumor initiation, promotion and progression.

ROSSER, CHARLES

Multiplexed Protein Biomarker-Based Assay for the Detection of Bladder Cancer

Pending Year Project Award: \$717,000 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The project seeks to validate a more reliable and accurate non-invasive assay to be used to detect bladder cancer and which, over the long-term, could have a profound impact on the requirement for cystoscopy thus reducing healthcare costs associated with investigation of hematuria and surveillance for disease recurrence.

TURKSON, JAMES

Salicylic Acid-Based Small-Molecule Stat3 Inhibitors for Anticancer Therapy

Current Year Project Award: \$480,634 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The proposal seeks to derive clinical drug candidates from the BP-series of novel inhibitors of aberrantly-active Signal Transducer and Activator of Transcription (STAT)3, which have proven to inhibit the growth of human breast tumor xenografts in mice.

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Public Health Relevance:

The goal of these two projects is to understand the public health consequences of e-cigarette smoking and accordingly propose appropriate regulations to the FDA. The significance of the epidemiological studies is in addressing the question of whether e-cigarette use by adolescents encourages cigarette smoking. We have found in two studies that this is the case, both for attitudinal willingness to smoke and for actual onset of smoking behavior. We have also noted that some reviewers claim that all e-cigarette users are dual users but our data show this is not the case and this has been corroborated in other studies. This provides a scientific argument for FDA restriction on availability of e-cigarettes to minors.

WILLS, THOMAS

Self-Control as a Moderator for Effects of Mass Media on Adolescent Substance Use
Current Year Project Award: \$87,010 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

This research is relevant to public health because it studies exposure to tobacco and alcohol cues in mass media, an exposure that is spread through the population of adolescents and has an impact on uptake of cigarette smoking and early alcohol use. The project will yield findings about factors that can reduce the impact of media exposures on health-related behaviors such as cigarette smoking. The results will be useful for educational programs that teach adolescents how to deal better with persuasive communications such as advertising and with exposure to potentially adverse influences in entertainment media such as movies and television.

WILLS, THOMAS

Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Prospective Research in Studies of Maturation (Prism) Consortium

Current Year Project Award: \$186,521 (NIH/NIDA)

Public Health Relevance:

The developing brain in adolescence is characterized by accelerated brain remodeling, guided by genetic vulnerabilities and influences from various environmental factors, including substance use (SU). The University of Hawai'i is one of nine research sites of the ABCD-PRISM Consortium formed to conduct a longitudinal cohort study that will use advanced imaging, clinical and neurocognitive evaluations to prospectively examine the impact and potential risk factors associated with SU on brain development, behavioral and mental health outcomes, in 11,000 youth ages 9-10 years followed through their adolescence. This research will lead to better understanding of the predictors for adolescent SU and its consequences on brain development, and ultimately to more effective interventions for SU and other mental disorders.

YANG, HAINING

The NYU/PNNL/Hawai'i/Mayo Lung Cancer-Mesothelioma Biomarker Discovery Consortium

Pending Year Project Award: \$61,258 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The NYU/PNNL/Hawai'i/Mayo Lung Cancer Mesothelioma Biomarker Discovery Consortium will refine and validate three MPM markers (FBLN3, SOMAmer 13 classifier, HMGB1 Isoforms), one novel plasma lung cancer assay (osteopontin isoforms), and various platforms for CT image analysis (Mayo and NYU) by using discovery/validation cohorts from malignant pleural mesothelioma, lung cancer, and control archives. This highly collaborative/interactive consortium represents a unique opportunity for rapid CLIA certification of novel assays after appropriate validation.

YANG, HAINING

Mesothelioma: Identification of the Key Molecular Events Triggered by BAP1
Current Year Project Award: \$50,782 (DOD)

Public Health Relevance:

Mesothelioma is an aggressive cancer affecting the mesothelium, a layer of cells that lines the lungs, heart, and abdominal cavity. This cancer is prevalent in individuals who have been exposed to airborne mineral fibers, such as asbestos and erionite, although it generally takes years after initial exposure (20-50) for disease to develop.

Mesothelioma is difficult to diagnose at early stages that respond well to treatment. Patients therefore generally survive for only about a year before dying. Therefore, new tools for diagnosing, preventing, and treating mesothelioma are urgently needed.

YANG, HAINING

The Role of HMGB1 in the Pathogenesis of Mesothelioma
Current Year Project Award: \$311,250 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

Malignant mesothelioma (MM) is a deadly cancer caused by a variety of risk factors and of these, environmental exposure to asbestos is most highly correlated with development of MM. Due to a poor understanding of how asbestos causes malignant transformation of mesothelial cells, the aggressive and fatal nature of the disease and the very limited types of treatment options available, median survival from diagnosis is only 1 year. Our goal is to study the mechanism by which asbestos causes MM and successful completion of this project will lead the identification of new molecular targets for intervention and the development of novel strategies for the prevention and/or therapy of MM.

YU, HERBERT

Epidemiologic Study of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in the U.S.
Current Year Project Award: \$1,460,631 (NIH/NCI)

Public Health Relevance:

The research proposal is developed to investigate the etiology of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) among Americans and to identify the reasons responsible for the continuing rise of HCC incidence over the past 30 years in the US. The study will enroll

1,250 incident HCC cases in the states of Connecticut and New Jersey and 2,500 population controls with frequency match to age, gender, race and residence regions. Known and suspected risk factors of HCC will be investigated, including lifestyle factors, hepatitis virus infection, diet, medical history, family history of cancer, and single nucleotide polymorphisms which will be evaluated through genome-wide scan in 1,000 cases and 2,000 controls and additional validation in another 800 cases and 1,100 controls. The research proposal is developed to investigate the etiology of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) among Americans and to identify the reasons responsible for the continuing rise of HCC incidence over the past 30 years in the US. The study will enroll 1,250 incident HCC cases in the states of Connecticut and New Jersey and 2,500 population controls with frequency match to age, gender, race and residence regions. Known and suspected risk factors of HCC will be investigated, including lifestyle factors, hepatitis virus infection, diet, medical history, family history of cancer, and single nucleotide polymorphisms which will be evaluated through genome-wide scan in 1,000 cases and 2,000 controls and additional validation in another 800 cases and 1,100 controls.

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HB 1700
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Penelope Rogers and I am a member of the Friends of the Cancer Board. I have been involved with the UH Cancer Center for more than 10 years. (808) 734-2193, penrichrogers@juno.com.

Picture this: You or a family member has just received a cancer diagnosis from the doctor. Shock, fear, helplessness overwhelm you. This scenario is repeated daily all over our islands. No family is immune.

Consider your first call being to the Clinical Trials Office at the UH Cancer Center- (808) 564-5994. It is the central hub for all clinical trials and studies taking place in Hawaii. At present, there are some 120 active clinical trials and studies of new treatments and technologies for adults and children taking place in our state. The Center coordinates the screening, safety, and quality data of trials for partner hospitals and clinics. These trials will impact not just the participants but, like pebbles in a pond, ever widening circles of patients who will benefit. People of Hawaii may well not need to travel elsewhere at great expense and loss of familial support to access potentially life-saving treatments.

The UH Cancer Center founded in 1971, is now headquartered in a premier new building in Kakaako. The Center is National Cancer Institute designated cancer research center, one of only 69 out of more than 1600 cancer centers in the U.S. Its grants ensure us top researchers who are focused on Hawaii's unique racial/ethnic in types, incidence and mortality of cancer. This designation was hard won and prized, bringing millions of dollars into Hawaii and must not be lost. Our unique population has specific needs and weaknesses. For example, Hawaii has one of the highest rates of liver cancer in the nation. Natural products from our own environment can turn into treatments and cures (more than 2,856 natural products are being tested against human tumors) –no other center can make this claim.

Researchers in the Center are working in concert to bring cures to Hawaii and the world. NCI has competitive grants available for that purpose, totaling billions of dollars over the years which can be competed for by only NCI designated centers. Our researchers receive an average of \$20 million in national grants annually, which funds hundreds of jobs, provides training to graduate and undergraduate students, research to discover new products and patents to generate revenue for UH, and conduct public information and symposiums such as on melanoma, liver cancer, and mesothelioma.

In the State of the Union Address, President Obama and Vice president Biden announced a national government focus on curing cancer. How can Hawaii not support our crown jewel in the all-out effort?

Each year more than 6,000 Hawaii residents are diagnosed with cancer, and more than 2,000 will die from the disease. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Hawaii, and accounts for one of every five deaths statewide. As a NCI-designated cancer research center, the UH Cancer Center brings ground-breaking studies and new cancer-fighting drugs and treatment to our community, making it possible for Hawaii's people to receive the most advanced treatments for cancer.

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. State funding support is required to address the operational needs of the Cancer Center which were planned when the facility was envisioned. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

The incidence of cancer is increasing significantly and may double during the next twenty years, according to recent estimates by the International Agency for Cancer. It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research relevant to those in Hawai'i and to provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials here in Hawai'i, in order to reduce the incidence of cancer in Hawai'i.

I support the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:57 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: carl@votecampagna.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 9, 2016 11:00AM

HB1700

Submitted on: 3/8/2016

Testimony for FIN on Mar 9, 2016 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Campagna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure. Child care is the second highest expense after housing for families in Hawaii. If we want to truly help people stay in their homes, and help children get much needed academic preparation as they enter elementary school, we must pass this bill supporting the preschool open doors program.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 11:03 AM
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Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: wcecs1@hawaiiintel.net <Douglas Mersberg>

Message:

Wai‘anae Coast Early Childhood Services has been providing preschool services on the Wai‘anae Coast since 1973. 94% of our families receive some form of tuition subsidy in order to afford our services, including from the Preschool Open Doors program. Wai‘anae coast elementary school principals maintain that many of the children that enter their kindergarten classrooms are two years behind in their school readiness skills. Their schools' test scores confirm this assertion. Longitudinal studies show that quality preschool services have a positive impact on school success for low-income children. There are hundreds of children in our community who are unable to access preschool services. Our organization is in full support of restoring \$6 million in childcare subsidies to the Preschool Open Doors program

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Sincerely,

Douglas Mersberg

Executive Director

Waianae

Hawaii

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Honolulu

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Business owner and foster parent

Honolulu

Hawaii

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From: hajhay808@gmail.com <Carol Hayashida>

Message:

As a former DHS preschool licensing worker for 25 years, I KNOW the value of preschool, especially for lower income families. Preschool means that many children enter kindergarten on an even footing. This program is one of the most valuable in the State. Please fund it!

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Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben Cayetano, and I am writing in strong support for the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in this bill.

The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawai'i with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

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The UH Cancer Center works to reduce the burden of cancer through research and patient care. In 2014, the UH Cancer Center, working with Hawaii's hospitals, gave Hawaii's adult and pediatric cancer patients approximately 100 different national clinical trials locally. Currently there are about 100 ongoing clinical trials enrolling both adults and children. These clinical trials always guarantee the national standard of best care and the opportunity to benefit from a better treatment. The Cancer Center is actively following over 1,000 patients who have enrolled in clinical trials in the past. The Cancer Center is also working on identifying potential cancer drugs from Hawaii's natural resources, including compounds from plants, such as poha berry, noni and sea sponge, all of which have shown promise against cancer. Several patents are pending based on the UH Cancer Center's findings and research.

A number of Cancer Center researchers focus on key cancers that impact Hawaii. Our work contributes to a global knowledge that leads to the development of new life-saving treatments and therapies. Ongoing research at the Center provides important insights on the use and impact of e-cigarettes and other tobacco products in Hawaii.

For example, our research found Hawaii teens used e-cigarettes at nearly triple the rate of mainland teens. The Center has established a partnership with the state Department of Health to educate Hawaii residents on smoking cessation and the risks of tobacco use.

As the types and incidence of cancer among our local population varies significantly from populations on the mainland, the focus of our research has been to target our diverse ethnic groups. For instance, we have found that colon cancer in Native Hawaiian men is higher than in other ethnic groups. Our researchers are investigating ways to reduce the high rate of cancer deaths in this population.

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. Cigarette tax revenue is statutorily provided for debt service and (as available) for operations of the facility the Cancer Center occupies in Kaka'ako. Cigarette tax revenue has declined over the years from approximately \$20 million to approximately \$14.8 million currently. In light of the fiscal shortfalls, management has been working diligently to implement operational restructuring to reduce the shortfalls. Although the restructuring has been positive, additional funding support is required to address the operational needs of the Cancer Center which were planned when the facility was envisioned. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

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I respectfully urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700.

March 8, 2016
Statement of

McKay H Davis
Organizer, Startup Weekend Honolulu Committee
Delivery Lead, Code for Hawaii

before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 am
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

As a lead organizer in the local technology and entrepreneurship community, I respectfully submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1700, in relation to BED 143**. Specifically I support the request by Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (**CIP**) for **HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**.

As the local innovation and entrepreneurship community continues to grow, we are reaching a capacity crisis of unsuitable facilities. Events like Startup Weekend, Code for Hawaii meetups, hackathons, and general technology related meetings are finding it more difficult to find suitable meeting places. By providing access to facilities such as meeting rooms with videoconference capabilities, collaborative working spaces, a digital media studio, makerspace, and other ongoing programming, The Entrepreneurs Sandbox will be ideally suited to host workshops, classes, and other events that will further foster economic development in the state

The Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

HTDC has helped Startup Weekend through direct sponsorship funds as well as providing assistance in hosting events.

HTDC has also been a valuable partner on Code for Hawaii as well by providing resources such as meeting space, event organizing, access to resources, and providing event help.

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

-McKay Davis
Startup Weekend Committee
Code for Hawaii Delivery Lead.

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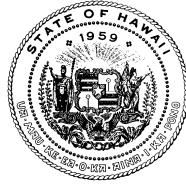
Sincerely,

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RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

REPRESENTATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: March 9, 2016
Time: 11:00 PM

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** Sufficient appropriations are required to assure optimal public health, and in
2 particular for addressing emerging infectious disease, environmental management, and community
3 mental health issues.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports House Bill 1700, Relating to the
5 State Budget. This measure appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of
6 the Executive Branch for fiscal year 2016-2017.

7 The department appreciates the Legislature's ongoing support, which included as part of FY16's budget,
8 long-term sustainability of several key public health programs that protect the natural environment and
9 improve the health of Hawaii's residents.

10 For FY17, DOH supports the Governor's Supplemental Budget Request and wishes to highlight several
11 priorities and amendments:

12 **HB1700 ITEM E-1.03: Funding for Secure Psychiatric Patient Facility**

13 HTH-430: Authorization of \$160.5M in General Obligation bonds to design and build a new secure
14 patient facility on the grounds of the Hawaii State Hospital that will address urgent needs related to
15 timely access to justice, appropriate clinical care, and employee and patient safety. It is critical that the
16 \$160.5M be released in a lump-sum in FY 2017 to facilitate construction and completion within five
17 years.

1 **GM11: Enhancing Statewide Vector Control Services**

2 HTH-610: Request to add 33.0 FTE and \$2.3M in General Funds to revitalize vector control services
3 statewide. The dengue fever outbreak of 2015 and the threat of a Zika virus pandemic require a
4 coordinated and comprehensive vector control system to assure public health and economic resilience.
5 Prevention is the most cost-effective and efficacious public health strategy and a strong vector control
6 system is key.

7 HTH 907: Request to add 1.00 permanent FTE and related operating funds to provide expertise in public
8 outreach and coordinate public education campaigns to have adequate resources to more effectively
9 manage the dengue fever outbreak and newly emerging public health threats such as the Zika virus.

10 **GM11: Ceiling Increase for Medical Marijuana Registry Program**

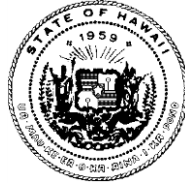
11 HTH-100: Request to increase ceiling for the Medical Marijuana Registry Program of \$160,715.
12 Investments are required to enhance the online registry system to reduce wait times for approvals for
13 patients, improve validation of program participation for law enforcement, and maximize overall
14 program efficiency.

15 The Department of Health looks forward to working with the House Committee on Finance and the 28th
16 Legislature to craft a state budget that facilitates the best health outcomes for the residents of Hawaii.

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18 **Offered Amendments:** The department requests adoption of the various Governor's Messages relating
19 to the State Budget.

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TO: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) requests the committee's support of the **FY 2017 Supplemental Budget for the Department of Human Services**. For brevity and clarity, the following highlights the significant and vital requests for funding.

Our mission is to provide timely, efficient and effective programs, services and benefits for the purpose of achieving the outcome of empowering Hawaii's most vulnerable people; and to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity.

We achieve this through our four divisions, two attached agencies, two commissions, our team of 2,000+ members, and a shared commitment to our mission and clients. We recognize that the department's \$3 billion budget represents nearly one-fourth of the state budget, and we manage our programs with fiscal prudence, responsibility for meeting our statutory and ethical responsibilities, and the goal of continual improvement.

The Department of Human Services provides health coverage to nearly 50% of the children in Hawai'i, administers services to one-fourth of all people in the state, and takes the lead in the provision of programs to those who face financial, health, housing, food, and other challenges. WE collectively invest in local residents and, ultimately, a healthy Hawai'i.

If we, as a society, can press on the levers of these social determinants of health, we can actually improve individual and the community health. The work and programs at DHS are the very levers that can be pressed for impact because they are the social determinants of health.

This is the argument for investing in DHS and the reason why our budget focuses on four areas:

1. Investing in children and families;
2. Improving health and safety;
3. Increasing departmental capacity and efficiencies; and
4. Improving systems.

We approached developing the budget with these areas in mind and with the larger goals of improving community health. We do so with an added focus on collaboration, inclusion, transparency, fiscal accountability, and doing the right things the right ways for the people of Hawai'i. Please see below for key budget requests.

BENEFIT, EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (BESSD)

Mission: Provide timely, efficient and effective programs, services and benefits to empower those who are vulnerable in our State to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life and personal dignity.

- **Invest in Children and Families: HMS 305 – Cash Support for child care (A=\$6,000,000)**
Request: Continuation of Preschool Open Doors program and support access to preschool
- **Invest in Children and Families: HMS 903 – A-Plus fee increases (A=\$770,000)**
Request: Funds to cover increases program fees as a result of adjustment to the State's minimum wage
- **Improve Health and Safety: HMS 903 – General Support for self-sufficiency services (A=\$1,000,000)**
Request: Additional funding for medical assessment
- **Improve Health and Safety: HMS 224 – Homeless Services (A=\$400,000)**
Request: Funds for on-going repair and maintenance of 9 State-operated homeless shelters
- **Increasing Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies: HMS 224 – Homeless Services (A=\$58,736)**
Request: Add 2 positions and funds for the Homeless Programs Office to implement Homeless Program Office services.
- **Improve Systems; Increasing Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies: HMS 224 – Homeless Services (A=\$250,000)**
Request: Add funds for training and modifications for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Please note: These following requests are both from the DHS Homeless Programs Office (HPO) and the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

- **Improve Health and Safety; Improve Systems: HMS 224 – Homeless Services**
(A=\$3,000,000)
Request: Add general funds for Housing First Program
- **Improve Health and Safety; Improve Systems: HMS 224 – Homeless Services**
(A=\$2,000,000)
Request: Add funding for homeless outreach
- **Improve Health and Safety; Improve Systems: HMS 224 – Homeless Services**
(A=\$2,000,000)
Request: Add funding for Rapid Re-Housing Program

MED-QUEST DIVISION (MQD)

Mission: Help low-income adults and children obtain needed healthcare through the federal Medicaid health insurance program and other state-funded medical programs.

- **Improve Health and Safety:**
 - **HMS 401 – Health Care Payments** (A=4,878,120/N=\$5,721,880)
Request: Fund Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) beyond first year.
 - **HMS 401 – Health Care Payments** (A=\$8,000,000/N=\$9,383,746)
Request: Fund Sovaldi treatment of chronic HCV infections, second year.
 - **HMS 401 – Health Care Payments** (A=\$4,799,926/N=\$7,664,177)
Request: Restore Adult Dental Benefits for Medicaid recipients
 - **HMS 401 – Health Care Payments s** (A=\$4,294,333/N=\$3,343,667)
Request: Meet increased cost of Medicare Part B supplements for Medicaid recipients
 - **HMS 401 – Health Care Payments** (A=\$900,000)
Request: Expand Premium Assistance Programs (PAP) payments
- **Improve Health and Safety AND Improve Systems:**
 - **HMS 401 – Health Care Payments** (A=\$293,405/N=\$344,155)
Request: Establish Ticket to Work Program
- **Improve Systems:**
 - **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments** (A=\$925,000/N=\$2,775,000)
Request: Funds to move the DHS Disaster Recovery Center to University of Hawai'i

- **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments** (A=\$500,000/N=\$4,500,000)
Request: Additional Design, Development & Implementation (DDI) funds (transition to new vendor)
- **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments** (A=\$100,000 /N=\$900,000)
Request: Hawaii Health Information Exchange (HHIE)
- **Increase Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies: HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments** (A=\$5,905,962/N=\$17,717,886)
Request: Funding for DHS Enterprise System Maintenance and Operations (M&O)
- **Increase Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies AND Improve Systems:**
 - **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments** (A=\$600,000/N=\$5,400,000)
Request: Health Information Technology (HIT) Design, Development and Implementation (DDI) Funding
 - **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments** (A=\$35,000 /N=\$315,000)
Request: Medical Electronic Health Record (EMR) System
 - **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments** (A=\$85,000 /N=\$765,000)
Request: Medicaid Info Technology Architect (MITA)
 - **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments**
(A=\$227,000 /N=2,043,000)
Request: Health Info Tech Consulting Services
- **Increase Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies:**
 - **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments** (A=\$375,000/N=\$375,000)
Request: Business Process Redesign for the Med-QUEST Division

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION (SSD)

Mission: Protect vulnerable adults and children from abuse, neglect, and exploitation so they may live safely in their homes and communities. This is accomplished through two branches: 1) Child Welfare Services, and 2) Adult Protective and Community Services.

- **Increase Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies: HMS 301 – Child Welfare Services**
Request: No-cost transfer of sixteen (16) vacant positions and funding.
- **Increase Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies: HMS 301 – Child Welfare Services**
(A=\$331,012/N=\$110,337)
Request: Restore the Hawaii Child Welfare Education Collaboration to educate and train social workers to fill Child Welfare Services vacant positions.

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (DVR)

Mission: DVR exists to serve its participants and works together as a team so participants can achieve their goals and aspirations for meaningful employment through timely and individualized vocational rehabilitation services.

- **Increase Department Capacity and Efficiencies:**
 - **HMS 802 – Conversion of positions**
Request: No-cost conversion of 2 Temporary to Permanent Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist (VRS) positions who serve individuals with disabilities to prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment in the Division’s Maui and Kona offices.
 - **HMS 802 – Conversion of positions (A=\$10,112/N=\$32,660)**
Request: Conversion of 0.5 FTE to 1.0 FTE Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist (VRS) Position at the Division’s Kauai Branch serves individuals with disabilities to prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment.
 - **HMS 802 – OIB Program (A=\$90,000)**
Request: Salary support (salary, fringe and indirect costs) for the program’s 3 FTE positions to provide statewide coverage and do outreach to underserved and unserved populations.

GOVERNOR’S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS

- **Invest in children and families; Improve health and safety: HMS 224 - Homeless Services (A=\$900,000)**
Request: Add funds to operate new Kaka’ako shelter
- **Improve health and safety: HMS 224 Homeless Services (\$A=\$400,000)**
Request: Establishes a Stored Property Program
- **Improve systems; Increase departmental capacity and efficiencies: HMS 904 - Administrative Services (A=\$226,000)**
Request: Positions and funds for the Governor's Special Homelessness Project

Please note: These requests are both from the DHS Homeless Programs Office (HPO) and the Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness.

- **Improve Health and Safety; Improve Systems: HMS 224 Homeless Service (A=\$3,000,000)**
Request: Add general funds for Housing First Program

- **Improve Health and Safety; Improve Systems: HMS 224 Homeless Service**
(A=\$2,000,000)
Request: Add funding for homeless outreach
- **Improve Health and Safety; Improve Systems: HMS 224 – Homeless Service**
(A=\$2,000,000)
Request: Add funding for Rapid Re-Housing Program

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- **Increase Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies: HMS 904 General Administration**
(A=\$24,927/N=\$11,976)
Request: Add permanent General Professional V position for the DHS Administrative Appeals Office (AAO)
- **Increase Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies AND Improve Systems:**
 - **HMS 904 General Administration** (A=\$79,455/N=\$78,970)
Request: Add 3.0 temporary exempt positions for Project Management Office
 - **HMS 904 General Administration** (A=\$710,348)
Request: Add 2.0 permanent positions and funds for OIT Help Desk
 - **HMS 904 General Administration** (A=\$136,722)
Request: Add 4.0 permanent positions for DHS IT compliance staff
 - **HMS 904 General Administration** (A=\$400,00/N=\$400,000)
Request: IT compliance plan
 - **HMS 904 General Administration** (A=\$63,370/N=\$137,712)
Request: Privacy and compliance programs

HAWAI'I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mission: The Hawaii Public Housing Authority is committed to promoting adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment for low income families and individuals, free from discrimination.

HPHA submitted its testimony separately.

OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES (OYS)

Mission: Provide programs and services for Hawaii's youth including the provision of balanced and comprehensive services for at-risk youth, to prevent delinquency, reduce recidivism, and

maximize opportunities for youth to become productive, responsible citizens through community based and family-focused treatment interventions.

- **Invest in Children and Families: HMS 501 – In-Community Youth Programs (A=\$250,000)**
Request: Additional Funds for REACH Program
- **Increase Departmental Capacity and Efficiencies: HMS 503 HYCF**
Request: No-cost trade-off of positions for fringe benefits

HAWAI'I STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Mission: Work toward equality for women and girls in the State by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development.

The Commission submitted its testimony separately.

HAWAI'I STATE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD

Mission: Promote healthy family relationships by emphasizing the important role fathers play in the lives of their children.

There are no budget requests.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 9, 2016 11:00 A.M.
Room 308, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

House Bill 1700
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Honorable Chair Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding House Bill (HB) 1700, relating to the State budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports the enactment of this measure, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement supplemental budget of the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2015-2017.

The 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 serves the State's most vulnerable populations, including those earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), the disabled and the elderly. The HPHA respectfully requests the support of the Legislature as we continue to provide shelter to working families, elderly and those on the verge of homelessness.

I. HMS 222 - Conversion of MOF for positions to cover Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher administrative costs.

The HPHA greatly appreciates the conversion of MOF for 22 positions and the more than double increase in A general Funds to support the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program (HCV) under HB 1700.

The HCV program serves the most economically vulnerable families in the country, including disabled families, elderly families, formerly homeless veterans, and families with children. Funding

for the HCV program consists of two main cost components: (1) Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) made to owners to cover the difference between a tenant's rent contribution and the unit rent; and (2) administrative fees paid to PHAs to cover the cost of administering the program.

The HPHA has, in addition to Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), budget authority for 3,708 vouchers. For a number of reasons, most significantly the high rent in Hawaii, the HPHA is currently using 2,222 vouchers out of the current authorized voucher authority. The HPHA is working on increasing the current voucher utilization by leveraging available funds and HUD reserves to build up the voucher count.

In October 2015, approximately 2,160 families were served under the HCV program (an increase of 227 families from January 2015) representing approximately 104% annual budget authority utilization (excluding the HUD-held budget reserves). The HPHA also has approximately \$3.4 million in HUD-held reserves which will be used to cover the recent expenditures as well as the 139 vouchers that the HPHA already has on the street. In addition, the HPHA will soon issue up to an additional 250 vouchers. The 139 families already in possession of housing vouchers will utilize approximately \$1.7 million of the HUD-held reserves with an average cost per family per year of \$12,437. The remaining balance from the \$3.4 million will be used toward the 250 additional vouchers.

HUD does not allow other funds to be infused into growing the HCV program for rental assistance except for other HCV monies (tenant portion and administrative fees). The HPHA's request is to cover the administrative costs of operating the HCV program (i.e., staffing and operating costs). If State funds are appropriated, the HPHA can "convert" the HUD administrative funds into housing assistance funds to be used for the issuance of more vouchers. The requested A funds would pay for HCV staff, and at the end of the fiscal year the administrative fees paid to us by HUD will be put back into the program to increase voucher lease up.

II. HMS 229 - Add 64 positions and funding toward multi-skilled worker program to expedite the renovation of HPHA housing units.

The HPHA greatly appreciates the addition of 64 positions under HB 1700. Following the last legislative session, in collaboration with the Administration and the United Public Workers (UPW), the HPHA and the Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA) established a multi-skilled worker pilot program. The HPHA must establish positions to maintain the Multi-Skilled Worker program on a permanent basis to continue to promptly address public housing units that become vacant on a regular basis. However, the HPHA is also required to occupy and maintain the property units as safe, decent and sanitary, which requires adequate staffing at the properties. The age of the HPHA's housing inventory makes this a challenging and expensive task.

The 64 positions that make up the Multi-Skilled Worker program each play a vital role in addressing the expeditious repair, maintenance and turnover of public housing units. The Multi-Skilled Worker program includes a Housing Maintenance Manager, two supervisors, six teams each containing seven skilled laborers, the REAC team that includes eight members, and a professional team that

includes 5 electricians, 5 plumbers and 2 plumber helpers. Although there will be a net gain of positions, the goal is to immediately engage with UPW and HGEA to collaborate toward the complete reorganization of the Property Management and Maintenance Services Branch. As a result of the reorganization, multiple positions will likely be abolished at that time.

These multi-skilled positions will primarily be responsible for turnaround of units, which includes the repair and maintenance of low-income public housing properties, with carpentry, electrical, welding and plumbing work that will generate considerable benefits for the managed properties. A flexible multi-skilled workforce is best suited to the needs of the agency to address and maintain multiple and varied low-income properties.

If in future years one or more AMP funds are insufficient to cover the services of the multi-skilled team, HUD rules allow up to 10% of federal capital funds to cover AMP operations. Additionally, the HPHA anticipates the establishment of a Force Account capable of performing capital repairs, in addition to routine maintenance and repair work.

III. HMS 220 - Lump sum for public housing improvements and renovations statewide

The HPHA is very appreciative of the lump sum in general funds for public housing improvements and renovations statewide under HB 1700.

This lump sum CIP appropriation will provide the agency with critical cost elements in tackling the backlog of capital needs. Due to the age of our housing inventory and unexpected repairs, the HPHA respectfully requests your consideration for a lump sum budget request (as you have done in the past), which will provide the agency the flexibility to manage and expend capital funds in an expeditious manner. The condition of a property can change due to unexpected events, such as 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).

IV. HMS 220 – State Family and Elderly facilities.

The HPHA is very appreciative of the \$3 million appropriation toward State Family and Elderly facilities, which will eliminate the need for rent increases. Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 356D mandates that the State Family and Elderly low-income public housing programs shall be self-supporting, yet the rental income for both programs is insufficient to support the program. The requested \$3 million funding will allow the agency to comply with the statute while not running a deficit and not require rent increases.

For Capital Project number P160333, program ID HMS 220, the HPHA respectfully asks that the appropriation description be amended as follows, by striking out "PROJECT", to allow the HPHA to properly expend the appropriated general funds:

PLANS FOR COSTS RELATED TO WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS
FOR PERMANENT AND NON-PERMANENT PROJECT FUNDED
STAFF POSITIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR THE HAWAII PUBLIC
HOUSING AUTHORITY. FUNDS MAY BE USED TO MATCH
FEDERAL AND ON-STATE FUNDS AS MAY BE AVAILABLE.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Finance with the HPHA's position regarding HB 1700, and thanks you very much for your dedicated support in addressing the affordable housing crisis in Hawaii.

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M.K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
IN SUPPORT OF

HB 1700, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 9, 2016

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

HB 1700, as introduced, includes the Governor's Executive Budget request for our program, HHL 602 Planning and Development for Hawaiian Homesteads. The Governor's Budget request includes \$9.632 million in general funds to cover the department's existing personnel, administrative, and operating costs. In addition to the request for general funds, the current version of the budget bill includes requests for \$13.702 million in special funds, \$11.154 million in trust funds and \$9.7 million in federal funds that DHHL receives from the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).

As you are aware, the Hawaii Circuit Court ruling on November 27, 2015, in the Nelson v. Hawaiian Homes Commission case had a significant impact on our budget request for FY 2016-17. In part the Court ruled that the Hawaiian Homes Commission must take all reasonable efforts "to obtain the funding it needs for its administrative and operating budget."

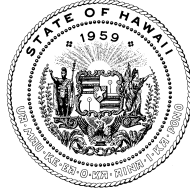
To this end, DHHL is respectfully requesting that your committee consider the sufficient amounts requested by DHHL for all four purposes as identified in Article XII section 1 of the Constitution at the January 14, 2016 Budget Briefing in front of the House Finance Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee. In particular, we would ask this Committee to fund the amounts requested by DHHL as sufficient to cover its Personnel Services and Other Current Expenditures for FY 2016-17 which total \$28,478,966 million in general funds.

The department administers one (1) program, HHL 602, Planning and Development for Hawaiian Homesteads. The intent of the homesteading program is to increase the self-sufficiency of native Hawaiians through the provision of land. At the present time the Department must use its special and trust funds to finance any of its administrative and operating costs not funded with general funds. These resources would otherwise be used for direct benefits to our beneficiaries.

DHHL requests that the House Committee on Finance consider our request and provide sufficient sums. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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March 8, 2016

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair,
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Finance

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 1700 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

DLIR is in strong support of the contents of this measure pertaining to the department.

DLIR's budget requests entail improving services to enhance outcomes of functions in areas pertaining to rights and benefits. The following is a concise summary of the department's requests.

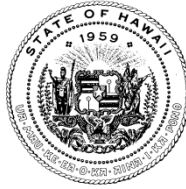
- Disability Compensation Division (DCD):
 - One (1) in the Enforcement Section to help ensure employees are provided with Workers' Compensation, Temporary Disability and Prepaid Health Care benefits mandated by law.
 - Two (2) positions in the Audit Section to catch up on various kinds of required audits and reinstitute random audits in support of Workers' Compensation, Temporary Disability and Prepaid Health Care functions.
 - One (1) position in the Vocational Rehabilitation Unit that currently has only one position, which will help prevent automatic acceptance of vocational rehabilitation plans that are automatically approved if not acted upon.
 - One (1) position to enable the Professional Employer Organization Program (PEO) (§373L) to fully undertake its statutory responsibilities. No

staffing was provided when this regulatory responsibility was imposed in 2010 and DLIR is unable to meet the requirements of the PEO law, including insuring that PEOs obtaining GE Tax exemptions are compliant with the law.

- Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board (LIRAB)--the 2013 Legislature provided an additional fourteen employees for DCD, thereby increasing the number of appeals referred to LIRAB. LIRAB is currently drafting Decisions and Orders for cases that were heard in the summer of 2014. With no full-time decision writers, injured workers and employers have to wait longer for a determination of what medical, disability, or other benefits are due. Workers often go without medical treatment and money for rent and basic necessities until a decision is issued.
- Hawaii Civil Rights Commission—HCRC is seeking to obtain one (1) investigator position to reduce the backlog of cases before HCRC. In August 2015, HCRC investigation case inventory was 382 cases, a 55% increase over the pre-recession inventory of 246 in July 2007.
- General Administration— seeks \$25,000 to address language access and website accessibility issues to comply with state and federal mandates to avoid a potential loss in federal funding. In April of 2014, the DLIR and the U.S.DOL Civil Rights Center entered into a Conciliation Agreement to improve the department's provision of services to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons. In that Agreement, DLIR committed to implementing and monitoring various aspects of the provision of access to information for LEP persons, including the training of the entire department.

DLIR is also under scrutiny and threatened with a potential loss of federal funding by the Civil Rights Center because it also oversees the DLIR's compliance with federal regulations pertaining to the provision of web materials for disabled individuals under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act ("Section 508"). The DLIR would also be better able to comply with Comptroller's Memorandum 2010-28 and CIO's memorandum of June 29, 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 9, 2016
11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 308

H.B. 1700
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** H.B. 1700, which appropriates funds for our operating and capital improvement budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

The funds requested will allow DOT to continue operations at our facilities, carry our much needed repair and maintenance projects, comply with our federal requirements and continue to implement Capital Improvement Projects to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and sustainable inter-modal transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, and enhances and/or preserves economic prosperity and our quality of life.

There is a critical request needed to meet federal requirements for the department in this current draft that did not advance in legislation. For your consideration, we are highlighting:

- **TRN 114-** The re-establishment of the Federal Inspection Station (FIS) at the Kona International Airport at Keahole (KOA) is a request for \$50 million in general obligation bond. The United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), requires that each FIS must meet airport technical design and construction standards and Act 119, SLH 2015, appropriated \$2.5 million in general obligation bond to KOA for planning and design in order to comply with operational requirements and security regulations. The addition of KOA FIS would provide a secondary international entry point to Hawaii, allowing international passengers to fly directly to and from KOA, without having to connect from the Honolulu International Airport (HNL). The forecasted upward trend in international passenger growth would exacerbate the current congestion at the HNL FIS and this would provide an option for the international traveler, decrease airfare costs, and help relieve congestion during daily peak hours and travel seasons at the HNL FIS as well as enhance Hawaii's resiliency in a civil defense emergency. This would also promote the growth of tourism generating jobs and more income statewide. The DOT estimates the State

General Fund will receive annual tax revenues of \$14 million from general excise, transient accommodation, and income taxes. As a result, the payback period on the \$50 million general obligation bond investment would be less than 4 years.

The department would very much appreciate your favorable consideration of this identified critical request as you make detailed comments on this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**STATE OF HAWAII
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

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

House Bill 1700 (HB 1700) proposes to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-2017 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and respectfully asks this Committee's favorable consideration on the insertion of additional cost adjustments, as requested and submitted by the Administration via Governor's Message No. 10 and No. 11.**

Operating Budget:

HB 1700 proposes to appropriate \$22.6 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 to the Department's operating budget:

- \$6.2 million in general funds
- \$11.7 million in special funds
- \$4.7 million in federal funds

The Department's requests in HB 1700 are as follows:

- Add \$4,000,000 in special funds to support preparation for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress in September, 2016.
- Add \$1,500,000 in general funds in LNR 404 to fund the United States Geographical Survey study on Hawaii streams.
- Add \$370,000 in general funds in LNR 802 for licenses and technical support for timesheet and certification system (\$70,000); integrated information management system (\$200,000); and document digitization (\$100,000).
- Add \$500,000 in general funds in LNR 405 for Conservation and Resources Enforcement Program functions.

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- Add \$2,000,000 in general funds to support Aloha + initiatives.
- Add \$80,000 in general funds in LNR 172 request for skid steer tractor.
- Add \$1,205,000 in general funds in LNR 804 for motor vehicles for Na Ala Hele and Game Management program (\$470,000) and equipment for Forest and Outdoor Recreation program (\$735,000).
- Add \$189,750 in general funds in LNR 906 for Microsoft Office 365 Licenses.
- Change the means of financing for Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) Co-Manager and Hawaii Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS) Co-Manager in LNR 401 from Other Federal Funds to General Funds and convert the positions from temporary to permanent positions.
- Transfer temporary Senior Communications Manager position and special funds (\$136,800) from LNR 101 to LNR 906.
- Add 6 permanent positions and general funds (\$149,420) for LNR 802 for workload increase.
- Add permanent Communication and Video Conference Assistant position and transfer special funds (\$60,800) from LNR 101 to LNR 906 to fund this position.
- Add permanent Land Agent IV position and special funds (\$45,180) in LNR 101.
- Add permanent Program Cultural Resource Management position in LNR 906.
- Add permanent Aha Moku Executive Director position and funds (\$39,000 A/\$87,514 T) in LNR 906.
- Add permanent position and general funds (\$23,700) for Aquatic Biologist IV in LNR 401.
- Convert 29 temporary positions to permanent status for various programs by all means of financing: 21.25 in general funds (A), 6 in special funds (B) and 1.75 in federal funds (N).
- Transfer 3 permanent positions and funds between various programs.
- Trade-off general funds in LNR 172 from other current expenses to personal services for temporary Geographic Information System/Geodatabase Specialist V position.
- Increase special fund expenditures ceiling for various programs by \$7,645,180.
- Change the means of financing of 4.50 temporary positions in LNR 402.
- Adjust federal fund ceilings based on anticipated federal awards in FY 2017.

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget:

The Department requests \$27.7 million for its CIP budget for various projects and initiatives that provide multiple benefits to Hawaii's people and economy. Major projects include (among others) the statewide watershed initiatives, improvements at various state parks and deep monitor wells, conservation and other land acquisitions.

Governor's Message No. 10 and No. 11:

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

- Correct an inadvertent error in LNR 172/DA in a trade-off/transfer request to fund a position using funding from other current expenses (-\$13,363 Other Current Expenses / +\$13,363 Personal Services A).
- Correct an inadvertent error in the budget summaries in LNR 802/HP (-\$300,000 Equipment / +\$300,000 in Other Current Expenses A).
- Convert 7.00 temporary positions and \$352,628 from interdepartmental funds (U) to federal funds (N) in LNR 402/DA. The 2011 emergency proclamation to relocate the Hawaiian

nene geese expires at the end of FY 16 and the current funding by the Department of Transportation for the effort will end accordingly. The 7.00 temporary positions will be needed to continue work on recovery efforts for the nene geese.

- Transfer out 4.00 temporary positions and \$192,764 in interdepartmental funds (U) in LNR 402/DA to LNR 804/DA to assist with the public hunting program.
- Transfer in 3.00 temporary positions and \$150,781 in federal funds (N) and 1.00 temporary position and \$41,983 in revolving funds (W) in LNR 804/DA from LNR 402/DA to assist with the public hunting program.

Thank you very much for your consideration and the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
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March 8, 2016

The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Finance
State House of Representatives
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415 South Beretania Street
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SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1700, RELATING TO TAXATION

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

The County of Kaua'i **supports** House Bill No. 1700, the Governor's Supplemental Budget Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request for 2017, as follows:

Rental Housing Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$75,000,000 (C)

Increased capital is needed to develop and accelerate production of affordable rental housing statewide, and within each of the counties. On Kauai, housing supply continues to lag behind demand, and additional rental units that are affordable will be needed for Kauai residents. By infusing more dollars into RHRF, more affordable rental units can be produced to offset the dramatic rise in market rents.

Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide (BED 160/HD) \$25,000,000 (C)

DURF provides a vital source of financing for the development of affordable housing, especially with infrastructure improvement projects that can facilitate future housing development. Kauai County is anticipating the availability of DURF for infrastructure and the infusion of DURF funding will be an integral part of the County's planned housing development initiatives.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration for the infusion of affordable housing resources. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kanani Fu".

Kanani Fu
Housing Director



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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
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Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 1700
Relating to the State Budget

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **supports** two line items in House Bill No. 1700, which would appropriate funds for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund Infusion and Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion.

Under the City's transit-oriented development (TOD) initiative, the DPP has long believed that State participation is essential to developing mixed-use, mixed-income projects in the TOD areas, due to the amount of State lands available in close proximity to the rail stations. The State is able to provide funding to support more affordable and workforce housing, and contribute to increasing the regional capacity of major infrastructure systems to accelerate development. As the landowner, the State should also take the lead in decisions about development on state-owned lands.

The DPP and Mayor Caldwell's TOD Subcabinet are developing plans, updating zoning, financial tools, and implementation strategies in the TOD neighborhoods surrounding each station. Since 2007, we have created TOD plans for each station area, and are drafting TOD zoning amendments as the plans are adopted (except for the two Kakaako station areas, which are a Hawaii Community Development Authority responsibility). The amended zoning will allow for mixed-use development, additional height and density, in return for community benefits such as affordable housing, and is expected to help stimulate economic growth around most station areas. The draft zoning maps for the Waipahu and West Loch stations are available at www.honolulu.gov/Tod (see implementation section), and are currently under review by the City Council.

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Many State agencies participated in the development of these neighborhood TOD plans, which are based on nine years of extensive involvement by community leaders, residents, businesses, and landowners. The plans have estimated that 55,000 housing units and nearly 20 million square feet of commercial and industrial space could be developed in the TOD areas planned to date. Mayor Caldwell's Affordable Housing Strategy identified the need for at least 24,000 affordable and workforce housing units. It proposes affordable housing requirements, updated TOD zoning, financial tools, infrastructure investments, and other policies to stimulate development of affordable and workforce housing in TOD neighborhoods. We are actively working with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Department of Accounting and General Services, Office of Planning, and several other State agencies to identify locations for specific housing and mixed-use projects, coordinate funding and infrastructure planning, and explore other policy changes needed to expedite housing development in the TOD areas.

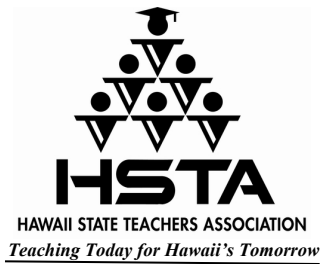
We agree that State funding is needed to develop TOD and affordable housing on State lands, as well as the infrastructure required to support development. Appropriating funding for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund will help address these needs. We strongly support that these funding requests be included in House Bill No. 1700.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George I. Atta". The signature is written in a cursive style.

George I. Atta, FAICP
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

RE: HB 1700 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 1700**, relating to the state budget.

Our state ranks dead last in education funding. We trail all other states in teacher pay adjusted for cost of living. Our per pupil spending, approximately \$12,000, lags behind many other districts, such as Washington D.C. (\$26,000), New York City (\$25,000), Boston (\$23,000), and even Detroit (\$18,000). When adjusted for cost of living, our per-pupil spending is at the proverbial bottom of the pack, with facilities funding falling far short of our national peers. According to former assistant superintendent Ray L'Heureux we are last in the nation in capital improvement money per student per year. Hawaii also is last in the nation in the percent of state and local funding that goes to public education, because we are the only state not to use property taxes to fund our schools.

Investment in education correlates with student success. To quote a 2014 article in *Education Week*, "In districts that substantially increased their spending as the result of court-ordered changes in school finance, low-income children were significantly more likely to graduate from high school, earn livable wages, and avoid poverty in adulthood."

This is not just about education. This is about inequality in the United States. The US is just one of only three industrialized nations that spends more on rich children

than on poor ones. When we perpetuate class inequality through unequal funding of our public schools we codify a class system and deny all children the opportunity of the American Dream. What could be more valuable than our children's civil rights? The landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education* was not only about racial discrimination, but unequal resources for marginalized students. Yet, when we rank poorly in test scores and funding, where is the outcry? Hawai'i has an exodus of students fleeing our public schools for their private counterparts, giving us the highest per-capita private school attendance in the nation, along with one of the highest public school teacher turnover rates. We must not remain silent.

Classrooms should be landmarks for learning. Inside their walls, we should hear an audible susurrus of scholarly enquiry, as students critically question the world around them and the received wisdom of generations gone by. Yet, too often, our overheated and overcrowded schools stifle creativity. Drenched in sweat from 100-plus degree temperatures, teachers and students together struggle to breathe life into school buildings that are, on average, 65-years-old, an age that in the fast-paced education profession is not just unmodern, but Paleolithic.

Nowhere is this clearer than at Campbell High School. Founded in 1961, the 55-year-old school was initially built to accommodate 1,700 students. At the beginning of this year, however, Campbell enrollment reached 3,049 keiki. It has since grown higher. Therefore, we mightily implore you to include funding for a new Campbell High School building in the state budget at the level of \$35 million, as requested by Gov. David Ige. Under current plans, the proposed Campbell High School facility will include approximately 30 classrooms, including so-called "specialty" rooms, like science labs. Money from the \$35 million appropriation will also be used to upgrade aging underground utilities and relocate equipment and infrastructure on the Campbell campus.

We understand that, during January budget briefings, lawmakers raised concerns about the cost of the Campbell building. Noting that Kapolei's Ho'okele Elementary, which opened its doors to students in July of 2015, was constructed for \$38.3 million, fiscal policymakers questioned whether or not a similar price tag for a single high school building is cost effective. Overall capacity and usage of the new Campbell building would be equal to or greater than that of an elementary school, however, and will not likely employ a "design-build" strategy that consolidates design and construction under a single contractor. What the new building will advance, though, is student achievement. A recent study conducted by University of California at Los Angeles researchers showed that the percentile gap between



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students being educated in comfortable classrooms can reach as much as 17 percent on achievement tests, clearly evincing the impact of a modern learning environment on student success, an impact made all the more urgent by Campbell's chronic overcrowding. Overstuffed classrooms, in turn, increase class size and teacher turnover, as educators seek more manageable workloads or leave the profession entirely. Additionally, the new building satisfies projected population growth in the Campbell complex area, ensuring that new families do not further overload the high school's capacity. Installation of fifteen portables during winter break was, quite simply, not nearly enough to assuage Campbell's congestion.

That said, we urge you to see this as a "stopgap" measure, as Rep. Matthew Lopresti has called it, and pass future increases in public school funding to provide, among other things, a new high school for the 'Ewa Plain and Kapolei region. According to executive estimates, a new high school would cost \$150-\$200 million, far more than the prudent request being made to quickly expand Campbell's current capacity. Ultimately, though, a new school is needed to bring 'Ewa children's education into the 21st Century.

To give our students' dreams a chance to become reality, we urge you to **support funding for Campbell High School** in the state's supplemental budget.



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House Committee on Finance

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Date: March 9, 2016

Where: State Capitol Room 308

TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk
Kamehameha Schools

To: Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee

RE: **HB 1700, Relating to the State Budget**

E ka Luna Ho'omalua Luke, ka Hope Luna Ho'omalua Nishimoto a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike Waiwai o ka Hale o nā Lunamaka'āinana, aloha! My name is Ka'ano'i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahī Community Education Group of Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to support HB 1700, relating to the state budget, and offer the following comments:

Early childhood education and parental support is the cornerstone of the Kamehameha Schools 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, including restoring funding for Preschool Open Doors and providing funding for the state's Early Learning Advisory Board.

Kamehameha Schools also advocates for the achievement of Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian public school students and has served as a collaborator with the Hawai'i public charter schools for over a decade. Through our work with Hawaiian-focused public charter schools, we hope to significantly impact more children and their families through education. We believe that Hawaiian-focused charter schools provide quality educational choices for our families and ultimately enhance both academic achievement and engagement for students. As such, we strongly support funding for public charter schools, including facilities funding.

Further, driven by the third goal of our strategic plan for 2015-2020, Kamehameha Schools strongly supports measures, including funding necessary to implement them, that promote Hawaiian language. Hawaiian language remains highly endangered even after decades of dedicated revitalization efforts and an ever-growing population of Hawaiian language speakers. We respectfully ask for your support.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is a statewide educational system supported by a trust endowed by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian learners. We believe that by continuing to engage in dialog around important educational policy decisions, we can contribute in a positive and meaningful way. Mahalo nui.

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

HB 1700
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
FOR
Aloha Tower Complex and Irwin Memorial Park

March 9, 2016

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

Hawaii's Thousand Friends writes in strong support of the Department of Transportation's FY 2016-17 Capital Improvement objectives for the Aloha Tower Complex, TRN 301, #40.03 under Section 5 page 85.

Today Irwin Park is only seen as a parking lot. This is a far cry from Mrs. Helene Irwin Fagan vision of a "beautiful park" and landscaped companion to Aloha Towers' beacon to trans-Pacific voyagers when she donated two acres to the Territory of Hawai'i in the early 1930s.

In the hay-day of boat travel Irwin Memorial Park was used as envisioned by Mrs. Fagan, a green open place for residents, lei makers, and visitors to gather and celebrate such events as Boat Day. But decades of changes have left Irwin Memorial Park forgotten, neglected and misused.

The requested DOT funds, which will be used to replace the very old and original irrigation system is the first step in improving the historic landscape and ensuring that the majestic banyan trees have adequate water so that once again Irwin Memorial Park can be a green open space oasis for all to enjoy.

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House Committee on Finance

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President -- Government Relations and Community Affairs

Re: **HB 1700; Testimony in Support of the Appropriation for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center**

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations and Community Affairs for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

HPH is writing in **support** of the appropriation for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. The UH Cancer Center has been an important partner within the healthcare community of the state, and has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many cancer patients and their families. Because of the ethnic diversity in Hawaii we face different challenges as the types and incidents of cancer and cancer mortality rates may not be like those seen in other states. The UH Cancer Center is uniquely suited to study this diversity in healthcare needs.

The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawai'i with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. State funding support is required to address the operational needs of the Cancer Center which were planned when the facility was envisioned. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawai'i's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawai'i's cancer center.

The incidence of cancer is increasing significantly and may double during the next twenty years, according to recent estimates by the International Agency for Cancer. It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research relevant to those in Hawai'i

and to provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials here in Hawai'i, in order to reduce the incidence of cancer in Hawai'i.

We respectfully urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700.

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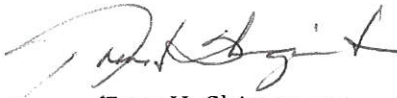
Relating to the State Budget
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Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00 AM, Room 308

As a member of the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance I support **HB 1700**, particularly the proposed general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' 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. Specifically the \$2m additional for Aloha+ requests (\$800k for wildfire, \$450k Na Ala Hele, \$150k Kure wildlife sanctuary, \$150k Kawainui wildlife sanctuary, and \$450k for endangered species); \$4,143,000 in addition to the \$1 million that was appropriated in last's year budget (total of \$5,143,000) for the Watershed Initiative CIP funding, Statewide and the \$1.7m ceiling increase for Legacy Land Conservation Program.

The Kaua'i Watershed Alliance (KWA) has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Kaua'i since 2003. Its members which include DLNR (DOFAW and Land Management Div.) 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supportive testimony.

Mahalo



Tom H. Shigemoto
Vice President



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

FROM: Jerry Rauckhorst, President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 (11:00 a.m., Room 308)

RE: **HB 1700, Relating to the State Budget**
Regarding HTH904

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year.

1. CCH supports the following in HB 1700:

- **\$5.1M to increase the base funding for KUPUNA CARE services**
(In the Governor's Supplemental Budget request at \$4.1M)

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care transportation and homemaker services for frail elders. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation and Homemaker Services also provide relief for caregivers, especially working caregivers who would otherwise have to take time off from work to provide transportation or homemaker assistance for their elderly relatives.

Kupuna Care services addresses the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly institutional care – as well as supporting caregivers. Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

- **\$1.7M to increase the base funding for the AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS (ADRC)**
(In the Governor's Supplemental Budget request at \$1.7M)

Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) are being developed to serve as single entry points for individuals who need information about long term support services. The role of the ADRC's is critical, especially as they serve as the sole entry point to become eligible to receive Kupuna Care services. As a provider of Kupuna Care services in the C&C of Honolulu, Catholic Charities Hawaii supports funding for the Honolulu ADRC, which is working to become more effective to meet the needs of kupuna and their caregivers.



2. CCH also respectfully requests that \$285,00 be added for SENIOR CENTERS

- **Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center/Catholic Charities Hawai`i (\$150,000)**
- **Moiliili Senior Center/Moiliili Community Center (\$60,000)**
- **Waikiki Community Center (\$75,000)**

While not part of the Governor's Supplemental Budget request, CCH believes that the senior centers provide programming that delays and prevents costly institutional care and asks that you consider including this funding in HB 1700.

- A study published in the American Journal of Public Health, found that *interventions for loneliness may result in reduced doctor visits, which may also reduce health care cost.*ⁱ
- As indicated in Hawaii's 2013 Profile of Successful Aging, "*Supportive relationships, interactions with the environment, engagement in social activities . . . all have positive correlations on the well-being of older adults.*"ⁱⁱ
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also advises older adults that "*regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. It can prevent many of the health problems that seem to come with age.*"ⁱⁱⁱ
- A study published in the Journal of the American Academy of Neurology indicates that *engagement in leisure type activities may reduce the risk of dementia.*

Senior centers help to meet the overall community goal of helping seniors remain independent in the community and prevent more costly (and often public funded) institutional care.

CLOSING SUMMARY

Helping kupuna remain in their own homes, and helping caregivers to care for elderly relatives at home, is **priceless** in term of quality of life. It is also **cost effective** when you compare:

- The current cost of nursing home care for ONE individual in Hawaii at **\$124,830** per year.^{iv}
- The total amount of funding we are requesting to be added to HB 1700 on behalf of Kupuna will provide **services for THOUSANDS of kupuna and their caregivers.**
- **The same amount of funding can only provide nursing home care for 57 individuals.**

Catholic Charities Hawai`i respectfully asks for your consideration of this request. For more information or questions, please contact Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at 527-4702. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

ⁱ <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2014.302427>,

ⁱⁱ Executive Office on Aging – Department of Health, "Profile of Successful Aging Among Hawaii's Older Adults", January 2013.

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/olderadults.html>

^{iv} Genworth 2015 Cost of Care Survey Hawaii: https://www.genworth.com/dam/Americas/US/PDFs/Consumer/corporate/cost-of-care/118928HL_040115_gnw.pdf

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Dear Representative Luke, Representative Nishimoto, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

My name is James Kilgore and I am the Executive Director of Full Life. Full Life is a non-profit organization serving people with developmental disabilities and their families on Hawai'i Island for the past 15 years. I am writing to provide support to the following budget item in HB 1700 scheduled for hearing March 9, 2016 at 11:00AM:

HTH 501 – Developmental Disabilities

Page 19, Item No 15.

FY 17: 78,696,156

State Match for Medicaid Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HTH 501/CN)

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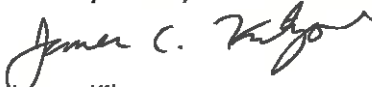
100-001 Supplemental Request FY 17 \$2,413,347 (State General Funds) Home and Community Based Services Waiver – 5% Rate

The proposed increase of \$2,413,347 (State General Funds) in the state supplemental budget (FY17) for the Medicaid Waiver program along with the Federal Medicaid Waiver match would amount to a 5% rate increase for the State Medicaid Waiver program providing the supports necessary for many people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, work, learn, and recreate in our communities. This budget request to provide the state match for services reflects some of the additional costs of providing services.

Rates have not been adjusted in over ten years and the costs for providing services have increased. Without these funds, Hawai'i is at risk of reducing current levels of services to individuals in the program and/or creating a waitlist for new services. Furthermore, providers such as Full Life are working with many new regulations and policies to support community inclusion and employment outcomes for people with developmental disabilities which require additional resources. We strive to provide the highest quality services and believe that a provider rate increase will help to recruit and retain quality direct support staff.

We believe in the unique value and contributions of people of all abilities. This rate increase is a small step toward funding the actual costs of necessary services that increase opportunities for inclusion in the life of the community and provide quality supports to many people with developmental disabilities in becoming more independent.

Thank you for your consideration,


James Kilgore



NORTH SHORE
COMMUNITY
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**NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST'S TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1700**

House Committee on Water & Land

Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m., Room 308

North Shore Community Land Trust (NSCLT) strongly supports the proposed Legacy Land budget within HB 1700, which includes a request for a spending ceiling increase of \$1.7m. If granted, the Land Conservation Fund would be able to spend \$6.8m instead of \$5.1m for FY17. This will empower our state to conserve more of the precious places and landscapes that still remain for current and future generations to enjoy.


The funding available for the Land Conservation Fund every year is based on a percentage of the conveyance tax and because we have been experiencing a strong real estate market for the past few years the potential capacity of the fund is at an all time high. There are amazing conservation opportunities in every district throughout the State and raising the ceiling to achieve the full potential of the fund is a worthy investment that will yield priceless returns.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify –

Doug Cole
NSCLT, Executive Director



To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Finance

From:  Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: March 8, 2016

Hrg: House Committee on Finance Hearing; Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in
Room 308

Re: Support for HB 1700, Relating to the State Budget

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to express my **support** for appropriating operational funds for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center within HB 1700.

The Queen's Medical Center is part of the University of Hawaii Cancer Consortium, of which members have a common goal to eliminate cancer through research. The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawaii with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawaii and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research and provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials in order to reduce the incidence of cancer in Hawaii.

I respectfully urge this committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in HB 1700. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LAND TRUST'S COMMENTS ON HB1700
Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00am
Conference Room 308

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Hawaiian Islands Land Trust strongly supports the spending ceiling increase for the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) budget. The LLCP, which administers the Land Conservation Fund, has enjoyed amazing success, efficiently leveraging substantial federal, county, and private matching dollars to conserve agricultural land (which contribute to food security, jobs, and the economy), lands that protect our clean drinking water, lands that perpetuate Hawaiian culture, and lands that are enjoyed by residents and visitors for recreation, hiking, beach-going, and scenic views (supporting our tourism based economy). The Land Conservation Fund serves as a source of grant funding for the protection of Hawai'i's rare or important natural, cultural, agricultural, and recreational resources through acquisition of fee and conservation easement interests in land.

Established in 2005, the LLCP has conserved iconic and important land in every county – Black Pot Beach Park at Hanalei Bay on Kaua'i, the sacred waters of Kawaikapu on Moloka'i, the 1-mile of shoreline and coastal wetlands of Nu'u on Maui, the ancient Hawaiian village and marine protected areas of Lapakahi State Historical Park on Hawai'i Island, agricultural land in Wai'anae, O'ahu, and recently Maunawila Heiau in Hau'ula, O'ahu.

The LLCP efficiently uses funds, leveraging an average of one dollar or more for every dollar spent. For example, when Hawaiian Islands Land Trust acquired 81 acres of coastal wetlands and shoreline in Nu'u, Maui, the LLCP contributed \$1.8 million for a \$4 million purchase. Because of the LLCP, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust was able to leverage \$2.2 million in federal and private dollars to purchase a property that contains some of the healthiest coastal wetlands in the State, numerous pre-contact archaeological sites, and recreational fishing areas that have been used by local fishermen for centuries. The property is now forever conserved and open to Hawai'i residents and visitors for education, camping, hiking, fishing, and general recreation.

The Land Conservation Fund has been critical in preserving resources that support the economic and public health of the State. Therefore, our organization strongly supports a spending ceiling increase for this important program.

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher

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March 9, 2016

TESTIMONY: Written only

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: **Hawaii Public Health Association**

Subject: **SUPPORT – HB 1700** Relating to the State Budget

Hearing: March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am at State Capitol Room 308

The Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA) is an association of over 600 community members, public health professionals, and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific. Additionally, the HPHA serves as the co-chair for the Hawaii Climate Change and Health Working Group.

Dengue has been a persistent issue for the Big Island over several months; additional vector control support is crucial in order to bring this outbreak under control and to monitor for future potential outbreaks. The DOH has been pro-active in its response to the dengue issue and has mobilized state, local and CDC resources in its efforts to combat dengue, despite the challenges it has faced. Providing more resources to DOH to combat dengue is warranted and as the lead public health agency in Hawaii, DOH is the logical entity to determine epidemic status and initiate use of the disease outbreak response fund.

Approval of 36.0 FTE and \$2.6M in General Funds would revitalize vector control services statewide. The dengue fever outbreak of 2015 and the threat of a Zika virus pandemic require a coordinated and comprehensive vector control system to assure public health and economic resilience. Prevention is the most cost-effective and efficacious public health strategy and a strong vector control system is key.

Thank you for the opportunity to request appropriations for re-establishment of vector control services within **HB 1700**, which would address the dengue fever outbreak and threat of Zika virus within Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Hoce Kalkas, MPH
HPHA Legislative and Government Relations Committee Chair



PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu Continuum of Care

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Partners in Care is a coalition of Oahu's homeless service providers, government representatives and community stakeholders working together in partnership to end homelessness.

TESTIMONY RE: HB 1700: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

RE: HMS 224 – DHS/Homeless Programs Office: Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, and Outreach

TO: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair; Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair; and Members, Committee on Finance

FROM: Greg Payton, PIC Advocacy Chair

Hearing: Wednesday, March 9, 2016; 11:00 am; Conference room 308

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support of HMS 224**, to allocate to the Department of Human Services: \$3 million for Housing First, \$2 million for Rapid Rehousing and \$2 million for outreach services to the homeless. I am Greg Payton, Chair of the Advocacy Committee of Partners in Care (PIC).

Partners in Care is a coalition of over 30 homeless service providers and many other in the community on Oahu dedicated to ending homelessness. In the past year on Oahu, we have developed a coordinated entry system to more effectively and strategically help homeless to navigate resources and be linked to housing. The next step and the KEY to ending homelessness is the creation of more affordable rental housing.

The funding allocations found within section HMS 224 provide a tailored and meaningful approach to addressing homelessness in Hawaii including chronically homeless individuals and families, working families, and street homeless.

Housing First is critical to help chronically homeless people, often with mental illness or disabilities, successfully get off the streets. This program has been highly successful this past year, with 97% of the housed clients remaining in housing. **Housing First saves the state money:** The Pathways preliminary study of healthcare savings found that there was a 43% reduction in healthcare costs in 6 months. After deducting the cost of rental subsidies (\$1,100/mo) and supportive services (\$1,120/mo), the net savings was estimated at \$2,370 per client/month, for an annual savings of about **\$28,440 per client**.

Rapid Rehousing is needed to quickly enable working homeless families to obtain a permanent rental unit. By providing working families the ability to break the affordability barrier that keeps them from affording their own unit it creates an opportunity for families to move out of shelters, thus freeing up shelter space for street homeless families, as well as provide a sense of permanency for the household. Connecting families with a community provides a myriad of benefits for not only the children but the adults of the household.

Outreach addresses our State's growing unsheltered homeless population. Besides ranking # 1 among the US states for homelessness per capita, Hawaii also has the highest rate of unsheltered chronic homeless. More people are falling through the cracks in Hawai'i. Outreach can provide the compassionate contacts and housing navigation to help people be linked to appropriate resources with housing as the goal. We must also help unaccompanied youth,

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Date: 02-12-2015

especially those who are newly homeless. 30% of all juvenile arrests in Hawaii were for running away—averaging **4,493 per year!** These youths are at high risk for exploitation. We hope that that the \$2 M for Outreach will also include outreach to homeless unaccompanied youth.

We thank you for your dedication to creating solutions for Hawaii's housing needs. We urge your support for these two sections of the State Budget. Please contact me at (808) 529-4554 or gpayton@mhkhawaii.org if you have any questions.

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ULU DEVELOPMENT LLC.

March 9, 2016

Subject: In Support of Bill HB1700

I Mattson C. Davis support the State Supplemental Budget Bill. Every child in the State of Hawaii is deserving of a safe public school facility. The children are our future and they need education to provide success in their future. Charter Schools here in the State of Hawaii are still waiting for facilities resources and Act 234 (2015) provides Charter School Commission with authority to develop fair funding distribution formula and gives direction for the Legislature to start facilities funding in FY 2016 – 17.

Mahalo for your support!



Mattson C. Davis



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 A.M.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

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RE: HOUSE BILL 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") respectfully submits testimony in **support** of HB 1700, in relation to BED 145, a budget appropriation that allocates \$5 million to fund the HI Growth Initiative and the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 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.

First, the HI Growth Initiative invests in critical infrastructure that supports the growth of the innovation economy, including events bringing entrepreneurs and investors together, accelerator programs and Hawaii-based venture capital funds.

Our innovation economy is off to a great start and we need to keep up the momentum to reach critical mass. Today, Hawaii has five nationally recognized Hawaii-based accelerator programs, launching over 40 innovation and tech companies each year; a leading research institution in the University of Hawaii; world-class R&D firms and scientists; financing across globally competitive industries including scalable tech, creative media and clean tech; coworking facilities and incubators and coding bootcamps teaching fundamental workforce skills necessary to support the growing number of businesses in today's digital economy.

Second, the HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.



We humbly ask for the Legislature's continued support to grow our innovation economy and keep Hawaii on the national map for tech startups and investment.

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



Ken Hayashida, P.E. | President
Michael Hunnemann, P.E. | Vice President

March 8, 2016

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair; Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair; and Members Public Hearing, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 308

**TESTIMONY of KEN K. HAYASHIDA
PRINCIPAL of KAI HAWAII, INC. IN SUPPORT of H.B. 1700, RELATED to the STATE BUDGET**

My name is Ken Hayashida and I am the Principal of KAI HAWAII, INC. We strongly support HB 1700 which proposes to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects. **We support the supplementary inclusion of funding for HTDC’s CIP request of \$3 million to construct the “Entrepreneurs Sandbox”, an integral component of the first phase of the planned “Kaka`ako Innovation Block.”**

The legislature’s continued support for technology initiatives such as this are greatly appreciated and visionary, as these projects significantly contribute to the diversification of our island state’s economy and our economic competitiveness in the Pacific Basin and the world. Customarily, every job in a research community generates an average of 2.57 jobs in the local economy. The Kaka`ako Innovation Block is an excellent model of emerging strategically planned, mixed-use research facilities designed to create an environment that fosters creative collaboration and innovation that promotes the development, transfer and commercialization of technology.

Research communities have become a key element of the technology infrastructure supporting the growth of today’s and our future knowledge economy. They are the primary drivers of regional development traditionally established to recruit research & development, and technology companies to locate in strategic areas in order to build a cluster of high technology companies. Technological based research communities exhibit a strong ability to attract and retain talent, which in turn, will permit Hawaii to create a critical mass that can yield high economic opportunities for Hawaii and our global community. These initiatives promise to further upsurge our homegrown business startups, retention and expansion with a focus on providing commercialization and business development support in addition to space for talent retention and innovation infrastructure. These communities are emerging as strong sources of entrepreneurship, talent and economic competitiveness.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Ken K. Hayashida

Ken K. Hayashida
Principal



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Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

Written Statement of
Kenneth Huang
Lead Organizer
Startup Weekend Honolulu

In Consideration of
HB 1700 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee,

Startup Weekend Honolulu respectfully submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of the request by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for \$3 million Capital Improvement Project (**CIP**) for **HTDC's Entrepreneurs Sandbox**

Startup Weekend is a global startup event bringing together communities of entrepreneurs, investors, students, and curious individuals into one space. Global events like ours are made possible locally by generous sponsorship and support by private and public individuals and organizations.

The Sandbox is a community innovation center for all ages that provides community collaboration spaces and resources to encourage innovation and formation of new technology companies. The project is over 60% funded by federal and private sources providing good value for the State.

There are few statewide resources available for entrepreneurs looking to extend their ideas beyond the classroom. The Sandbox provides an easy entry point for innovators looking to collaborate, ideate, and rapid prototype new ideas. We support the project as part of HTDC's 80/80 initiative, creating 80,000 tech and innovation jobs earning \$80,000 or more by 2030.

As an integral part of developing the next generation of aspiring entrepreneurs for an innovation economy, Startup Weekend Honolulu is committed to working with HTDC and we fully agree on the relevance and importance of this CIP request.

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

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Testimony to the House Committee on Finance

Hearing Date: March 9, 2016

11:00 a.m. – Conference Room 308

HB 1700, Relating to the State Budget

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of Bishop Museum in support of HB 1700, relating to the state budget

Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in honor of his late wife, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the last descendent of the royal Kamehameha family. The Museum was established to house the extensive collection of Hawaiian artifacts and royal family heirlooms of the Princess, and has expanded to include millions of artifacts, documents and photographs about Hawai'i and other Pacific island cultures.

Bishop Museum is designated by state statute as the State Museum of Cultural and Natural History. As "The Museum of Hawai'i," Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum's mission is to be a gathering place and educational center that actively engages people in the presentation, exploration and preservation of Hawai'i's cultural heritage and natural history, as well as its ancestral cultures throughout the Pacific. Bishop Museum is recognized throughout the world for its cultural collections, research projects, consulting services and public educational programs. It also has one of the largest natural history specimen collections in the world. Serving and representing the interests of Native Hawaiians is a primary purpose of the Museum. We mahalo the legislature for its continued support for the Museum which is essential to ensure that it will continue to serve the people of the state of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment in support of HB 1700.

Hawai'i Green Growth is a public-private partnership that coordinates across government, non-governmental and cultural organizations, business, academia and philanthropy to achieve Hawai'i's Aloha+ Challenge 2030 sustainability goals.

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Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth In Support of HB1700 Relating to the State Budget House Committee on Finance 9 March 2016, 11:00am, Room 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports three critical budget items in HB1700 that will significantly advance action on the Aloha+ Challenge – a joint leadership commitment to six sustainability 2030 goals unanimously endorsed by the State Legislature (SCR 69) and signed by Hawai'i's Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs:

- 1. The Hawai'i State Sustainability Coordinator position** (currently in DBEDT's budget) is an essential statewide position to coordinate policy and action across state departments and work in partnership with the counties, federal agencies and multi-sector partners to achieve the *Aloha+ Challenge* goals. The State Sustainability Coordinator position is the Legislature's liaison on the state's sustainability investments, and adds immense value to the State of Hawai'i by serving as the state point of contact and ensuring effective leadership on sustainability and the *Aloha+ Challenge*. We strongly encourage the Legislature to continue funding for the State Sustainability Coordinator position to ensure this legacy of leadership and critical investments have the state continuity and capacity to be successful.
- 2. Funding to DLNR for watershed protection and management** is essential to protecting Hawai'i's unique environment, improving the quality of life for residents and visitors, and maintaining important revenue streams in Hawai'i's economy. We strongly support the Governor's \$2 million request for wildfire prevention, public access, and endangered species protection, \$5.143 million for Watershed Initiative Capital Improvement Projects to protect 5,600 acres statewide. Watershed protection significantly increases fresh water availability, which is especially urgent in the face of climate change and projected long-term decline in rainfall. As the host of the upcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress in September 2016, this legislative session is an important opportunity for Hawai'i to showcase leadership on conservation, sustainability and resilience.
- 3. Re-establish and appropriate funding to the DOH Vector Control Branch** to mitigate the spread of disease from animals, rodents and insects, including mosquitoes. The outbreak of Dengue on Hawai'i Island and increased threats from Zika and other mosquito vector diseases have highlighted the critical need to re-establish the vector control branch. In 2009, the Department of Health faced drastic personnel reductions; it is imperative to restore the state's capacity to adequately respond to current and new threats. HGG supports the request for 36.0 FTE and \$2.6 in General Funds to revitalize vector control services statewide.

As a public-private partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth agreed these are top priority investments for Hawai'i's people, environment and economy.

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Ben Dyre Family Limited Partnership

Relating to the State Budget

House Committee on Finance

Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00 AM, Room 308

To Whom It May Concern:

The Kaua'i Watershed Alliance strongly supports *HB 1700*- particularly the proposed general funds in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' 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. Specifically the \$2m additional for Aloha+ requests \$800k for wildfire, \$450k Na Ala Hele, \$150k Kure wildlife sanctuary, \$150k Kawainui wildlife sanctuary, and \$450k for endangered species; \$4,143,000 in addition to the \$1 million that was appropriated in last's year budget (total of \$5,143,000) for the Watershed Initiative CIP funding, Statewide and the \$1.7m ceiling increase for Legacy Land Conservation Program.

The Kaua'i Watershed Alliance (KWA) has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Kaua'i since 2003. It members which include DLNR (DOFAW and Land Management Div.) 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.

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. Please help continue this work through dedicated funding!

Thanks so much for the opportunity to voice our support for this bill.

Sincerely,



Holly Dyre
General Partner
Ben Dyre Family Limited Partnership

From: Katrina Pasion <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 11:30 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: katrina.pasion@gmail.com <Katrina Pasion>

Message:

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

House Committee on Finance

Re: HB 1700 -- Relating to the State Budget

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 11:00am

Aloha,

Please restore \$6 million to the Preschool Open Doors (POD) program. This safety net helps approximately 1,300 families access to DHS-licensed childcare around the state so parents or guardians are able to work or go to school.

Childcare the second highest expense after housing costs for families in Hawaii. For the median POD family earning \$33,000/year, this equates to an average of \$8,040 to the family budget. If funding is not restored, approximately 1,050 underserved and at-risk children will lose access to preschool because the cost is out-of-reach for low and moderate-income families.

Defunding POD, means that the state will pay a much higher price in the long-run to as more underprepared children enter DOE schools requiring greater intervention and reliance on Special Education and other social services services.

Don't shortchange our most vulnerable keiki! Help to restore \$6 million in funding for Preschool Open Doors program by appropriating funding the state supplemental budget this session.

Sincerely,

Katrina Pasion

Teacher

Mililani

Hawaii

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/8/2016

Testimony for FIN on Mar 9, 2016 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Kanealii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE SUPPORT this bill and fully fund the Department of Hawaiian Homes request of \$28 M. You must follow the law that was put in place in the Constitution of Hawaii. Anything less is a breach of trust. Mahalo

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

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From: gaynel514@gmail.com <Gaynel Buxton>

Message:

Many families across Hawaii cannot afford the average cost of preschool (\$8,040). Children in our communities are not attending preschool, and this affects the future for all of us! Children who are missing out on the first 3 critical early learning years have a more dismal future and rocky road ahead. Good preschool teachers & programs are UNDER funded & UNDERpaid. Let's CHANGE that.

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

House Committee on Finance

Re: HB 1700 -- Relating to the State Budget

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Sincerely,

Gaynel Buxton

Professor CC, Early Childhood ED

Kailua

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Submitted on: 3/8/2016

Testimony for FIN on Mar 9, 2016 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Frank H. Sayre, D.D.S.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In Kona we had to close our Skilled Nursing Facility and lay off 34 full time workers last year to make ends meet. Now we have no beds for those patients about to be discharged and no staff to educate them about their medications and home care. We are now faced with having to fund another negotiated 4% pay raise for all staff and medical insurance for retirees. There is no place left to cut unless it's x-Ray, oncology services, or the operating rooms. We are on the verge of becoming an emergency room only and only those who can afford to fly to Oahu for treatment will receive it.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 1:37 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: uyedas4christ@gmail.com <Miki Uyeda>

Message:

This greatly helped my son attend school and prepare for kindergarten. Please don't cut funding. My other son still needs financial help from this program to attend school.

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

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Honolulu

Hawaii

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Respectfully submitted,

Jera B. Pali
jpali@hawaii.edu

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From: crabbe@hawaiian.net <Curtis And Gail Lynn Crabbe>



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Cc: ecabatu@hhsc.org
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HB1700

Submitted on: 3/8/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elena Cabatu	East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	No

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Craig "Bo" Kahui	Villages of Laiopua	Comments Only	No

Comments: Villages of Laiopua Hawaiian Affairs Committee respectfully request the Finance Committee fully fund the Department of Hawaiian Homes Land and appropriate at minimum \$28M for the following reasons: The court reaffirmed that the sufficient funding level for the DHHL to perform at a level adequate to meet the demands on it is at least \$28 m this year, so a like amount is justified for next year. The constitution mandates that the State provide "sufficient" funding for the DHHL administrative budget, so it does not have to lease out trust lands to generate funds to cover those expenses. The DHHL waiting list has increased every year since 1978, when the mandate was enacted, from 5,700 to over 27,700. There needs to be sufficient funding for the DHHL to operate beyond the subpar level at which it finds itself forced to operate without resources to do everything it needs to do to truly help native Hawaiians acquire homesteads at a pace much greater than now. Native Hawaiians should not have to sue to force the state to comply with the funding mandate - it was properly adopted by the delegates and ratified by all voters in 1978. All legislators took an oath of office swearing to "support and defend" the state constitution as that document requires - please live up to that oath. On behalf of Villages of Laiopua (Homestead) Association, we respectfully seek your kokua in this matter. Mahalo Nui Bo Kahui Hawaiian Affairs Committee Villages of Laiopua Association

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Roger Kanealii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pass this bill and provide the financial support needed.

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To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: jandkaloha@aol.com <Kate Wescott >

Message:

I have one grandson who has been a beneficiary of the open doors program! I have another who is soon to be two and we were counting on this program to get him k-ready! Mom is single and works for a family oriented non profit, supporting a family of 3 on \$42,000 (gross) in Hawaii is a challenge! Please consider the long term consequences of NOT finding this program!

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Sincerely,

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Tutu

Honolulu

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From: fodorsusan@gmail.com <Susan Fodor>

Message:

My son in law, Matt Lawrence (Educator of the Year 2014) is a teacher at Waikiki Elementary and a witness to the struggles of students without the benefit of preschool attendance, that few are able to overcome. Our Children Come First; Myth or Promise? A "nay" vote perpetuates the myth and robs the child of a fair and equal footing. How much more consequential can a vote be? Please make history this session with a unanimous vote! Imagine the message that would send! Let's be an example for the rest of the c ountry! We can do it. We must do it!

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Sincerely,

Susan Fodor

Grandma

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: Karen_Fujimoto@homedepot.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 12:41 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Testimony HB1700 SUPPORT - Long Term Care Safety Net



Aloha!

Please help with this bill! My mom has Parkinson's disease, and with everyone having to work one job or more, we are so grateful to have the service of Maluhia Daycare available to us. This is such an important service, especially in Hawaii where our elderly population is growing rapidly, and cost of living so high, elder care is practically unaffordable.

Please help!

Thank you for your time,

~Karen Fujimoto-Yamaguchi

Phone: (808) 539-1268

Store Main Line: (808)521-7355 x471

Fax: (808)539-1216

Address: 421 Alakawa Street, Honolulu, HI 96817

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Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 2:53 PM
To: FINTestimony
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From: ihilanisf@aol.com <Michael Fahey>

Message:

Maintaining and expanding is one of the only ways Hawaii has to provide early learning opportunities to our most vulnerable children and families!

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Sincerely,

Michael Fahey

Senior Community Engagement Specialist

Mililani

Hawaii

From: Lori Komer <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 1:02 PM
To: FINTestimony
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From: lori@leahiswimschool.com <Lori Komer>

Message:

I run Leahi swim school and I notice the children who have not b in school have a much harder time in swim classes. They are behind their counterparts in the pool in behavior and learning readiness. Mahalo for your consideration, Lori Komer CEO Leahi Swim School

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Sincerely,

Lori Komer

CEO Leahi Swim School

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: Lisa Kimura <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 3:43 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: lisak@hmhb-hawaii.org <Lisa Kimura>

Message:

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Lisa Kimura

Honolulu

Hawaii

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Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 3:35 PM
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From: kimiko.may@locationshawaii.com <Kimiko May>

Message:

I have 2 grandsons, 5 years old and 3 years old. The 5 years old boy (pre-kindergarten) is attending the private pre-school. My son wished the State of Hawaii would not have changed the age cut off for Kindergarten. So his son could be in Kindergarten. Due to the age cut off, my son has been carrying financial burden just sending his older son to go pre-kindergarten. Now, my son became a single parent and supporting for 2 sons. He became behind the payment for the school. Here in Hawaii, our living costs are so high. We really need to stand for our children for their future.

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Ewa Beach

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Wayne Takamine	Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members: The Officers of the Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB1700 as it relates to the revitalizing Irwin Park. Mahalo, Wayne Takamine Kaka'ako Makai CPAC Chair O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy House Committee on Finance Wednesday, March 9, 2016 Conference Room 308 11:00 AM House Bill 1700 Relating to the State Budget for Aloha Tower Complex and Irwin Memorial Park Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members: House Bill 1700, relating to the supplemental State Budget for FY 2016- 17, carries a significant message toward respecting, maintaining and caring for Honolulu's unique historic assets and vital green spaces within the Honolulu urban area. The major features of the Honolulu Waterfront historic complex listed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places include Aloha Tower, Irwin Memorial Park, Dillingham Transportation Building, and Piers 10 and 11 - all of which have been preserved to grace the Honolulu Waterfront for more than 90 years. Following the construction of Aloha Tower as a welcoming beacon to ships arriving in Honolulu before air travel, Irwin Memorial Park was designed in 1930 by renowned Honolulu landscape architects as Aloha Tower's landscaped companion and waterfront centerpiece park. Irwin Memorial Park soon became Honolulu's gathering place for lei makers, residents and visitors alike on "Boat Days" at Honolulu Harbor, which celebrated the arrival of visitors from abroad and heralded the global popularity that Hawai'i Nei enjoys today. But during the past several decades this valuable and intended green waterfront centerpiece park has suffered deferred maintenance and vehicular encroachment that has seriously threatened the survival of the vital and historic landscape qualities of this tree-shaded oasis. Intensified remedy long overdue. We now have a State administration motivated to effectuate such remedy; together with a caring lessee, Hawaii Pacific University, and long-standing advocacy organizations that are ready, willing and able to join in a precedent public-private partnership to rectify past neglect, and revitalize and restore this significant Honolulu Waterfront centerpiece landscape between Bishop Street and Front Street across from Aloha Tower and Piers 10 and 11. In order to accomplish this, the committed first step must be taken to repair, replace and upgrade the original irrigation infrastructure, now deteriorating and broken, that must continue to nourish and sustain Irwin Memorial Park's historic landscape. Notably, the August 2015 certified arborist's report describes findings that must be prioritized without further delay. Included in these findings is repair and replacement of the deteriorated 1930's irrigation system to improve the health of the historic trees and reduce risk of loss. Now, as part of the DOT's FY 2016-2017 Capital Improvement goals for the Aloha Tower Complex, TRN 301, #40.03 under Section 5 on page 85 of HB 1700 requests funds for the "design and construction of improvements to address... essential infrastructure issues that impact historic Aloha Tower and the Aloha Tower Marketplace

Complex.” Thus we wholeheartedly encourage the Governor of Hawai’i, the Hawaii State Legislature, the State Department of Transportation and its Harbors Division, and all the interested and affected community advocacy organizations and foundations who have supported and continue to support the restoration of historic Irwin Memorial Park, to all work together to make this happen in 2016 as a continuing legacy to future generations. Thank you for the opportunity to express the above comments and recommendations. Sincerely, Michelle Spalding Matson President, O’ahu Island Parks Conservancy Aloha

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Judy Donovan	Kona Community Hospital, West Hawaii Region, HHSC	Support	No

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From: bootsaloha@hotmail.com <Vicki Davis>

Message:

I personally know many people who have taken advantage of Preschool Open Doors in East Hawaii. Many of them could not afford to send their child to a preschool without this subsidy. This would mean that many children in East Hawaii on the Big Island would not be ready for Kindergarten, and not up to par with the education level to start regular Elementary classes. Please support the Preschool Open Doors program, which is now coordinated through the PATCH offices.

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Referral Specialist

Hilo

Hawaii

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Jo Ann Farnsworth

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: Kathleen Lee <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 11:49 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: klee@pidfoundation.org <Kathleen Lee>

Message:

As a teaching staff team member for Tutu And Me Traveling Preschool here on Molokai, the evidence of early education for our keiki is crucial. Keiki learn the very basic concepts that help them as they grow into school age keiki, but not all families are able to participate in our program because of work or other reasons which prohibits them from participating in our caregiver:keiki school setting. By continuing the Preschool Open Door funding, keiki will receive the opportunity to attend the earliest schooling possible to increase their chance of being prepared for future school years. I humbly ask for your understanding and kokua to ensure that our keiki receive every opportunity in getting quality education, even at the earliest stages.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Lee

Assessment Specialist

Hoolehua

Hawaii

From: Theodore Peck <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 11:46 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: ted.peck@gmail.com <Theodore Peck>

Message:

Our preschool serves a significant number of low income families, who would be forced to pull their children out of preschool as a result of the loss of this funding. These families are living lives with low margins, and such a result would be disastrous for the entire family, likely affecting family costs as well as income, not to mention the loss of educational opportunity for the child. This funding is a small amount that goes a long way for the needy in our community. Please restore the funding.

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Sincerely,

Theodore Peck

CEO, Holu Energy

Aiea

Hawaii

From: wayne matsukawa <waynemm44@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 6:43 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: HB1700 SUPPORT



I ask your support of HB1700.

My mother has been a resident of Leahi for seven or eight years. She has dementia and is wheel-chair bound. Much as I would like to care for her at my home, I am not able to provide the kind of care and support she needs, financially and personally. I spoke to a professional about my guilt about not caring for my mother at my home. She suggested my mother was better off at Leahi for a number of reasons - healthier meals, better professional care, more social interaction. Without Leahi, I don't know what condition my mother, and I, would be in today.

The cost of her care at Leahi is prohibitive. I understand private care facilities cost nearly as much or if not, do not accept people who qualify for Medicaid. I could not afford to pay. I understand also that the need for facilities like Leahi and Maluhia will increase as the boomer generation ages. Many boomers are not financially prepared for retirement. What will happen to them when they need elder care? If what I read is true about the boomer generation, the need for public facilities like Leahi and Maluhia will increase.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

wayne

From: Gavin Thornton <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 8:32 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: gavinkthornton@gmail.com <Gavin Thornton>

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Gavin Thornton

Kailua

Hawaii

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 7:32 AM
To: FINTestimony
Cc: todd@hyperspective.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 9, 2016 11:00AM*

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Submitted on: 3/9/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Robertson	Hyperspective Studios, Inc.	Support	No

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From: Marsha Jones <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 8:13 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: mauigirl1978@yahoo.com <Marsha Jones>

LATE

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Sincerely,

Marsha Jones

Parent Child Educator/ERSE Coordinator

Kihei

Hawaii

From: Louise Thael <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 7:18 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: floralajt@aol.com <Louise Thael>



Message:

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Louise Thael

President TRM and Associates

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

From: Kathi Jones <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 6:43 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: kathi@mfss.org <Kathi Jones>



Message:

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Sincerely,

Kathi Jones

nurse

hawaii

Hawaii

From: Ashley Reyes <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 10:08 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: areyes928@yahoo.com <Ashley Reyes>



Message:

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Sincerely,

Ashley Reyes

Project Administrator

Wahiawa

Hawaii

From: Kristi Kobayashi <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:45 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: kristifk@hawaii.edu <Kristi Kobayashi>

Message:

As a practicum student at an Early Intervention program, I have seen the value of early child education and development. The cost of preschool can not only affect a child's ability to get the education they should get, but also influences whether or not a parent is able to work so that they can care for their child, or how much they must work to cover the cost of preschool. It is important that the Preschool Open Doors program is re-instated.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Kobayashi

Kailua

Hawaii

From: Vanessa Lee Miller <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 9:19 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: piihonua@yahoo.com <Vanessa Lee Miller>

Message:

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Sincerely,

Vanessa Lee Miller

freelance journalist, Hawaiian language activist

Hilo

Hawaii

From: Amie Bird <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 8:18 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: abird808@yahoo.com <Amie Bird>

Message:

Even with 2 parents working good jobs in our household, we still struggle to put 2 children through preschool. I can't imagine the financial burden those families making less than we are to put their children in preschool. The incredible difference preschool has made on my children both socially and developmentally is immeasurable. Please restore the funds to the POD program.

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Amie Bird

Logistics Specialist

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: Kirk Powles <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 8:04 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: kirkpowles@hawaii.rr.com <Kirk Powles>

Message:

My wife and I both have federal jobs and earn about \$90,000 per year together. We have 4 children, 2 of which are now too old for pre-school and the 2 others, we will not be able to afford to send them to pre-school. All politicians preach that they are education oriented, that all children should go to pre-school. Working people like us can not afford pre-school. We have the pressing matter of paying for rent that is \$2500 a month just to have a place big enough for all of us. I doubt you will make pre-school affordable for my 2 youngest children, who will be entering pre-school age this fall semester. Make it happen for my children's children. We elected you, now do as we want.

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Kirk Powles

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Pure Water Division, Nuclear.

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: Lisa Matsukata <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 6:49 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: lmatsukata10@gmail.com <Lisa Matsukata>



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Lisa Matsukata

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: Zina Andrade <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 6:42 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: zina@mfss.org <Zina Andrade>



Message:

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Zina Andrade

Administrative Supervisor

Wailuku

Hawaii

From: Angelina Mercado <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 6:36 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: angelraybpc@gmail.com <Angelina Mercado>



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Sincerely,

Angelina Mercado

Director of Advancement

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: Ave Diaz <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 5:57 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: diaz@mauigateway.com <Ave Diaz>



Message:

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Ave Diaz

Paia

Hawaii

From: Yvonne Mina <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 5:43 PM
To: FINTestimony
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From: yvonnemina@gmail.com <Yvonne Mina>



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Yvonne Mina

Registered Nurse

Honolulu

From: Jacque Yoshizumi <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 5:34 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: maile2710@yahoo.com <Jacque Yoshizumi>



Message:

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Sincerely,

Jacque Yoshizumi

Teacher

Kaneohe

Hawaii

From: Jozette Momoa Smythe <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 5:19 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: jozette@smythe.com <Jozette Momoa Smythe>

Message:

Finances are tight as is for many local families, cutting such important funding as Preschool Open Doors will only add to the struggle and stress. I humbly ask that you support the community and local families by reinstating this much needed funding.

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Haiku

Hawaii

From: Cindy Fujimoto <bricynkel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 7:09 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Testimony HB1700 SUPPORT - Long Term Care Safety Net

LATE

I am in support of Testimony HB1700 SUPPORT - Long Term Care Safety Net.

Maluhia makes a big difference in quality of life for Mother in Law. Especially with the passing of my Father in Law in February.

Unfortunately, everyone in the family works during the days and cannot afford to stay home to care for her.

Aloha
C. Fujimoto

From: Naomi T. Book <naomi.book@hertz.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 5:39 PM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: TESTIMONY HB1700 SUPPORT - LONG TERM CARE SAFETY NET



To House Committee on Finance,

Vanessa Chong wrote an excellent testimony “representing 5000 plus grassroots network of families and supporters who believe in the worth and priority of public hospital safety net, urging you to support funding for long-term care services in HB1700.” I am a parent of a patient at Leahi. Leahi is not only for the old it also serves our 32 year old son who suffered a brain hemorrhage in 2012. After graduating from McKinley High School our son moved to Oregon to continue his education and return home with a college degree from Southern Oregon University. He worked here and there until he was selected for the Pearl Harbor intern program. He worked in shop 38 as a Marine Machinist for three years until his injury. Fortunately Pearl Harbor continued his HMSA insurance but that was not enough for long term care so we applied and received Medicaid. Not many facilities would accept our son and for those that would – was not a good place for a young man (in our opinion). We worried days on end as to where our son would go as we could not bring him home just yet, both my husband and I work fulltime to pay our mortgage and bills and cannot afford to leave our jobs. Leahi was a god send, our worries turned into confidence that our son was in a good place until news of closing and recent cut backs, we are worried again. The cut backs affected our son, he and others no longer receive range of motion which is important to paralyzed patients, we now do this ourselves but other patients with no families can no longer move their arms or legs, which is very sad. That’s just one example, there are more that I would be happy to share given more time. I’m in a hurry to get this to you in hopes I meet the deadline. Please support additional funding for state hospitals – we need it now and even more in the future.

I appreciate all that you do and pray that state hospitals will receive the necessary funding to continue to care for people of Hawaii.

Thank you

Naomi Book

Registered voter – Waipahu Hawaii

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From: Cynthia Shibao <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 8:59 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: holyinnocentspreschool@gmail.com <Cynthia Shibao>

Message:

It is so important that parents have this funding! At this moment, I have about 6 children out of 34 that are receiving this funding. I would actually have more but many families fall between the qualifications (they make just a little too much but not enough so paying for preschool is a struggle). Many parents struggle to put their child(ren) in school or they just don't because they cannot afford to (Especially because they is no Pre-K and many families have to wait another year because their child is a "fall-five year old"). It is so important to have an early education and every family should have the right to be offered this! That's why Preschool Open Doors is so imperative. The State of Hawaii took away Pre-K promising that families would have financial help...Please don't back down on our families again!

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Director

Lahaina

Hawaii

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To: FINTestimony
Cc: dougcole@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Mar 9, 2016 11:00AM
Attachments: 03092016_NSCLT_HB1700.pdf



HB1700

Submitted on: 3/9/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doug Cole	North Shore Community Land Trust	Support	No

Comments:

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Cailee Andres	Individual	Support	No

Comments: James Campbell High School, needs a better learning environment, and I say because I am a student myself.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:12 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: robin@mfss.org <Robin Dickson>

Message:

Please continue to fund the Preschool Open Doors program. The assistance provided by this program is vital to the well-being of many families. Without the financial assistance provided by the program, many families would not be able to afford the cost of preschool on their own. This situation would only cause more problems and difficulties for families in need. Please reconsider!

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Robin Dickson

Data Management Assistant/Administrative

Kula

Hawaii

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Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 9:50 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!



From: mauiecrc@gmail.com <Melanie Padgett>

Message:

Preschool Open Doors has tremendous economic benefits to families and the State. Financial aid for child care is a necessity for most working parents. In order to keep their jobs they need reliable child care which is what preschool provides. Most working families are not earning enough to be able to pay necessary expenses such as rent, utilities, transportation to work, food, etc. AND child care tuition of \$600 - to over \$1000 a month. I believe the cuts in benefits to the Child Care Connection program back in 2010 have contributed hugely to the current crisis in homelessness for Hawaii Families. Daily in my work at the Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center I try to help desperate families figure out how they can pay for child care so they can work while still being able to cover their housing costs so they don't become homeless. We also assist families who have become homeless and need child care assistance in order to try to get back on their feet financially. Preschool Open Doors has been a light at the end of the tunnel for these families because unlike Child Care Connection it has more reasonable income guidelines and benefits than Child Care Connection. If you don't fund Preschool Open Doors at least a minimum of \$6 million, I guarantee that the homeless problem for families with children will grow even larger. If you want to get a handle on Hawaii's homelessness crisis not only do you need to adequately fund Preschool Open Doors, you absolutely need to increase funding for Child Care Connection ASAP so working families can receive enough aid to have a prayer of affording the child care they need to work and pay their bills. Child Care assistance was supposed to be a cornerstone of Welfare Reform - how else can parents of young children be expected to work and make it on the low wages currently paid? Thank You, Melanie Padgett

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Project Specialist

Wailuku

Hawaii

From: Alan Mccray <advocacy@ujoin.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:37 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: waxrash@hotmail.com <Alan Mccray>



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Mahalo for your time,

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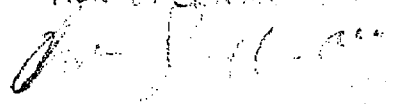
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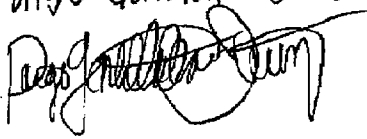
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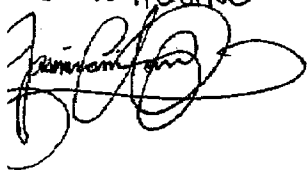
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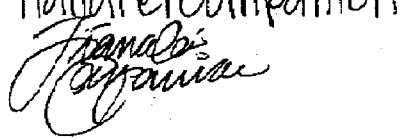
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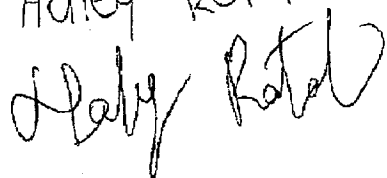
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Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2016 10:41 AM
To: FINTestimony
Subject: Submit Testimony in Support of Preschool Open Doors!

From: clarepili@gmail.com <Clare Pili>



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Honolulu

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