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March 15, 2016

To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the House Committee on Economic Development,  
Environment, and Technology

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
Time: 1:20 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 414, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: H.B. No 2486 HD3 Relating Economic Development**

H.B. 2486 HD3 proposed to amend Chapter 383, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) by adding a new section to provide for a tax credit to be applied against UI contributions by a qualified business which establishes or relocates itself within the Kapolei region. The department opposed the bill as it created issues with Federal Unemployment Compensation law.

Although HD1, HD2, and HD3 addressed the department's objection, by deleting the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Unemployment Tax Credit, the department suggests a technical amendment be made to HD3 to delete the term "Unemployment Tax Credit" in the Report Title.

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To: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
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Date: March 16, 2016  
Time: 1:20 P.M.  
Place: Conference Room 414, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director  
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 2486, H.D. 3, Relating to Economic Development.

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of H.B. 2486, H.D. 3, and offers the following comments regarding Section 3 for your consideration.

H.B. 2486, H.D. 3, creates an income tax credit for businesses that establish themselves in, or relocate to, the Kapolei area and participate in the Enterprise Zone program. The tax credit is subject to an aggregate cap of an unspecified amount. H.B. 2486, H.D. 3, has a defective effective date of February 19, 2030, applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, and is repealed December 31, 2027.

First, the Department notes that the Kapolei job initiative program is created within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT). However, the tax credit certification language beginning at line 10 of page 3 rests with the Department. The Department believes that the certification should be performed by DBEDT, for the purpose of administering the aggregate cap set forth in subsection (c) of Section 3 of this measure. Additionally, having DBEDT administer the certification process will prevent taxpayer confusion regarding the difference between a tax credit certification process and whether the Department accepts the tax credit claim as filed by the taxpayer. Taxpayers often mistakenly believe that a certification of a tax credit means that the Department may not audit and ultimately adjust the tax credit.

Second, the Department notes that subsection (b) is unclear. The Department suggests adopting language similar to that found in section 209E-10, HRS, in order to carry out the bill's intent of creating a nonrefundable tax credit equal to a percentage of income tax owed and unemployment insurance paid that may be carried forward into future tax years. As currently written, the tax credit would be available for unemployment insurance that is accrued, but not paid.

Third, the Department appreciates the inclusion of subsection (c) in H.D.3, which prevents taxpayers who only relocate a portion of their business to Kapolei from claiming the credit on their entire amount of tax owed. However, the Department suggests amending this subsection to also require an allocation with respect to the unemployment insurance paid.

Fourth, the Department notes that while H.B. 2486, H.D. 3, requires the business remain in Kapolei in order to qualify as an eligible business for the credit, there is no penalty for businesses who relocate to Kapolei temporarily, and then leave before the program ends. The Department suggests adding a new subsection with a recapture provision, requiring taxpayers to repay the tax credit if they leave the Kapolei area before the end of the program's duration.

Finally, the Department suggests the effective date be amended. The Department suggests making the tax credit effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2016, but not for tax years beginning after December 31, 2027. The current effective date would provide a shorter period of eligibility for taxpayers whose tax years start on a day other than January 1. For example, a taxpayer with an October 1 start to its taxable year would only be eligible for this credit on tax owed and unemployment insurance paid beginning on October 1, 2017, while a calendar year taxpayer would be eligible beginning January 1, 2017. In 2027, the calendar year taxpayer would be able to claim the credit on all tax owed and unemployment insurance paid during 2027, but the October 1 taxpayer would only be able to claim the credit for tax owe and unemployment insurance paid from October 1, 2027 until December 31, 2027. Effectively, the October 1 taxpayer receives eight fewer months of the tax benefit as an otherwise identically situated taxpayer who files on a calendar year basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII  
*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment,  
& Technology  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 1:20 P.M.  
Conference Room 414, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 2486 HD 3 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

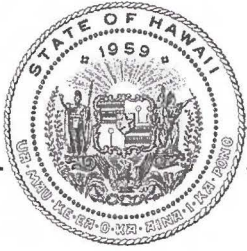
Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports the intent** of HB 2486 HD3, which establishes a Kapolei jobs initiative program that offers tax incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish or relocate themselves in the Kapolei region.

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.

Job growth in Kapolei appears to be lagging behind population growth. The purpose of this new legislation is to increase the number of jobs in Kapolei, reduce traffic congestion, and realize the State's policy of directing growth to Kapolei. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike as households in the Kapolei region continue to grow.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND  
TECHNOLOGY**

Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
1:20pm  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of  
**HB 2486, HD3**  
**RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HB 2486, HD3. This measure, the Kapolei Jobs Initiative, allows companies that are in the Enterprise Zone program and located in 96706, 96707, 96709 zip codes extra tax incentives for additional job creation. The goal is to encourage the development of jobs in Kapolei for Kapolei residents, who will then not need to commute into urban Honolulu.

For the tax credits allowed, the HD3 version of the bill left blank the percentage amounts of the tax imposed or employment insurance accrued or paid from the HD2 version of the bill.

We defer to the Department of Taxation for the fiscal impact of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

# TAX FOUNDATION OF HAWAII

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SUBJECT: INCOME, UNEMPLOYMENT, Kapolei jobs initiative program

BILL NUMBER: HB 2486, HD-3

INTRODUCED BY: House Committee on Finance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Enacts a Kapolei jobs initiative similar to the current Enterprise Zone program under chapter 209E, but layered on top of it. The current bill may result in multiple incentives such as an income tax credit 160% of liability.

BRIEF SUMMARY: Adds a new HRS chapter called Kapolei Jobs Initiative. Defines a “full-time employee” as any employee, including a leased employee and an employee under a joint employment arrangement, for whom the employer is legally required to provide employee fringe benefits. Defines a “qualified business” as a business that: (1) establishes or relocates itself by 12/31/2020 within the designated geographic area (defined as the zip codes 96706, 96707, and 96709); (2) has a minimum net gain of ten full-time employees; (3) is participating in the state enterprise zone program pursuant to chapter 209E; and (4) has an establishment that remains in the designated geographic area for the duration of the program.

Adds a new section in HRS chapter 235 that provides for an income tax credit equal to \_\_\_% of the taxpayer’s net income tax liability (liability attributable to activity in Kapolei) in the year of qualification, and a credit of \_\_\_% less for each of the subsequent ten years for any income tax due. Provides for an additional credit equal to 80% of the taxpayer’s unemployment insurance contributions (attributable to activity in Kapolei) in the year of qualification, and a credit of \_\_\_% less for each of the subsequent ten years. Provides that the credit is not refundable, but may be carried forward a maximum of ten consecutive years. Establishes an aggregate maximum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year that may be used by all eligible taxpayers. States that all credit claims, including amended claims, shall be filed on or before the end of the twelfth month following the close of the taxable year for which the tax credit may be claimed. Failure to do so constitutes a waiver of the right to claim the tax credit.

In the case of a partnership, S corporation, estate, or trust, the tax credit allowable is for the qualified costs incurred by the entity for the taxable year. The cost upon which the tax credit is computed shall be determined at the entity level. Distribution and share of the tax credit shall be determined pursuant to section 704(b) (with respect to partner's distributive share) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Provides that the director of taxation shall prepare any forms that may be necessary to claim a credit under this section, may require the taxpayer to furnish information to ascertain the validity of the claim for the tax credit made, and may adopt rules under chapter 91.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective on Feb. 19, 2030; shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016; and shall be repealed on June 30, 2027.

STAFF COMMENTS: The enterprise zone program in chapter 209E, HRS, was enacted as a cooperative program between the state and the counties to promote jobs in areas of high unemployment. Certain areas are designated as enterprise zones through joint action of the state and counties. In a zone, the state offers an income tax credit for the tax attributable to the eligible business conducted in the zone, which is normally applied on a sliding scale – 80% for the first year, 70% for the second, and so on until the credit is 20% for the seventh and last year in the program. It also offers an unemployment tax credit for the tax attributable to employees doing the eligible business in the zone, on the same sliding scale. Finally, the state offers a general excise tax exemption for the eligible business attributed to the zone. The counties also offer incentives, which vary by county. In return, the business commits to either maintain or increase the number of employees in the zone doing the eligible activity, depending on whether it was already in the zone upon designation or moved to the zone.

As business incentives go, the enterprise zone program is better than most. The incentive applies to a specific activity (here, creating and maintaining employment) targeted to the problem the program seeks to address. The incentive tapers off over time and then stops. It requires accountability, namely required reports to DBEDT, for a business to retain its eligibility. The business itself may need a different kind of assistance, such as financing, but the state is focusing on creating and maintaining jobs in areas that need them.

The program established by this bill is apparently layered on top of the enterprise zone program, as one of the requirements to qualify for this program is concurrent participation in the enterprise zone program. As such, it would appear to defeat the purpose of the bill's proponents that this program be easier to qualify for. In addition, the combined incentives provided by this program and the enterprise zone program may be quite substantial (possibly 80% of net income tax liability under the enterprise zone program plus another \_\_% under the program in this bill).



March 11, 2016

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Environment, and Technology

**Strong support of HB 2486, HD3 - Relating to Economic Development.  
(Establishes a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program that offers tax incentives to  
increase the number of businesses willing to establish or relocate  
themselves in the Kapolei region.)**

**EET Hearing: Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 1:20 p.m., Conf. Room 414**

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 HB 2486, HD3.**

**HB 2486, HD3.** This bill proposes to establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program that offers tax incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish or relocate themselves in the Kapolei region and tax incentives for existing Kapolei businesses that add ten or more employees.

**LURF's Position.** HB 2486, HD3 is necessary, because Kapolei has been designated as Oahu's "Second City," however, jobs in the area have not kept pace with the increase in population. LURF understands that, unfortunately, the State's enterprise zone program includes requirements and restrictions on the types of qualified businesses, which are believed to have limited the participation in the Leeward enterprise zone. The "Kapolei Jobs Initiative" proposed by this bill will be a win-win for the State and the Kapolei area, and will contribute to building communities that can live, work and play in the same neighborhoods.

For the above reasons, LURF **strongly supports HB 2486, HD3** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.



The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair

The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair

and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members:

RE: HB2486 HD2 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region

On behalf of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of HB2486 HD2 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region.

I would like to offer the following comment for consideration:

HB2486 HD2 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program.

It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei.

Sincerely,

Joann Kealiinohomoku

Kapolei Chamber of Commerce

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March 14, 2016

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
and members  
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology  
Hawai'i State Legislature  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Support for HB2486 HD3, Relating to Economic Development**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

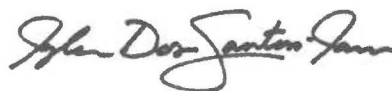
We **support HB2486 HD3, relating to economic development**. The bill would establish a Kapolei jobs initiative program that offers tax incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish or relocate themselves in the Kapolei region.

One key to successfully realizing "smart growth" on Oahu is to encourage more businesses to establish themselves in West Oahu, where the vast majority of the residential growth has occurred on this island in recent years. Businesses that establish themselves in or relocate to West Oahu will be able to avail themselves of the area's large customer base. Once the rail is operational, businesses in TOD areas will attract customers from many other areas of the island as well.

We note that many of our members live in West Oahu (specifically zip codes 96706, 96707, and 96709) and have family members, friends, and neighbors who own, operate, or are employed by small businesses in the area. We expect that they will enjoy the opportunities that the "Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program" will bring.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Mahalo,



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The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
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Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members:

RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region

On behalf of myself and my family I am writing in **support** of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth.

It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike.

I would like to offer the following comment for consideration:

HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program.

I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Curran



KAPOLEI

March 14, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 414  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

Testimony in Support of  
HB 2486, HD3 – Relating to Economic Development

The James Campbell Company LLC **supports** HB 2486, HD3. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs in the Kapolei region by creating incentives for businesses to be formed or relocate to Kapolei.

The Kapolei Jobs Initiative within the Kapolei Region geographic area will help realize the State's longstanding policy to redirect growth to the secondary urban center, create jobs in the Kapolei region and reduce traffic congestion island-wide. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's and Oahu's population growth. HB 2486, HD3 states that a business qualifying for the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be a participant in the State Enterprise Zone Program. This provision negates the intent of the Initiative.

The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants and other necessary, but burdensome facilities that serve all of Oahu. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion because job growth is still maturing after only 25 years since Kapolei's groundbreaking. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Kelly  
Vice President, Development

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March 14, 2016

Aloha Representatives:

I am in support of HB2486 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. Creating more jobs in the Kapolei Region is needed in order to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth and will help reduce traffic congestion caused by the amount of people driving into downtown Honolulu for work every day. This will give those living on the west side the opportunity to work closer to home and improve their quality of life.

Please help Kapolei to become what it was slated to and that is the job center to help those living on the west side to not contribute to that horrendous traffic on a daily basis by working closer to home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Malama pono,

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The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and  
Technology  
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March 14, 2016

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members:

RE: HB2486 HD2 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region

On behalf of myself, I am writing in support of HB2486 HD2 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish them or relocate to the Kapolei region.

I would like to offer the following comment for consideration:

HB2486 HD2 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program. It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei.

Yours Sincerely,



John Donaldson-Selby

Testimony of  
Pacific Resource Partnership

State of Hawaii  
Senate  
Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

HB 2486, HD3 – Economic Development  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
1:20 P.M.  
State Capitol – Room 414

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and members of the Committee:

We support HB2486, HD3, which will establish a Kapolei jobs initiative program that offers tax incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish or relocate themselves in the Kapolei region. This proposed measure will promote and redirect growth to the “second city”, reducing traffic congestion by creating jobs in the Kapolei region.

Currently, the job growth in Kapolei is not keeping up to pace with its population growth. The projected population growth in the Kapolei region is expected to grow to 170,000 in the next 20 years and thus, this job initiative will alleviate some of the traffic congestion coming from the Kapolei Region and the surrounding areas. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative program will improve the quality-of-life for the community as well as for the thousands who sit in traffic every day.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we respectfully ask for your support on HB 2486, HD3.

About PRP

*Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii’s top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life for all residents.*





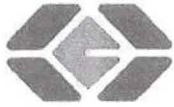
**RE: HB2486 – RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region**

Testimony of Robert K. Kekuna, Jr. robert.kekuna@gmail.com

As a Kapolei resident who conducts business in the Kapolei area, I am writing in **SUPPORT** of **HB2486, HD3** which establishes a **Kapolei Jobs Initiative** to increase the number of jobs in the Kapolei area through incentives to create or relocate businesses to the region. This initiative will support the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second, leeward urban core. More business activity in the Kapolei region means the creation of more jobs for residents of the leeward side. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. This bill would also alleviate traffic congestion during rush hours as presently many leeward residents must commute to jobs in downtown Honolulu and Waikiki. Another advantage of increased job production in Kapolei is to encourage "reverse commuting" for residents from other parts of Oahu. Additional Kapolei jobs would also provide increased "reverse" ridership of The Rail and thus lead to increased passenger loads on leeward-bound trips. Additional jobs in the Kapolei region will result in a better quality-of-life for many citizens. This initiative will help build a more vibrant community. I ask the Committee to support this vital legislation to help create the Second City that many citizens have envisioned and anticipated for many years.

THE GENTRY COMPANIES



March 15, 2016

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Environment and Technology  
State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 216  
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF H.B. 2486, H.D. 3  
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mark Gentry and I am testifying on behalf of Gentry Investment Properties in strong support of the intent of H.B. 2486, H.D. 3, Relating to Economic Development. The purpose of this measure is to stimulate economic development and job growth in the Kapolei region by establishing the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program. This program would offer a tax credit to qualified businesses that are established within the designated geographic area. We believe that the bill will help to provide an incentive for new businesses to be established within the Kapolei region, thereby enabling more people to work where they live. This would not only help to alleviate some of the traffic congestion resulting from West Oahu residents who must commute to their jobs in town, but would also significantly improve the quality of life for these residents.

I would like to suggest the current form of the bill be amended by deleting the requirement that a "qualified business" be a participant in the State Enterprise Zone program pursuant to Chapter 209E, HRS. This requirement would be contrary to the intent of the bill which is to facilitate and encourage the creation of more jobs in the Kapolei region without the constraints currently set forth under the State EZ program.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this measure with the suggested amendment.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology

**RE: HB 2486 HD3 – Relating to Economic Development - IN STRONG SUPPORT  
Conference Room 414; 1:20 PM**

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2486 HD3 which establishes a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program that offers tax incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish or relocate themselves in the Kapolei region.

Creating more jobs in the Kapolei Region is needed in order to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth and will help reduce traffic caused by the amount of people driving into downtown Honolulu for work every day. This will give those living on the west side the opportunity to work closer to home and improve their quality of life.

We ask for your favorable consideration of this measure.

Thomas Lee  
Vice President  
Hunt Companies, Hawaii Division

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members:

SUPPORT: HB2486 HD3 Establishing a Kapolei jobs initiative program

State policy is to direct growth to Kapolei. Population is on the increase in Kapolei but job growth is lagging. Everyone spends hours daily on the roadway going to jobs in downtown Honolulu.

The intent of this bill is to increase the number of jobs in Kapolei. It offers a cost-effective way to reduce traffic congestion which in turn would increase quality-of-life to households in an area burdened with a landfill, power plants and industrial facilities no other community wants.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in Support of HB2486 HD3.

Shirley Swinney



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**TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET  
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HAWAII STATE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-EIGHT LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT,  
AND TECHNOLOGY  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
TIME: 1:20 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 414  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2486 HD3, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, COMMITTEE CHAIR, SAM SLOM, COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR; AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill No. 2486 HD3, which establishes the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program. Hawaii LECET supports the intent of this bill, which would offer incentives as a means to increase the number of businesses willing to establish and relocate to the Kapolei region. Kapolei has been designated as Oahu's "Second City," however, jobs in the area have not kept pace with the increase in population.

Hawaii LECET believes that the idea of a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program is a good starting point to increase the number of businesses in Kapolei and fulfill its designation as Oahu's "Second City". The presence of UH West Oahu, the construction of the Kamakana Ali'i Shopping Center, construction of DHHL housing and the potential for more businesses, will transform Kapolei into a mixed-use district with commercial, industrial, retail, education, government and housing, to become a true "live, work, play" community. With the construction of the Honolulu Rail and the increase of jobs in the area, quality of life for many people will improve. For these reasons, Hawaii LECET **supports the intent of HB 2486 HD3.**



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Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members:

**RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:  
Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of businesses  
willing to establish or relocate themselves to the Kapolei region**

Avalon Group supports the intent of HB2486 HD3 to increase the number of jobs in the Kapolei region, re-direct the flow of traffic and provide relief to the long-suffering residents of West Oahu. We respectfully ask that the committee consider amending the definition of a qualified business to remove the requirement that the business be an enterprise zone participant because we believe it defeats the intent of the bill.

When you consider the high costs of building highways and mass transit, we believe this bill offers a very cost-effective solution to address the traffic congestion that really affects everyone who has to go into Honolulu to work—whether they live in Leeward, Central, Windward or East Oahu. The jobs that will be created by this bill will act as a catalyst for more businesses and more jobs to be created in West Oahu so that we can take more cars off the road and alleviate congestion even in downtown Honolulu.

This is really an issue of equity. If those of us who live outside of Kapolei expect Kapolei to absorb the growth we cannot accommodate in our towns, take the landfill we do not want in our towns, take the power plants we do not want but need, and take the industrial facilities we do not want in our backyards—then we should help them mitigate the negative results of the policy to direct growth to Kapolei.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

THERESIA C. MCMURDO  
Vice President

March 15, 2016

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and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology  
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Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members:

**RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. *I reside in Makaha and traveled 80 miles roundtrip to work. I would need to leave home by 7am to be at work on time at 9am in Palolo. I don't reach home until 7pm (that's 12 hours) and not enough time to spend with my family. Sometimes I would stay in Kapolei just to wait until the traffic is cleared. Fortunately, I am now working in East Kapolei because of a housing position opened in the Leeward/Kapolei region making my commute much easier.* This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth.

It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike.

I would like to offer the following comment for consideration:

HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program.

I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei.

Respectfully,

***Signed Bernadette M. Luning***  
Bernadette "Berny" M. Luning  
Administrative Specialist  
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Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology  
Hawai'i State Legislature Honolulu,  
Hawai'i 96813

**RE: Support for HB2486 HD3, Relating to Economic Development**

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and members:

The Masons Union Local #1 HI, IUBAC represents over a 1,000 members in the trade of blocksetters, stonemasons, pointer caulker, ceramic tile and marble tile setters.

We support HB2486 HD3, relating to economic development. The bill would establish a Kapolei job initiative program that offers tax incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish or relocate themselves in the Kapolei region.

One key to successfully realizing "smart growth" on Oahu is to encourage more businesses to establish themselves in West Oahu, where the vast majority of the residential growth has occurred on this island in recent years. Businesses that establish themselves in or relocate to West Oahu will be able to avail themselves of the area's large customer base. Once the rail is operational, businesses in TOD areas will attract customers from many other areas of the island as well.

We note that many of our members live in West Oahu (specifically zip codes 96706, 96707, and 96709) and have family members, friends, and neighbors who own, operate, or are employed by small businesses in the area. We expect that they will enjoy the opportunities that the "Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program" will bring.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Todd Saito

Business Representative

Local #1 HI, IUBAC



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Golojuch	Palehua Townhouse Association	Support	No

Comments: We strongly support the passage of HB2486 to enhance the quality of life of those living in Kapolei.

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Ruston Utu	Individual	Support	No

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eva jene c asuncion	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Pat Larsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident of the area and work as a realtor in the Kapolei area. On a weekly basis I meet young families that would like to live in Kapolei in the new more reasonably priced housing but it they cannot find a job in the area the current highway commute takes too long and is too dangerous for them to consider the Second City of Kapolei. I strongly support the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Bill to encourage employers to move to Kapolei and truly enable the vision of a second city as was planned long ago. Jobs are the engine that runs a city. Respectfully, Mary Pat Larsen

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arlene Estrella	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members: RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I would like to offer the following comment for consideration: HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei. Sincerely, Arlene Estrella

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
rodney boucher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Comments: On behalf of myself, Rodney Boucher, I Strongly SUPPORT of HB2486. Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative is a responsible and reasonable initiative to support. This initiative will realize Hawaii's goal of supporting growth to the Kapolei region. Creating jobs and reducing traffic congestion are two of the major benefits provided by this bill. Mahalo for your time and efforts. Respectfully submitted, Rodney Boucher Ewa Beach, Leeward Oahu Resident

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don Aweau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: In full support of HB2486 HD3. This bill will establish incentives for a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region and provide more employment opportunities for West O'ahu residents. Residents of West Oahu, like myself, endure hours of traffic congestion caused by residents who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are sorely needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. I urge the Committee to pass this legislation for an economic engine that'll provide for future of our island and West O'ahu. Mahalo nui loa.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lolita takeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members: I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I would like to offer the following comment for consideration: HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei. Mahalo for your time & service.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patti Cristobal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support this bill as I am a Kapolei resident that commutes to downtown Honolulu for work everyday. Back in the year 2000, the one-way commute into town took about 30 minutes. Today, the one-way commute take a minimum of 1 hour and that is without any traffic infractions. Everything affects traffic, the gas prices being low, the Bus strike, etc. Creating jobs in the Kapolei region will help alleviate traffic and provide the Kapolei residents with a better quality-of-life. I respectfully ask that you consider supporting this bill that will bring more job opportunities to the Kapolei region. Mahalo!

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Kevin Rathbun	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support passage of HB2486.

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Alyssa Wailehua	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members: RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I would like to offer the following comment for consideration: HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei. Sincerely, Alyssa Wailehua

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Bruce Ito	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members: RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I would like to offer the following comment for consideration: HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei. Sincerely, Bruce Ito Warehouse Manager

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
June Freunds Schuh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. This bill will create jobs and help people to live a life without spending 3-4 hours on the road just so they can earn a living, This bill is positive initiative that will enhance long over due job growth in Kapolei. Please Vote yes!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Ann Chan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members: RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I would like to offer the following comment for consideration: HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei. Sincerely, Laurie Ann Chan

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Hullerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members: RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei is needed. I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. I am a single mom living on the Waianae side, having difficulty finding a good job on the Leeward side. Work location is in high demand to avoid traffic. Please offer incentives for more businesses to establish themselves here. Mahalo, Susan Hullerman

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tesha Malama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote in favor of HB2486. This tool will help to expedite the realization of the NEW city of Kapolei and the surrounding communities.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jodie Hasche	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members: RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region On behalf of CHUCK E. CHEESE'S HAWAII, I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. I would like to offer the following comment for consideration: HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei. Sincerely, Jodie Hasche Chuck E. Cheese General Manager/Owner

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Phillip Keipper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair The Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Environment and Technology Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Committee Members: RE: HB2486 HD3 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Establishing a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to Increase the number of Jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region I am a Salt Lake resident and rely on the growth of Kapolei for my livelihood. We in our building and others in Salt Lake are looking for your leadership and fairness in this matter and will be looking at the decisions you make. I am writing in support of HB2486 HD3 with comment. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative to increase the number of jobs for businesses to establish themselves or relocate to the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative established with its own geographic area in the Kapolei Region will realize the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. It is a matter of equity. The Kapolei Region carries the burdens of a landfill, industrial facilities and power generation plants in their backyard, all burdens other areas are not eager to have. Residents of West Oahu endure hours of traffic congestion caused by the number of people who still have to commute to downtown Honolulu for work every day. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I would like to offer the following comment for consideration: HB2486 HD3 states that a qualified business of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative must be participating in the State Enterprise Zone Program. If a qualified business must be participating in the Enterprise Zone, the intent of the Initiative to be designated in the Kapolei Region to accomplish this objective would be negated. Kapolei Jobs Initiative participants should not be participating in the Statewide Enterprise Zone Program. I respectfully ask you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many and will mitigate the negative results of the policy growth to Kapolei. Sincerely, Phillip Keipper Salt Lake Taxpayer

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Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Honorable Sam Slom, Vice Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Economic  
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Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI

RE: **In Support of HB 2486 HD3 - Relating to Economic Development:  
Increasing the numbers of jobs for businesses to establish themselves  
or relocate to the Kapolei region**

Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee,

John R. Monis, representing the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF), a labor management fund representing 300 general contractors in the heavy civil engineering and 4000 members in the construction industry.

HOEISF supports the intent of House Bill 2486 HD3 to increase the number of jobs and businesses to establish themselves and relocate to the second city of Kapolei. This will fall in line with the mission of establishing a true second city of Kapolei by providing all the benefits.

Thank you for your support in allowing this to happen.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John R. Monis in cursive script.

JOHN R. MONIS  
Executive Director  
Hawaii Operating Engineers  
Industry Stabilization Fund