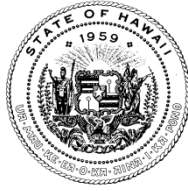


SB 1233

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEDERAL
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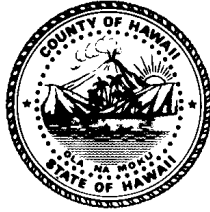
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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** S.B.1233, which provides general funds for the planning, design, and construction of a new federal inspection station at Kona International Airport at Keahole, on the island of Hawaii.

This building will replace a structure that no longer meets U.S. Customs and Border Protection technical standards, and will provide the state with a second international port of entry. Another port of entry will significantly increase the state's ability to respond to growth in international arrivals.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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February 10, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chairman,
and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation
415 South Beretania Street
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: SB 1233 Making an appropriation for a federal inspection station at the Kona International Airport

Aloha, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair, Senator Breene Harimoto, and distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB1233, which would appropriate money for the construction of a federal inspection facility at the Kona International Airport. This critically needed infrastructure affects our local economy and thousands of families that depend on a healthy and vibrant hospitality industry.

We have been without direct international arrivals since Japan Airlines ended service on Oct. 29, 2010, from Narita International Airport, after 14 years of flying to Kona. Those direct flights from Japan were screened and processed for years at a temporary facility in Kona. International arrivals in Kona helped create jobs and spurred economic development. That ended when U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) declared the facility non-compliant.

We continue to work with the state Department of Transportation, businesses and community organizations to encourage U.S. Customs & Border Protection to reopen the inspection facility. We support Hawaiian Airlines Inc.'s application to provide direct service between Kona and Haneda International Airport in Tokyo.

Direct international flights to Kona will make it easier for visitors who want to spend most of their time on Hawaii Island. Kona would also be a welcome secondary international point of entry during the busy travel seasons when Honolulu International Airport gets congested.

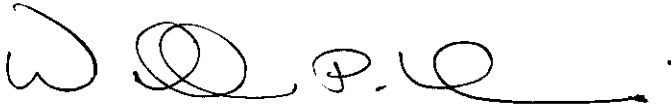
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Thank you for your continued investments in infrastructure improvements at the Kona International Airport.

The construction of a compliant inspection facility is critical to the resumption of international arrivals in Kona. When it is time to build, we pledge our support to expedite the review and permitting process as needed to complete the improvements in a timely manner.

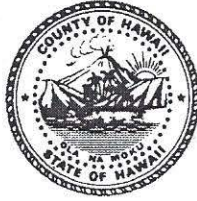
Mahalo for your support and your commitment to the people of Hawai'i Island.

Aloha,

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February 9, 2015

The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation

Dear Chair Nishihara and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 1233, which appropriates funds for a federal inspection station at Kona International Airport.

The design of Kona's airport does not meet United States Customs and Border Patrol airport technical design standards for passenger processing facilities, which resulted in the termination of international commercial arrivals since 2010.

Further, the approval of funding will also address the issue of having only one international entry point at Honolulu International Airport (HIA). This will help relieve the congestion of international flights at Honolulu and will also provide a second international entry way in the event something goes wrong at HIA.

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

Sincerely,

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

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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THE SENATE

Committee on Transportation

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Tuesday, February 10, 2015; 2:45 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 1233
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEDERAL INSPECTION STATION AT
KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 1233, which appropriates monies for a federal inspection station at Kona International Airport.

A federal inspection station (for customs and agriculture) would greatly enhance the ability of the Kona International Airport to serve international visitors and encourage them to visit the west side of Hawaii Island where the resorts are located. Hawaii Island can offer international visitors with a unique experience, but many choose not to fly directly into Kona because of the inconvenience. A new federal inspection station should speed up the process for visitors and provide opportunities for good federal jobs for residents.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 1233. Thank you for considering our testimony.



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The Hawaii Tourism Authority strongly supports S.B. No. 1233, which appropriates general fund revenues for a federal inspection station at Kona International Airport.

A goal of HTA's Tourism Strategic Plan is the maintenance and improvement of transportation access, infrastructure and services to facilitate travel to, from and within Hawaii. An important part of this goal is the provision of a second international entry port to Hawaii. To do this, however, requires the construction of a federal inspection station at the Kona International Airport.

The construction of this facility will facilitate HTA's efforts to encourage air carriers to bring international flights into Kona.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments.



Ann Botticelli
SVP-Corporate
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TESTIMONY OF ANN BOTTICELLI ON BEHALF OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES

RE: S.B. 1233 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEDERAL INSPECTION STATION
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Senate Committee on Transportation

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Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation.

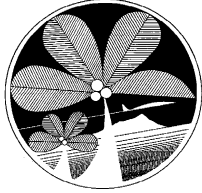
Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 1233, which would provide funding for the construction of a Federal Inspection Facility (FIS) to accommodate international passengers disembarking in Kona. The construction of this facility is critically important if Kona is to fully capitalize on its strong brand as a visitor destination, particularly among Japanese visitors.

As you are aware, Hawaiian Airlines recently submitted an application to U.S. DOT seeking the right to provide daily service to Kona from Haneda International Airport in Tokyo. Our experience in providing daily service between Haneda and Honolulu makes us confident this would be a winning route. The Hawai'i Tourism Authority estimates that this flight alone would generate 531,721 visitor days and \$146 million in visitor expenditures. We calculate that daily service between Haneda and Kona will attract 39,000 additional visitors to Kona, improving hotel occupancy rates that have lagged the rest of the state for several years now. We believe our daily flights to Kona would result in 1,151 new jobs and \$65 million in new direct spending. The vast majority of these economic benefits will be realized here in the State of Hawai'i.

This FIS facility is key to the growth of tourism in Kona. We urge your support of this bill.

Ann Botticelli

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Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Committee:

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii* (ACH), which is made up of 20 signatory air carriers that underwrite the State of Hawaii Airports System appreciates the opportunity to offer comments related to SB1233.

The ACH endorses and applauds this innovative approach to funding facilities for federal governmental agencies that will benefit the State of Hawaii and its visitors and residents traveling abroad. While the capital costs comprise the majority of the incremental expenses associated with the construction of the facility, there are also ongoing operating and maintenance costs that must be addressed.

In addition, due to the potential impacts to signatory airline rates and charges, further discussions between the signatory airlines and the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) will be required. The ACH is prepared to work collaboratively with the HDOT to mitigate these issues and seek support from our membership on this important legislation.

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

Sincerely,

Blaine Miyasato
ACH Co-chair

Matthew Shelby
ACH Co-chair

**ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Aloha Air Cargo, American Airlines, China Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, Hawaiian Airlines, Island Air, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, US Airways, and Westjet.*

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Springer Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In anticipation of the new direct international flight to Kona, and new pathways for harmful species to reach our island, I am encouraged to see this proactive measure to improve biosecurity capacity. I support the appropriation for a federal inspection station to intercept accidental or intentional introductions of new invasive pests. Mahalo, Springer Kaye

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