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**S.B. 3072, S.D. 2**  
**RELATING TO AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

House Committee(s) on Transportation & Water and Land

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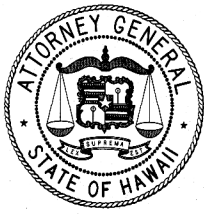
The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** this bill which outlines 10 important statewide objectives that clarifies and strengthens the attributes of a Hawaii Airport Authority.

The DOT believes a Hawaii Airport Authority would benefit the State of Hawaii with one jurisdiction having overall authority to efficiently manage and allocate statewide resources, as appropriate, to improve the airport facilities and operations. As such the DOT offers an amendment to Section 2 of this bill to read:

The authority shall be established and shall operate as a subdivision of the State, and administratively attached to the department of transportation, for the purpose of developing and implementing management structures, policies, and procedures based on airport industry best practices, and expressly configured to support the efficient development, management, and operation of the State's airports and aeronautical facilities.

Hawaii's airports operate as an enterprise and is self-sustaining. In addition, the Hawaii airport authority shall reimburse the appropriate State agencies for all central services rendered.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 3072, S.D. 2, RELATING TO AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND ON WATER AND LAND

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 309

**TESTIFIER(S):** Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or  
Michael Q.Y. Lau, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Aquino, Chair Yamane, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments on this measure.

The purpose of this bill is to establish the Hawaii Airport Authority. Section 3 of S.B. No. 3072, as originally drafted, provided in part that “the department of transportation shall retain administrative oversight of the Hawaii airport authority . . . .” This wording, however, was deleted in S.D. 1, and new wording was added in section 2 that provided that “[t]he authority shall not be construed to be a department, institution, or agency of the State” and shall operate as an “independent subdivision” of the State.

Section 2 of S.D. 2 was further revised to provide that the airport authority shall be established and shall operate as a subdivision of the State and removed the “independent subdivision” wording. There is no wording which indicates that the airport authority is attached to any executive department such as the Department of Transportation.

The failure to administratively place the proposed airport authority within a principal department violates the State Constitution. Article V, section 6, paragraph 1, of the Hawaii Constitution provides that “[a]ll executive and administrative offices, departments and instrumentalities of the state government and their respective powers and duties shall be allocated by law among and within not more than twenty principal departments.”

The Hawaii Airport Authority is a state entity and must be administratively placed within an established state department. We recommend that wording be added to the bill which provides that the Hawaii Airport Authority is established within the Department of Transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 3072, S.D. 2

March 23, 2016  
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RELATING TO AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Senate Bill No. 3072, S.D. 2, proposes to establish the Hawaii Airport Authority (HAA) which shall be a body politic and corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and a special political subdivision of the State, created for the performance of an essential public and government function, as provided in the bill. The authority shall be established and operate as a subdivision of the State. To accomplish this task, the measure transfers the jurisdiction over aeronautics and airports, including airport functions under the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Airports Division, to the HAA on July 1, 2076.

The Department of Budget and Finance has very serious concerns with this measure. DOT is currently in the process of exploring the feasibility of establishing an airport authority. This feasibility study has not been completed, nor has any follow-up analysis been conducted of the benefits and challenges of establishing such an authority. Considering the complexity and magnitude of the operations of the State's airports, it would be prudent to review the airports authority feasibility study first, then determine the best course of action for the State.

In addition, State Constitutional issues are raised under Article V, Section 6, which states that “[a]ll executive and administrative offices, departments, and instrumentalities of the state government and their respective powers and duties shall be allocated by law among and within not more than twenty principal departments.” There is no wording contained in S.D. 2 of this bill which indicates that the HAA is attached to any Executive department of the State. The proposed HAA will be a State entity and must be administratively placed within an established State department. We strongly believe that the establishment of the HAA as a “subdivision of the state” without allocating their functions within a principal State department raises valid constitutional compliance issues.

Finally, concerns are raised regarding ambiguous language in various sections of the bill. For example, the stated purpose of the bill is to authorize the Governor to “trigger” the establishment of the HAA. Further, under Section 2 of the bill, the HAA shall be established on a date “specified by an executive order of the governor.” In both cases, it is unclear whether the Governor is in fact authorized to “trigger the establishment” of the HAA through executive order. Also, under Section 10 of the bill, it is unclear what is meant by “the HAA is a successor employer to the State.”



**SB3072 SD2**  
**REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC LAND TRUST REVENUES**  
**NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE**  
House Committee on Transportation  
House Committee on Water and Land

March 23, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Room 309

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** on SB3072 SD2, which would authorize the Governor to establish a Hawai‘i Airport Authority, to provide coordinated planning, operations, and development of the State’s airports and aeronautical facilities.

OHA appreciates the intent of establishing a Hawai‘i Airport Authority (the Authority) to oversee the efficient and coordinated functioning of our air transportation system and infrastructure. However, the wording of this measure leaves unclear the legal nature and status of the proposed Authority, in a manner that could significantly affect the legal rights of OHA and our Native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

For example, Section 2 of the measure describes the new Authority as a “body politic and corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and a special political subdivision of the State.” This description, which is similar to language describing the counties, raises questions regarding whether key laws of great importance to Native Hawaiians would apply to the Authority. These laws include Act 178, Session Laws of Hawai‘i 2006, which imposes strict public land trust revenue accounting requirements on state departments and agencies that use or manage public lands. Chapter 171, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, also contains numerous provisions on the disposition of public lands by state agencies, including requirements that legislative approval be obtained prior to the sale or gift of state lands (HRS §171-64.7), or the exchange of public land for private land (HRS §171-50).

OHA notes that the current SD2 draft attempts to clarify whether or not the Authority would be a state agency, by deleting previous language stating that the Authority “shall not be construed to be a department, institution, or agency of the State,” and that it “shall operate as an independent subdivision of the State.” However, confusion continues to remain, as the “subdivision of the State” language is a term more often applied to the counties, which are not necessarily subject to the same laws as state agencies.

Should this measure move forward, OHA urges the Committees to ensure that all laws establishing and protecting the rights of OHA and its beneficiaries be made explicitly applicable to the Authority in its receipt, administration, and disposition of lands that may fall under its control.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 22, 2016

TO: The Honorable Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Mike White  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike White".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 23, 2016; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3072 SD 2, RELATING TO AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this measure. The purpose of this bill is to authorize the governor to establish the Hawaii Airport Authority.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this matter. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. On August 4, 2015, Phase 1 of the Airport Access Road in Kahului opened for motorists, providing traffic relief to visitors and residents. Modernization of surrounding infrastructure calls for the timely creation of a Hawaii Airport Authority, which can provide focus and efficiency on improving our outdated airports and support facilities, especially on the Neighbor Islands.
2. The State Department of Transportation plays numerous roles with many constituencies, spanning from harbors to roadways. A single entity with a consolidated jurisdiction will be able to solely focus on operations and long-term planning for our airports. The authority will also allow for community input, while complementing other efforts to revitalize and promote Hawaii's economy.
3. Airports are the first and last impression visitors see of Hawaii, and a positive impression is critical for our long-term success as an international destination. It is vital for us to make the necessary structural changes to emphasize the importance of these values.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.



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March 22, 2016

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Members of the House Committee on Water & Land

**RECOMMENDATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SB 3072, SD2 RELATING TO AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

The American Society of Civil Engineers was established in 1852 and is the oldest professional engineering organization in the United States. More than 1,000 members are assigned to Hawaii. The Hawaii Section of ASCE was eestablished in 1937 and its membership includes more than 400 civil engineers from both the public and private practice.

We support the passage of Senate Bill 3072 SD 2 which would replace the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation with an airport authority. We support the recommendations contained in the report of the Senate Ways and Means Committee to wait for the findings of a study underway by the Department of Transportation on the feasibility of creating an airport authority.

The Hawaii Section of ASCE will continue to follow progress of the study and recommend the authrity be managed by an executive staff made up of persons with the qualifications and extensive experience in the management of a large and complex sirport system similar to Hawaii's airports. Such an organization should include professional engineers with experience in the planning, design and construction of airports. ASCE has a policy recommending government bodies responsible for the public infrastructure include engineers with management responsibilities. In addition, the airport board of directors should be selected from persons with management skills and a dedication to overseeing the authority with the goal of improving the existing airports and promoting air transportation in Hawaii.

An airport authority will give Hawaii the opportunity to create a truly world class airport system that supports the critical air transportaion needs of our communities and the continuing economic growth of business and leisure travel.

We recommend your passage of Senate Bill 3072, SD 2.

Sincerely yours,

Owen Miyamoto  
Chair, Local Legislative Affairs Committee





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**SB3072**

Submitted on: 3/22/2016

Testimony for TRN/WAL on Mar 23, 2016 10:00AM in Conference Room 309

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gregg Nelson	Napili Kai Beach Resort	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairs and Committee Members, I represent a small resort on Maui with 165 staff members and wanted to express our support of SB3072 SD2. Our airports are the first and last impression of Hawaii for our visitors and given the current unacceptable condition of our airports passage of this bill is vital to the tourism industry. We desperately need to improve our airports and this bill provides the best possibility of that effort becoming a reality. Please approve this bill for all of Hawaii. Your consideration is appreciated. Mahalo Gregg Nelson General Manager Napili Kai Beach Resort

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Honorable Henry Aquino  
Chair, Transportation Committee  
House of Representatives

Honorable Ryan Yamane  
Chair, Water & Land Committee  
House of Representatives

Room 309, 10:00a.m. Hearing: March 23, 2016

Re: SB 3072, SD2 Relating to Airport Authority

Dear Chairs Aquino, Yamane and Honorable Joint Committee Members:

My name is Peter Fithian and I am the Chair of the Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee of the Airports Concessionaires Committee.

Our Committee represents the majority of the concession operators at the public airports throughout the State of Hawaii. Members of our group contribute about 50% of the operating revenues of the airports along with the airlines who also contribute about 50%.

Our Committee strongly supports the purpose of this bill. There are over 40 authorities on the mainland that recognize the importance of their airports as playing a key role and economic engine for their community. As an Island State, Hawaii clearly should have one.

For airport concessions in particular we like the idea of an Authority where contracts can be "negotiated" via RFP or other means with interested parties like all other airports across the United States. It's time Hawaii airports utilizes a process that will achieve the overall maximum benefits that can result from negotiations among competitors.

At this time we believe amendments to the bill should be made to consider: 1) membership on the Authority that represent the major stakeholder groups. In the case of the airports that would be at least from the airline group and the concessions group; 2) should any study or work group be formed we would like to have a representative from our concessions group participate. Let's focus on making this work.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on this bill.

**Testimony of  
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito  
on behalf of  
Enterprise Holdings, LLC**

DATE: March 21, 2016

TO: Representative Henry Aquino  
Chair, Committee on Transportation

Representative Ryan Yamane  
Chair, Committee on Water and Land

*Via Email: [TRNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:TRNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)*

RE: **S.B. 3072 S.D.2 - Relating to an Airport Authority**  
**Hearing Date: March 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Room 309**

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Dear Chair Aquino, Chair Yamane, and Members of the Joint Committees:

We submit this testimony on behalf of Enterprise Holdings, which includes Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental, Enterprise CarShare and Enterprise RideShare (Van Pool).

Enterprise **supports** S.B. 3072, S.D.2, which would authorize the Governor to establish the Hawaii Airport Authority under the Department of Transportation. Enterprise supports the establishment of the Hawaii Airport Authority to oversee the transformation of our state airports into world class facilities, because a single entity with consolidated jurisdiction over the development, management and operation of Hawaii's airports would streamline processes and improve efficiencies. This would greatly benefit travelers to our islands, as well as all businesses that serve the Hawaii hospitality and tourism market. For these reasons, we support S.B. 3072.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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March 23, 2016

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**Re: SB 3072 SD2 – RELATING TO AN AIRPORT AUTHORITY - SUPPORT**  
Conference Room 309 – 10:00 AM

Aloha Chairs Aquino and Yamane, Vice Chairs LoPresti and Cullen and Members of the Committees:

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii\* (ACH), which is made up of 20 signatory air carriers that underwrite the State Airport System, appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony supporting SB 3072 SD2, which establishes the Airport Authority under the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

The ACH is in strong support of a Hawaii Airport Authority. Experience at other US airports show that airport authorities can develop and implement policies and procedures designed to deliver uniquely complex airport capital programs more effectively and in a more timely fashion, while retaining full public transparency and accountability.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Blaine Miyasato  
ACH Co-chair

Turner Maynor  
ACH Interim Co-chair

*\*ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways/Air Japan, Aloha Air Cargo, American Airlines, China Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, Fiji Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, Island Air, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, Virgin America and WestJet.*



## *Maui Hotel & Lodging*

ASSOCIATION

Testimony of

**Lisa H. Paulson**

Executive Director

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on

SB 3072 SD 2

**Relating To An Airport Authority**

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 10 am**

**Conference Room 309**

Dear Chairs Aquino and Yamane, Vice Chairs LoPresti and Cullen, and Members of the Committee,

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is the legislative arm of the visitor industry. Our membership includes over 150 property and allied business members in Maui County – all of whom have an interest in the visitor industry. Collectively, MHLA's membership employs over 20,000 local residents and represents over 19,000 rooms. The visitor industry is the economic driver for Maui County. We are the largest employer of residents on the Island - directly employing approximately 40% of all residents (indirectly, the percentage increases to 75%).

MHLA is in support of SB 3072 SD2, which Authorizes the governor to establish the Hawaii airport authority. Sets out appointment of members to the board of directors of the Hawaii airport authority. Sets out powers and duties of the Hawaii airport authority. Transfers the aeronautics functions of DOT to the Hawaii airport authority upon executive order of the governor.

MHLA believes that this measure could facilitate the completion of long-needed airport improvement and also create a platform for integrated planning that will greatly benefit the traveling public. There are over 40 airport authorities on the mainland that recognize the importance of their airports as playing a key role and economic engine for their community. As an Island State, Hawaii clearly needs one as well.

The first and last impressions of our visitors occur at our airports. The hospitality industry's continued progress is very dependent on the quality of our airports. It is vital that we improve upon the service, infrastructure, and overall development of such a vital entity. We support the airport authority as a single entity to overlook our airport's planning, management, marketing and development.

We respectfully request you consider passing SB 3072 SD2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Donovan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I think this bill to create a Transportation Authority truly makes sense for our state. We need to progress and we are only one of three states that does not have an authority to ensure that our roads, harbors and airports keep up with the times and remain safe for our residents and visitors. Under the current plan we are not able to react quick enough to meet our communities needs. The current plan is a challenge as every project needs to be reviewed individually by legislature and since our legislature is in session for five months a year this makes managing the full year very difficult. Obviously we need to have a plan and scope that is agreed to for the current year and of course a ten year plan as well, but let set it up so we can move forward. Our airports need a tremendous amount of capital especially on the neighbor islands. If we want to compete we need to elevate our airports and the 47 other states that have transportation and port authorities seem to have a better long range plan than ours. Lets give them the tools to make our transportation systems world class.

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Support the measure as it will ensure continuity for aeronautical matters and a streamlined approach as has been done at other national and international airports. I further urge committee members to amend the measure to include the appointment of a Native Hawaiian voting member by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or Native Hawaiian government to preserve Native Hawaiian beneficiaries interests (e.g., ceded lands, revenues, etc.) for present and future uses. Mahalo nui loa.

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Allan Farwell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Our airports are the first impression our visitors have of each island. OGG does not make the kind of impression we should all desire. Many of the issues there that relate to cleanliness, maintenance, staffing, etc are more easily improved by coordinating direction through an airport authority. In just about every state other than Hawaii and Alaska there is such an authority, which provides real assistance toward communication and action. Please vote to create this authority so that we can all witness improvements in our airport system. Thanks so much.

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**LATE**

March 11, 2016

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy,  
Senate Committee on Tourism and International Affairs,  
Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy & Tourism and International Affairs.  
Re; AOPA Testimony on Senate Bill 3072, Relating to an Airport Authority

Dear Vice Chair English, Chair Inouye and Honorable Joint Committee Members,

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), a not-for-profit membership organization, and the world's largest aviation organization, represents the general aviation (GA) interests of pilots nationwide, including over 1,000 AOPA members in Hawaii. On behalf of those members, and in memory of the late Senator Kahele, we express strong support for Senate Bill 3072.

We honor Senator Kahele and recognize that one of his last acts in this life was for the betterment of aviation in Hawaii.

We support his bill, and have recommendations for amendment we believe honor his memory. Specifically AOPA members would like to see added; a clause directing that at least one board member have current local general aviation experience and interest in the local pilot community.

Senate Bill 3072 would transfer the aeronautics function of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation to an entity directed by an appointed board of directors, but still administered by the State Department of Transportation.

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Sincerely,

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Director of State Government Affairs  
AOPA



**LATE**

TESTIMONY OF HAWAIIAN AIRLINES ON SB 3072 SD2 Relating to an Airport Authority

DATE: March 23, 2016

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: State Capitol, Room 306

Aloha Chairmen Aquino and Yamane, Vice Chairmen LoPresti and Cullen and members of the House Committees on Transportation and Water & Land,

Hawaiian Airlines welcomes the opportunity to testify *in support* of S.B. 3072, SD2 Relating to an Airport Authority. As noted in the bill's preamble: the economic well-being of the State depends in part on the efficient use of all of its air transportation resources. We believe placing the authority for the oversight, operation, maintenance and long-term planning of Hawai'i's airports under an Airport Authority will achieve the efficiencies needed to offer a world-class experience to travelers to and between our Islands.

We respectfully ask the committee to advance this bill for further discussion.

Ann Botticelli  
SVP Corporate Communications and Public Affairs  
Hawaiian Airlines

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**SB2938**

Submitted on: 3/23/2016

Testimony for TRN on Mar 23, 2016 10:30AM in Conference Room 309

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
garry p. smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We cannot afford this new series of fees and taxes. My registration for my pickup was \$225 in 2010 and in 2016 it is \$377, a \$150 increase in 6 years!!! No one has just one car in their household especially in ewa beach. This tax increase will hurt poor people and seniors on fixed incomes more than any other group.

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**LATE**

March 11, 2016

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy,  
Senate Committee on Tourism and International Affairs,  
Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy & Tourism and International Affairs.  
Re; AOPA Testimony on Senate Bill 3072, Relating to an Airport Authority

Dear Vice Chair English, Chair Inouye and Honorable Joint Committee Members,

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), a not-for-profit membership organization, and the world's largest aviation organization, represents the general aviation (GA) interests of pilots nationwide, including over 1,000 AOPA members in Hawaii. On behalf of those members, and in memory of the late Senator Kahele, we express strong support for Senate Bill 3072.

We honor Senator Kahele and recognize that one of his last acts in this life was for the betterment of aviation in Hawaii.

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