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Senator Lorraine R Inouye, Chair

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SB 3072
Relating to Airport Authority

Chair English, Chair Inouye and Members of both Committee, my name is Max Sword, here on behalf of Outrigger Hotels & Resorts in support to SB 3072.

In my travels around the mainland and to other countries, I can't help but find myself marveling at the great buildings of the airports that I pass thru.

San Francisco and its new gates, London and its new Queen's Terminal and even little Portland, Oregon airport with its non-passenger shopping area. All these airports have its own Airport Authority that governs its operations and upgrades.

We believe that Honolulu International can have the same magnificent transformation, with its own Airport Authority. The authority, besides the funds from landing fees, can get outside funding to support its transformation, as well as move a lot faster in getting things done.

Maybe we can finally get rid of those alien pods, that they call chandeliers at gates 9, 10 & 11, which have been hanging there since that concourse was built in the 1970s.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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HAWAII LODGING & TOURISM
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Testimony of

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Committees on:
Transportation and Energy
Tourism and International Affairs
February 10, 2016

Senate Bill 3072: Relating to an Airport Authority

Chair Inouye, Chair English, and members of the Committees on Transportation and Energy, and Tourism and International Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. On behalf of the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association, we support Senate Bill 3072 which would establish the Hawaii airport authority.

The Department of Transportation is a very large state department which is responsible for our roads, harbors, and airports. Given the importance of the state's airports to our hospitality industry, we fully support the establishment of a state airport authority. The authority would give a laser-like focus to the operations, demands, and improvements of our airports, and would allow for a quicker and more efficient job.

The first and last impressions of our visitors and locals occur at the airport. The hospitality industry's continued progress is very dependent on the quality provided by our airports; so it is vital that we improve upon the service, infrastructure, and overall development of such a vital entity. It is imperative that we keep our airports at the forefront of our state and not ignore the importance of initiatives such as the funding and implementation of the airport modernization project. We support the airport authority as a single entity to overlook our airport's planning, management, marketing and development; all under one umbrella.

For these reasons we support Senate Bill 3072.

Mahalo.



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Testimony of Chris Tatum
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**RE: Testimony in Support of
Senate Bill 3072 Relating to an Airport Authority**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Chair English, and members of the Committees on Transportation and Energy and Tourism and International Affairs. I am Chris Tatum, Vice President of Marriott Resorts Hawaii.

Given the importance of the state's airports to the hospitality industry, Marriott Resorts Hawaii **strongly supports** Bill 3072 and the establishment of a Hawaii airport authority. Having an authority focused on the operations, demands, and improvements of our airports would most definitely allow for a quicker and more efficient job.

The first and last impressions of our visitors occur at the airport. The hospitality industry's continued progress is very dependent on the quality provided by our airports. It is vital that we improve upon the service, infrastructure, and overall development of such a vital entity. It is imperative that we keep our airports at the forefront of our state and not ignore the importance of initiatives such as the funding and implementation of the airport modernization project. We support the airport authority as a single entity to overlook our airport's planning, management, marketing and development; all under one umbrella.

We respectfully request the passage of Bill 3072 and the development of an Airport Authority that will hopefully expedite improvements now and in the future. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify.