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Statement of  
**LUIS P. SALAVERIA**  
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

Monday, March 13, 2017  
9:30a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of

**HB 943**  
**RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HB 943. There are no significant changes between HB 943 and its companion bill, SB 1192, already heard by the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology and on Judiciary and Labor.

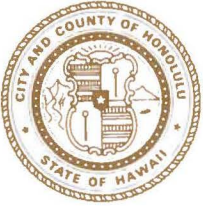
This measure, the Kapolei Jobs Initiative, allows companies that are in 96706, 96707, 96709 zip codes tax incentives for certain types of job creation. The goal is to encourage the development of jobs in Kapolei for Kapolei residents, who will then not need to commute into urban Honolulu.

DBEDT highlights for the committee's consideration the issue of fairness by using the state tax code to advantage one part of the state over others. An alternative approach for Kapolei to consider would be a business attraction marketing program highlighting the assets Kapolei already has as a business investment location.

Additionally, this bill would require DBEDT to establish a whole new program including new reporting and tracking systems, as well as request that the Legislature establish a new permanent Economic Development Specialist V position for BED 100. No position count or funds have been allocated to do this. DBEDT estimates that \$150,000 in each year of the biennium is necessary to implement this measure.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.



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March 10, 2017

Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Vice Chair Karl Rhodes  
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee

**SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB943 Relating to Economic Development, Monday, March 13, 2017; Committee Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol**

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee,

As Councilmember for District 1, I appreciate the opportunity to express my support of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

Reducing traffic congestion through the creation of jobs on the Leeward Coast is one of my highest priorities. As the population of my district continues to grow, it is important that my constituents have the opportunity to work closer to home, in order to reduce the hours they spend in traffic commuting to jobs in town. HB943 will offer businesses the incentives to be located in the Kapolei area, which in turn will create those much-needed, closer-to-home jobs that will greatly improve the quality of life for Leeward residents.

This initiative is an evolution of the current Enterprise Zone and will realize the State's long-standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core. **I strongly support HB943 and encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region and improve the lives of my constituents and their families.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Marcos Pine".

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March 10, 2017

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943  
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhodes and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee

Date: March 13, 2017  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Room Number: Conference Room 016  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee,

On behalf of Avalon Development Company, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

This initiative is an evolution of the current Enterprise Zone and 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. This is evident in the 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 encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Ann K. Chan', written in a cursive style.

LAURIE ANN K. CHAN  
Executive Vice President



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Monday, March 13, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 943 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports the intent** of HB 943, which establishes a Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region; establishes a tax credit, until 12/31/2024, as part of the Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ 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.

This initiative 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. This is evident in the 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.

We encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



March 10, 2017

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943  
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhodes and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee

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415 South Beretania Street

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Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee,

On behalf of Colliers International, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

This initiative will help redirect Oahu's growth to Honolulu's "Second City" by creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion. This bill is twofold as the residents of Kapolei are in need of more job opportunities and by giving them opportunities to work closer to home, the traffic congestion will be drastically reduced by significantly reducing the number of daily commuters coming in to downtown Honolulu. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a win-win situation for Hawaii.

I encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many.

Sincerely,

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Mark D. Bratton  
Senior Vice President



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**TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET  
CLYDE T. HAYASHI – DIRECTOR**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2017  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 943, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

ALOHA COMMITTEE CHAIR GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR KARL RHOADS, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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 to **SUPPORT THE INTENT** of House Bill No. 943, which establishes the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program. This bill offers 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 opening 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 943.

# Hawai'i Construction Alliance

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March 9, 2017

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
and members  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

## **RE: Support for HB943, Relating to Economic Development**

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, 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 HB943, relating to economic development**. The bill would establish a Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region and a tax credit until 12/31/2024 as part of the Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program.

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 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,



Tyler Dos Santos-Tam  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i Construction Alliance  
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Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**RE: HB 943 – Relating to Economic Development - IN SUPPORT**  
**Monday, March 13, 2017**  
**Conference Room 016; 9:30 AM**

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 943 which establishes a Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

We see this bill as an evolution of the state Enterprise Zone. 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  
Senior Vice President  
Hunt Companies, Hawaii Division







KAPOLEI

March 10, 2017

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Testimony in Support  
HB943 – Relating to Economic Development  
Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program

The James Campbell Company LLC strongly **supports** HB943. This bill will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative pilot program to increase employment opportunities in the Kapolei region by creating incentives for businesses to be formed and locate in Kapolei.

Our organization has been intimately involved in implementing the State and County's public policy of directing growth to Kapolei since the policy was first enacted in the 1970's. We have come a long way since that time and in the 25 years since the first businesses opened their doors in this new city. However, employment growth continues to be a primary need to fulfill the vision of a true urban center to effectively balance the island's economic and community growth.

The Kapolei Jobs Initiative pilot program will help realize the State's long standing policy to direct economic 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 the area's population growth. This is unfortunately evident in the traffic congestion for tens of thousands of residents' daily commute to downtown Honolulu.

The Kapolei Region is home to O'ahu's 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 and catching up to residential growth after only 25 years. 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 as a part of fulfilling Kapolei's public policy mission.

Sincerely,

Stephen Kelly  
Vice President

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943  
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



*Working together for Kapolei*

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee

RE: HB943; Monday, March 13, 2017;  
Committee Conference Room 016; 9:30 a.m.

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee,

On behalf of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting this testimony **in SUPPORT** of HB943 with comments. **This Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program is an evolution of the Enterprise Zone and optimizes the rationale of the Enterprise Zone program.** The Initiative offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program not only realizes the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the second urban core, but it will create jobs in the Kapolei region and reduce traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth.

The Kapolei Chamber offers the following comments and considerations to HB943:

The Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program intends to mirror the state tax credits and unemployment insurance tax credits for a 7 year period as outlined in the State's existing Enterprise Zone 209-E (10) with the exception of the GET tax exemption which is not included in the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program.

The Enterprise Zone 209-E (10) states: "Except for the general excise tax, the credit shall be eighty per cent of the tax due for the first tax year, seventy per cent of the tax due for the second tax year, sixty per cent of the tax due for the third year, fifty per cent of the tax due the fourth year, forty per cent of the tax due the fifth year, thirty per cent of the tax due the sixth year, and twenty per cent of the tax due the seventh year."

To mirror the Enterprise Zone, we suggest that Sec. 4 (b) (1) 'Adoption of Rules' be amended as follows:


- (b) "The amount of the tax credit shall:
- (c) Be equal to 80 per cent of any tax imposed for the first tax year and 10 per cent less for each of the immediately succeeding ~~four~~ six years for any tax liability; and
- (d) Include the amount of unemployment insurance accrued or paid by an employer under chapter 383 as follows:
  - (A) For the first year, 80 percent of the amount accrued or paid;
  - (B) For the second year, 70 percent of the amount accrued or paid;
  - (C) For the third year, 60 percent of the amount accrued or paid;
  - (D) For the fourth year, 50 percent of the amount accrued or paid;
  - (E) For the fifth year, 40 percent of the amount accrued or paid;
  - (F) For the six year, 30 percent of the amount accrued or paid;**
  - (G) For the fifth year, 20 percent of the amount accrued or paid;**

Second, the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program under Section 5 has a sunset date of December 31, 2024. Since this initiative is 7 year pilot program, the sunset to enroll in the program should be 7 years after it begins. This allows businesses enrolled in the program to participate for the 7 year period. We suggest changing the language to reflect this.

This Pilot Program evolved from the existing Enterprise Zone will help create the needed professional, living wage jobs needed in the region. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike.

Thank you for your consideration and I respectfully as for you to pass this measure.

Sincerely,



Kiran Polk  
Executive Director



March 13, 2017

Senator Gilbert S.C. Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**Strong support of HB 943 - Relating to Economic Development. (Establishes a Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region. Establishes a tax credit, until 12/31/2024, as part of the Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program.)**

**JDL Hearing: Monday, March 13, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., Conf. Room 016**

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.

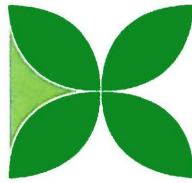
LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **strong support of HB 943**.

**HB 943.** This bill would establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers tax incentives to increase the number of jobs in Kapolei, to encourage businesses to establish or relocate themselves in the Kapolei region and to existing Kapolei businesses that add ten or more employees

**LURF's Position.** HB 943 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, 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 Pilot Program 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 areas.

For the above reasons, LURF **strongly supports** HB 943 and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

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



**MK Kapolei Commons LLC**  
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March 9, 2017

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943  
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Honorable Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
The Honorable Vice Chair Karl Rhodes  
and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Gentlemen:

On behalf of **MK Kapolei Commons LLC**, I am writing in **SUPPORT of HB943** which will establish a **Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program** that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

This initiative is an evolution of the current Enterprise Zone and 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. This is evident in the 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 encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many.

Sincerely yours,

**MK KAPOLEI COMMONS LLC**

Todd A. Hedrick  
Vice President of Leasing  
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### **HB943**

Submitted on: 3/11/2017

Testimony for JDL on Mar 13, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Do	MyGoCenter	Support	Yes

Comments: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee, On behalf of MyGoCenter, I am writing to support HB943. We are a new business center in Kapolei servicing business owners and professionals in providing meeting room rentals, co-working office space and virtual offices. Our services at MyGoCenter directly impacts the growth of businesses, which will lead to more jobs in the area. I support this bill because it will give businesses a great incentive to start or expand their business to Kapolei which will lead to growth in the "second city." I believe this will drastically reduce traffic congestion on the island and will overall have a positive impact on our economic growth by having a friendly business and tourist friendly place to drive and commute in. I consider myself a business advocate for the city of Kapolei and I believe this bill will help to support massive job growth in West Oahu, which will benefit the economy of Hawaii. Mahalo for your consideration, David Do Chief Operating Officer MyGoCenter 590 Farrington Highway, Suite 504 Kapolei, HI 96707 (808) 429-2600 david@mygocenter.com

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**HB943**

Submitted on: 3/10/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alyssa Wailehua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill

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RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhodes and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee

Date: March 13, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Room Number: Conference Room 016

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Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee,

On behalf of myself, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

This initiative is an evolution of the current Enterprise Zone and 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. This is evident in the 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 encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Jepsen  
Ewa Beach Homeowner



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**HB943**

Submitted on: 3/9/2017

Testimony for JDL on Mar 13, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cynthia Spencer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. I moved to Kapolei in 2003, and for 13 years drove east to work. During that time tens of thousands of new homes have built built in West Oahu and thousands more cars compete for essentially the same roadways. It has taken anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours and more to travel each direction. This does not represent "quality of life" in paradise. He In December 2016, I finally found a position near my home, and my commute is approximately 30-40 minutes each day, round trip! Passing this bill will encourage more jobs to be created in the Kapolei region so that more of our citizens can improve their quality to f life.

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Subject: Testimony for HB 943

Hi,

My name is Daniel Curran and I am writing in support of HB 943, the Kapolei jobs initiative. I have lived in Hawaii for over 30 years and have seen the island convert from the sugar economy in west Oahu. I worked on some of the original projects in Kapolei such as the Safeway, the first theaters, BOH building and James Campbell building. The County has pushed to develop the second City in it's master plan and must continue on this path as part of the plan to alleviate traffic and offer the most affordable housing on the island. The area to grow is on the plain. With the rail linking down town to Kapolei it makes sense to help the area to grow. It also offers jobs for the residents of the leeward coast who need more opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha, Dan Curran

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**HB943**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
elisha hirakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill

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**HB943**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary Muneno	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943  
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhodes and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee

Date: March 13, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Room Number: Conference Room 016

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee,

On behalf of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

This initiative is an evolution of the current Enterprise Zone and 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. This is evident in the 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. My family and I know firsthand what the traffic is like as we live on the leeward coast and more jobs in Kapolei will help to redirect traffic off of the main corridor into downtown, and allow for people to live and work in their community. Furthermore, this initiative will support existing businesses because it improves the business climate for all and brings more potential customers for existing businesses in the area, which is a positive for all.

I encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many.  
Sincerely,

**Joann Kealiinohomoku**

Manager | HMSA Center at Pearl City

An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

I encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Rathbun	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee, On behalf of myself, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region. This initiative is an evolution of the current Enterprise Zone and 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. This is evident in the 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 as well as the families that reside in the area. I encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many. Sincerely, Kevin M.Rathbun Resident/Small Business Owner

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matt Eagle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this initiative to have more jobs in Kapolei. Its a smart move.

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee,

On behalf of Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

This initiative is an evolution of the current Enterprise Zone and 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. This is evident in the 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 encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Pat Dukes  
Member, Kapolei Chamber of Commerce



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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhodes and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee

From: Pat Lee, Pat Lee & Associates, LLC

Date: March 13, 2017

Time: 9:30 am

Room Number: Conference Room 016

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee,

I am writing you in SUPPORT of HB943 which establishes a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

As a consultant working on land use projects and approvals, I have spent much time in the West Oahu region over the past two decades. I often drive out to the Kapolei area for meetings at different times of the day. It can take me an hour or more to do so with bumper to bumper traffic extending for miles during peak hours. I feel for the residents of Kapolei and the leeward area who have to commute daily to and from work in these horrible traffic conditions.

This jobs initiative pilot program will support the State's long standing policy of redirecting growth to the secondary urban core, creating jobs in the Kapolei region and reducing traffic congestion on Oahu. More jobs in the region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's rapid population growth. Creating more jobs in Kapolei would give area residents the opportunity to live and work in their area, and offer them more free time to spend with their families and friends, or at leisure rather than being stuck for hours in traffic.

Each new job created could potentially take one car off the road, who would otherwise be driving to and from urban Honolulu for work. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a priority and a quality of life issue affecting both employers and employees, and their families.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that your committee approve HB943.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Lee". The letters are cursive and fluidly connected.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stacy Philippou	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the JDL Committee, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region. This initiative is an evolution of the current Enterprise Zone and 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. This is evident in the 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 encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many. Sincerely, Stacy Philippou

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