



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL 1210 SD1 RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 1210 SD1, which authorizes counties to develop public-private partnerships to construct relief sewers for affordable housing development projects.

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.

We understand that Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP or P3's) are being used more and more by different Federal, State and Municipal agencies on the mainland. The basic premise is to allow for private investment in public basic infrastructure as well as social infrastructure. Investors recoup their investments from revenue streams created by fees generated from the project or other sources of revenue.

"While private sector interest in funding public infrastructure projects has increased in recent years, barriers to private sector participation remain. Many government agencies lack the capacity and capabilities to plan, execute, and manage PPP projects. At the same time, productivity in the construction industry needs improvement. Managing these complexities can be challenging for even the most seasoned leaders." McKinsey & Company

We would suggest that the bill include language to have one entity at the County oversee all P3 initiatives. Having one entity to oversee a P3 program at the Counties will not only provide a process for assessing and implementing P3 projects but also avoid the confusion of having multiple agencies develop their own tools for assessing and implementing P3's. At this time, it may be wise to centralize this function until there is a better understanding of the P3 process and some standards established to ensure success.

We are in strong support of this bill, to develop and implement P3's in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.

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