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Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Wednesday, February 14, 2018
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of

HB 2671, HD1
RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) would like to offer the following comments on HB 2671, HD1, which appropriates monies to DBEDT to collaboratively work with The Office of the Governor, DLIR, DBEDT, DHRD, and DOA to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability and gainful employment of the island of Molokai.

- DBEDT would be pleased to work collaboratively with our sister agencies.
- Suggested appropriated sum is not known at this time.

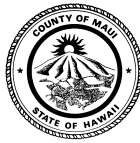
Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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February 12, 2018

TO: The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development & Business

FROM: Mike White
Council Chair

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2671 HD 1, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important bill. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and to address the continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

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

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Molokai continues to have one of the highest unemployment rates in the State of Hawaii. The island has suffered from tumultuous economic downturns due to the closing of the pineapple plantations, the closing of the Kaluakoi Resort, the relocation of large scale agricultural production to Oahu, the closure of Molokai Ranch, and now the impending shutdown of Mycogen Seeds. Action must be taken to prevent an additional downturn.
2. With the impending closure of Mycogen, approximately 82 displaced workers will add to the already high unemployment rate. These funds will help mitigate impacts by supporting collaboration among multiple entities to provide innovative solutions.
3. It is impractical for many Molokai residents to relocate for employment, and options for inter-island transportation are limited. This bill will assist to create opportunities for residents of the island.

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

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February 11, 2018

TO: Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Business

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember 

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2671 H.D. 1, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai. Appropriates funds.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Mycogen will be closing their Molokai operations in March affecting 82 families. This is the latest economic crisis befalling our residents over the years. First the pineapple plantations close and over the years we've endured the closure of the Sheraton Kaluakoi Resort, the loss of large scale farming that pulled up roots and moved to Oahu, then Molokai Ranch shuttered their island operations and now Mycogen.
2. When the pineapple plantations closed, the legislature responded with Act 387 SLH 1988 to provide funding for an agricultural loan program to bolster our economy by providing loans to our residents to stimulate agricultural production.
3. The various agencies of the Count of Maui along with the State continue to work collaboratively to determine how best to assist our soon to be displace workers.

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

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HB-2671-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 12:55:39 PM

Testimony for EDB on 2/14/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alfred Lardizabal	UPW	Support	No

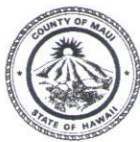
Comments:

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TO: The Honorable Cindy Evans , Chair
House Committee on Economic Development & Business

FROM: Robert Carroll
Councilmember, East Maui

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DATE:

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2018; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB
2671 HD 1, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and to address the continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Molokai continues to have one of the highest unemployment rates in Hawaii.
2. With the impending closure of Mycogen Seed, approximately 82 displaced workers will add to an already high unemployment rate.
3. It is impractical to many Molokai residents to relocate for employment and inter-island transportation options are limited. This legislation will assist to create opportunities for the people of Molokai.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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February 12, 2018

**TESTIMONY TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS**

For Hearing on Wednesday, February 14, 2018
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 309

BY

RYKER WADA
INTERIM DIRECTOR

House Bill No. 2671
Relating to Employment Opportunity

WRITTEN ONLY

TO CHAIRPERSON EVANS, VICE CHAIR KEOHOKALOLE AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

The purpose of H.B. 2671 is to appropriate funds to the Office of the Governor; the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Department of Human Resources Development; and the Department of Agriculture to collaboratively develop and implement solutions to assist dislocated workers and address the overall continued availability of gainful employment on the island of Molokai.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) **supports the intent** of this bill provided it does not conflict with the Governor's budget priorities. As one of the core functions of DHRD, we will work in collaboration with our sister agencies to provide recruitment and outreach activities to work towards gainful employment for the residents of the island of Molokai.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2671-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 3:19:32 PM

Testimony for EDB on 2/14/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

I am from Moloka'i and I support this bill.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor



SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

**FEBRUARY 14, 2018
9:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 309**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2671 HD1
RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Chairperson Evans and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2671 HD1. This bill provides funds for gainful employment on the island of Molokai due to the closure of Mycogen Seeds. The Department supports this bill provided it does not impact the priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

This bill provides funding to support the 82 lost jobs on Molokai to various State Departments in an effort to support the employment opportunities for misplaced workers on the island. The Department supports the efforts to provide employment services for these displaced agricultural workers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



HB-2671-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 8:01:01 AM

Testimony for EDB on 2/14/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

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February 13, 2018

To: The Honorable Cindy Evans, Chair;
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair; and
Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

From: Leonard Hoshijo, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 2671 HD1 Relating to Employment Opportunity

HB 2671HD1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Office of the Governor, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Department of Business Economic development and tourism, the Department of Human Resources Development, and the Department of Agriculture to collaborate in developing and implementing methods to assist dislocated workers and address the need for gainful employment on the island of Molokai. DLIR supports the intent of this measure provided it does not conflict with the Governor's budget priorities.

If enacted and funds appropriated, DLIR would provide assistance with basic educational and vocational training to better prepare affected populations on the island of Molokai for potential job opportunities. Entrepreneurial training may be included if small business opportunities are developed in collaboration with designated agencies.

HB-2671-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 3:00:04 PM

Testimony for EDB on 2/14/2018 9:30:00 AM

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Adolph Helm	Individual	Support	No

Comments: