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Comments:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **HB2671 HD1**, relating to Displaced Workers; Island of Molokai; Governor; DLIR; DBEDT; DHRD; DOA; and an appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **HB2671 HD1** and support its passage.

HB2671 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates 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 DPH Platform states that "[w]e believe that government plays a vital role in nurturing and regulating our economic system. We believe that private and public employers, as responsible members of community, by providing good jobs and fair pay and benefits, are essential for economic expansion, diversification, innovation, and entrepreneurship. We re-affirm our commitment to a progressive tax structure and will work to re-establish a system based upon "ability to pay."

Availability of financial support and a capable educated people are critical to our economic expansion and diversification. The management of businesses should be ethical and responsive to the community with transparency for investors and shareholders guaranteeing sound, healthy management. Innovation through the generation of intellectual property should be the goal of our economic diversification. We support the continuing protection of intellectual property developed in the state of Hawai'i." (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 56-66 (2016)).

Given that **HB2671 HD1** appropriates 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, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Relating to Employment Opportunity

(WRITTEN TESTIMONY)

TO CHAIRPERSONS TOKUDA AND MERCADO KIM, VICE CHAIRS ENGLISH AND RUDERMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of H.B. 2671, HD 1 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.