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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Monday, April 3, 2017
1:30 P.M.
State Capitol – Room 211

Aloha Chairs Tokuda & Wakai, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz & Taniguchi, and members of the Committees:

We support HB 943, SD1 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.

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. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative program will improve the quality-of-life for the community by allowing its residents to live and work in Kapolei; and it will provide much needed relief to individuals commuting on Oahu's highways during rush hour traffic.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we respectfully ask for your support on HB 943, SD1.



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About PRP

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life for all residents.



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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Economic
Development, Tourism and Technology
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairs Tokuda and Wakai, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Taniguchi, and Committee Members:

Testimony in Support
HB 943 – Relating to Economic Development
Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program

The James Campbell Company LLC strongly supports HB 943. 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, Development

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Strong support of HB 943, SD1 - 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 12/31/2022, as part of the Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program. Takes effect 1/7/2059.)

WAM/ETT Hearing: Monday, April 3, 2017, at 1:30 a.m., Conf. Room 211

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 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 December 31, 2022, as part of the Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program.

LURF's Position. HB 943, SD1 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

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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, SD1** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

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

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Testimony for WAM/ETT on Apr 3, 2017 13:30PM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Rathbun	Individual	Support	No

Comments: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943 SD1 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT To: Chair Jill N. Tokuda and Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chairs and Members of the Senate Ways and Means and Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (EET) Committees Date: April 3, 2017 Time: 1:30 p.m. Room Number: Conference Room 211 Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the WAM and EET Committees, On behalf of myself, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB943SD1 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, Kevin M. Rathbun Owner, Principal Broker KMR Properties LLC.

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