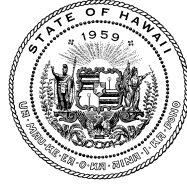


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To: The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business

Date: Friday, February 10, 2017
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 309, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 943, Relating to Economic Development

The Department of Taxation (Department) appreciates the intent of the measure, defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) on the merits of this bill and provides the following comments for your consideration.

Among other things, H.B. 943 creates a new tax credit for qualifying businesses under the Kapolei Jobs Initiative pilot program. The measure is effective upon its approval and applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, and is repealed on December 31, 2024.

First, the Department notes that there is an aggregate cap of an unspecified amount in subsection (b). The Department has serious concerns about administering an aggregate cap because certifying an amount that a taxpayer may claim gives the wrong impression that the credit will not be examined and possibly reduced. The Department strongly suggests that the aggregate cap be deleted, or assign the duty of managing the aggregate cap to another agency. In addition, procedures as to administering the aggregate cap should be specific, such as on a first come first served basis or some sort of division of the allowed credit for requests that are received before a specified date.

Second, the Department recommends that once the cap is reached, any excess claims be allowed in the following year, but in no event beyond the sunset of the credit. The Department suggests the following language, instead of proposed section (h)(3), as follows:

(3) The taxpayer shall file such certificate with the taxpayer's return. Any taxpayer who is not eligible to claim the credit in a taxable year due to the \$_____ cap having been exceeded for that taxable year shall be eligible to claim the credit in the subsequent taxable year, but in no event after December 31, 2024.

Finally, the Department notes that it is able to administer this measure with the current effective date.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
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Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
Director
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Friday, February 10, 2017
9:00a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of
HB 943
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of HB 943. 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 questions the fairness of using the state tax code to advantage one part of the state over all others, many of which have far fewer assets and resources than the Kapolei area. 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 initiative would require DBEDT to establish a whole new program including new reporting and tracking systems as well as finding staff resources. No funds have been allocated to do this.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

TAX FOUNDATION OF HAWAII

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SUBJECT: INCOME, UNEMPLOYMENT, Kapolei jobs initiative program

BILL NUMBER: HB 943, SB192 (Identical)

INTRODUCED BY: HB by CULLEN, AQUINO, LOPRESTI, SAY, YAMANE; SB by GABBARD, ESPERO, SHIMABUKURO, S. Chang, Ihara, Inouye, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Ruderman

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Enacts a Kapolei jobs initiative similar to the current Enterprise Zone program under chapter 209E, but layered on top of it. The current bill may result in multiple incentives such as an income tax credit 160% of liability.

BRIEF SUMMARY: Adds a new HRS chapter called Kapolei Jobs Initiative.

Defines a “full-time employee” as any employee, including a leased employee and an employee under a joint employment arrangement, for whom the employer is legally required to provide employee fringe benefits.

Defines a “qualified business” as a business that: (1) establishes or opens a new location within the designated geographic area (defined as the zip codes 96706, 96707, and 96709); (2) if opening a new location within the designated geographic area, has a minimum of ten full-time employees working at the establishment in the designated geographic area; or, if already established in the designated geographic area and expanding or building a new establishment in the same area, has a net gain of ten full-time employees; (3) provides gross annual salaries of \$25,000 or more to at least half of its employees at the establishment in the designated geographic area; (4) earns at least half of its gross annual revenue from its establishment in the designated geographic area; (5) is not participating in the state enterprise zone program pursuant to chapter 209E; and (6) excludes retail, except when greater than fifty per cent of sales are to Hawaii general excise tax licensees.

Adds a new section in HRS chapter 235 that provides for an income tax credit equal to ___% of the taxpayer’s net income tax liability (liability attributable to activity in Kapolei) in the year of qualification, and a credit of ___% less in each of the subsequent four years for any income tax due.

Provides for an additional credit equal to ___% of the taxpayer’s unemployment insurance contributions (attributable to activity in Kapolei) in the year of qualification, and a credit of ___% less for each of the subsequent four years.

Provides that a maximum of \$_____ of tax credits in the aggregate for all eligible taxpayers may be used in any one taxable year.

Provides that the credit is not refundable, but may be carried forward a maximum of five consecutive years. Establishes an aggregate maximum of \$_____ per year that may be used by

all eligible taxpayers. States that all credit claims, including amended claims, shall be filed on or before the end of the twelfth month following the close of the taxable year for which the tax credit may be claimed. Failure to do so constitutes a waiver of the right to claim the tax credit.

In the case of a partnership, S corporation, estate, or trust, the tax credit allowable is for the qualified costs incurred by the entity for the taxable year. The cost upon which the tax credit is computed shall be determined at the entity level. Distribution and share of the tax credit shall be determined pursuant to section 704(b) (with respect to partner's distributive share) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Provides that the director of taxation shall prepare any forms that may be necessary to claim a credit under this section, may require the taxpayer to furnish information to ascertain the validity of the claim for the tax credit made, and may adopt rules under chapter 91.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective upon approval; shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; and shall be repealed on June 30, 2024.

STAFF COMMENTS: The enterprise zone program in chapter 209E, HRS, was enacted as a cooperative program between the state and the counties to promote jobs in areas of high unemployment. Certain areas are designated as enterprise zones through joint action of the state and counties. In a zone, the state offers an income tax credit for the tax attributable to the eligible business conducted in the zone, which is normally applied on a sliding scale – 80% for the first year, 70% for the second, and so on until the credit is 20% for the seventh and last year in the program. It also offers an unemployment tax credit for the tax attributable to employees doing the eligible business in the zone, on the same sliding scale. Finally, the state offers a general excise tax exemption for the eligible business attributed to the zone. The counties also offer incentives, which vary by county. In return, the business commits to either maintain or increase the number of employees in the zone doing the eligible activity, depending on whether it was already in the zone upon designation or moved to the zone.

As business incentives go, the enterprise zone program is better than most. The incentive applies to a specific activity (here, creating and maintaining employment) targeted to the problem the program seeks to address. The incentive tapers off over time and then stops. It requires accountability, namely required reports to DBEDT, for a business to retain its eligibility. The business itself may need a different kind of assistance, such as financing, but the state is focusing on creating and maintaining jobs in areas that need them.

The program established by this bill is separate from the enterprise zone program, as one of the requirements to qualify for this program is no participation in the enterprise zone program.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Friday, February 10, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 943 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, 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.

Testimony of
Christopher Delaunay
Pacific Resource Partnership

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Rep. Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

HB 943 – Economic Development
Friday, February 10, 2017
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol – Room 309

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee:

We support HB 943, 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 measure will also establish a tax credit as part of the Kapolei jobs initiative pilot program.

Currently, the job growth in Kapolei is not keeping up to pace with its population growth. The projected population growth in the Kapolei region is expected to grow to 170,000 in the next 20 years and thus, this job initiative program will alleviate some of the traffic congestion coming from the Kapolei Region and the surrounding areas. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative program will improve the quality-of-life for the community as well as for the thousands who sit in traffic every day.

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

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.



IBEW1260

‘A‘OHE HANA NUI KE ALU ‘IA

February 15, 2017

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Economic Development & Business
HB943 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260, AFL-CIO (IBEW1260), represents more than 3500 members, working throughout the State of Hawaii and respectfully offers the following testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of House Bill 943 (HB943) with comments.

As an advocate for Hawaii’s workers both Union represented and not, IBEW1260 applauds any well thought out attempt to stimulate job growth within our State. At the same time, any incentive, ultimately paid for by the people of Hawaii, should not be awarded for merely providing jobs, but rather for providing good jobs paying a livable wage. For this reason, IBEW1260 respectfully ask HB943 be amended to define a “Qualified Business” as follows:

(3) Provides gross annual salaries of **\$31,200** or more to at least half of its employees at the establishment in the designated geographic area;

Support of HB943 combined with this amendment will, as studies have shown, improve the living standards of low wage earners, increase consumer spending, and grow net income at all income groups throughout the community. For this reason, IBEW1260 encourages the committee to support and amend HB943.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

Respectfully,



Michael M. Brittain
Asst. Business Manager
IBEW1260 / AFL-CIO

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



Working together for Kapolei

To: Chair Mark M. Nakashima, Chair, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole and Members of the House Economic Development and Business (EDB) Committee

RE: HB943; Friday, February 9, 2017;
House Committee Conference Room 309, 9 am

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

On behalf of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting this testimony **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.

The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for businesses in the Kapolei region. The Chamber works on behalf of its members and the entire business community to improve the regional and State economic climate and help Kapolei businesses thrive. The Chamber is a member-driven, member-supported organization representing the interests of all types of business: small, medium or large, for profit or non-profit businesses or sole proprietorship.

We believe that this initiative is an evolution of the Enterprise Zone and it optimizes the rationale of the Enterprise Zone program. 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. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike.

I respectfully request your approval of SB943. Thank you kindly for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

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Kiran Polk
Executive Director



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Mark M. Nakashima, Chair, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole and Members of
the House Economic Development and Business (EDB) Committee

Date: February 9, 2017

Time: 9:00 am

Room Number: House Committee Conference Room 309

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EDB Committee,
On behalf of the West Oahu Economic Development Association (WOEDA) 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 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,

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Christopher Lee

West Oahu Economic Development Association, President

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Mark M. Nakashima, Chair, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole and Members of the House Economic Development and Business (EDB) Committee
From: Pat Lee, Pat Lee & Associates, LLC

Date: February 10, 2017

Time: 9:00 am

Room Number: House Committee Conference Room 309

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the House Economic Development and Business (EDB) 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 fluid, with the "P" and "L" being particularly prominent.

Pat Lee & Associates, LLC



February 8, 2017

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Economic
Development and Business
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 309
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members:

Testimony in Support
HB943 – Relating to Economic Development

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 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 H. Kelly
Vice President, Development

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The Honorable Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Rep. Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Economic Development and Business (EDB) Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members

RE: HB943 – RELATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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 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,

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LAURIE ANN K. CHAN
Executive Vice President

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Submitted on: 2/8/2017

Testimony for EDB on Feb 10, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharene Saito Tam	Haseko	Support	No

Comments: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT To: Chair Mark M. Nakashima, Chair, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole and Members of the House Economic Development and Business (EDB) Committee Date: February 10, 2017 Time: 9:00 am Room Number: House Committee Conference Room 309 Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EDB Committee, On behalf of Haseko, 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 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 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, Sharene Saito Tam Vice President

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Michael Ferreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a candidate for the Makakilo Neighborhood Board, I find it critical as a planned economic "Second City" that programs like these exist to help get new business off the ground and promote economic prosperity. I urge the passage of this bill as part of our economic recovery plan.

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

Although I work as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UH West O‘ahu, I am writing this as an individual who is a longtime resident of West O‘ahu. I am also writing this as a parent of school aged children whose future will likely reside in Kapolei. 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.

I know, firsthand, the improvement in one’s quality of life when you can live and work in the same region. Over the past 34 years, I commuted to school or work in Town, from my home in West O‘ahu. Eight months ago, I left my professor position at UH-Mānoa to work at UH-West O‘ahu, which happens to be only 10 minutes from my home in Makakilo. Now that I work closer to home, I’ve regained a couple of hours, every day. In time that I’ve recovered, I’m able to be a better father and husband. We also don’t have to resort to eating fast food due to the mental exhaustion that the daily commute would cause. We’d often resort to fast food as a way to feed our family because we lacked the time to prepare healthier options. The change has personally resulted in better physical and mental health for myself and my children. I’m also able to perform better at my job.

In the future, as my children become adults, I hope that Kapolei will have the kinds of business opportunities for employment that will make it attractive for them to stay home, to live and work on the West Side.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Moniz, PhD
Resident of Kapolei
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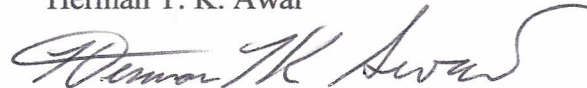
Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EDB Committee,
Our names are Herman T.K Awai & Catherine M. T. Awai of 92-322 Kiowainui Place, Kapolei, HI and we are writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of businesses willing to establish themselves or open a new location in the Kapolei region.

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

Sincerely,

Herman T. K. Awai



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Scott	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To: Chair Mark M. Nakashima, Chair, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole and Members of the House Economic Development and Business (EDB) Committee Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EDB Committee, On behalf of G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc., 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 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, Steven Scott Recruiter

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB943 which establishes a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that incentivizes businesses to establish new locations in the Kapolei region. It is in the State's long range plan to redirect growth to the second urban core, create jobs in the Kapolei and reduce traffic congestion. More jobs in the Kapolei Region are needed to keep pace with Kapolei's population growth. Job creation in the Kapolei region is a quality-of-life, community-building concern affecting employers and employees alike. I support HB943.

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Susan Hullerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB943 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT To: Chair Mark M. Nakashima, Chair, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole and Members of the House Economic Development and Business (EDB) Committee Date: February 10, 2017 Time: 9:00 am Room Number: House Committee Conference Room 309 Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EDB 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 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, Susan Hullerman Waianae resident

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce Ito	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arlene Estrella	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EDB Committee, On behalf of Arlene Estrella. 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 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, Arlene Estrella Lic. Massage Therapist

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Sheral Graham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to have more living wage jobs in the Kapolei and Leeward areas. For 1 year, I traveled by bus to Honolulu daily, after buying a home in Kapolei. While I appreciated the bus service even being available, it was grueling! But, driving by car is just as grueling! I became self employed with the intent that I will never put myself through that commute again. We need the rail too!!! But economic development, not just restaurants and retail, is what's needed for Kapolei!!!

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Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair
Representative Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
House Committee on Economic Development & Business

RE: HB 943 – Relating to Economic Development - IN SUPPORT
Friday, February 10, 2017; Conference Room 309; 9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole 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 relocate themselves 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
Vice President
Hunt Companies, Hawaii Division





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

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS
Representative Mark. M. Nakashima, Chair
Representative Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: February 10, 2017
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 943, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ALOHA COMMITTEE CHAIR MARK M. NAKASHIMA, COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR JARRETT
KEOHOKALOE, 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 in **SUPPORT** of House Bill No. 943, which establishes the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program. Hawaii LECET supports the intent of this bill, which would offer 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.