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## Written Comments

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## **REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PEARL CITY REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE**

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Presented to the House Committee on Judiciary

Friday, March 23, 2018, 10:30 am  
Conference Room 325

Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee:

Good morning Chair Yamane and members of the Committee. My name is Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi and I am the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit written comments on House Concurrent Resolution No. 40, Requesting the Establishment of the Pearl City Revitalization Task Force.

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources establish a Pearl City Revitalization Task Force to study future uses for the vacated fire station site, including recreational and educational uses, such as bicycle rental and maintenance stations and a Pearl City historic museum.

The measure also requests that the Task Force submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Session and that, upon request of the Task Force, the Legislative Reference Bureau assist in the preparation of the Task Force's report.

The Bureau takes no position on this measure, but submits the following comments for your consideration.

As a general matter, we note that the task force established in this measure contains very few members of the Legislature and will be administratively attached to an executive branch agency. The Bureau is statutorily directed to use its resources and services to assist the Legislature and its members, unless otherwise directed by the Legislature.

Accordingly, we have some concerns with how the measure is currently drafted with respect to the work requested of the Bureau. The language of the measure requires the Bureau to take on the responsibility of assisting in the preparation of the Task Force's report, even though the task force is administratively attached to an executive department with considerable staff and other resources at its disposal. We note that the Task Force is largely made up of representatives from public entities that have vast resources compared to the Bureau and, as such, could provide the necessary editing and drafting services.

However, if the Committee decides to keep the Bureau involved in assisting the Task Force with finalizing its report, the Bureau believes that the services requested under the measure could provide the services in the time allotted; provided that the Bureau's interim workload is not adversely impacted by other studies or additional responsibilities, such as conducting, writing, or finalizing other reports, drafting legislation, or both, for other state agencies, task forces, or working groups that may be requested or required under other legislative measures.

Thank you again for your consideration.

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Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Larry Veray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Although I am submitting my support to this bill as an individual, I am the Chair for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board. This bill is good for our citizens of Pearl City.