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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND
TECHNOLOGY
AND
JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
1:25p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of
SB 1192
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Chairs Wakai and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Rhoads, and Members of the Committees. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of SB 1192. 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 requesting more staff. No funds or positions have been allocated to do this. DBEDT estimates that \$150,000 in each year of the biennium is necessary to implement this measure.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
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To: The Honorable Glen Wakai, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and
Technology

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Time: 1:25 P.M.
Place: Conference Room 414, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: S.B. 1192, 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, S.B. 1192 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.

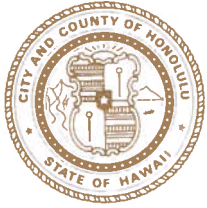
First, the Department notes that there is an aggregate cap of an unspecified amount in subsection (b). The Department has serious concerns about administering an aggregate cap because certifying an amount that a taxpayer may claim gives the wrong impression that the credit will not be examined and possibly 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.



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Chair Glen Wakai
Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (EET)
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committees

**SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of SB1192 Relating to Economic Development,
Wednesday, Feb 15, 2017; Committee Conference Room 414, Hawaii State Capitol**

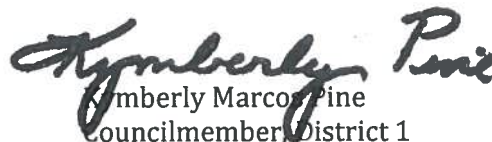
Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EET and JDL Committees,

As Councilmember for District 1, I appreciate the opportunity to express my support of SB1192 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.

Reducing traffic congestion through the creation of jobs on the Leeward Coast is one of my highest priorities. As the population of my district continues to grow, it is important that my constituents have the opportunity to work nearer their homes in order to reduce the hours they spend in traffic commuting to jobs in town. SB1192 will offer the incentives for businesses to be located in the Kapolei area and provide those much-needed, closer-to-home jobs that will greatly improve the quality of life for Leeward residents.

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. I strongly support SB1192 and encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region and enhance the lives of my constituents.

Sincerely,


Kimberly Marcos Pine
Councilmember, District 1

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SUBJECT: INCOME, UNEMPLOYMENT, Kapolei jobs initiative program

BILL NUMBER: HB 943, SB1192 (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.



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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brain T. Tanaguchi, Vice Chair**

**Committee on Higher Education
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

**RE: SB – 1191 RELATING TO THE MOTION PICTUREE, IDGITAL MEDIA, AND FILM PRODUCTION INCOME TAX
CREDIT**

Date: FRIDAY, February 10, 2017

Time: 1:25 PM

Conference Room 414

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI

Aloha Chair Wakai, Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the committees,

I strongly support SB1086 to extend the tax credit in Hawaii. Hawaii already offers a smaller tax credit than many other comparable locals who we compete with for business. With locations such as the Dominican Republic, Malaysia, Fiji and Puerto Rico offering incentives that are more generous than our own, Hawaii stands to loose big if we do not stay competitive. Productions such as Tropic Thunder, Indiana Jones, Pirates of The Caribbean, Battleship, The Descendents, King Kong, Jumanji, LOST, and Hawaii Five-O all came here BECAUSE OF OUR TAX INCENTIVE. If we do not continue to offer this tax credit, our local entertainment industry will suffer dramatically.

Please support SB1086

Sincerely,

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1192
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



Working together for Kapolei

To: Chair Glenn Wakai, Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (EET) and Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committees

RE: SB1192; Wednesday, February 15, 2017;
Committee Conference Room 414; 1:25 pm

Honorable Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of the EET and JDL Committees,

On behalf of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting this testimony **in SUPPORT** of SB1192 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 SB1192. Thank you kindly for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Bedford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Bedford
President, Board of Directors



February 10, 2017

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Economic Development,
Tourism and Technology

Senator Gilbert S.C. Agaran, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

Strong support of SB 1192 - 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 12/31/2024, as part of the Kapolei Jobs Initiative pilot program.)

ETT/JDL Hrg: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 1:25 p.m., Conf. Room 414

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 SB 1192.**

SB 1192. This bill would establish a seven-year Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program that offers deductible tax incentives to increase the number of jobs in Kapolei by creating incentives for businesses to establish or relocate themselves in the Kapolei region and tax incentives for existing Kapolei businesses that add ten or more employees.

LURF's Position. SB 1192 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

have limited the participation in the Leeward enterprise zone. The Kapolei Jobs Initiative 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 SB 1192** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

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

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Testimony for ETT/JDL on Feb 15, 2017 13:25PM in Conference Room 414

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

Comments: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1192 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT To: Chair Glenn Wakai, Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (EET) and Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committees Date: February 15, 2017 Time: 1:25 pm Room Number: Committee Conference Room 414 Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EET and JDL Committees, On behalf of Haseko, I am writing in SUPPORT of SB1192 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, Sharene Saito Tam Vice President

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**TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: February 15, 2017
TIME: 1:25 p.m.
PLACE: State Capitol, Room 414

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 1192, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ALOHA COMMITTEE CHAIR GLENN WAKAI, COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, 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 to **SUPPORT THE INTENT** of Senate Bill No. 1192, which establishes the Kapolei Jobs Initiative Program. This bill offers 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 SB 1192.



MK Kapolei Commons LLC
1288 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 208, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

February 13, 2017

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1192
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Honorable Chair Glenn Wakai and Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
and Members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (EET)
and Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committees
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Gentlemen:

On behalf of MK Kapolei Commons LLC, we are writing in **SUPPORT of SB1192** 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.

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

Sincerely,

MK KAPOLEI COMMONS LLC

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The Honorable Sen. Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (ETT) and Judiciary
and Labor (JDL) Committees
Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the ETT and JDL Committees,

RE: HB943 – RELATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

On behalf of Avalon Development Company, I am writing in SUPPORT of SB1192 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie Ann K. Chan', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
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RE: SB 1192 – Relating to Economic Development - IN SUPPORT
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Conference Room 414; 1:25 PM

Aloha Chairs Wakai and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Rhoads and Members of the Committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1192 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
Senior Vice President
Hunt Companies, Hawaii Division



February 14, 2017

The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Economic
Development, Tourism and Technology
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The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
and the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 414
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chairs Wakai and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Rhoads and Committee Members:

Testimony in Support
SB 1192 – Relating to Economic Development

The James Campbell Company LLC strongly **supports** SB 1192. 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,

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Submitted on: 2/13/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Do	MyGoCenter	Comments Only	No

Comments: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EET and JDL Committees, On behalf of MyGoCenter, I am writing to support SB1192. We are a new business center in Kapolei servicing business owners and professionals in providing meeting room rentals, co-working office space and virtual offices. Our services at MyGoCenter directly impacts the growth of businesses, which will lead to more jobs in the area. I support this bill because it will give businesses a great incentive to start, expand or relocate their business to Kapolei which will lead to growth in the "second city." I believe this will drastically reduce traffic congestion on the island and will overall have a positive impact on our economic growth by having a friendly business and tourist friendly place to drive and commute in. I consider myself a business advocate for the city of Kapolei and I believe this bill will help to support massive job growth in West Oahu, which will benefit the economy of Hawaii. Mahalo for your consideration, David Do Chief Operating Officer MyGoCenter 590 Farrington Highway, Suite 504 Kapolei, HI 96707 (808) 429-2600 david@mygocenter.com

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1192
RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Glenn Wakai, Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (EET) and Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committees

Date: February 15, 2017

Time: 1:25 pm

Room Number: Committee Conference Room 414

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EET and JDL Committees,
I am writing in SUPPORT of SB1192 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,
Attila Seress
Owner, SOS Tech Solutions

IBEW1260

‘A‘OHE HANA NUI KE ALU ‘IA

February 15, 2017

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Senate
Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
SB1192 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair Wakai, Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committees,

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 Senate Bill 1192 (SB1192) 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 SB1192 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 SB1192 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 SB1192.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

Respectfully,



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

Testimony of
Christopher Delaunay
Pacific Resource Partnership

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY

Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Aloha Senators Wakai & Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Taniguchi & Rhoads and Members of the Committees:

We support SB 1192, 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 SB 1192.

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.



SB1191

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Testimony for ETT/HRE on Feb 10, 2017 13:25PM in Conference Room 414

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Dwight Takamine	ILWU Local 142	Support	No

Comments:

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COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND
TECHNOLOGY, COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017, CONF ROOM 414, STATE CAPITOL

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1191

RELATING TO FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT.

Extends the motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit sunset date to January 1, 2029. Requires productions claiming the credit to contribute to creative media programs within the University of Hawaii, and the University of Hawaii to submit annual reports to the legislature on how the contributions are spent.

Chairs Wakai and Kahele, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Kidani, members of the Committees,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1191 as a private citizen.

I write today in strong support for SB 1191 which could help ensure a robust diversification of our economy, accountability for recipients of Hawaii's motion picture, television, and digital media tax credits, and support the University of Hawaii.

It does this by addressing the concerns of the recent State Tax Audit on the issue of making sure the recipients of the credit fulfill their requirement to support education and workforce development and by ensuring that Hawaii will continue to be and increase its capacity as a production hub for film, television, and digital content creation.

I want to thank this Legislature for your continuing commitment to the University of Hawaii's Academy for Creative Media System and a better economic future for our students. Thanks to your foresight, we now support creative media programs at all UH campuses (including Palamanui) on every island.

Most recently in 2013, via Act 134, this Legislature made possible what former Regent Roy Takeyama called the first truly system-wide program in his experience at UH. The new Creative Media program at UHWO has grown 96% in one year to 108 majors in Fall 2016. UHWO ACM is not only the fastest growing program in the ACM System, it uniquely articulates to all of the community colleges resulting in 65% of students being transfers from other UH campuses.

But there is good news on every island and campus with the following CM enrollments as of Fall 2016. (Please note that these numbers only reflect committed majors, not the numerous other students who take individual CM

classes. For example, UHWO ACM has 108 declared majors, but 286 students total taking creative media classes.)

FALL 2016 CREATIVE MEDIA DECLARED MAJORS AT EACH CAMPUS

UHWO ACM 108

UHM ACM 86

LCC Digital Media Production: 227; TV Pro: 19 (cohort)

KCC New Media Arts 43 (cohort)

HCC MELE Program 101; Communication Arts 52

Hawaii CC Hilo Digital Media Arts 24

In addition, ACM System funds CyberCANOE's at UHM, UH Hilo, UHWO and co-funds UHM's LAVALab with 24 ICS majors per semester; 30 majors in Computer Engineering/Electrical Engineering; and 30 Astronomy majors among others.

Kauai CC, UH Maui College, and Windward CC are just starting their formal creative media programs with support from ACMS and do not have majors to report yet.

As a private citizen, motion picture producer, and the Founder of ACM System, I believe that media production in all its forms -- films, television, software, video games, massive multi-players, animation, visual effects, smart phone applications, social media platforms -- offer Hawaii our best chance of lessening our dependence on the service industry and creating living wage jobs to reverse the number of local kids leaving the islands for a better life.

Intellectual property, which comes from minds of our students, makes economic sense. Indeed, given our fragile geographic isolation, it is the only product Hawaii can competitively manufacture. Broadband connects us to the global economy in ways that ships and planes cannot. Creative intellectual property only requires that we harness the natural talent of our students; it doesn't need endless access to greater capitol, the importation of raw materials and the physical shipping of the finished product, vast tracks of land or resources that threaten our environment, or the relocation to the mainland for success.

Hawaii has been a favorite location to shoot film and television projects ever since Thomas Edison shot his first film here in 1906. But we are also one the most, if not the most, expensive locations on earth. This is because of geographic distance and limited infrastructure. While we have long advertised ourselves as "Hollywood's Tropical Backlot," Hawaii does not participate in two thirds of what we could realize if we had a proper studio production and post

production facility. These are living wage jobs we are missing out on because even though many shows would like to build their interior sets and do their post production here, we do not have those facilities. Extending the sunset date of Act 88 to 2029 makes the private development of a studio complex much more likely.

In terms of accountability, ACM System already collects semi-annual reports on budget expenditures, program progress, and tracks workforce placement for graduates. This could easily be expanded to include accountable distribution of mandated tax credit generated funding for education and workforce development. Creative media instruction is essential for a 21st century knowledge-based workforce, but it is also expensive. This potential funding would provide UH students in creative media more opportunities to obtain world class instruction, improve their experience while in the program and increase the funding the University needs to develop a strong workforce for a growing industry in our State.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Chris Lee

Academy for Creative Media System Founder and Director
Currently on Professional Development Leave Without Pay

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Pat Larsen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing in Support of SB1192 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 number of homes being built in Kapolei and the number of families moving to Kapolei for housing means that more jobs are urgently needed in Kapolei to ease traffic congestion and provide an enhanced quality of life for residents. Sincerely, Mary Pat Larsen

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Hullerman	Individual	Support	No

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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

Date: February 10, 2017

Time: 9:00 am

Room Number: House Committee Conference Room 309

Hawaii State Capitol

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

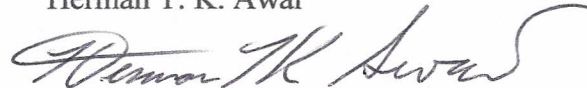
Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EDB Committee,
Our names are Herman T.K Awai & Catherine M. T. Awai of 92-322 Kiowainui Place, Kapolei, HI and we are writing in SUPPORT of HB943 which will establish a Kapolei Jobs Initiative Pilot Program that offers incentives to increase the number of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

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.

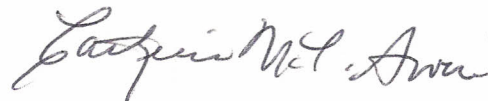
I encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region affecting the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Herman T. K. Awai



Catherine M. T. Awai



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1192 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To: Chair Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair Brian Taniguchi and Members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (ETT) Committee
Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committee

From: Pat Lee, Pat Lee & Associates, LLC

Date: February 15, 2017
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Honorable Chairs Wakai, Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Technology (ETT) and Judiciary and Labor (JDL) Committees,

I am writing you in SUPPORT of SB1192 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 SB1192.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Lee". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Pat Lee & Associates, LLC

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the EET and JDL Committees,
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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,
Kevin Rathbun
Ewa Beach Resident

Kevin M. Rathbun R, CDPE
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Arlene Estrella	Individual	Support	No

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The Senate
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Regular Session of 2017

Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

RE: SB – 1191 RELATING TO FILM AND DIGITAL MEDIA INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Date: Friday, February 10, 2017, Time: 1:25 PM

Conference Room 414

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI

From: Anne Misawa

Via: 2550 Campus Rd., Crawford 210, Honolulu, HI 96822

Office: 808-956-7736

Email: amisawa@hawaii.edu

February 8, 2017

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

I support SB 1191 which would extend the motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit sunset date to January 1, 2029. The current sunset date will discourage productions from planning to anchor or continue here.

I have taught digital cinema at the Academy for Creative Media at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa ("ACM UHM") since 2004, and as an industry professional for over 18 years, I have also worked with many of the film industry professionals and organizations here and abroad and have witnessed the growth of Hawai'i's film and TV industry.

As we are housed in close proximity to the O'ahu urban core, our ACM UHM students have direct access to TV (LOST, HAWAII 5-0), feature film (such as THE DESCENDANTS), production and equipment company internships that ready them to interface professionally. Our HAWAII 5-0 internship program saw over the years near 100 student interns learn in both the production office and on set. Many of the students, when they graduated, were hired by the show. This has happened on the majority of internship programs we have had. If the tax credit is not extended, it will have a disastrous effect, not only on the local industry and crew, but also on the next generation of this hopeful industry who need a steady flow of film and TV employment.

We all aim for the future film, TV, and creative media industry here to be a viable and thriving one. This bill can assist to pave the way for that future. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Me ke aloha, Anne Misawa
Associate Professor, ACM Mānoa, UHM
Producer, Director, Cinematographer

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As a resident of Ewa Beach and a Business Owner in Kapolei, I encourage you to support this bill that will bring jobs to the Kapolei region positively affecting the lives of many.

Sincerely,
Lititia Thomas
Ho'ala Salon and Spa Owner

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Bruce Ito	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Sincerely,
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheral Graham	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The West Side needs family living wage jobs!! The cost of living (including the proposed gas, registration and title tax) keeps going up and up, even out here where its still considered "affordable". As someone who now lives out here, and commuted to Honolulu on a daily basis via bus, well, I can tell you, its grueling. I added 3 hours to my work day, every day. For people out in the Leeward coast area, some of my fellow employees would leave home at 0430 to get to Honolulu ahead of the traffic, and sleep in the parking lot until it was time for work. That is unacceptable in today's society. For those who say "Well, that's the price you pay for living in paradise". Hogwash. I won't live long enough to see the rail come to fruition at the rate its going. I became self employed (realtor) to avoid the commute. However, I now find myself needing a second job, and dread even considering getting a well paying job in Honolulu due to the commute. So...I guess I'll go ring up groceries or wait tables in Kapolei. I'd probably be money ahead, and I know I'd be time ahead. We can't continue to ignore the business possibilities of the West Side. We need living wage jobs here, period. Not more retail. Not more restaurants. Not more movie theaters. We are NOT teenagers living out here. We need REAL FAMILY LIVING WAGE JOBS to keep our Westside Ohana intact.

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