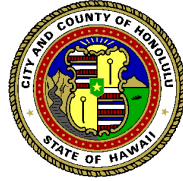


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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018; 3:00 PM

TO: THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

FROM: KIRK CALDWELL, MAYOR
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF SB2137

The City and County of Honolulu (City) strongly supports SB2137, which expands the taxing authority of the counties. Other local jurisdictions across the country have expanded authority to generate revenue. This measure provides the counties with the flexibility to raise revenue from more appropriate sources if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in strong support of SB2137.



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February 2, 2018

To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Friday, February 2, 2018, 3:00pm
Conference room 414

Subject: SB2137 RELATING TO COUNTY TAXING AUTHORITY.

The Hawaii Council of Mayors extends our appreciation to Committee Chair Nishihara, Committee Vice Chair Wakai, as well as to each member of this honorable committee for this opportunity to present our testimony in strong support of SB2137. As Mayors, we are united on this issue that impacts our counties collectively.

In an effort to generate alternative sources of revenue to address each county's budgetary challenges, the counties urge the Hawaii Legislature to support this bill. Providing the counties with such taxing mechanism would allow the counties to be less dependent on revenue sources such as fuel tax revenue which is predicted to decline with the increase in electric, hybrid, and other fuel efficient vehicles.

This was one of the three priority measures that was discussed with the joint House and Senate finance committees at the beginning of this session.

Aloha and Mahalo,

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