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S.B. 3034, S.D.1

RELATING TO HOUSING

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding our concern over language in S.B. 3034, SD1 specifically as it relates to the Section 10 (H) requiring the Office of Planning to

*“Approve all state agencies’ development or redevelopment plans for parcels along the rail transit corridor; provided that every development or redevelopment plan include housing units with at least twenty per cent reserved for residents with an income less than or equal to...”*

The Stadium Authority (Authority) understands the Legislature’s concern to ensure that a comprehensive plan inclusive of affordable housing is considered when state agencies develop or re-develop parcels along the rail transit corridor.

To address these concerns, the Authority has proactively and assertively moved forward with initiating development of a master plan and environmental impact study (MP/EIS) that will guide the Authority on development of its property surrounding its rail transit station. In the 2017 Legislative session, the Legislature concurred with the Authority’s goals and objectives by providing the financial support necessary for the Authority to address its MP/EIS. The Legislature appropriated \$10,000,000 through Act 49, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 to proceed with the Aloha Stadium MP/EIS process.

Given that the Authority has moved forward with developing a comprehensive MP/EIS on its property and the 2016 Legislature appropriated funds to address infrastructure improvements, the Authority is on track to address concerns raised over efficient use of state-owned lands along the rail corridor. Based on the outcome of the comprehensive MP/EIS, the Authority will be guided by the MP/EIS in ensuring that its redevelopment meet the needs of the community and maximizes rail transit ridership while generating revenue for the Authority.

The Authority will continue to work collaboratively with OP and looks forward to continuing to utilize its expertise in areas where it can be beneficial to the Authority. In consideration of the Authority's MP/EIS, the Authority requests that it be excluded from this measure and be allowed to proceed with its MP/EIS to remain on track to redevelop its property.

Based on the foregoing, the Authority supports the intent of ensuring that State owned lands surrounding a transit station are assessed and developed in a comprehensive manner; however, to minimize and avoid any duplication of effort, the Authority respectfully requests that the Legislature exempt the Aloha Stadium transit station from the oversight requirements of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 3034, SD1.