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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM,  
AND TECHNOLOGY

AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

Monday, February 5, 2018

1:15 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration, of  
**SB3086 – RELATING TO ENERGY**

Chairs Wakai, Nishihara and Inouye, Vice Chairs Taniguchi, Wakai and  
Espero, and Members of the Senate Committees.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has not acted on  
this measure.

In my capacity as the HCDA Interim Executive Director under the  
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), I  
respectfully offer comments on SB 3086.

HCDA is supportive of economic development, alternative energy  
development, and opportunities for high-technology development in the Kalaeloa  
Community Development District that are consistent with the Kalaeloa Master  
Plan created by community residents, elected officials, and stakeholders.

DBEDT may need additional resources and staff to meet and partner with  
the United States Department of Energy, to research and write a report of its  
progress, challenges, and resource needs in pursuit of establishing an Office of  
Science National Laboratory in Kalaeloa.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

**SB-3086**

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| <b>Submitted By</b>       | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand |                     | Comments                  | No                        |

Comments:

Aloha!

Shown at the recent Hawaii International Film Festival, "Point of No Return" relives the story of the Solar Impulse 2. During its historic world journey, with just solar energy as fuel, the Solar Impulse 2 landed in Kalaeloa. As many people know, the aircraft was grounded here for almost nine months. In Kalaeloa, its pilots and crew also learned more deeply about "aloha" and they held each other's hands in a circle before the Solar Impulse 2 finally left the islands. Hawaii has been gifted with a precious historic event. It should be inspired by it when thinking about the future of Kalaeloa community district.

Not only should a National Science Laboratory be envisioned in Kalaeloa but the place should be re-envisioned and re-designed as a futuristic "carbon conscious" community that operates on clean technology and aloha. A National Science Laboratory, if focused on clean energy, can be a catalyst for such boldness.

Thank you.



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY  
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**RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chairs Wakai, Nishihara, and Inouye, Vice Chairs Taniguchi, Wakai, and Espero, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent and offers comments on SB3086, which requires DBEDT to partner with the United States Department of Energy to establish an office of science national laboratory in the Kalaeloa community development district.

We appreciate the concept conveyed in the SB3086. We have engaged USDOE and the National Labs in projects and initiatives related to the electrical infrastructure at Kalaeloa to much success and support. We continue to engage USDOE on this and many other projects.

We note, however, that such a task will require significant staffing to hold the required discussions with the United States Department of Energy, conduct necessary follow-up activities in support of the discussions, and prepare the report noted in this measure.

As this measure concerns the Kalaeloa community development district, we defer to HCDA on these matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on SB3086.

**SB-3086**

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Testimony for ETT on 2/5/2018 1:15:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>        | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Melodie Aduja       | OCC Legislative Priorities | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII**

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY,

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, AND

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Monday, February 5, 2018

1:15 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 414

**RE: Testimony in Support of SB 3086, RELATING TO ENERGY**

To the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair; the Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology:

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair; the Honorable Glen Wakai, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

To the Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; the Honorable Will Espero, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee (“OCC”) Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 3086, relating to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and the United States Department of Energy establishing the Office of Science National Laboratory. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 3086 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 3086, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i (“DPH”), 2016, as it requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to partner with the United States Department of Energy to establish an Office of Science National Laboratory in the Kalaeloa Community Development District.

Specifically, the DPH Platform states that “[w]e recognize that the responsible use and development of technology in all its manifestations offers immense potential for our community, government, including institutions of higher education and business sectors. We encourage synergistic research, development, commercialization and educational programs to promote technological proficiency and innovation. In particular, we support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives in our public, private and charter schools as these prepare the next generation to address the needs of our state. We also support programs that facilitate incubator, i.e., start-up opportunities for new and promising technologies, and encourage the local retention of our intellectual resources.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 3, Lines 149-156 (2016)).

We support energy independence, self-sufficiency, affordability and reliability for Hawai’i through the development of renewable alternative energy sources. Specifically, we need to support policies that foster the development of energy production methods that de-emphasize carbon-based fuels and promote renewable sources such as wind, solar, wave, geothermal and Ocean thermal energy Conversion (OTEC). (Platform of the DPH, P. 9, Lines 452-456 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 3086 requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to partner with the United States Department of Energy to establish an Office of Science National Laboratory in the Kalaeloa Community Development District, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

**/s/ Melodie Aduja**

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