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SB798, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO TELECOMMUTING

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Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

Good morning Chair Nakashima 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 S.B. No. 798, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Relating to Telecommuting.

The purpose of this measure is to establish a temporary telecommuting task force that is administratively attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to develop incentives and recommendations to encourage and expand telecommuting opportunities in the public and private sectors.

The measure also requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to provide administrative and staffing support to the telecommuting task force in drafting the report.

The Bureau takes no position on the merits of 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 no 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 providing administrative and staffing support to the telecommuting task force in drafting its report, even though the task force is administratively housed within an executive department. We note that the Task Force is largely made up of representatives from public entities with vast resources compared to the Bureau and, as such, could easily provide the necessary staffing and drafting responsibilities. We have particular concerns that the reference in the measure to "administrative and staffing support" could be read more broadly than may be intended. The Bureau lacks the resources, including but not limited to sufficient research staff, to provide any administrative or logistical support to individual Legislators or non-legislative committees, working groups, or task forces of this nature, especially ones that involve multiple subcommittee meetings. Moreover, the Bureau does not possess the facilities to accommodate meetings of a task force, nor do we possess any priority for requesting use of any of the conference rooms throughout the Capitol.

If the Committee decides to recommend the passage of this measure and desires to keep the Bureau involved, we respectfully request that it be amended to specifically delete references to "administrative and staffing support" and limit the Bureau's involvement to assisting the task force with the finalizing of a report and any proposed legislation in relation thereto. Furthermore, if the measure is amended to clarify that the Bureau finalize the task force's report and draft proposed legislation, we would also request that it be specified that a draft report be submitted to the Bureau no later than October 1, 2017, so that work on the report would not adversely impact our ability to provide our core services to the Legislature for the upcoming 2018 Regular Session.

If the measure is amended to address the concerns noted above to have the Bureau assist with finalizing the report and proposed legislation, the Bureau believes that the services requested under the measure would be manageable and that the Bureau will be able to provide the services in the time allotted; provided that the Bureau's interim workload is not adversely impacted by too many 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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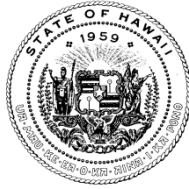
Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on SB798, SD1, HD1, which establishes a temporary telecommuting task force within DBEDT with support from the Department of Human Resource Development (DHRD) and the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB).

DBEDT appreciates the intent of the bill to encourage telecommuting opportunities that will help alleviate traffic congestion and increase quality of life. However, we have a concern that there may be more appropriate departments to which the task force could be administratively attached. DBEDT supports reducing the use of fossil fuels for transportation, however, DBEDT recommends transit oriented development to reduce traffic congestion, use of fossil fuel, and increase family time.

If the Committee is inclined to move this measure, DBEDT further recommends that the bill be amended to exempt the temporary task force from Chapters 26-34.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** S.B. 798, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, which establishes a temporary telecommuting task force to develop incentives and recommendations to encourage and expand telecommuting opportunities in the public and private sectors.

Regarding the requirement added as of H.D. 1, in which the subject proposed task force is to analyze policies from federal agencies as well as jurisdictions of similar size, the task force should keep in mind the unique geographic features of this state, and its unique culture as well. These key factors should influence how change management is to be approached to achieve an effective telecommuting strategy.

Also, as stated in previous testimony, it is recommended that lessons learned from an earlier initiative by the Department of Human Resources and Development eight years ago be shared with the task force. This earlier initiative resulted in little or no progress within the Executive Branch, mainly due to issues related to liability, cost, and change management.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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