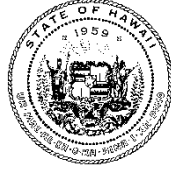


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S.B. 994

RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY

Chairs Wakai, Kim, and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Ruderman, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 994.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of the measure. The measure expands the Stadium Authority's duties and powers, which will provide the Authority with more flexibility in the development of the stadium property area.

DAGS supports the measure as long as it does not replace the Governor's priorities requested in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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February 13, 2017

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Chairs Wakai, Kim, and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Taniguchi, Ruderman, and members of the respective Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. 994.

The Stadium Authority supports the Governor's administrative proposal to expand the powers and duties of the Stadium Authority (Authority) to enable the Authority to effectively develop the stadium property in an expeditious and efficient manner.

The Aloha Stadium is situated on approximately 99 acres of land which was originally limited to recreational purposes through federal and city deed restrictions. The Authority is in the midst of completing the final steps to remove these deed restrictions, which should be complete in the upcoming weeks. These deed restrictions have been a significant impediment to improve the stadium property. Once removed, the Authority will be better positioned to have the opportunity to work with key stakeholders to develop a master plan for Aloha Stadium and the stadium property.

Specifically, the Authority anticipates developing a master plan that would include:

- **Replacement of the aged 41 year old Aloha Stadium facility.** Consultant and engineering reports have shown that the financial cost of repairing the existing Aloha Stadium to an operationally safe level far outweighs the cost of building a new and upgraded stadium facility that would be inclusive of modern amenities, ADA compliant facilities, and improved efficiency in construction and operation.

- Major ancillary development of the remaining portion of the stadium property to maximize funding opportunities that will, in turn, maximize revenue opportunities for the stadium, reducing the project's dependence on traditional sources of funding, including general obligation bonds.
- Recognition that the Aloha Stadium facility and HART rail station are anchor tenants to this overall master plan with ancillary development designed around the anchor tenants.
- Consideration of Transit Oriented Development's renderings based on information gathered through its public participation process.

The Authority has been working closely with the City and County's Transit Oriented Development office to incorporate feedback acquired from the community and other stakeholders.

S.B. 994 seeks to provide the Authority with flexibility and authority to move forward with the master plan, as well as to address any project requirements in a compliant and effective manner. Of particular importance, S.B. 994 provides the Authority with the ability to:

- Readily acquire legal expertise to address complex contract negotiations and related contract matters that will ensure efficiency while minimalizing the exposure to risk.
- Provide unique and specific legal expertise in areas that are not within the existing skillset of staff at the Office of the Attorney General.
- Implement development of the ancillary site by providing the authority with the ability to address real, personal, or mixed property issues that may impede or hinder implementation of the ancillary project's development.
- Attract and assemble highly skilled resources with a shared vision and specific knowledge, expertise, and skillset that will effectively take the Stadium's overall master plan to fruition.

The Authority appreciates the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of S.B. 994.

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