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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
Monday, March 11, 2019
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of
HB 895, HD2
**RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM STATE BUDGET.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

The Office of Planning (OP), supports HB 895, HD2, and respectfully submits the following comments on the measure:

- 1) **Page 4, Line 9:** The appropriation for the General Fund operating budget is incorrect as it includes an Accountant IV position salary that corresponds to an incorrect Step and SR level for the position. The Accountant IV position salary should reflect an amount of \$26,478 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (6-month delay in hiring) and \$52,956 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

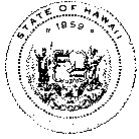
Additionally, the appropriation on page 4, line 9 does not reflect an additional amount of \$22,560 in both Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. This additional amount is to correct an error by the Office of Planning in providing an incorrect salary amount for the TOD Program Manager when the position was approved in the 2018 Legislature Session.

Therefore, the total operating appropriation should reflect an amount of \$1,981,521 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and \$1,900,499 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

- 2) **Page 4, Line 12:** Although the House Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs stated in their committee report (HSCR No. 791) that HB 895 was amended in HB 895, HD1 to appropriate federal funds to adjust for the federal grant ceiling and was commented upon to the House Committee on Finance, the adjustment to increase the federal grant ceiling is not reflected in HB 895, HD2.

OP respectfully requests that BED 144 N funds should be increased by \$73,963 to a final total of \$2,459,651 in both Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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The HCDA **supports** HB 895, HD2. However, would prefer the governor's proposed budget item funding HCDA from General Funds.

Under this bill HCDA staff positions would be funded by revolving funds and the amount would need to be increased to cover fringe benefits.

The HCDA revolving fund is intended for public facilities and affordable housing. Utilizing HCDA's revolving fund for staff positions would fully exhaust the fund in 2021.

The HCDA respectfully requests that the positions be funded by the general fund and not the HCDA's revolving fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 895, HD2.



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The Land Use Commission (LUC) strongly supports HB 895 HD2, which appropriates operating funds for the LUC (BED103) for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021. The amount contained in the measure fully funds the LUC including personnel cost increases and collective bargaining agreement associated costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.