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RE: SCR 92/SR 69 – Encouraging the Hawaii Community Development Authority to Prioritize Investment in Public Facilities within Transit-Oriented Development Zones in any of its Statewide Planning Functions or Involvement Therein – Support, request amendment
Monday, March 25, 2019; 1:45 PM; Conference Room 225

Aloha Chairs Wakai and Inouye, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Harimoto and members of the Committees,

Hunt Development Group (“Hunt”) supports the intent of these resolutions and respectfully requests the resolution be expanded to include the Kalaeloa Community Development District.

The Kalaeloa Community Development District has critical infrastructure needs. When the U.S. Navy conveyed to Hunt the leasehold interest to 540-acres in Kalaeloa, the area had aging infrastructure, vacant and deteriorating buildings, landscape overgrowth, vandalism, dumping, copper theft and homeless issues. Since then, Hunt has invested several million dollars to revitalize the area, which has resulted in attracting local businesses and creating over 500 jobs that did not exist just a few years ago.

Hunt’s Kalaeloa Strategic Implementation Plan is an important public-private partnership between Hunt, the City & County of Honolulu, and the State of Hawaii which will deliver a vibrant and revitalized Kalaeloa community as envisioned in the State’s Kalaeloa Master Plan. The state’s investment in infrastructure is vital to the transformation of Kalaeloa.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and we ask for your favorable consideration of our amendment.

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