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H.B. 1552, H.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STADIUM DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the intent of HB 1552, H.D.1

We appreciate that this measure provides clarification to statutory language in §109-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes that was passed through Act 146, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, regarding the composition of members of the Stadium Authority Board. This measure clarifies and defines the number of board members that comprise the Stadium Authority, as well as, the district in which the two (2) new board members shall represent, and the area in which the two (2) members shall reside.

We do wish to mention that both H.B. 1552, HD1 and S.B. 3334, SD2, HD1 seek to define and clarify the composition of the Stadium Authority Board membership. We also note that there is a discrepancy between the number of appointed members, as H.B. 1552, HD1 does not identify the Director, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) as a member, while S.B. 3334, SD2, HD1 does identify the Director, DBEDT as a member. To ensure the alignment of members, we trust that in the final product, the Legislature's alignment of board composition will be clear. We do avail ourselves as needed, for consult.

At this point, the timing and appointment of two (2) new members will benefit and support the Authority's effort to ensure there are an appropriate number of board members in any given

year as departing members end their final term and newly appointed members begin their new term.

With two major projects at the top of the board's agenda, it is imperative that a seamless transition occurs between departing and new board members that will carry on the vision, goals, and objectives of these major projects through completion. This measure inherently supports this effort.

We thank you for your support in providing clarity to the Stadium Authority Board composition. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of the intent of HB 1552, H.D.1.