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No.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2365 RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. by Tommy Johnson, Director Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair Representative Gregg Takayama, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 21, 2024; 2:00 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 325 & via Videoconference

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) supports House Bill (HB) 2365, which amends the membership of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) to replace the Director of Law Enforcement (DLE) with the Director of DCR. In codifying Act 278, section 226-64(a) was amended to replace the Director of Public Safety with the Director of DLE. As the TOD advises on matters related to planning and development of State facilities in transit-oriented development areas, the Director of DCR, who has administrative responsibilities for correctional and rehabilitation facilities statewide, is the more appropriate director to serve on the TOD Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2365.



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Statement of MARY ALICE EVANS, Interim Director

before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of BILL NO HB 2365 RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports** HB2365, an Administration bill, which proposes to replace the Director of Law Enforcement with the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation as a member of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development.

The Director of the Department of Public Safety was named as a member of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) when the TOD Council was established in 2016. Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2022, reorganized the Department of Public Safety (PSD) into two departments: the Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. In codifying Act 278, section 226-64(a) was amended to replace the Director of Public Safety with the Director of Law Enforcement.

Since the TOD Council advises on matters related to the planning and development of State facilities in transit-oriented development areas, the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation, who has administrative responsibilities for correctional and rehabilitation facilities statewide, is the more appropriate director to serve on the TOD Council. The provisions related to the new Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation are to take effect on January 1, 2024.

This bill would have no impact on OPSD or other agencies, since PSD has continued to serve and is active on the TOD Council. This bill will ensure that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation remains involved in transit-oriented development planning and implementation statewide, including for redevelopment of their properties in TOD areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Statement of JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA Director Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of HB 2365 RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB2365, an Administration bill, which proposes replacing the Director of Law Enforcement with the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation as a member of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council).

The Director of the Department of Public Safety (PSD) was named as a member of the TOD Council when it was established in 2016. Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2022, reorganized PSD into the Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR). Section 226-64(a) was also amended to replace the Director of Public Safety with the Director of Law Enforcement.

Since the TOD Council advises on planning and development of State facilities in TOD areas, including redevelopment of DCR properties, the DCR Director, who has administrative responsibilities for correctional and rehabilitation facilities statewide, is the more appropriate director to serve on the TOD Council. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.