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### Statement of JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Friday, February 23, 2024 9:30 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 016

# In consideration of S.B. 3059, SD1 RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports

Senate Bill 3059, SD1, which proposes amendments to section 109-1, Hawaii Revised

Statutes to clarify the requirement to establish a quorum to do business and validate acts of the Stadium Authority.

The existing statute lacks clarity on quorum and the voting requirements, causing issues for the Stadium Authority board in meeting section 92-15, HRS, quorum due to vacancies and ambiguity in section 109-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, especially regarding non-voting members. This bill aims to specify that a majority of current appointed voting members is needed for business and their concurrence for official action.

Clear quorum requirements and official business conduct by Stadium Authority will foster transparent and accountable decision-making, enhancing public trust.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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### **TESTIMONY** OF RYAN G. ANDREWS, STADIUM MANAGER STADIUM AUTHORITY

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

February 23, 2024 9:30 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 016

### In consideration of BILL S.B. 3059, SD1 **RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and members of the Committee.

The Stadium Authority supports Senate Bill 3059, SD1, which proposes amendments to section 109-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes to clarify the requirement to establish a quorum to do business and validate acts of the Stadium Authority.

The current statute is not specific on the requirement for establishing a quorum and the voting requirement to adopt a measure. The Stadium Authority board has had trouble in meeting the quorum requirement set forth in section 92-15, HRS, due to vacancies and a lack of clarity in section 109-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes with its application to non-voting members. This bill will clarify that a majority of the Stadium Authority's currently appointed voting members is required to do business, and the concurrence of a majority of the Stadium Authority's currently appointed voting members is required to take official action.

By establishing clear requirements for quorum and conducting official Stadium Authority business, the public will benefit from transparent and accountable decision-making processes. It enhances public trust in the Authority's actions, as citizens can be confident that decisions are made by a legitimate and representative body.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.