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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

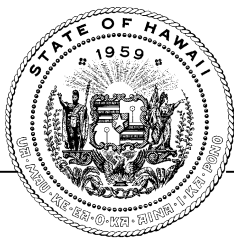
Wednesday, April 08, 2015
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
SCR77

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF KAPOLEI INTO A JOB CENTER IN
SUPPORT OF THE STATE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S POLICIES
TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI INTO OAHU'S SECONDARY URBAN CENTER.**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers the following comments on SCR77, requesting DBEDT to prioritize the development of Kapolei into a job center in support the state and the city and county of Honolulu's policies to develop Kapolei into Oahu's secondary urban center.

The Department recognizes the potential for growth in Kapolei and believes it to be consistent with its statutory objective of finding efforts that offer the most immediate promise of expanding the economy of the State. However, a comprehensive urban development plan, such as that requested, that prioritizes targeted industries most appropriate for the area including jobs, housing, emerging industries and education will require resources above DBEDT's current appropriations. It is estimated that \$150,000 could be expended to conduct this study. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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HONOLULU'S POLICIES TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI INTO OAHU'S "SECONDARY
URBAN CENTER".**

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The Office of Planning (OP) supports SCR 77 which requests that priority be given to the development of Kapolei into a job center in support of State and City and County of Honolulu's policies. OP has assumed the lead role for coordinating State agency efforts to develop State lands in the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zone of the Honolulu Rail Transit project. In the East Kapolei area, the State of Hawaii owns significant acreage in proximity to the University of Hawaii West Oahu rail transit station. OP will be exploring the development potentials for mixed use and affordable housing in this area in collaboration with Senator Chun-Oakland's State TOD Task Force and affected government agencies, including the University of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and State housing agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.