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**TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION
AND
HOUSING
House BILL NO. 1128
Relating to the Stadium Authority**

February 8, 2017

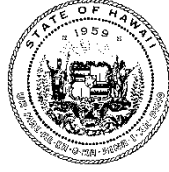
Chair Aquino, Brower, Vice Chair Quinlan, Nakamura and Members of the Committee:

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor **supports** HB 1128, which expands the power and duties of the Stadium Authority to develop the stadium property and establish a stadium complex area.

With the current stadium reaching the end of its useful life cycle, recommendation by the state's hired consultants are that the State seek opportunities to build a new smaller facility that will better align with our community needs. Cost estimates for a new stadium facility have been estimated at \$250 to \$300 million. With this cost estimate in mind, stakeholders and advisers are endorsing that the possible ancillary development to the stadium property be used to offset the cost of building a new facility and provide for a revenue source for ongoing repair and maintenance.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor respectfully ask that you pass the measure out of committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 423

H.B. 1128

RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY

Chairs Aquino and Brower, Vice Chairs Quinlan and Nakamura, and members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 1128.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent of the measure. The measure expands the Stadium Authority's duties and powers, which will provide the Authority with more flexibility in the development of the stadium property area.

DAGS supports the measure as long as it does not replace the Governor's priorities requested in the Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
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Testimony of

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Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

House Committees on
Transportation
Housing

House Bill 1128, Relating to the Stadium Authority

Chair Aquino, Chair Brower, and committee members:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. On behalf of the more than 700 members of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, we support House Bill 1128, which would expand the powers and duties of the Stadium Authority in order to develop the stadium property and establish a stadium complex.

The Aloha Stadium has been our largest sports facility since its opening in 1975. Now approaching its 42nd anniversary, the facility has been the home of University of Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors football, host for the National Football League Pro Bowl and prep football, and the site of major concerts and large gatherings, but has not fully realized its potential as a major sports and entertainment venue.

The Aloha Stadium and its environs soon will be a major stop on O'ahu's rail line. As the former mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, I was and continue to be a staunch advocate of transit-oriented development, or the development of the property at and surrounding the rail stations. Very early in the planning process, we identified the Aloha Stadium area as a prime location for a transit stop and future development, given the expanse of public land and prime location. This proposal presents an excellent opportunity to construct a new multi-purpose stadium, which appears to be more economical than repairing and maintaining the existing facility. As envisioned, this stadium could attract more sports and entertainment events to our islands and benefit not only our residents but diversify our tourism attractions.

We also applaud the bill's emphasis on a public-private partnership for development. In addition, we believe that community involvement and input at every step of the process are essential. The stadium property could be revitalized with a blend of affordable housing, commercial and retail space, recreation, and entertainment that will balance the community's needs with the developer's need for a return on investment. House Bill 1128 represents a bold, decisive, and very timely step in this direction, and the HLTA urges its approval.

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