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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Support Testimony on
S.B. NO. 222

RELATING TO AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT – SPACEPORT LICENSE

Senate Committee on Public Safety and Community Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

Committee on tourism
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 229

Enterprise Honolulu, the Oahu Economic Development Board strongly **supports SB 222**, providing funding to obtain an FAA License for space port operations in Hawaii.

With congress and NASA opening up the first 100 miles of space for commercialization, Hawaii can strengthen its position in this growth market through support and funding to secure space port license authorization for Honolulu International Airport, Kalaeloa Airport, and Kona Airport, plus support for the Pisces and UH space initiatives.

Why now? NASA rolled out America's new vision for space exploration in 2006, and Hawaii has many assets/resources/capabilities/advantages that can positively respond. Hawaii's strategic mid-Pacific location and long-standing ties with Asia-Pacific nations, makes the islands an ideal site to support collaborative international science, education and economic development initiatives (e.g., conferences/symposia, research, astronaut training, advanced optics and robotics testing and evaluation)

Getting space port authorization for sub orbital flights in Hawaii is the first step towards a future linking Hawaii to any part of the world within an hour in the not too distant future. Failure to act on this now could mean Hawaii will not be on the flight map at all. The timing is right for these activities. Enterprise Honolulu strongly **supports SB 222**.

John Strom

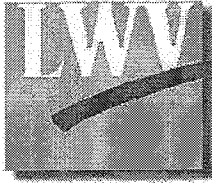
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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAWAII

TESTIMONY ON SB 212 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
1:15 pm Conference Room 229

Testifier: Piilani Kaopuiki, LWV-HI

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda, and members,

The League of Women Voters strongly supports the purpose of SB 212 to provide accountability and transparency to the public regarding the services provided by any vendor or state to house Hawaii prisoners. Despite the more than \$50,000,000 in public funds expended annually for prisoner services out-of-state, any information that is requested is not easily provided. Re SB 212 - testimony - PSMA - 02-10-09 - LATE
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This is a "Good Government" bill as it would require the state and contractor to provide access to the same information as is required of the department of public safety and includes the same remedies for the failure of contractors to comply. We must remember that 2,000 members of our community are serving their sentences abroad, thousands of miles from their homes and loved ones.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 212.



The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

The Voice of Business in Hawaii

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
1:00 PM
Conference Room 229

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 1213 RELATING TO CIVIL RELIEF FOR MILITARY RESERVE
COMPONENT PERSONNEL

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda, and members *SB 1213 Testimony*

My name is Charles Ota and I am
Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am
Relating to Civil Relief for Military Reserve

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billion dollar defense industry.

The measure proposes to extend foreclosure for one year after redeployment from active duty
for national guard and reservists.

The proposed action recognizes the unique hardships faced by national guard members and
reservists being recalled to active service by the US military to augment the overburdened active duty
force during the current global war against terrorism. Many guardsmen and reservists suffer severe
financial hardships caused by their military pay being below that of their regular civilian jobs. This
decrease in pay could results in the member not being able to meet his or her financial obligations
incurred as a civilian.

It is stressed that these guardsmen and reservists have no option but to comply with competent
orders directing them to active military service.

Failure to provide civil relief will result in national guard members and reservists, and their
families, to suffer the consequences of foreclosure actions.

In light of the unique circumstances faced by national guard and reserve members, the MAC
recommends passage of SB 1213.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.