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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Friday, April 11, 2025 10:00 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 423

In consideration of

S.C.R. 65

## URGING THE STADIUM AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM AND TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN EARNEST TO CREATE THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.

Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee.

The Stadium Authority, together with the Department of Accounting and General Services, continues to work closely with Aloha Halawa District Partners to finalize a master development agreement for the construction of the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) project. We will continue to negotiate the terms of the agreement and plan to execute the agreement by this Summer 2025. We appreciate the Legislature's continued support in bringing the NASED project to fruition.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding S.C.R. 65.

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Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee, thank you for

the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports

S.C.R. 65 which urges the Stadium Authority to finalize a contract for the construction of

the New Aloha Stadium and to continue its efforts in earnest to create the New Aloha

Stadium Entertainment District (NASED). DAGS is committed to working with the

Stadium Authority to move the NASED project forward and firmly believes this project

will have significant positive benefits for Hawai'i. We appreciate the continued support of

the entire NASED team's efforts by the legislature through this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



Representative Greggor Ilagan, Chair Representative Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair House Committee on Economic Development & Technology

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# Re: SCR65 – URGING THE STADIUM AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM AND TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN EARNEST TO CREATE THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.

Aloha Chair Ilagan, Vice Chair Hussey, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha Hālawa District Partners (AHDP) submits this testimony in strong support of SCR65 which urges the Stadium Authority to finalize a contract for the construction of the new Aloha Stadium and to continue advancing the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED).

We commend the Legislature for recognizing the urgency and importance of this project. Finalizing the construction contract is a crucial step toward delivering a vibrant, community-centered mixed-use district that offers long-term economic and recreational benefits for both residents and visitors.

AHDP is fully committed to working in partnership with the State of Hawai'i and local communities to bring this transformative project to life. We know that successful development relies on listening, collaboration, and shared vision. In February 2025, we held our first community meeting to present our plans, gather feedback, and ensure that NASED reflects the priorities and aspirations of residents. This input continues to shape our approach moving forward.

As concerns about cost of living, affordable housing, and homelessness remain top-of-mind for residents across the state, NASED offers tangible solutions by delivering new housing options, creating job opportunities, and generating long-term revenue for the state. This thoughtfully planned public-private partnership is designed not only to revitalize the Hālawa area, but also to serve as a model of economic development that prioritizes community needs.

We strongly support SCR65 and respectfully urge the committee to adopt this resolutions to keep this critical project on track. AHDP remains dedicated to working side-by-side with the Stadium Authority, state agencies, and the public to deliver a stadium and district that will benefit Hawai'i for generations to come.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this resolutions. We appreciate your time and consideration.