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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

in consideration of
HB 1395
RELATING TO THE KALIHI 21ST CENTURY COMMISSION.

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent and offers comments on HB 1395, which establishes a temporary Kalihi 21st Century Commission (Commission) in the Office of Planning and requires the Commission to develop a community development plan for the development of the Kalihi area on Oahu.

OP agrees that community planning through collaboration with stakeholders is needed to provide for comprehensive solutions for the efficient use of Hawaii's resources and guiding community development in a responsible manner. While the proposal establishes a temporary Commission to create a comprehensive community development plan for the Kalihi area, OP has a number of concerns to the bill as it is currently written:

- OP is currently working on the Kalihi 21st Century Transformation Initiative with a Vision Committee (Vision Committee) comprised of area legislators, neighborhood board members, and representatives from the public sector, private sector, social service agencies, and community-based organizations to establish a vision concept that re-imagines the future of Kalihi in the event the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) is relocated or replaced. The proposal to establish a temporary Commission of similar character would be duplicative of the existing Vision Committee members and networks.
- The Vision Committee has produced a Draft Vision document and continues outreach and collaboration efforts to finalizing the document by June/July 2017. Any comprehensive planning efforts delegated to a temporary Commission should take

into consideration the Vision document developed by the Vision Committee and final recommendations developed.

- OP also suggests that additional existing background research or documents be considered in development of the comprehensive development plan. The list of documents to be considered should include but not be limited to the following: Kalihi Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan (2014), the Kalihi-Palama Action Plan (2004), and the Primary Urban Center Development Plan (2004).
- OP appreciates the over-all concept of this bill as it includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives, but we are concerned about the potential cost implications generated by this proposal. Support of a temporary Commission proposed in HB 1395 would require additional staff resources and allowances for reimbursement of travel expenses of the temporary Commission members, as well as funding for developing the comprehensive community development plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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To: House Committee on Economic Development & Business

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: February 15, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 1395
Relating to the Kalihi 21st Century Commission

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill. The Office of Information Practices (“OIP”) takes no position on the substance of this bill, which establishes a temporary Kalihi 21st Century Commission in the Office of Planning, but is testifying to **seek clarification of a provision relating to public meetings.**

In bill section 6 (page 7, beginning at line 7), the bill provides that the proposed Commission “may hold public meetings as it deems necessary” and shall give public notice of its meetings “pursuant to section 1-28.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.” **The Commission as proposed appears to meet the definition of a “board” subject to the Sunshine Law, part I of chapter 92, HRS, which means the Sunshine Law’s notice provision and general open meeting requirements would apply to it. Thus, OIP questions whether it is necessary to require the Commission to give two different forms of public notice of its meetings, which will present administrative challenges for it.** Also, it is not clear whether the provision allowing the Commission to “hold public meetings as it deems necessary” is based on an inaccurate assumption that the

Commission would not be generally required to hold public meetings as required by the Sunshine Law, or is simply intended to make clear that the Commission is not limited to holding meetings only once a quarter.

To clarify this language, OIP would recommend deleting the extra notice requirement and amending the “additional meetings” provision so that the first sentence of bill section 6 reads as follows: “The commission shall meet quarterly and may hold additional meetings as it deems necessary.”

Thank you for considering our proposed amendment.



TO: Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole and the Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business

FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

DATE/LOCATION: Wednesday, February 15, 2017; 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 309

RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1395 – RELATING TO THE KALIHI 21st CENTURY COMMISSION

We support the intent of HB 1395 – Relating to the Kalihi 21st Century Commission. Over the past year there has been a focus on “reimagining” Kalihi. The potential relocation of OCCC, TOD progress, and multiple other projects has precipitated conversations long overdue. Kalihi has a rich history rooted in a multicultural environment and has provided a start to many new immigrants to Hawaii. These people regard Kalihi as “home” and its close proximity to the downtown corridor provides important access to many needed resources.

The Governor stated in his 2016 State of the State Address, “We have an immediate opportunity to get it right in Kalihi.” Surely, “getting it right” means a focus on including voices and concerns that make up Kalihi. If we support Kalihi with purpose and inclusivity, we can ensure a community that supports the people of this area for generations.

Over the past year, a number of not-for-profit service providers (listed in this bill) have been convening conversations to discuss the importance of lifting up the diverse voices in Kalihi. Some of the providers have been working in Kalihi for over 50+ years. We have a strong pulse on our community and the people we serve. We have attended the many meetings hosted by those engaged to solicit community feedback. We have also met with Kalihi area legislators to discuss our concerns. While we have been engaged in these conversations, there is still much to discuss and voices to bring together for this important dialogue. Many key voices are not at the table.

Community planning done right, has the potential to reduce homelessness, crime, substance abuse, health inequities, and improve overall social and economic well-being. These impacts have long lasting and multi-generational consequences that impact the war on poverty and homelessness. For healthy community planning to be supported in a meaningful way, a sustained political commitment is required. The foundational strength of community planning is the engagement of community members. We must involve community members in the planning process, especially those disadvantaged groups, to address the relevant determinants of health, target disadvantaged populations in planning, monitor and evaluate outcomes, and coordinate projects. Parents And Children Together supports this bill to ensure that any development in Kalihi is purpose built and focused on reducing inequities.

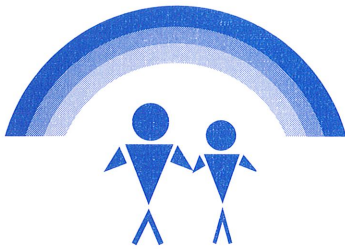
Over the past year we have addressed the following concerns for regarding the planning for Kalihi:

- **Various impacts of modernization**
 - We have concerns that the impacts of modernization will have unintended consequences such as:

- Zoning issues
 - Potential property tax increases that push out longtime residents
 - Adequacy of infrastructure – sewers, roads, etc.
- **Economic Development**
 - Successful economic development is typically not about one big thing.
 - It is more likely about lots of little things working synergistically together in a plan that makes sense.
 - Planning for decent employment opportunities that provide opportunity for working families.
 - Support of the businesses (including small business) that will support employment in Kalihi
- **Access to appropriate affordable housing**
- **Purpose Built Communities that will support healthy communities (Social Determinants of Health)**
 - Safe and walkable communities
 - Cradle to grave education opportunities
 - Promotion of health (healthy food options, access to healthcare facilities, etc.)
 - Open community spaces (with adequate lighting at night)
 - Space for Social Service Providers
 - Appreciation and recognition of cultural diversity and how it is represented in new space
 - Transportation options
- **Representation at community planning meetings – to ensure voices are being heard**
 - Meetings held at times and places that are sometimes difficult to access
 - Voices of seniors, youth, schools, public housing residents
 - Multiple community meetings makes it difficult to be in all places
 - There were little solutions provided regarding the coordination of the multiple plans.
- **Previous Lessons Learned**
 - Lessons learned from Rail – are there plans for community support when these changes occur (i.e. businesses along Kamehameha Hwy experienced impacts to revenue due to accessibility issues)
 - Support for non-profits and clients for accessibility
- **Coordination of multiple projects?**
 - There are multiple development projects in Kalihi that could potentially happen at the same time.
 - Some of these projects have the possibility of overlapping with one another.
 - This could cause stress on infrastructure and resources. For example, if projects occur at the same time, infrastructure like traffic and accessibility will be stressed.
 - There needs some time and effort spent on coordination of these projects and this has not been answered at the multiple community meetings.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 18,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 16 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB 1395**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.



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Submitted to Committee on Economic Development and Business
Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair
Representative Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members on the Committee on Economic Development and Business. I am here to testify in support of HB1395 that will establish a Kalihi 21st Century Commission to include many non-profit agencies that represent a larger number of people living and working in the Kalihi community.

For years, non-profits have been the voice and advocacy entity for the many working and struggling families considered to be low-income and economically challenged. The nine non-profit organizations listed in this bill collectively serve thousands, from keiki to kupuna. The Governor mentioned in his State of the State Address on January 25, 2016, "I've long had strong concerns about the way the redevelopment in Kakaako proceeded. So do a lot of people who felt left out. We have a great opportunity to learn from past experience and do things differently going forward. We have an immediate opportunity to get it right in Kalihi." Yet, many were still left out (mainly the non-profits) going forward with his Kalihi 21st Century Initiative.

There are many reasons why the non-profit sector should be included in the process of land use and development. First, not only do we serve and represent a large number of people, we are concerned for their well-being and the safety of the community. In an article dated 1/12/2017 from the Prevention Institute E-alert: Report draws on recent, multi-sector summit of policy makers, community groups working to address health, safety through land use, it was stated, "Bringing together the disciplines of land use and violence prevention holds tremendous potential to improve community safety through smart investments, cross-sector collaboration, and democratic engagement. We strongly believe that, if we work together, we can work through the land use system to address deep-rooted inequities and sow the seeds of a better future for all communities, free from violence and fear".

Secondly, we work with inequities at many levels on a daily basis. We see first-hand the impact it has on our clients in the community. Including the non-profits will allow the voice of this population to be heard and will prevent further inequities as well as lowering frustration that often leads to violence which ultimately leaves the community in fear.

All I ask is that we get it right now. Developing and including the many organizations listed in this bill is a must. Kalihi is home to many diverse cultures and people. We need to keep that essence of the community. We hope you will consider moving this bill forward and helping to make the commission a reality. I thank you for your time. Mahalo

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HB1395

Submitted on: 2/14/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keomailani von gogh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: will community members be given the same weight as the legislators, planners, economic developers? Will this just be another example of gentrification here in hawaii? What exactly do you consider affordable housing? My Grandfather was born and raised in Kalihi Valley and it is a special place. I do not want this to be a place the powers that be developed for a new movement of malihini to come and move there. Also, It sounds like there is a new city being built so the rail has somewhere to stop. REALLY?? it's kind of absurd

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Committee on Economic Development & Business

Chair Mark M. Nakashima & Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole
and Committee Members

I stand in strong support for HB 1395 relating to the Kalihi 21st Century Commission. I agree that the Commission should be made up of the right community leaders, stake holders, Government representatives, and service providers that have a vested interest in the growth and development, healthy lifestyles, safety and well-being of the Kalihi community as a whole is absolutely crucial and imperative.

First and foremost, the Commission's responsibilities should include establishing and creating a solid and extensive community development plan that makes sense, and caters for the needs and priorities of the community. A critical part of this plan is addressing the immediate needs and concerns of the residence, especially families, parents and their children. Providing quality health care and affordable housing. In addition, exposing and familiarizing residence with the resources available including service providers. These resources will help to strengthen family support and cultural diversity. Helping to decrease violence and crime is a key initiative in this effort.

The Kalihi community is ripe and ready for these long awaited changes and development. This overhaul is long overdue and the community deserves it. For this reason, I stand in firm support of this measure and hope the committee will see the value as well.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1395 because this will allow a larger number of community non-profits and community leaders and businesses in the Kalihi area to participate in the Kalihi 21st Century Commission. To place this measure in law - with a termination date, will ensure that all parties have an opportunity to be at the table in planning community the right way.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanani Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I submit testimony in support of HB195 to establish the Kalihi 21st Century Commission to do community planning the right way. The measure is needed to ensure all stakeholders have the ability work together and plan the community the right way. This will ensure all businesses, non-profits, and area residents will have the ability to participate in community planning the right way.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1395, because it will allow the various non-profits and community groups to be involved in community planning for Kalihi. If Governor Ige supports a united effort of community planning for Kalihi - then he would support these non-profits and community organizations being involved in community planning. If this bill passes and community planning is successful, tis can be used as a blueprint for future communities in Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jasmine Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB1395, because this will allow community planning the right way, by allowing all the non-profits and civic organizations to be a part of a major undertaking - the community planning of Kalihi. This will involve transportation, public safety, schools, parks, shopping affordable housing, and the future of Kalihi. This measure is very important, because if this measure works well - this can become the blueprint for future community planning for other communities in Hawaii for the future.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. As a native Hawaiian Advocacy Corporation & as a "Kalihi Boy" from Kalihi Valley Housing (a.k.a. "KamIV"), we want to see positive change in Kalihi, especially in light of the Rail project that is planned to come through Dillingham Boulevard. Mahalo.

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TO: Honorable Mark Nakashima , Chair
Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and
Business

FROM: Ronald M Higashi, Executive Director
Susannah Wesley Community Center

Subject: Testimony in support of HB 1395

Chair Nakashima and members of the House Committee on Economic
Development and Business,

My name is Ronald Higashi. I am the executive director of Susannah Wesley
Community Center (SWCC). I write in support of the intent of HB 1395,

SWCC has a rich tradition of providing human services to the Kalihi Palama
community for well over a one hundred years. It is a community we are proud of
and consider our home.

As stated in the bill there is considerable development underway in the Kalihi
Palama Community. I am both very exiting at the possibility of significant
economic development but at the same time cautious as to it's social impact on
our community.

Major development include Transit Oriented Development (TOD) along
Dillingham, 21st Kalihi Envisioning at OCC, the Kapalama Canal Improvement
Project, redevelopment at Mayor Wright Housing, and development of the Hawaii
Public Housing Authority on School Street. All of these are occurring within less
than two mile.

From what I can gather, over 6,500 additional units are currently being planned
through these planning efforts. Again depending how Kalihi Palama is defined,
approximately 37,000 people currently reside within it boundaries. Using a
conservative 2 people per unit occupancy rate would increase the KP population
by 13,000 people or an increase of a 35% increase. This is a significant increase

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I would also like to support a social impact study being conducted of the projected impact of the projected population increases of all these development taken collectively. Demographically, economically, as well as the social impact on the Kalihi Palama community.

In closing I do very much appreciate and respect the work that the state, city, and consultant planner have done in each project, especially those of the TOD, and understand they are coordinating these efforts.

I support the intent of this bill, to have a community based review of development within it's boundaries. My only hesitation is that it not stop the work and timetables that have been developed for the implementation already planned, especially that of the TOD.

Thank you for this opportunity. Mahalo