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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
BRUCE A. COPPA, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEES
ON
AGRICULTURE
AND
WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES
ON

April 1, 2011

H.C.R. 165/H.R. 144

RELATING TO ALLOWING STATE-OWNED LANDS TO BE USED BY COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR AN OPEN MARKET IN WAHIAWA

Chair Tsuji, Chair Chang, and members of the Committee's, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.C.R 165/H.R. 144.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) agrees with the intent of H.C.R 165/H.R. 144, but has the following concerns:

1. The only property under the jurisdiction of DAGS in the Wahiawa community is the Wahiawa Civic Center located at 910 California Avenue. The facility is heavily used during normal operating hours, and the only feasible time to hold an open market would be on weekends and holidays.
2. Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 3, Department of Accounting and General Services, Subtitle 10, Central Services Division, Public Building Management Services Branch, Chapter 111, State Facilities and Grounds prohibits the soliciting of goods and services unless a permit is issued by the Comptroller. DAGS has consistently denied requests for

this purpose on property under its jurisdiction. For this reason, the administrative rules would have to be amended to specifically allow the Wahiawa Civic Center to be used by community groups for an open market. This action would be precedent setting.

3. There are no support facilities, such as restrooms, and electrical power at the Wahiawa Civic Center during non-business hours.
4. Due to reduction-of-force action, the Central Services Division does not have the resources to provide any support for an open market. Additional staff resources or funding for overtime work would be necessary to provide services including but not limited to providing access to the property, registering vendors, collecting use fees, verifying that proper insurance policies are in force, verifying that vendors have valid General Excise licenses, and ensuring that the property is properly used and maintained.
5. Rules and procedures would also have to be established, similar to that used by the City and County of Honolulu.
6. There is currently an open market being held at the Wahiawa District Park every Tuesday. It may be more expedient to either expand the current operation or consider a school campus. The Department of Education currently allows open markets on some of its campuses, rules and procedures are already in place.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Empower O`ahu

April 1, 2011

Statement by Jeffrey Alameida
Executive Director, Empower Oahu

HCR165 and HR144 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND
GENERAL SERVICES TO ALLOW STATE-OWNED LANDS TO BE USED BY
COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR AN OPEN MARKET IN WAHIAWA.

Submitted to: Agriculture Committee
Representative Cliff Tsuji, Chair and Committee Members

Submitted to: Water, Land, & Ocean Resources Committee
Representative Jerry L. Chang, Chair and Committee Members

Chair Tsuji and Chair Chang, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HCR 165 that would allow for the establishment of an open market in Wahiawa on state-owned lands.

Empower Oahu (EO), a 501(c) 3 organization, was established as a result of the 1998 and 2001 Empowerment Zone (EZ) application process that united nine communities around a common goal of improving economic conditions for Oahu's most economically distressed areas. EO was formed to support each community as they further develop and implement their strategic plans prepared as part of the EZ process.

Wahiawa, one of its community partners, has developed the groundwork to formally be recognized as a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO). This required over five years of community planning resulting in the development of the Wahiawa Neighborhood Plan, a key component of the current City and County of Honolulu's Consolidated Plan. One of the objectives within the Neighborhood Plan was both the support of agriculture *and* the promotion of microenterprise businesses within Wahiawa. The Farmer's Market would support these objectives.

Empower Oahu communities have been implementing a wide range of economic development activities resulting in the establishment of business support services for the creation of jobs and micro-enterprises for low income individuals. The Wahiawa CBDO is taking a proactive place-based approach to improving the economic self-sufficiency of its residents and deserves your additional support and assistance,

Empower Oahu is in full support of HCR 165 and urges your favorable consideration and passage of these important Resolutions.

Mahalo,

Jeffrey Kalani Alameida, CFP •
Executive Director

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Jim Wayman
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Submitted on: 3/31/2011

Comments:

We certainly support the intent of this resolution but at the same time we have no criticism over the HDOA's efforts in handling our point of origin coffee trademarks. We would like to see the legislature provide additional personal to the HDOA to better enable them to accomplish their heavy workload.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for AGR/WLO 4/1/2011 10:15:00 AM HR144

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Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:

On behalf of the Wahiawa Community and Business Association, I fully support HR144 to request the Department of Accounting and General Service to allow state owned lands to be used by community groups for an open market in Wahiawa. Such a measure underpins the goals of the Wahiawa Community and Business Association, among which is to promote agriculture in all its forms as a contributor to the economic vitality and culture of our community

TO: House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth Legislature, 2011
State of Hawaii

FROM: Wahiawa Community Based Development Organization

I wish to register strong support from members of the Wahiawa Community Based Development Organization (Wahiawa CBDO) for the passage of House Resolutions H.R. NO. 144 and H.C.R. NO. 165 concerning an open market in Wahiawa on state-owned land.

For more than a year, the Wahiawa CBDO has researched, planned and sought participants for an open market in Wahiawa. The only sensible location for the market, one that possesses suitable hardstand, adequate space, nearby parking, and good public visibility, is on the state-owned land in the center of Wahiawa fronting California Avenue. Weekly usage of this site for several hours was denied by the state because goods were to be sold. Passage of this legislation will allow this worthwhile enterprise to go forward.

One of the main objectives of the Wahiawa CBDO is to foster economic development in our poor community. An open market is one of the ideas that surfaced early in our organization's deliberations, because Wahiawa has a strong agricultural identity, and hosts many community gardens and home gardeners. The open market will provide a venue for small agricultural entrepreneurs to sell produce, plants and flowers. The presence of an open market will also serve to encourage more residents to seek food and economic security through agriculture.

**WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL***Never Out Of Touch*

March 30, 2011

**Chair Cliff Tsuji, Agriculture Committee
Chair Jerry L. Chang, Water, Land, and Ocean Resources Committee
And All Committee Members**

**Wahiawa General Hospital supports the concept of allowing State-owned lands
to be used by Community Groups for establishing an Open Market in Wahiawa**

It is my strong belief that an excellent Open Market would benefit the citizens and farmers in and around the Central Oahu Area. There are several such markets operating on public property within the City and County of Honolulu already that I have personally shopped at with a good experience — including the ones at Makiki Park and Kapiolani Community College. In my opinion, enabling the development of an Open Market in Wahiawa should be approved without delay.

Sincerely,

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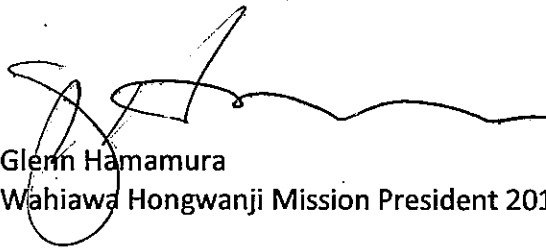
Chairman Tsuji and Chairman Chang,

The Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission supports the intent of HCR 165 and HR 144, requesting the Department of Accounting and General Services to allow community groups and non-profit organizations to use state-owned lands. The use of such lands will aid in the effort by the community of Wahiawa to help improve and uplift the economic status.

An open market organized and run by the community will compliment the open market operated by the city by having it available for more people but will encourage individuals of the community to participate in selling produce or other products of their own making. This will also help the many members of the community who are economically depressed.

Your support for these resolutions will be appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,



Glenn Hamamura
Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission President 2011

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Comments:

The use of the land for agriculture for the local farmers and an open farmer's market would be great for the Wahiawa community to not only boost the economy with employment but to also help those that are at a disadvantage financially to afford to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at a reduced cost. We always say grow local, buy local now we need to put it into action.