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IN REPLY REFER TO:



Statement of Craig K. Hirai Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

March 11, 2014 at 9:45 a.m. State Capitol, Room 312

In consideration of S.B. 3054, S.D. 2 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The HHFDC <u>offers the following comments</u> on S.B. 3054, S.D. 2. We defer to the High Technology Development Corporation on the overall merits of this bill. However, HHFDC is willing to provide any consultation or other assistance that may be needed by the High Technology Development Corporation or any other agency as proposed in this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill.

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March 10, 2014

The Honorable Clift Tsuji, Chair Committee on Economic Development and Business House of Representatives State Capitol, Room 402 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Tsuji:

Subject: S.B. 3054 S.D. 2 Relating to Economic Development

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support S.B. 3054, S.D. 2, which requires the Board of Directors of the High Technology Development Corporation to create a public safety technology park, designate certain properties to be included in the park, and appropriate funds.

The fire service in Hawaii strongly supports training and preparedness in various types of emergency incidents, including natural and manmade disasters, water and land rescues, and medical and hazardous materials emergencies. In the event of a large-scale emergency, our community will need all available county, state, and federal resources and the ability to work effectively together.

The SFC supports the strategy to centralize public safety facilities to enable the sharing of resources and support services by establishing a central Oahu public safety technology park. We also support the concept of regional equipment and vehicle depots for participating agencies. This will enhance first responders' ability to adequately address emergencies in isolated areas on Oahu. We look forward to being an active participant in the proposed measure of the public safety planning.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of S.B. 3054, S.D. 2.

The Honorable Clift Tsuji, Chair Page 2 March 10, 2014

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES Chair

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Written Statement of **ROBBIE MELTON Executive Director & CEO** High Technology Development Corporation before the **COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS**

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:45 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 312 In consideration of

SB 3054 SD2 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Ward, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Business.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) would like to offer **comments** on SB 3054 SD2 relating to Economic Development. HTDC supports innovation and technology development in any industry, including public safety.

HTDC has a core competency in technology and manufacturing and, under its statutes, 206M HRS, the ability to develop technology parks. Though we support the intent of SB 3054 SD2, HTDC will need \$500,000 to dedicate for research to build expertise in the focus area of a Public safety technology park, explore partnership opportunities and solicit proposals to ensure the best use of State resources.

This would be a specific appropriation and should not replace or adversely impact the Administration's budget request. Without an appropriation HTDC suggests that our agency would be best suited in a support role for this initiative, as part of a planning committee providing expertise in establishing technology parks and in entrepreneurship, rather than a revision of its 206M HRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS ON SENATE BILL NO. 3054, S.D. 2

March 11, 2014

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senate Bill No. 3054, S.D. 2, requires the board of directors of the High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) to create a public safety technology park and designates certain properties to be included in the park. The HTDC is charged under the bill with identifying incentives for the development of the public safety technology park. The bill states that the incentives "may include" both special purpose revenue bonds and special facility revenue bonds.

The Department would like to note that the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds or special facility revenue bonds require, among other things, the project or special facility to generate sufficient revenues to pay debt service on the bonds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our testimony on this bill.

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Testimony by Harry Saunders President, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i March 10, 2014

Before the House Committee on Economic Development & Business

> March 11, 2014 9:45 a.m. Conference Room 312

Support for: <u>SB 3054 SD2</u> RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Ward and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development & Business:

I am Harry Saunders, President of Castle & Cooke Hawai'i. We are the owner of certain parcels identified by the following Tax Map Key (TMK) numbers:

TMK # 9-5-002-057 TMK # 9-5-046-010 TMK # 9-5-046-012 TMK # 9-5-046-018 TMK # 9-5-046-041 TMK # 9-5-046-042 TMK # 9-5-046-044

These parcels are located in Central O'ahu and within the Mililani Technology Park and would be very suitable for a proposed Public Safety Technology Park. These parcels are in a centralized, higher elevation area (~850'+) in Central O'ahu and within convenient proximity to the H-2 State Highway, Schofield Barracks, Wahiawā General Hospital and Wahiawā Police Station. We are not opposed to selling these parcels at <u>Fair Market Value</u> to the State, nor any other prospective buyer(s). This sale would also include infrastructure requirements to be assumed by the buyer. We are standing by for further details and ready to execute a contract to sell our lands.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us:

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