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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING

AND

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

April 1, 2013

2:46 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 16

in consideration of

S.C.R. 36 / S.R. 17 – REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO LEASE A
PORTION OF LAND COMPRISING THE
KALAELOA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT TO THE UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD FOR A FACILITY TO BE DESIGNATED
AS THE COAST GUARD PACIFIC REGIONAL
CENTER AT KALAELOA.

Purpose: Requests that the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) lease a portion of land comprising the Kalaeloa Community Development District to the United States Coast Guard (USCG) District 14 for a facility to be designated as the Coast Guard Pacific Regional Center at Kalaeloa.

Position: While supporting the intent of this measure, I provide the following comments. It should be noted that this testimony reflects only my viewpoint as the Authority has not yet had an opportunity to review and act as a group on this measure.

Testimony reflects the view and position of the Executive Director and not that of the Authority.

The current USCG District 14 Headquarters is located in the Federal building on Ala Moana Boulevard. The HCDA recognizes the importance of having a Coast Guard Pacific Regional Center at Kalaeloa. Current ancillary land uses and government functions that would complement such a facility are the National Guard, Navy facilities, and the Kalaeloa Airport which falls under the Department of Transportation, Airports Division. In addition, the proximity of Kalaeloa to Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam is a positive factor.

However, the HCDA notes that of the three thousand seven hundred (3,700) acre area that encompasses the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station, the land was either retained by the Navy, and/or transferred to other Federal, State, and City agencies. The HCDA does not hold many land assets in Kalaeloa. In addition, the USCG has not approached the HCDA to show interest in the agency's holdings. The HCDA will work with the USCG should they approach us.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this concurrent resolution of the State Legislature.

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Thomas T Shirai Jr	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Espero and Cmte Members, I support SCR 36 & SR 17 so that the USCG can have a centralized command better to better serve their units and the public more effectively. I'm a decorated USCG Veteran and have attached it to this testimony. The USCG Medal is the most prestigious awarded to a Coast Guardsman for Search & Rescue (www.uscg.mil) as a first responder. There are only approximately 284 were awarded this in the UsCG's history and I'm only the second recipent of Hawaiian & Japanese ancestry to receive this. Seper Paratus. Mahalo nui loa.

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Comments: Aloha Chairs Dela Cruz, Espero & Cmte Members, I support SR 17 & SCR 36. The same sentiments are contained in testimony supporting SCR 36 for HCDA lease land to USCG for a centralized command to better serve it's units and public. Semper Paratus. Mahalo nui loa. Thomas T Shirai Jr Mokule'ia, Waialua

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