



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs and Committee on Transportation and Committee on
Judiciary and Labor
Monday, March 23, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol**

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**RE: HOUSE BILL 1010 HD1 RELATING TO THE COMMUTER BENEFITS
PROGRAM**

Chairs Espero and Nishihara and Keith-Agaran, Vice Chairs Baker and Harimoto and Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") would like to **express concerns** regarding HB 1010 HD1, which authorizes the counties to adopt an ordinance requiring employers to offer employees specified commuter benefits options.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

We do not believe that government should mandate employers to offer these benefits to employees. Employers should have a choice of whether or not to offer these additional benefits, rather than being forced to by the counties. We are also concerned with the additional costs and administrative burden that this bill proposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Including the DOE.. and what about those of us who don't use cars and only public transport getting a tax break?

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS the intent of HB 1010, RELATING TO THE COMMUTER BENEFITS PROGRAM, which only authorizes the counties to adopt an ordinance requiring employers to offer employees specified commuter benefits options (does not apply to the State). (HB1010 HD1) LURF respectfully recommends AMENDMENTS to this measure, which:(1) broadens the requirements to apply to the State; and (2) requires the counties and State to provide commensurate incentives to employers who offer such benefits.

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Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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