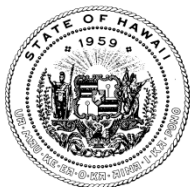


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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** H.B. 971, H.D.1 which removes the Director of Transportation and adds additional members to the Aloha Tower Development Corporation (ATDC).

The present three member board presents challenges in conducting ATDC business. Communication and interaction between the Director of Transportation and Deputy Director of Harbors Division, who are both ATDC board members, are awkward and delicate even when performing their primary position's perfunctory activities due to the Sunshine Law.

Further, the DOT believes that the removal of the Director of Transportation along with added representation from the maritime industry and other agencies would serve ATDC best when more perspectives of an odd number are represented.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.