

# SCR77

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF KAPOLEI INTO A JOB CENTER IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S POLICIES TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI INTO OAHU'S "SECONDARY URBAN CENTER".

Report Title: Kapolei; Secondary Urban Center

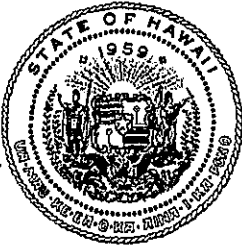
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY**

Monday, March 30, 2015  
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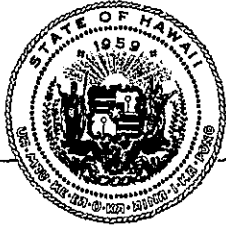
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HONOLULU'S POLICIES TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI INTO OAHU'S SECONDARY  
URBAN CENTER.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers the following comments on this concurrent resolution requesting DBEDT to prioritize the development of Kapolei into a job center in support of the state and the city and county of Honolulu's policies to develop Kapolei into Oahu's secondary urban center.

The Department recognizes the potential for growth in Kapolei and believes it to be consistent with its statutory objective of finding efforts that offer the most immediate promise of expanding the economy of the State. However, a comprehensive urban development plan, such as that requested, that prioritizes targeted industries most appropriate for the area including jobs, housing, emerging industries and education will require resources above DBEDT's current appropriations. It is estimated that \$150,000 could be expended to conduct this study.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.



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Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Slom, and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic  
Development and Technology.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SCR 77 which requests that priority be given to the  
development of Kapolei into a job center in support of State and City and County of Honolulu's  
policies. OP has assumed the lead role for coordinating State agency efforts to develop State  
lands in the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zone of the Honolulu Rail Transit project. In  
the East Kapolei area, the State of Hawaii owns significant acreage in proximity to the  
University of Hawaii West Oahu rail transit station. OP will be exploring the development  
potentials for mixed use and affordable housing in this area in collaboration with Senator Chun-  
Oakland's State TOD Task Force and affected government agencies, including the University of  
Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and State housing agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

March 30, 2015

Re: SCR 77-Senate Concurrent Resolution

Aloha kakahiaka:

As a member of West O`ahu Economic Development Association, employed with a Kapolei business, and live within the West O`ahu region, I support SCR 77, to specifically attract business to Kapolei.

This action is something that I have been in support of ever since the inception of the city of Kapolei. I really appreciate your support in this matter and look forward to Kapolei being the number one job growth center on this island.

Mahalo,

*Georgette Stevens*

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Submitted on: 3/30/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iolita Takeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in SUPPORT of SCR 77 which directs the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to develop a program that will attract businesses and therefore jobs to Kapolei in order to build Kapolei as a major job center. West Oahu residents already suffer through the worst traffic in the world and an enormous amount of capital is being expended to ease traffic congestion for West Oahu residents who commute to their jobs in downtown Honolulu. Equal, if not more, attention should be paid to traffic solutions that will redirect the flow of traffic and allow West Oahu residents to work where they live. Programs that build Kapolei as a job center is consistent with the government's longstanding policy of directing growth to Kapolei and we encourage your support of this resolution.

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