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Statement of MIKE MCCARTNEY Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Friday, February 8, 2019 2:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of

HB1404

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM BUDGET.

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB1404, which appropriates additional operating funds for the Office of Planning (BED144) and converts personal services funding from revolving to general funds for the Hawaii Community Development Authority (BED150) over the fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Statement of LEO R. ASUNCION

Planning Program Administrator, Office of Planning before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 8. 2019 8:30 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of

HB 1404

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM BUDGET

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs.

The Office of Planning supports HB 1404, and proposes amendments that will amend the amounts stated in the budget section of the Office of Planning (BED 144):

• Recently in responding to questions from the House Committee on Finance, an error was discovered in the salary level for the requested Accountant IV position. Initially, the salary amounts noted were: FY19-20 - \$29,808 (6-month delay) / FY20-21 - \$59.616. These salary levels correspond to the entry level salary of an Accountant V (SR 24) position.

Therefore, the Office of Planning proposes an amendment to reflect the correct salary for an Accountant IV (SR 22) position, and should read as follows:

FY19-20 - \$26,478 (6-month delay) / FY20-21 - \$52,956

• We request the addition of \$20,600 for each year of the fiscal biennium to allow the Hawaii Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Program staff to participate in trainings, sessions, and conferences both locally and on the mainland. It is important that GIS staff participate in these trainings and conferences each year in order to be up-to-date on procedures and practices, which GIS staff routinely share with the over 500+ users of the State's GIS.

The result of the above amendments would result in a total general (A) fund request (page 4, line 4) of:

FY19-20 - \$290,838 / FY20-21 - \$209,816

In regards to the total Federal (N) fund request (page 4, line 5), the Office of Planning supports the amount as stated.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.





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STATEMENT OF AEDWARD LOS BANOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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HB 1404 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISUM BUDGET

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the Committees.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) **Supports** HB 1404 that adjusts the operating budget for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 1404.