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From: _____

**Subject: HB2047 – Relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority
Kalaeloa Energy Corridor**

I am submitting written testimony in favor of HB2047 and am humbly asking for your support for this measure. Electrical outages occur more frequently today than ever before in Kalaeloa. These monthly occurrences are detrimental to our customers, businesses and residents. Although some businesses have made investments in generators to supplement times when the power goes out, many times the outages last for hours/days and generators are not sufficient. As a Kalaeloa stakeholder since 1999 I know how difficult it is to do business in the district. Since the decommissioning of Naval Air Station Barbers Point almost 17 years ago, the Navy no longer has a mission in the district, therefore the Navy has done almost no maintenance and the already substandard system continues to deteriorate.

This project represents the first step to providing us with a solution. It is my understanding that the project is to be built to Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) standards, therefore the additional specifications described in HB2047 may cause problems for the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to execute the project. The specifications described in HB2047 should be replaced with a description that the project should be built to HECO standards. If this project is not built it will force us to reconsider remaining in Kalaeloa. It would be detrimental to our Kalaeloa community if we do not get your support for this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony and once again I humbly ask for your support to fund the \$6 million for the completion of the Kalaeloa Energy Corridor project.

Sincerely,



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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

ON

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

2:10 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of

**H.B. 2047 HD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

Purpose: Requires the HCDA to undertake and complete the Kalaeloa Energy Corridor Project

Position: This testimony reflects my view as the interim Executive Director only, as the Authority has not had an opportunity to formulate a position on this measure.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) requested \$6 million from the State Legislature to fund the Kalaeloa Energy Corridor Project, as we recognize its importance to providing reliable energy to the Kalaeloa Community Development District. The district currently suffers numerous electrical outages, putting a strain on area businesses and government resources, such as the FBI building, Army National Guard, and Kalaeloa Airport.

The HCDA supports the intent of the bill, however we request that an appropriation be made to cover the \$6 million project cost, should our CIP request fail to be approved.

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

The HCDA also notes that the Kalaeloa Energy Corridor must be built to the electrical standards set forth by the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) in order to be connected to the grid. As such, the HCDA requests flexibility in the bill's language to account for potential changes in project plans and specifications to meet HECO standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments on this measure.