

STATE OF HAWAII  
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Kakaako, Kalaeloa & Heeia  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Chairperson and Members  
Hawaii Community Development Authority  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

HCDA Board Members:

**SUBJECT:** Shall the Authority Adopt Recommendations for the 2018 Legislative Session?

**SUMMARY:**

Every Legislative Session, bills are introduced affecting the HCDA. As the Board meets monthly, it is logistically impossible for the Board to react on a moment's notice. The 2017 Legislative Task Force recommends the Board take positions on legislation that may affect HCDA to give the Executive Director and staff guidance on how they should proceed on certain items.

**BACKGROUND:**

The 2018 Regular Session of the Hawaii State Legislature convenes on January 17, 2018.

In 2017, the Board took the following positions:

- Homelessness
  - The HCDA Board supports any measure seeking additional help from other state agencies to address the issue of homelessness.
- Infrastructure improvements
  - The HCDA board supports any measure that would support infrastructure improvement projects within its districts as long as it is coupled with staffing to support implementation.
- Transit-oriented development (TOD) or expanding HCDA's areas or responsibility
  - The HCDA board is unable to support any measure that expands HCDA's development districts unless it is coupled with staffing to support implementation.
- Repeal of HCDA special funds
  - The HCDA board opposes any measure to repeal its special funds as the HCDA relies on the funds for its operations.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Governor's FY 2019 Supplemental Budget asks for 8 FTE (full time equivalent) permanent positions and \$419,302 for deputy sheriffs positions to support homeless and illegal camping

operations. The proposal would assist state agencies such as HCDA enforce park closure and address any encampments on state property.

In regard to infrastructure improvements, staff anticipates various bills being introduced to expand HCDA's responsibilities to include infrastructure improvements in Transit areas or in other areas of the state. HCDA currently does not have the capacity to take on this work without funding and FTE positions. HCDA may wish to reaffirm the position it took last year.

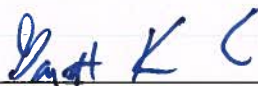
Likewise, with the possibility that special funds may be repealed, the Authority may wish to reaffirm its previous position as well.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

HCDA staff recommends that the Board adopt the following positions:

1. The HCDA Board supports the Governor's Supplemental Budget Request to support a law enforcement team to support homeless and illegal camping operations.
2. The HCDA board supports any measure that would support infrastructure improvement projects within its districts as long as it is coupled with staffing to support implementation.
3. The HCDA board is unable to support any measure that expands HCDA's development districts unless it is coupled with staffing to support implementation.
4. The HCDA board opposes any measure to repeal its special funds as the HCDA relies on the funds for its operations.

Respectfully submitted,



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