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Aloha Budget Chair Kobayashi, Co-chair Chang and members of the Budget Committee,

My name is Kalani Fronda, Sr. Land Asset Manager with Kamehameha Schools and also a board member of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, I encourage you to support the Budget Bill 12 (2013) CD2 and Grant-in-Aid Amendment, Bill II (2013), CD2:

- 1) Project # 2011092 - **Haleiwa Walkway Improvements** - Construct walkways and other roadway improvements along Kamehameha Hwy. in Haleiwa between the Opaepa Stream Bridge and the Anahulu River Bridge as described in Resolution 09-338, CD1. \$6,500,000 construction.
- 2) **Haleiwa Public Parking** - Acquire land, plan and design a public parking lot. \$1,000 plan + \$1,000 design + \$748,000 = \$750,000 total

The Haleiwa Town Plan, completed in 1991 in a community-wide process involving 349 people, including the main community leaders at the time, called for developing continuous walkways throughout the town. At that time, we didn't have nearly the number of visitors we have today. Today 51% of all Oahu visitors or 2.4 million visit the North Shore and nearly 2 million a year visit Haleiwa Town. Not having walkways is a major safety issue for visitors, especially the Japanese visitors who walk in the middle of the road. It is also an issue for the residents who are in wheel chairs or pushing a baby stroller because they also are forced on to the road because a lack of walkways.

Haleiwa and the North Shore are a major destination now and need to be treated as such by investing in this area's infrastructure. The South Shore has Waikiki and the North Shore has Haleiwa. Haleiwa is designated as the main area for development in the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan. Kamehameha Schools (KS) is currently implementing the Haleiwa Commercial Redevelopment Project in the Matsumoto Shave Ice area (aka "Haleiwa Store Lots") which includes the construction of walkways built according to the North Shore Sustainable Communities Plan and the Haleiwa Special District Standards. Additionally, KS has plans for infill development in the middle of town which includes new commercial facilities and new residential units. The need for the walkways is critical and so is additional parking (Haleiwa Public Parking).

The Budget Bill includes funding for both of these critical projects, Haleiwa Walkways and Public Parking, and I ask that you support their funding.

In addition to these two items, we ask your support for \$25,000 to support the **North Shore Economic Clusters of Opportunity Strategic Plan in the Grant-in-Aid Bill 11, CD2**. The lack of economic opportunity especially for our young people, higher than average unemployment, a low-wage, service-driven economy and a high cost of living are the underlying drivers of increased homelessness, drug use and the departure of young kama'aina from the region. These problems underscore the urgency and explain the community focus on increased job creation and economic diversification that builds on the region's historical backbone of agriculture and tourism.

This Economic Cluster planning process is well underway and has received pledges of \$95,000 from a broad spectrum of the community (which includes \$25,000 from Kamehameha Schools). In addition to providing direct support to the project, the commitment of the City & County of Honolulu (C&C) will allow the community to compete for federal dollars including EDA and USDA rural community awards. The proposed grant-in-aid will help empower this community and allow it to make well-informed, data-driven decisions regarding economic expansion in the region. With C&C engagement, we expect to be able to continue to self-fund this activity moving forward.

In closing, we would also like to pledge our support for the **canoe hālau located at the Haleiwa Regional Park**. Kamehameha Schools owns property adjacent to the City Parcel identified, and we are concerned about inappropriate adjacent uses. The proposal to construct a canoe hālau are one of several uses that garnered

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community support and is complementary to the stewardship work that we are conducting at both Loko Ea Fishpond and `Uko`a Marsh.

We humbly request your support for the above projects.

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