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TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET  
CLYDE T. HAYASHI - DIRECTOR

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Committee Meeting Room  
550 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
DATE: Wednesday, May 10, 2016  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON BILL 14 (2016), CD1 – EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET AND PROGRAM AND BILL 15 (2016) CD1 – EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM

To Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Manahan and Committee Members:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET). Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on Bill 14 (2016) CD1 – Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program and Bill 15 (2016) CD1 – Relating to the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

Hawaii LECET is in strong support of restoration of budgeted monies sewer projects. It is imperative that the County's sewage infrastructure be well supported and maintained to ensure that urban sanitation is maintained at the highest quality possible. Without this funding, the proposed removal of funding would likely lead to violations of our Consent Decree and possibly jeopardize sewer permits. Some of the projects are essential for further development of the Iwilei/Kapalama area and future TOD.

In addition, Hawaii LECET is in strong support of funding for staff positions in the planned Asset Management and Development Division. Currently, no money has been budgeted for the eight staff positions for this important Department. While the City Council has made funding available, without the necessary staff, it is very difficult to move forward on projects such as affordable housing, affordable rentals and housing for the homeless

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of restoration of the budgeted monies to the sewer projects and for funding for staff positions for the Asset Management and Development Division.