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**TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET
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**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

TESTIMONY ON BILL 57-16 TO ADOPT THE REVISED KOOLAU POKO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

CHAIR IKAIKA ANDERSON, VICE CHAIR KYMBERLY PINE AND MEMBERS OF THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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 in **SUPPORT** of Bill 57-16, which seeks to amend the Koolau Poko Sustainable Community Plan (KPSCP) to allow cemetery use and to move the growth boundary to include the expansion area for Hawaiian Memorial Park.

Hawaiian Memorial Park's land is located in the State Conservation Land Use District and was purchased in 1983 at a time when cemetery use was allowed. In 1989/1990, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources changed the rules and as a result, current State land use policies are unclear on cemetery use in this district, although it was historically allowable under State laws prior to the change.

Hawaiian Memorial Park developed a new plan based on the community feedback they received. This new plan includes a reduced cemetery area under 29 acres, buffer zones to minimize impacts to neighbors, and a cultural preserve in partnership with the Koolau Poko Hawaiian Civic Club. In addition, Hawaiian Memorial Park's plan includes a conservation easement over the entire 156 acre parcel.

Hawaii LECET strongly urges you to pass Bill 57-16. The Koolau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan will enable local families to have a place to honor their loved ones who have passed, and will also address the oversight by the City and County of Honolulu when it inadvertently failed to include cemeteries as an allowable use in the conservation district.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of Bill 57-16.

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