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Subject: Bill 15 Executive Operating Budget, CD2

Aloha Council Chair Apo and members of the City Council, my name is Andrew M. Jamila Jr., President of the Waimanalo Construction Coalition. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Bill 15, regarding the Office of Economic and Development and how much I support in retaining all of their funds in the administrations 2010 budget. It is very important that during this tough economic period, this Council understands that this would not be the appropriate time to cut any funds from this department but rather find the support for economic development within our communities, non profit organizations and businesses.

My non profit organizations have been a strong partnership with the Office of Economic & Development since 1999 with both City administrations. We have worked very closely in promoting strong economic outreach events within our community and much supported by our late Council member Marshall as she looked forward in attending all of our sponsored events in Waimanalo. Our organization benefited of this partnership of OED and especially the visitors that support our businesses and farmers in our community.

With the assistance of this administration and the Office of Economic & Development, our organization could not have done any community local country fair event in Waimanalo. This event promotes the beauty of Waimanalo and strong supports our agriculture industry and small businesses that all participates. We have welcomed many visitors and local residents around the island to be able to spend in our community by supporting our local farmers and small business to continue to operate.

Since the beginning of this administration we have partnership in reviving our community with the support and efforts of the Office of Economic & Development with their leadership and assistance from their staff. It is important for this Council to continue and to ensure that all non profit organizations and constituents in your community with public and private partnership between the city continue and to have these available resources.

In closing, I ask that this City Council remain open minded and consider retaining all funds for the Office of Economic & Development so they may be able to continue to serve all your constituents in your community! We would like you to continue in supporting the positive economic event in Waimanalo and continue our relationship with this Council as well as the administration.

Mahalo for this opportunity, Andrew M. Jamila Jr., President