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HCR 234, HR 175 Requesting the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Community College, and Various Other Entities to Pursue Development of a Mixed-Use Urban Core in Kalihi and Requesting Enterprise Honolulu to Submit a Report Relating to the Mixed-Use Urban Core

Chair Karamatsu, Chair Waters, and Members of the Committees:

Honolulu Community College (HCC) stands in strong support of HCR 234 and its companion resolution HR 175.

HCR 234 takes long awaited measures to begin the redevelopment of the Kalihi area by: 1) drawing residents and businesses to Kalihi through mixed use zoning, 2) supporting the growth of Hawai'i's technology industry in Kalihi, and 3) utilizing HCC's educational and training strengths in technical workforce development initiatives.

HCC began as the Territorial Trade School in 1920 and since that time has been a training and proving ground for Hawai'i's technical and trades industry workers. The college has always understood its niche and importance to Hawai'i's overall economic development. And, although the campus' programs would enjoy more space in other parts of Oahu, HCC has never moved because of Kalihi's geographical importance to business and industry. From the beginning HCC has been proud to call Kalihi its home.

Honolulu Community College strongly supports the passage of this resolution. We look forward to working with Enterprise Honolulu in regenerating interest in one of Oahu's oldest neighborhoods.