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SCR 68 RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN SUBMERGED LANDS

Statement for
Senate Committee on
Economic Development
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SCR 68 would endorse a proposal to develop submerged lands at Keehi Lagoon for airport-related industrial purposes. This statement on the resolution does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The resolution refers to an endorsement of the proposed industrial development that has been provided by the Kalihi-Palama Community Association "subject to the approval of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)" and review of final plans. The Committee should be aware that acceptance of the EIS on a project signifies merely that the environmental impacts of the project have been identified, adequately analyzed, and validly stated. There is no "approval" of an EIS that signifies that the benefits of the project outweigh any detrimental impacts that it may have. We suggest that if any approval of the development by the Legislature is appropriate at this time, the approval should be contingent upon a finding by the Department of Land and Natural Resources that any environmental detriments disclosed by the EIS on the development be outweighed by the benefits.