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Honolulu Urban Core Redevelopment to Jump Start Economy to be Discussed

HONOLULU- Water, Land and Housing Committee Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Senator Malama Solomon are holding a meeting to discuss and share ideas on the redevelopment of the Honolulu urban core and main streets of Hawaii. The meeting is aimed at bringing the private sector and government together and building a common vision for job creation and stimulating our state's economy.

The meeting will be held **TODAY, Monday, March 28, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., in the Capitol Auditorium at the Hawaii State Capitol.**

"The plan for the development of the urban core is an aggressive approach for creating jobs in the private sector and for jump starting the economy. The state needs revenue to provide services and I'm very uncomfortable with raising the GET with very little discussion on growing the economy," said Dela Cruz.

"This redevelopment project will play a major role in the life of our city over the next several decades in terms of job creation and revenue and also in the quality of life for area residents," said Senator Solomon.

Permitting procedures, land use strategies, restructuring government and other relative aspects to ensure redevelopment will be examined. Organizations in the construction and development industries, trade associations and trade unions will be attending to provide input.

The following Departments are attending:

Budget & Finance

Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations

Land Use Research Foundation

Office of Planning

Urban Land Institute

Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands

Dept. of Land & Natural Resources

Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation

Hawaii Community Development Association

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