

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 15, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2888

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources and
Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2888 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GREENBELTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve Hawaii's natural and
environmental assets by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to
develop a statewide greenbelts strategy that
incorporates existing and proposed non-motorized
transportation and recreational master plans for each
island; and
- (2) Establishing the greenbelts strategy steering committee
to direct the statewide greenbelts strategy and
requiring the committee to submit an action plan to the
Legislature containing details for further development
of a greenbelts strategy, including proposed timetables
and budgets.

The Mayor of Maui County, a Councilmember of the Maui County
Council, and Windward Ahupua'a Alliance submitted testimony in
support of this bill. DOT opposed this bill. The Department of
Land and Natural Resources and the Office of Information Practices
submitted comments.



Your Committees note that DOT indicated that it already considers greenbelt strategies in its planning and that this bill would represent a duplication of existing efforts.

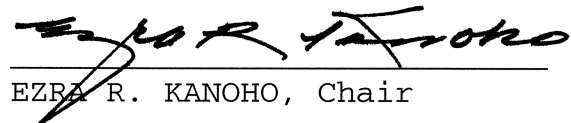
Your Committee, while cognizant of the potential for such duplication of efforts, has passed this measure to ensure that the Legislature continues discussion on this important issue.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2888 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources and
Transportation,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



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