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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES,  
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in consideration of  
**HB 2523**  
**RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION.**

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, and Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs.

The Office of Planning supports HB 2523 which would require the State Land Use Commission (LUC) to consider County plans in their decision-making on district boundary amendments.

Requiring the LUC to consider the county general plan and adopted community or development plans when making decisions is supportive of good planning practice. In fact, the LUC already has adopted in its own administrative rules (Section 15-15-77(b)(4), Hawaii Administrative Rules) a requirement that "...In establishing the boundaries of the districts in each county, the commission shall give consideration to the general plan of the county in which the land is located." Also, the Office of Planning, as a matter of practice, incorporates the status of county general and adopted community or development plans into our reviews and position statements on all petitions. Therefore, passage of the proposed bill would serve to more closely align Section 205-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, with current practice.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.