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March 14, 2008

TO: Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

FROM: G. Riki Hokama
Council Chair

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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 17, 2008; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2524,
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans, to the extent it does not impact Federal funds, in the preparation of the statewide transportation plan for projected transportation needs for a six-year period.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

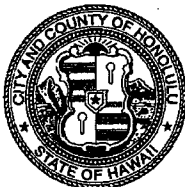
I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Requiring the State transportation plan to comply with county transportation and general plans will ensure consistency among the plans. It will also eliminate the potential for conflict with county plans when the State transportation plan is implemented.
2. This measure will ensure that the transportation needs of Maui County residents will be addressed in the State transportation plan.
3. Providing consistency between the State transportation plan and county plans will allow for more effective transportation systems that will better meet the transportation needs of Maui County residents.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Transportation
and International Affairs

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs
the Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs English, Inouye and Members:

**Subject: House Bill No. 2524
Relating to Transportation**

The Department of Planning and Permitting **supports** House Bill 2524, which requires the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with relevant county plans as it prepares the statewide transportation plan.

While the City and County of Honolulu has the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) to serve as the conduit for coordinated state transportation planning and county land use planning, we believe the addition of this requirement is appropriate under Chapter 279A, HRS.

Please adopt House Bill 2524.

Sincerely yours,

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Henry Eng, FAICP, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

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Testimony to the Senate Committees on Transportation and International Affairs and
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Monday, March 17, at 1:55 p.m.
Room 224, State Capitol

RE: H.B. 2524 Relating to Transportation

Chairs English and Inouye, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Tsutsui, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christine Camp, Chair of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Land Use and Transportation Committee. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii strongly supports HB 2524.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1100 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. The organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

H.B. No. 2524 purposes to require the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans, to the extent it does not impact federal funds, in the preparation of the statewide transportation plan for projected transportation needs for a six-year period.

Improving coordination between the State and County is critical to ensure our major backbone infrastructure is planned, funded and constructed in a timely basis. As transportation funding begins to shrink at the federal level, it is important to coordinate our efforts at the State and County to maximize our returns.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our views.