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February 8, 2008

The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair and Members Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs House of Representatives State of Hawaii State Capitol, Room 312 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ito and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 2524 (HSCR60-08), Relating to Transportation Organization

The Department of Transportation Services supports the proposed bill that requires the Statewide Transportation Council to comply with county transportation and general plans.

The department believes that the bill would ensure close coordination and cooperation between the State and county in formulating the State Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Plan.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely Y. YOSHIOKA Director

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February 11, 2008

The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs House of Representatives State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ito: 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.

We thank Representative Sharon Har for her leadership in the Smart Growth Task Force, and the recommendations that resulted, including House Bill 2524.

Please adopt House Bill 2524.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Eng, FAIOP, Director Department of Planning and Permitting

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BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

February 11, 2008

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

9:30 a.m. Room 312

The Honorable Representative Ken Ito, Chair and Members Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs State House of Representatives, Room 312 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ito and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. HB 2524 Relating to Transportation

I am Karen Nakamura, Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-Hawaii strongly supports HB No. 2524.

H.B. No. 2524 proposes 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.

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February 10, 2008

Honorable Representative Ken Ito, Chair Honorable Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Hawaii State Capital 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: IN SUPPORT OF <u>HB2524</u> RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION Hearing: Monday, February 11, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu and the House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs:

For the Record my name is Buzz Hong the Executive Director for the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Our Council is comprised of 16-construction unions and a membership of 26,000 statewide.

The Council SUPPORTS the passage of HB2524, which requires 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 sixyear period.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of HB2524.

Sincerely,

William "Buzz" Hong

WBH/dg

From: Joe Fadrowsky [mailto:joef@gentryhawaii.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2008 9:42 PM
To: WLHtestimony
Cc: har1-En
Subject: Testimony for HB 2523, 2524, 2525 and 2526 Relating to Smart Growth

February 10, 2008

The Honorable Representative Ken Ito, Chair, and Members Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Hearing – Monday February 11, 2008 at 9:30am State House of Representatives, Room 312 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ito and Members:

Subject: House Bill Nos. HB 2523, 2524, 2525 and 2526 Relating to Smart Growth

My name is A. Joseph Fadrowsky, III, a participant in the 2007 Interim Task Force on Smart Growth meetings chaired by Representative Sharon Har.

I support House Bill Nos. 2523, 2524, 2525 and 2526.

These bills enhance the decision making criteria of State agencies (LUC, DOT, HCDA, etc.) by adding smart growth principles to their deliberations and direct the State Agencies to consider existing County plans in their deliberations.

Attendees at the meetings represented a broad cross section of experienced and knowledgeable people from both the public and private sector. These bills represent a well balanced effort to enhance State decision-making regarding land use matters by: a) including a spectrum of smart growth principles that should be fair and cost effective, and b) more closely integrating State planning efforts with County planning efforts.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

A. Joseph Fadrowsky, III 1360 Laukahi Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96821





TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008 AT 9:30 A.M. ROOM 312, STATE CAPITOL

RE: H.B. 2524 Relating to Transportation

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu, 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.

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