



MAUI LAND & PINEAPPLE COMPANY, INC.

March 7, 2008

The Honorable Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Committee on Tourism and Governmental Operations
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 224
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: HB 2531, HD1 (HSCR857-08) – Relating to the West Maui Transportation Access Plan.

Dear Honorable Chair English, Honorable Vice Chair Gabbard, Honorable Chair Nishihara, Honorable Vice Chair Mercado Kim and Committee Members:

Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc. strongly supports HB 2531, HD1 (HSCR857-08) – Relating to the West Maui Transportation Access Plan.

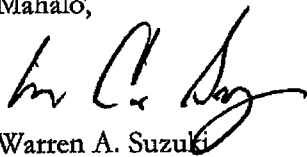
Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc., through our agricultural subsidiary, Maui Pineapple Company, Ltd., farms pineapple in West Maui. The harvested pineapples are transported to Central Maui for final processing and sales distribution. Since the pineapples are processed for the fresh whole market, it is critical that the fruit get to our processing facility in a timely and reliable manner. Any delay will have a huge impact on the quality of the fruit from a marketing standpoint. Many of our employees working in West Maui live in Central Maui and for them it is very important that they be able to get to work and back home without experiencing unnecessary delays. In today's society, many negative situations occur when families are not able to spend quality time together and we need to insure that this does not happen. The development of a West Maui transportation access plan that addresses road closures is definitely needed and must be completed as soon as possible.

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Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc. respectfully requests your support of the subject legislation.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to provide our testimony. If you have any questions or wish to discuss our testimony, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 877-3882.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren A. Suzuki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Warren A. Suzuki
Senior Vice President