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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2531, H.D.1

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Department of Transportation supports the intent of this bill but has concerns about its role in this matter.

The planning of emergency access and exits and the planning of emergency responses are more appropriate for civil defense agencies because they have the authority and expertise to accomplish these objectives. Transportation facilities are only one component of a comprehensive emergency access plan. Because multi-agency coordination is essential, the DOT is more than willing to participate and assist in the planning process. Accordingly, we believe that a civil defense agency would be more appropriate as the lead for this effort.



MAUI LAND & PINEAPPLE COMPANY, INC.

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February 20, 2008

The Honorable Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 308  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: HB 2531 HD1 (HSCR63-08) – Relating to the West Maui Transportation  
Access Plan

Dear Honorable Chair Oshiro, Honorable Vice Chair Lee and Committee Members:

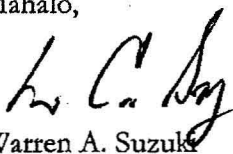
Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc. strongly supports HB 2531 HD1 (HSCR63-08) –  
Relating to the West Maui Transportation Access Plan.

Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc., through its subsidiary Maui Pineapple Company,  
Ltd., farms pineapple in West Maui. The harvested pineapple is transported to Central Maui  
for final processing and sales distribution. Furthermore, many of our West Maui employees  
live in Central Maui. It is critical to have reliable access in and out of West Maui. The  
development of a West Maui transportation access plan that addresses road closures is  
definitely needed and needs to be completed as soon as possible.

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 the testimony, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 877-3882.

Mahalo,

  
Warren A. Suzuki  
Senior Vice President