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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS,  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**  
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in consideration of  
**HB 454**  
**RELATING TO PLANNING.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and Members of the House Committee on  
Economic Revitalization, Business, and Military Affairs.

HB 454, Relating to Planning, establishes a commission in the Office of Planning  
to identify and prioritize the return to the State of federal lands that are no longer needed  
for national defense or federal purposes and appropriates \$50,000 to fund this effort.

The Office of Planning appreciates the intent of this measure; however, given the  
current fiscal difficulties, it would not be prudent to pursue enactment at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.