

Na'alehu Main Street

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Statement of Support

SB 2532-RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES

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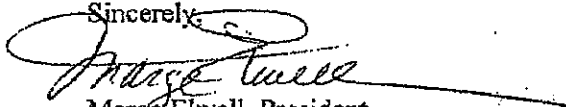
Monday, March 29, 2010, 10:45 a.m., Conference Room 325
State Capitol

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support for SB2532 Relating to Sustainability.

Na'alehu Main Street membership covers all of Ka'u and a variety of citizenship ranging from farmers, fishermen retirees, and new families. We live in unique and precious land. The delicate balance between land and economic development has always been a struggle in Ka'u and in other places on the islands. The time has come to protect what we have from the mountain tops to the oceans and all its cultural treasures. The Hawai'i 2050 sustainability plan provides a foundation for guiding principles and values. Many people participated in this development plan, and this is a reflection of our commitment to Hawai'i. It may not be perfect, but it is a start.

Mahalo to the Committee for addressing this issue and hope you will give SB2532 your support.

Sincerely,



Marge Elwell, President
Na'alehu Main Street