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**Testimony in General Support of SB 468, SD1, HD1
Relating to Coastal Zone Management**

Honorable Chair Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ken Ito, and
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Dave Arakawa, and I am the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF), a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to provide our testimony **in general support of SB468, SD1, HD1.**

SB 468 SD1, HD1. This bill requires the affected County agencies to account for sea-level rise and minimize risks from coastal hazards such as erosion, storm inundation, hurricanes, and tsunamis. It also preserves public shoreline access and authorizes the counties to account for annual shoreline erosion rates. This bill also creates an exception from shoreline setback rules for existing Waikiki beach structures and properties subject to Waikiki Beach Reclamation Agreement, to extent agreement conflicts with setback rules.

Based on the above, we respectfully request your favorable **consideration of SB 468, SD1, HD1.**

Thank you for the opportunity to express our **support** for SB 468, SD1, HD1.