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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND BUSINESS
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
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State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
HB 1529
RELATING TO PLANNING.

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

HB 1529 establishes a temporary task force in the Governor's Office to review and update the Hawaii state planning act and the planning, programming and budgeting system of the State. The Office of Planning and Department of Budget and Finance are to provide administrative, technical, professional and clerical support to the task force for matters pertaining to their areas.

We support the intent of HB 1529 to review and update the Hawaii state planning act and the planning, programming, and budgeting system of the State but we are not able to support this measure because of staffing constraints. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND BUSINESS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

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RELATING TO PLANNING

House Bill No. 1529 establishes a temporary task force within the Office of the Governor to update the Hawaii State Planning Act and the planning, programming, and budgeting system of the State. The task force would end on June 30, 2015.

The department supports the general intent of reviewing and updating the planning, programming and budgeting system. However, the department has concerns regarding the requirement to provide all administrative, technical, professional, and clerical support to the task force on matters relating to the review and update of the planning, programming, and budget system with limited staff resources.

From a technical perspective, the bill appears to have a subject/title conflict in violation of Article III, Section 14, of the State Constitution. While the title of the bill is "Relating to Planning," the bill makes reference to a broader planning, programming and budgeting system of the State.