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Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair and Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Water Land and Housing  
Senator David Ige, Chair and Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**Support of HB 1529, HD2 Relating to Planning. (Task Force to review and update Hawaii State Planning act and the State planning, programming and budgeting system)**

**Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. in CR 225**

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. Since 1979, LURF's mission has included advocating 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 **supports HB 1529, HD2** which establishes a temporary Task Force (administratively within the Governor's Office) whose purpose is to begin a dialogue leading toward the updating of the Hawaii State Planning Act and to provide for a review of the current State budget planning process.

We believe that the blend of elected legislators, the State executive branch department heads, University of Hawaii researchers and individuals from various private organizations and industries will provide broad experience and input for the Task Force to make its final report and recommendations to the legislature.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to present our testimony regarding this matter.