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Statement of  
**RICHARD C. LIM**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE WAYS AND MEANS**

Thursday, March 29, 2012  
9:00AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of  
**HB 2380, HD2, SD1**  
**RELATING TO SHIPPING.**

Chairs Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee.

DBEDT appreciates the overall concept of HB2380, HD2, SD1. However, we do not have the necessary resources to study, examine options and assess incentives that might improve the timely shipping of produce from Lanai and Molokai to Oahu.

DBEDT defers to the appropriate agencies regarding issues related to the shipping of agricultural products from Lanai and Molokai to Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.



**HB2380 HD2 SD1**  
**RELATING TO SHIPPING**  
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB2380 HD2 SD1, which establishes a working group to explore making shipping from, Hana, Moloka`i and Lāna`i to O`ahu more efficient.

Shipping to our neighbor islands is a concern for OHA beneficiaries who struggle with the high cost of transport. This working group will bring together necessary parties to work on this issue.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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March 27, 2012

TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Robert Carroll  
Council Member, East Maui

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DATE: Thursday, March 29, 2012

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2380 H.D. 2, S.D. 1, RELATING TO SHIPPING**

I support HB 2380 HD2, SD1 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to support this measure.

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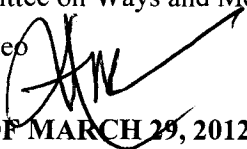


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TO: The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Danny A. Mateo  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 29, 2012; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2380, HD2, SD1, RELATING TO SHIPPING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group to explore options for reducing the shipping time and costs for transporting goods from Molokai, Lanai, and Hana, Maui to Oahu.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. As small island communities, Lanai and Molokai businesses and residents are greatly impacted by shipping costs and scheduling. This measure is timely and addresses an important factor in the cost and quality of living on these two islands.
2. The Molokai Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Molokai Chamber of Commerce, State Department of Transportation, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs have expressed their support for this measure.
3. The Senate Committees on Economic Development and Technology, and Transportation and International Affairs recommended that the community of Hana, Maui be added to the working group's scope. This will enable the group to assist this community with challenges regarding the shipment of goods that are similar to those of our neighbor islands.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
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FROM: Joseph Pontanilla, Council Vice- Chair

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DATE: Thursday March 29, 2012

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF HB 2380, HD2, SD1 RELATING TO SHIPPING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure. I provide this testimony as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support HB 2380, HD2, SD1** for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by Maui County Council Chair Danny A. Mateo and urge you to support this measure.

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