

Testimony for ENE/WLH 2/7/2012 2:45:00 PM SB2021

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Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Comments:

LURF supports intent of SB 2021, but OPPOSES current version. Prefer SB 2745 version of Climate Change bill, because of emphasis on working with others toward "adaption" and implementing new technology and strategies; it is more comprehensive & based on prior state climate change studies (Governor's package).

If SB 2021 is passed, LURF respectfully recommends:

1. Inserting language of SB 2745;
2. Delete: [(D) Implementing restrictions on construction in areas at risk for sea level rise and inundation].
3. Task Force should include: DBEDT Director; representative from a major utility company, Military representative, large land owner representative.
4. Mayors should designate their county planning director, or director's designee;
5. Perhaps President of the Senate could nominate (3): environmental, business, visitor industry and housing industry;
6. Perhaps Speaker of the House could nominate: environmental, agriculture, construction industry;

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Comments:

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

Experts predict that Hawai'i is more vulnerable to climate change and the sea level it will cause than any other state in the Union. Considering the challenges and threats that we face we are woefully unprepared and are planning lags behind efforts of many other states.

I urge you to pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify