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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Energy and Environment
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Water, Land and Housing
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Gabbard, Dela Cruz, and Members:

**Subject: Senate Bill No. 2745
Related to Environment**

The Department of Planning and Permitting **supports** Senate Bill No. 2745, which would amend the Hawaii State Planning Act (HRS Chapter 226) by adding climate change adaptation priority guidelines under Part III of the Chapter. The priority guidelines would formally embrace adapting to the expected impacts of climate change at the state and county levels.

Our department participated in a workshop, Visioning Hawaii's Adaptation to Climate Change, in August 2011 sponsored by the State Office of Planning. We have been working closely with the office.

The bill, if passed, would lay a foundation to guide physical planning and help prioritize funding and future implementation actions to adapt to climate change.

We recommend the passage of Senate Bill No. 2745. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,

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David K. Tanoue, Director
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