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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Friday, February 22, 2013
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State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
HB 505 HD 1
RELATING TO GREENWAYS.

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning (“OP”) has reservations about the bill, including the cost implications of the proposal, which could replace or adversely impact priorities in the Executive Budget. HB 505 HD1 would appropriate \$50,000 for each of the next two fiscal years to develop a plan for the establishment and implementation of a statewide greenways plan. The bill assigns OP to this task. We have the following comments on the bill.

This effort is duplicative of the Department of Land and Natural Resources’ (“DLNR”) State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2008 Update, April 2009, available at <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/scorp>. The SCORP is a statewide plan prepared by DLNR in coordination with state, federal, and county agencies, and members of the public. The plan is aimed at implementing the goals, objectives, and policies of the Hawaii State Plan, State Recreation Functional Plan, and county general plans (“GP”) and development plans (“DP”). County GPs

and DPs include long-range planning for bikeways, parks, and greenways. The SCORP identifies agencies responsible for these amenities and potential funding. Through the SCORP program, the State of Hawaii and the four counties have received more than \$36 million in federal grants since its inception in 1965.

The SCORP is 207 pages with an additional 274 pages of Appendices and represents a significant investment of funds and time spent by numerous stakeholders. As such, we recommend that funding be directed to implementing projects in the SCORP rather than to a new planning document.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments: The O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy strongly supports House Bill 505, and respectfully requests that the effective date indicated by House Draft 1 of this measure be restored to "July 1, 2013."

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