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**March 21, 2014**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2518 HD 1- WHICH REQUIRES THE OFFICE OF  
PLANNING TO REVIEW AND PROPOSE UPDATES TO THE STATE PLANNING ACT AND  
SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE.**

Dear Members of the 27<sup>th</sup> State Legislature,

I strongly support the intent of HB2518 HD1.

I have been involved in planning as a way to identify and move forward toward our preferred future. So I don't think it is necessary for me to go into a long dialogue on planning.

However, I want to give you one example of planning that has had great impact on our future. We thought of retaining some parts of old Hawaii. We identified the windward side of Oahu as the best place to achieve this future. A Windward Regional Plan was developed, calling for that region to be relatively undeveloped with heavy emphasis on agriculture.

Because of that plan, we proceeded to acquire all of Waihole Valley, Heeia Matson Point, nearly 1,500 acres of Sacred Falls, all of Kaiaka Point, developed Malaekaha Beach Park and worked with Campbell Estate to keep lands for agriculture and aquaculture which led to the creation of the prawn efforts in Kahuku.

People are sometimes afraid of planning because one cannot predict the activities, economic and social, that impact our future.

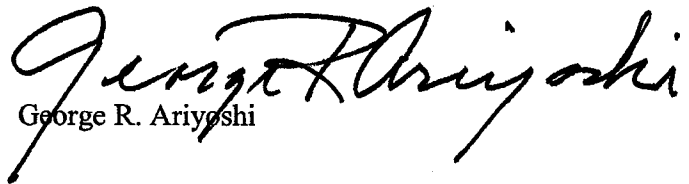
That's the dynamic part of planning, looking ahead 25 or 30 years, knowing where you want to go, making the deviation necessary because of the changes in the immediate future and getting, in substance, what you wanted – your preferred future.

At my age, it's not my future, but it's the future of parents, their children and grandchildren. Give them your best shot at a good future in Hawaii.

As such, I would urge you to pass HB2518 HD1, and would be happy to address any questions you may have concerning this recommendation. I may be reached by e-mail at [kyahiku@wik.com](mailto:kyahiku@wik.com) , by phone at (808) 544-6765, or by fax at (808) 544-8398.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

  
George R. Ariyoshi

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March 31, 2014

The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige:

Subject: H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 Relating to State Planning

I am Jeffrey A. Murray, Member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC and the MFD support H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which requires the Office of Planning to review and propose updates to the State Planning Act, submit a written report to the Legislature, and appropriate funds.

The fire service in Hawaii strongly supports training and preparedness in various types of emergency incidents, including natural and manmade disasters, water and land rescues, and medical and hazardous materials emergencies. In the event of a large-scale emergency, our community will need all available county, state, and federal resources to effectively work together.

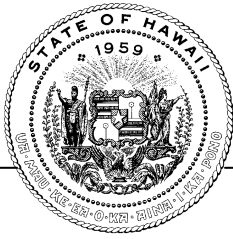
The SFC supports the intent to provide public safety training and would participate in site planning for shared usage and joint training opportunities. In addition, warehouses for storage of vehicles, equipment, and supplies would enhance first responder capabilities when a natural or manmade disaster isolates various areas of our island.

The SFC and the MFD urge your committee's passage of H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

  
JEFFREY A. MURRAY  
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Statement of  
**LEO R. ASUNCION**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Wednesday, April 2, 2014  
9:20 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of  
**HB 2518 HD 1 SD 1**  
**RELATING TO STATE PLANNING.**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of HB 2518, HD 1, SD 1, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. HB 2518, HD 1, SD 1, tasks OP with conducting a comprehensive review of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the state planning act, to include: (1) the analysis of a wide array of state policies and programs, county plans and programs, functional plans, capital improvements programs, and significant issues confronting the State with respect to the state planning act and its implementation; and (2) soliciting proposals for amendments to the state planning act from the general public pursuant to HRS § 226-54. OP is to submit a report with any recommendations to the Legislature prior to the 2016 legislative session.

HRS Chapter 226 was enacted in 1978, after a multi-year, cross-sector effort to develop goals and policies to guide the development of the State and to establish an integrated planning

and implementation system to deliver on those policies. The last review of HRS Chapter 226 was initiated in 1983 and completed in 1985, and resulted in the enactment of legislation to finetune the goals, policies, and objectives of Part I and priority guidelines of Part III of the state planning act.

Since then, there have been significant changes in Hawaii's economic, physical, and social conditions, technology, and the global marketplace, as well as in the constraints and opportunities the State faces as we plan for the future. Every legislative session there are individual bills proposing new policies and revisions to existing policies to address changes in our planning environment. A comprehensive review of the state planning act—with respect to how it aligns with current and emerging conditions and issues and its effectiveness in addressing the needs of Hawaii's people and providing for Hawaii's future—is long overdue.

HB 2518, HD 1, SD 1, does not specify the amount to be appropriated for the bill. Additional funds would be required as OP lacks the staff and resources to undertake a project of this scope at this time. A rigorous evaluation of the State Planning Act will require an investment of public and private resources. Development of the original plan included thorough topic area studies, statewide collaboration, and input by subject matter experts. The office estimates that approximately \$500,000 would be sufficient to accomplish most of this work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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March 31, 2014

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The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige:

Subject: H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 Relating to State Planning

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which requires the Office of Planning to review and propose updates to the State Planning Act, submit a written report to the Legislature, and appropriate funds.

The fire service in Hawaii strongly supports training and preparedness in various types of emergency incidents, including natural and manmade disasters, water and land rescues, and medical and hazardous materials emergencies. In the event of a large-scale emergency, our community will need all available county, state, and federal resources to effectively work together.

The SFC supports the intent to provide public safety training and would participate in site planning for shared usage and joint training opportunities. In addition, warehouses for storage of vehicles, equipment, and supplies would enhance first responder capabilities when a natural or manmade disaster isolates various areas of our island.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or [sbratakos@honolulu.gov](mailto:sbratakos@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

MPN/LR:clc

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April 1, 2014

The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Committee on Ways and Means  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 208  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ige:

Subject: H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 Relating to State Planning

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the Hawai'i State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD support H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, which requires the Office of Planning to review and propose updates to the State Planning Act, submit a written report to the Legislature, and appropriate funds.

The fire service in Hawai'i strongly supports training and preparedness in various types of emergency incidents, including natural and manmade disasters, water and land rescues, and medical and hazardous materials emergencies. In the event of a large-scale emergency, our community will need all available county, state, and federal resources to effectively work together. This concept of a Unified Command results in mitigation of emergency incidents affecting multiple jurisdictions.

The SFC supports the intent to provide public safety training and would participate in site planning for shared usage and joint training opportunities. In addition, warehouses for storage of vehicles, equipment, and supplies would enhance first responder capabilities when a natural or manmade disaster isolates various areas of our island.

The SFC and the HCFD urge your committee's passage of H.B. 2518, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Should you have questions, please contact my office at 808-932-2903 or [fire@co.hawaii.hi.us](mailto:fire@co.hawaii.hi.us)

Sincerely,

**DARREN J. ROSARIO**  
Fire Chief  
SFC Member

