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Statement of  
**LUIS P. SALAVERIA**  
Director, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism  
before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

Friday, February 12, 2016  
9:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of  
**HB 2300**  
**RELATING TO STATE PLANNING.**

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** HB 2300 that tasks the Office of Planning (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 of its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature prior to the 2018 legislative session.

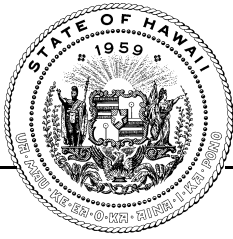
HRS Chapter 226 was enacted in 1978, after a multi-year, cross-sector effort to develop goals and policies to guide the development of the State and to establish an integrated planning and implementation system to deliver on those policies. The last review of HRS Chapter 226 was initiated in 1983 and completed in 1985, and resulted in the enactment of legislation to fine tune 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.

The measure includes an appropriation amount of \$150,000 for both fiscal years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 to OP in order to complete the comprehensive review. These 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. OP estimates that the proposed appropriation amounts would be sufficient to accomplish this work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Statement of  
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The Office of Planning respectfully requests an appropriation amount of \$150,000 for both fiscal years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 in order to complete the comprehensive review. These funds are required as currently OP lacks the resources to undertake a project of this scope. 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 the proposed appropriation amounts being requested would be sufficient to accomplish this work.

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# Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council

## *Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai*

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**SUSAN SAKAI**

Chair, Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council  
before the

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# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAII

**MĀLAMA I KA HONUA. Cherish the Earth.**

**LATE**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Friday February 12, 2016 9:30AM Room 325

**In Support HB2300** Relating to State Planning

Aloha Chair Yamane and Members of the WAL Committee:

On behalf of our 12,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **strongly supports** HB2300 is crucial to ensuring we set our unique island community on the right course for the future.

### **What HB2300 will do**

This bill requires and provides funding for the office of planning to review the Hawai'i State Planning Act and report to the legislature its recommendations for updating it address the needs of the State.

### **Hawai'i's State Plan in Urgent Need of Updating**

Our state plan was last updated in 1986 with a 20-year planning horizon. That means our plan became obsolete a full ten years ago. The delay in updating the plan combined with the uncertainty caused by dramatic changes in our climate means our state plan needs to be updated immediately.

### **Why Planning is Important: Change is constant, change is opportunity.**

To properly manage the uncertainty triggered by changes in our environment and our economy, we need mutually agreed upon plan to guide our community through difficult situations. Anticipating problems is more cost effective than reacting to them.

To properly harness the opportunities presented by changes in our environment and our economy, we need a mutually agreed upon plan that ensures our decisions comport with our values as a community. This is how we develop shared visions for the future, build local industries that serve the best interests of everyone in our community, and avoid conflict over difficult decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo,

Martha Townsend  
Director



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**HB2300**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Z. Arakawa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS HB 2300, Relating to State Planning, which proposes to require the Office of Planning to review and propose updates to the State Planning Act and submit a written report to the Legislature; and makes an appropriation for that purpose. The Hawaii State Plan, was first approved in 1978, and has been amended and revised several times. Some of Plan’s provisions are still relevant; however, some are outdated and should be updated or deleted. A comprehensive review of the Plan would be desirable to ensure that it is current and consistent with its broad, forward-looking and integrated nature. For the above reasons, LURF SUPPORTS HB 2300, and respectfully urges favorable consideration by this Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this matter.

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Dave Kisor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Nice idea, but it lacks any means for public interaction.

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