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**SB2302**

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TO: Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

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HEARING: 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 2016

SUBJECT: SB 2302 Relating to Dark Skies Protection - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 2302, which would establish a dark skies advisory committee. I fully support this and ask you to vote “yes.”

Many people in Hawaii live in areas where the night sky is no longer visible, because there is so much light. Even places like Sandy Beach, which used to provide good viewings of stars, are washed out by city lights.

My son, Orion, was named after the constellation, and I would like him to be able to see his namesake for many generations.

I like the idea of “dark sky parks.” Please also consider:

- removing lights in places like the H1 and H2 freeways;
- dimming lights later at night; and
- participating in Earth Hour, which will take place 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. March 19. (See <https://www.earthhour.org/>.)

Please pass this bill.