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**Testimony of
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**Before the Senate Committees on
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
and
WATER AND LAND
and
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 13, 2015
2:45 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 500
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Senate Bill 500 proposes to require environmental assessments (EA) and environmental impact statements (EIS) for any major infrastructure improvement project or major construction project in any coastal lands to include an analysis of environmental impacts related to projected sea level rise over the anticipated lifespan of the project. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill and offers the following comments.**

There is strong consensus in the scientific community that rates of sea level rise will accelerate in the coming decades¹. Increasing rates of sea level rise will result in environmental impacts from increased occurrence and severity of coastal erosion and flooding, migration or loss of wetlands, rising groundwater levels, and changes to flow patterns in natural watersheds and engineered drainages.

Because major infrastructure or major construction projects require long term planning horizons and have long life cycles, impacts related to sea level rise should be considered at the design phase of such projects in order to minimize costly adaption measures in the future.

¹ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2013), *Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis*.
<http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1/>

As you know, part of the Department's mission is to manage coastal areas and ocean resources through the Department's Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL). The Department regularly reviews EAs and EISs for the development of infrastructure in low lying coastal areas of the State. Improved science-based analysis of environmental impacts related to projected sea level rise over the anticipated lifespan of a project as required by this bill would provide vital information to improve decision making and long term community resiliency.

The Department believes that data is available to project sea level rise rates over the next century. From these rates, impacts to major development projects can be forecasted and assessed in the development review process.

The Department offers the following suggested changes to the bill language. Suggested language for removal is in brackets and strikethrough and suggested additions are underlined.

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that because [~~state~~] major construction projects in coastal areas are environmentally precarious, it is essential to take [~~the~~] impacts [~~of~~] related to projected sea level [~~change~~] rise into account during the planning stage in order to protect [~~current~~] infrastructure investments over time.

The purpose of this Act is to make [~~the~~] impacts [~~of~~] related to sea level [~~change~~] rise a consideration in any environmental assessment or environmental impact statement for a major infrastructure improvement project or major construction project proposed in any coastal lands.

SECTION 2. Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§343- Content of environmental assessments and environmental impact statements; coastal lands. Whenever any major infrastructure improvement project or major construction project is proposed in any coastal lands, as defined in section 171-151, any necessary environmental assessment or environmental impact statement shall include an analysis of [~~the environmental~~] impacts [~~of~~] related to projected sea level rise [~~or fall~~] over the anticipated lifespan of the project. The detailed analysis shall include a detailed scientifically-based methodology for evaluation of the project based on the best available information.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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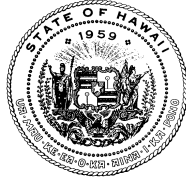
The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of this bill, which proposes to make the impact of sea level change a consideration in any environmental assessment or environmental impact statement for a major infrastructure improvement project or major construction project proposed in any coastal lands.

However, DOT is concerned about the following language that may be problematic for its modal divisions:

- Page 1, SECTION 1, Line 7, the bill states "*..... make the impact of sea level change a **consideration** in any EA or EIS*" but in SECTION 2, Line 17, the bill states sea level rising analysis **shall** be included in the EA/EIS. It may become problematic for the DOT if all projects require sea level analysis as those projects not located along the shoreline will not impact sea level rise. DOT suggests replacing the term "shall" with "consider including".
- Page 1, SECTION 2, Line 17, the bill states, "any coastal lands, as defined in Section 171-151". If this definition is used the law can be applied to any major project across the entire state. As this bill is meant to address the impact that sea level rise has on major projects, the area of analysis should be distinguished from coastal zone management (CZM) area to the shoreline and areas immediately adjacent. The DOT suggests the Special Management Area (Section 205A-22) or another distance from the shoreline be used rather than Section 171-151.
- Page 2, SECTION 2, Line 5, remove the text "an analysis to include detailed scientifically-based methodology for evaluation for a project" because it is unnecessary. DOT suggests amending the bill to read, "The analysis and evaluation will be based on the best available information and analysis."

- Page 2, SECTION 2, Line 10 attaches a numerical value to define the word "major". The DOT suggests that the amount be sufficiently large so as to constitute a major project with a clear rationale as to how this amount was determined.
- Page 2, SECTION 3, the bill states, "This Act does not affect...proceedings that were begun before its effective date. Section 3 of the bill is vague and therefore very difficult to implement. Based on the language of the bill, it is difficult for DOT to determine which projects are not affected by this legislation. Section three needs to be more clearly written such that it is clear which current and future projects will be affected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 500
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

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1 **Office Testimony:** Currently, the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) guidance
2 directs applicants and agencies to include climate change analysis in their environmental review
3 documents, which must discuss how their proposed action is consistent with state and county
4 plans, land use ordinances, the Ocean Resources Management Plan, and the National Flood
5 Insurance Program, for example. That said, including requirements in the statute and clarifying
6 the law would be beneficial.

7 The OEQC strongly supports SB 500, but offers the following language to facilitate
8 implementation of the measure.

9 **Offered Amendments:** Throughout the bill, OEQC recommends the bill change the focus
10 from “sea level rise” to “climate change” so that issues such as extreme weather (i.e., floods and
11 drought) will be addressed.

12 The preamble should be clarified to be consistent with the bill language, focusing on
13 more than state projects in coastal areas.

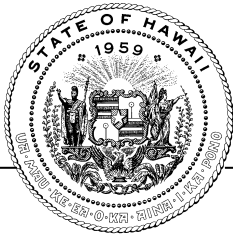
1 On page 1, line 17 and page 2, line 1, delete this passage: "...in any coastal lands, as
2 defined in section 171-151..." This requirement narrows the scope of the analysis significantly
3 and could create misunderstandings, such as projects not specified in the definition in section
4 171-151 need not analyze climate change. Alternatively, make reference instead to the "coastal
5 zone management area" as defined in section 205A-1.

6 On page 2, line 3, delete "...or fall..." because it is unlikely in the context of global
7 warming and unnecessary. On page 2, line 4, delete "...detailed..."

8 With regards to keeping current guidance documents concerning ecological and
9 environmental problems of coastal lands, as proposed on page 2, lines 7 to 9, we offer this
10 amendment in highlight: (b) For purposes of this section, the office shall work with the Hawai'i
11 Coastal Zone Management Program and relevant state agencies to provide guidance documents
12 concerning ecological and environmental problems related to the development of the coastal
13 zone management area.

14 In subsection 2(c), "major" is defined with a blank dollar amount. Regardless of the
15 number, there could be problems with this approach, which is inconsistent with current statutory
16 language and could exclude actions subject to review, such as programmatic environmental
17 assessments and programmatic environmental impact statements.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Members of the Senate Committees on Energy and Environment; Water and Land; and Public
Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) administers Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 205A,
the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law. The purpose of Hawaii CZM Act is to “provide for
the effective management, beneficial use, protection, and development of the coastal zone.” See
L. 1977, c 188, § 1.

SB 500 proposes to include an analysis of the environmental impact of projected sea level
rise or fall in any environmental assessments or environmental impact statements for any major
infrastructure improvement project or major construction project in any coastal lands, as defined
in HRS § 171-151.

The OP supports the intent of SB 500, and respectfully offers comments on this measure:

- 1) SB 500 proposes to use a projected completion cost of a project as the threshold to define a “major” infrastructure improvement project, or a “major” construction project. The definition of “major,” and the rationale for the cost threshold are not clear.
- 2) Given the concerns on the impacts of sea level rise, and a potential range of projections of sea level rise, we suggest the term “projected sea level rise or fall” on page 2, line 3, be amended to “projected sea level rise.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
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Dear Chair Gabbard, Chair Thielen, Chair Espero and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 499 and Senate Bill No. 500, Relating to Environmental Impacts

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) respectfully **opposes** Senate Bill No. 499 and Senate Bill No. 500, which require major capital improvement projects of a county involving an infrastructure improvement or construction project in coastal lands to include in the environmental assessments (EAs) and environmental impact statements (EISs) an analysis of the environmental impact of projected sea level rise or fall over the anticipated lifespan of the project.

The existing rules require EAs and EISs to adequately address the probable impacts of a proposed action. The requirement that certain EAs and EISs shall address the specific impacts of sea level rise would be unnecessarily burdensome to projects for which these specific impacts are not relevant.

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For projects with environmental impacts that may include sea level rise, existing rules that require probable impacts to be comprehensively identified and addressed include the following:

Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) 11-200-16, Content Requirements:

"The contents shall fully declare the environmental implications of the proposed action and shall discuss all relevant and feasible consequences of the action..."

HAR 11-200-17, Content Requirements, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, paragraph I:

"The draft EIS shall include a statement of the probable impact of the proposed action on the environment, and impacts of the natural or human environment on the project, which shall include consideration of all phases of the action and consideration of all consequences on the environment; direct and indirect effects shall be included. The interrelationships and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed action and other related projects shall be discussed in the draft EIS. It should be realized that several actions, in particular those that involve the construction of public facilities or structures (e.g., highways, airports, sewer systems, water resource projects, etc.) may well stimulate or induce secondary effects. These secondary effects may be equally important as, or more important than, primary effects, and shall be thoroughly discussed to fully describe the probable impact of the proposed action on the environment..."

Other paragraphs in HAR 11-200-17 require a draft EIS to address additional impacts, including the following:

- Both long-term and short term impacts (paragraph J)
- Irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources, including natural and cultural resources committed to loss or destruction by the action (paragraph K)
- All probable adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided (paragraph L)
- All substantive comments and responses made during the consultation process (paragraph P)

Draft EISs are also required to consider mitigation measures proposed to avoid, minimize, rectify, or reduce environmental impacts HAR 11-200-17 (paragraph M).

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Because the existing rules adequately address comprehensive consideration of environmental impacts, the proposed requirement to adopt rules addressing the specific impacts of sea level rise in certain EISs is unnecessary and would be burdensome on projects for which these specific impacts are not relevant.

For these reasons, DDC respectfully **opposes** Senate Bill 499 and Senate Bill 500.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,


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Testimony to the Senate Committees on Energy and Environment, Water and Land, and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

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State Capitol - Conference Room 224

RE: SENATE BILLS NO. 499/500 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Chairs Gabbard, Thielen, and Espero, Vice-Chairs Green, Galuteria, and Baker, and members of the Committees:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-HAWAII is **opposed** to both S.B. 499 and S.B. 500, which will require that any public or private infrastructure improvement project and/or major construction project in any coastal lands to include an analysis of the environmental impact of projected sea level rise or fall over the anticipated lifespan of the project.

As an Island State, we are all concerned about the impacts that sea level rise will have on our coastal communities statewide. As such, we believe that it would be more appropriate to have the Legislature fund an effort to have a study done of how sea level rise or fall will impact coastal communities, and develop guidelines to mitigate impacts of sea level rise/fall on all future projects in coastal communities.

Having to shift this burden on individual projects does not provide for an objective and rational approach to the state wide problem. Funding the research and developing the guidelines would provide more certainty on exactly how developments in coastal communities should be handled in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.



**Conservation Council
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Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

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Testimony Submitted to the
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,
Committee on Water and Land, and
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Hearing: Friday, February 13, 2015 2:45 pm, Room 224

In Support of SB 499 and SB 500

Aloha, Chairs Gabbard, Thielen, and Espero, Vice Chairs Green, Galuteria, and Baker, and Members of the Committee. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 499, which requires major capital improvement projects of the State or a county involving an infrastructure improvement project or construction project to include in the environmental assessments and environmental impact statements an analysis of the environmental impact of projected sea level rise or fall over the anticipated lifespan of the project. We also support SB 500, which requires any environmental assessments and environmental impact statements for any major infrastructure improvement project or major construction project in any coastal lands to include an analysis of the environmental impact of projected sea level rise or fall over the anticipated lifespan of the project.

The two bills appear to be very similar, and the only difference we can see is the term "major" in SB 499, which may be preferable to SB 500. Either of these bills will help ensure that the taxpayers' investment in improvement and construction projects is protected.

Here is a photo of high surf on Kamehameha Highway in Ka'a'awa. Please kokua. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



Sincerely,

Marjorie Ziegler

Marjorie Ziegler

Conservation Council for Hawai'i is a nonprofit, environmental membership organization dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations.

Established in 1950 and based in Honolulu, CCH is one of the largest and most effective wildlife organizations in Hawai'i with more than 5,000 members and supporters, including concerned citizens, educators, scientists, government agencies, and elected officials.

Through research, education, service, organizing, and legal advocacy, CCH works to stop the destruction of native wildlife and wild places in Hawai'i.

Since 1973, CCH has served as the Hawai'i state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment and
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RE: SENATE BILL 500 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Chairs Gabbard and Thielen and Espero, Vice Chairs Green and Galuteria and Baker, and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **opposes** SB 500, which requires any environmental assessments and environmental impact statements for any major infrastructure improvement project or major construction project in any coastal lands to include an analysis of the environmental impact of projected sea level rise or fall over the anticipated lifespan of the project.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

As an Island State, we are all concerned about the impacts that sea level rise will have on our coastal communities statewide. As such, we believe that it would be more appropriate to have the legislature fund an effort to have a study done of how sea level rise or fall will impact coastal communities, and develop guidelines to mitigate impacts of sea level rise/fall on all future projects in coastal communities.

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Thank you for the opportunity to express our views on this matter.

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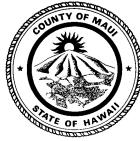
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TO: Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
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FROM: Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gladys C. Baisa".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FERUARY 13, 2015; TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF
SB 500, RELATING TO ENVIROMENTAL IMPACTS**

I oppose SB 500 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to oppose this measure.

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Comments: This is vital for the continuing welfare of our State. Being an island State means that our Counties/islands are disappearing automatically. Therefore, the erosion concept needs to be carefully considered and building should reflect the likelihood of erosion. Please fully support this bill. Mahalo.

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FROM: Mike White
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2015; TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO
SB 500, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require any environmental assessments and environmental impact statements for certain “major” projects in any coastal lands to include an analysis of projected sea-level rise or fall.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I oppose this measure for the following reasons:

1. Adding a new State mandate to an already-lengthy environmental-review process would unnecessarily delay development of affordable housing, public works, and other worthy projects and increase costs for counties.
2. It is uncertain what terms such as “detailed scientifically-based methodology” and “best available information” mean, leading to the likelihood that any benefit from this added requirement would be negligible. The counties are already taking into account sea-level rise or other impacts of climate change in their development reviews.
3. To segregate “major” projects of an as-yet-unspecified threshold for this requirement appears arbitrary.

For the foregoing reasons, I oppose this measure.

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SUBJECT: **OPPOSITION TO SB 500, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

I oppose SB 500 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to oppose this measure.

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Comments: I support this bill!!!

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