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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB 2470
RELATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS LEE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

REPRESENTATIVE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Hearing Date: February 14, 2018
Time: 11:00 am

Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The purpose of this bill is to authorize state and county agencies to
3 adopt rules pertaining to environmental protection, air quality, water supplies, water quality, and
4 drinking water that are as stringent as, or more stringent than, applicable baseline federal
5 standards.

6 While the Department supports the intent of guarding against “backsliding” based on the
7 potential change in philosophy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, its environmental
8 permitting programs require discretion and flexibility to make changes based on science,
9 technology, engineering analysis, and objective decision making. The bill should be amended to
10 preserve DOH’s discretion and flexibility to adopt a standard which is not less stringent than the
11 baseline federal standard in such circumstances.

12 **Offered Amendments:**

13 Amend Section 2, regarding proposed new §321-, by amending the proposed subsection (b) as
14 follows:

15 (b) Except as authorized by state law, or as demonstrated through scientific research that
16 sheds new light on a subject and warrants further discussion and assessment, a state or

1 county agency shall not amend or revise its rules pertaining to environmental protection
2 to be less stringent than the baseline federal standards.

3 Amend Section 3, regarding proposed new §342B-, by doing the following:

- 4 1. Remove subsection (b) because it is already covered by subsection (c);
- 5 2. Amend subsection (c) as follows:

6 (c) Except as authorized by state law, or as demonstrated through scientific research that
7 sheds new light on a subject and warrants further discussion and assessment, a state or
8 county agency shall not amend or revise its rules pertaining to air quality to be less
9 stringent than the baseline federal standards.

10 Amend Section 4, regarding proposed new §342D-, by amending the proposed subsections (a)
11 through (e) as follows:

12 (a) As used in this section, “baseline federal standards” means the authorizations,
13 policies, objectives, rules, requirements, and standards pertaining to the regulation of
14 water quality contained in federal laws or federal regulations implementing the federal
15 laws in existence as of January 1, 2016, or January 1, 2017, whichever is more stringent.

16 (b) To ensure that water quality standards are not diminished as a result of any change in
17 the federal Clean Water Act, the director shall maintain and enforce all water quality
18 standards that are at least as stringent as required by the applicable baseline federal
19 standards, in addition to those required by state law.

20 (c) To the extent that the director has not established a water quality standard or
21 requirement for which a standard or requirement exists in the baseline federal standards,
22 the director may adopt the standard or requirement to be at least as stringent as the
23 baseline federal standards.

24 (d) Except as authorized by state law, or as demonstrated through scientific research that
25 sheds new light on a subject and warrants further discussion and assessment, a state or
26 county agency shall not amend or revise its rules pertaining to the regulation of water
27 quality standards to be less stringent than the baseline federal standards.

1 (e) Except as otherwise provided in state law, a state or county agency may establish
2 rules pertaining to the regulation of water quality standards that are more stringent than
3 the baseline federal standards.

4 Amend Section 5, regarding §340E-2, by doing the following:

- 5 1. Amend the first sentence of subsection (a) as follows:

6 The director shall promulgate or adopt and enforce State Primary Drinking Water
7 Regulations and may promulgatc or adopt and enforce State Secondary Drinking Water
8 Regulations.

- 9 2. Amend subsection (d) as follows:

10 (d) The director may promulgate or adopt and enforce regulations relating to cross-
11 connection and backflow prevention control.

- 12 3. Amend the first sentence of subsection (e) to remove the proposed change of
13 “promulgate” to “adopt” as follows:

14 The director shall promulgate regulations establishing an underground injection control
15 program.

- 16 4. Amend the first sentence of subsection (h) as follows:

17 Except as authorized by state law, or as demonstrated through scientific research that
18 sheds new light on a subject and warrants further discussion and assessment, a state or
19 county agency shall not amend or revise its rules pertaining to the regulation of drinking
20 water to be less stringent than the baseline federal standards.

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22 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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and

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and Members
Committee on Water and Land
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 325
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Dear Chairs Lee and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Todd and Members:

Subject: House Bill 2470: Relating to Environmental Protection

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports House Bill 2470. This bill authorizes Hawaii's environment-related agencies to adopt rules to fill the gaps left by decisions made by the Environmental Protection Agency that could negatively impact the people and environment of Hawaii.

The bill proposes establishing a "baseline federal standard" under Title 19 Hawaii Revised Statutes and provisions under Chapter 321, 342B, 342D, and 340E to allow the adoption of rules that are as, or more stringent than the applicable baseline federal standards in existence as of January 1, 2016 or January 1, 2017, whichever is more stringent.

We support this approach with the following recommendations.

1. The criteria "applicable baseline federal standards in existence as of January 1, 2016 or January 1, 2017" could possibly fix the standards to only those existing as of those dates. While the bill authorizes establishing more stringent rules, the bill states the "agency **may** establish rules... that are more stringent than the baseline federal standards." In the event the Environmental Protection Agency promulgates new rules after January 1,

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2017 that are more stringent, we are concerned the bill language could limit state rules to those in existence as of January 1, 2017 and the adoption of the new federal standards created thereafter. If a state environmental program adopts the new standard in order to maintain its federal enforcement primacy authority, could it be also violating the statute?

To avoid the possible limitation or confusion, we recommend amending the definition of "baseline federal standards" under Chapter 321 to mean "the authorizations, policies, objectives, rules, requirements, and standards pertaining to environmental protection and contained in federal laws or federal regulations implementing the federal laws in existence as of January 1, 2016, or January 1, 2017, and all successor laws whichever is more stringent". New language is underscored.

2. The bill proposes adding new sections to Chapters 321 [department of health]; 342B [air pollution], 342D [wastewater], and 340E [safe drinking water] authorizing the adoption of rules that are as, or more stringent than the applicable baseline federal standards. These Chapters under Title 19 are not the only environmental programs covered by federal standards. The others are Chapter 340A [solid waste]; 342L [underground storage tanks]; 342H [solid waste pollution]; 342J [hazardous waste], and 342P [asbestos and lead]. To ensure the provisions apply to all environmental programs we recommend adding these Chapters to the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,



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Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 11:00 AM, Conference Room 325
HB2470, Relating to Environmental Protection

TESTIMONY

Chairs Lee and Yamane, and Committee Members:

I support HB 2470 which strengthens Hawaii's environmental protection laws regarding air quality, water supplies, water quality and drinking water.

Kudos to the legislature for responding to deliberate and harmful deterioration of federal protections of our people and environment by authorizing the appropriate local agencies to adopt necessary rules to fill the gaps created by the federal administration. Including inspection, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements is a wise enforcement tool.

Beyond authorizing however, I would recommend directing action so that agencies become active in reviewing the level of protections currently stated.

Kudos to the legislature for recognizing that, just as the federal government is removing wise and effective protections for our environment, rules must be set in place to prevent our local agencies from reducing environmental protections.



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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit

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Erica Scott	Cuddle Party	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Milholen	Kokua Hawaii Foundation	Support	No

Comments:



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Rep. Chris Lee, Chair | Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair

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HB 2470 – RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Authorizes state and county agencies to adopt rules pertaining to environmental protection, air quality, water supplies, water quality, and drinking water that are as stringent as, or more stringent than, applicable baseline federal standards.

Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Respective Committees:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **strongly opposes** HB 1708 as this bill seeks to implement rules that have been rescinded by the EPA through a study of the existing regulations we already have.

Ranchers pride themselves on being environmentalists and responsible stewards of our land and water resources. We provide many ecosystem services every day including maintaining view planes, controlling invasive species, managing critical habitat for endangered species and reducing fuel loads for wildfire reduction, and protecting our watersheds. But to provide all these important functions, we must be able to operate without excessive environmental burdens, like this bill seeks to employ.

We all want clean water. Water is critical for our operations and for all agricultural production. Without water, we cannot produce food, we cannot provide for our animals and we can't provide for our families. However, we are extremely concerned about the negative impact this bill could have on our operations and agriculture in general across the state.

For example, the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule sought to provide clarity to the rules regarding the execution of the Clean Water Act, but instead presented ambiguities and left more questions than answers. The implementation of the rescinded WOTUS rules has the potential to impact all of the farmers and ranchers in the state by regulating every pool or puddle of water and any bed, bank or ordinary highwater mark, as well as everything within a flood plain.

The flood plain component in Hawaii would encompass the entire state, as everything flows to the ocean, and under the rescinded WOTUS rule, these areas would be considered "adjacent waters."



This rule provided EPA with nearly unlimited power in regulating the way in which properties were managed and how agricultural operators functioned.

While well-meaning, the ambiguous nature of the language in the original rule placed more questions than resolutions. This rule did not clarify how flood frequency might determine jurisdictional boundaries. It also gave no clarification to agricultural operations impact and instead required extensive and expensive permitting for normal agricultural activities. The language of the original rule also included a civil suit provision that would allow for anyone to file civil suit under the suspicion that any activity in violation of the rule had taken place. Even the Army Corps of Engineers would not agree to the final rules as they were presented to the public.

In addition, more than 30 different lawsuits were filed across the country regarding this rule. By trying to implement the rescinded WOTUS rule, the state will import all of the ambiguities and complexities of the rule language which led to these suits on the mainland. Instead, we should not use the limited resources we have as a state to regulate what should be the oversight of the federal government. This would allow our state to avoid the pitfalls of the rescinded WOTUS rule.

While the bill's language implies that the need for this measure is due to the EPA, under the Trump administration, has rescinded these rules, the fact is that the concern over WOTUS long predates the Trump administration. Farmers and ranchers across the country have been working for many years on this issue.

We respectfully ask that this measure be deferred, and we appreciate the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Oppose	No

Comments:



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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

TESTIMONY ON HB2470
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Room 325
11:00 AM

Aloha Chair Lee & Yamane , Vice Chair Lowen & Todd, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB **STRONGLY OPPOSES** HB2470, which authorize state and county agencies to adopt rules pertaining to environmental protection, air quality, water supplies, water quality, and drinking water that are as stringent as, or more stringent than, applicable baseline federal standards.

Farmers and ranchers need to protect natural resources to remain viable. A healthy environment is critical not only for their livelihoods but for themselves personally as they live in the communities they serve. The farming community has opposed WOTUS or the Waters of the United States as in its' literal interpretation it goes far beyond the intent of the Clean Water Act. During the Obama Administration, Farm Bureau was assured the intent of WOTUS was not to place farms and ranches in jeopardy. Dry basins that were farmed was not the area of concern. Yet, since its' passage, numerous farms and ranches have faced litigation, contrary to EPA's promise to the industry.

Hawaii is an island state. At some time, all of our lands were underwater. This measure has serious implications for the State. The protections claimed to be afforded by WOTUS are already in place through FIFRA, the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. The most pragmatic course of action is to fund our Hawaii Department of Agriculture adequately so they can do their job. Measures such as this that bring legal action against farmers who plow their fields that at one-time, centuries ago, was underwater does not make sense.

In summary, WOTUS which this measure seeks to replace puts a stranglehold on ordinary farming and ranching by treating dry ditches, swales and low spots on farm fields just like flowing waters. Without the actions that have put a stay on the rule, countless farmers and ranchers, as well as other landowners and businesses, would risk lawsuits and huge penalties for activities as common and harmless as plowing a field.

The issues surrounding WOTUS are complex and technical in nature. They belong at the Federal level. The State, much less the Counties do not have the resources to address the technical aspects of this issue. Farmers and Ranchers across the nation have expressed serious concern about the implications of WOTUS and their worst fears have come true. If HB2470 is passed, farmers and ranchers will be put at unnecessary risk. The future of their farms and ranches will be put into doubt, putting Hawaii agriculture on a downward trend.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your **opposition** for this measure. Thank you for this opportunity to provide our comments on this important matter.



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HB 2470: Strong Support

Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection & Committee on Water & Land

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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Aloha Chairs Lee & Yamane and members of the EEP and WAL Committees,

As the O'ahu Chapter Coordinator for the Surfrider Foundation, I am writing in strong support of HB 2470. As a non-profit dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world's ocean, beaches, and waves, we have a distinct mission to engage our members and volunteers with issues of environmental protection. We are deeply disturbed by the moves federally to undermine the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), demonize science, and open our markets to a more renegade attitude of operation. This is archaic and in an era in which we are surging in population growth, expanding tourism, demanding clean food and water, and increasing our general footprint on the planet, we must maintain a stringent set of regulations to keep our resources in place. The public trust is at stake.

Our organization closely monitors water quality and is enriched with dedicated scientists and experts working in the field. Our near shore ecosystems are already in dire straits with massive coral loss and impaired bodies of water becoming the norm. Leading local coral reef scientists already attribute losses to major issues of sedimentation and nutrient runoff from land. We need to ensure that at the very minimum standards that existed are maintained and even more so, are expanded upon.

Our beach monitoring program alone is already set to suffer major losses if the Beach Act continues to be defunded at the national level. Our nearshore waters, beaches, streams, clean air and water are the foundation of our lives in Hawai'i and



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also the foundation of our economy. It is prudent and necessary to ensure that standards already set in clean water and air are held in place at minimum and expanded to really help protect the very things that we need to survive and thrive as an island community.

Mahalo for your time in considering this bill.

With Aloha,

Rafael Bergstrom

O'ahu Chapter Coordinator, Surfrider Foundation

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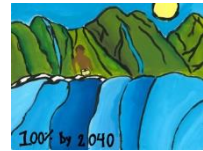
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Kajihiro	Hawaii Peace and Justice	Support	No

Comments:

In light of the Trump administration's attacks on environmental protections, it is crucial that the state and counties adopt rules that are more stringent than the weakening federal standards. This bill would empower counties to adopt such rules regardless of watered down federal standards.

Thank you for your support.



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2470

Aloha Chairs Lee and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Todd, and members:

Blue Planet Foundation **supports** HB 2470, clarifying that the Hawaii Department of Health can adopt rules that are more stringent than the federal “baseline” environmental protections that have recently been in place, and ensures that rules are not less stringent the recent federal “baseline” standards. The purpose of this measure is to support an ongoing level of protection for Hawaii’s air, water, drinking water, and other environmental resources—particularly in the event that the federal standards be weakened.

Since taking office last year, President Trump has made rolling back federal regulations a priority. The Trump Administration has or is attempting to weaken many federal environmental safeguards.¹ Many of the regulations targeted by the Trump Administration directly affect Hawaii’s energy sectors, including:

- Limits on toxic discharge from power plants;
- Coal ash discharge regulations;
- Emissions standards for new, modified and reconstructed power plants;
- Emissions rules for power plant start-up and shutdown;
- Permitting process for air-polluting plants;
- Mercury emission limits for power plants; and
- Aircraft emissions standards.

Hawaii residents, businesses, and visitors deserve a baseline standard of environmental protection—regardless of the dramatic rollbacks advocated by the current federal administration. Blue Planet supports HB 2470 to provide guidance to the Department of Health to offer this baseline environmental protection for Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ "EPA Chief Promises 'Aggressive' Rollback of Regulations," *Scientific American*, February 27, 2017.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

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In SUPPORT of HB2470 Relating to Environmental Protection

Aloha Chairmen Lee and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Todd, and members of the EEP and WAL Committees,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i, a member of the Common Good Coalition, **strongly supports HB2470** to codify in state law the current minimum federal protections for clean water, clean air, and other environmental protections.

Currently, Hawai'i relies heavily on the federal Environmental Protection Agency and federal statutes to protect our environment. More than 100 positions and \$202.4 million at the Hawai'i Department of Health's Environmental Services Division are federal. In addition, the environmental protections that HDOH is empowered to enforce are fundamentally federal statutes. This includes controls on solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, air pollution, and fresh and ocean water pollution.

Unfortunately, the Trump Administration is targeting many of these environmental protections for mass repeal. Controls on greenhouse gas emissions, policies to mitigate and plan for sea level rise, and protections for streams are just some of environmental protections that have already been repealed by executive order.¹ The Administration has also indicated their plans to weaken or repeal bedrock environmental statutes like the Clean Water Act.² Currently, HDOH is

¹<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/03/28/the-obama-environmental-regulations-trump-wants-scrap/99729650/>

² <http://www.refinery29.com/2017/06/161177/trump-rolls-back-clean-water-act>

preparing for a \$6.2 million cut in federal funds, including all funding for groundwater protections.

To adequately protect the natural and cultural resources of the Hawaiian Islands, it is crucial that the state codify the current minimum federal standards in its own state law. With this independent authority to protect the natural resources crucial to our survival, the state can then set staff and state funding priorities for those areas in greatest need of our attention.

For these reasons, we strongly urge this committee to pass HB2470.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Potter		Support	No

Comments:

I am concerned about the erosion of the federal Clean Water Act and its potential impacts on Hawaii's waters. I support efforts to buttress our State clean water rules and regulations to protect against changes at the Federal level.

I am a resident of the McCully-Moilili neighborhood board.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Phil Potter

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Circe Carr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan Gardner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Our environment must be protected and rolling back the Clean Air Act will be extremely detrimental for us and our children. Please support HB2470. Thank you

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Gregory Friel	Individual	Oppose	No

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Calla Weddington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Clean air and water are undoubtedly important, and so is maintaining standards to keep them that way.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Ward	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support our rights to a clean and healthy environment, guaranteed in the Hawaii State Constitution. Please pas HB2470, and in addition, please strengthen the funding and ability within the Department of Heath to enforce protections for air and water. The current administration has been pitifully weak on monitoring and enforcement, as evidenced in inadequate geothermal air quality monitoring, air water and noise pollution in Keaukaha, and cesspool leakage into near=shore waters around Hawaii Island.

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Comments:

Sorry, this is late. In support of protecting our water and our entire environment always. IT is way past the time to stop all the ways that are used to damage our islands. Question really is... how willing is the legislature, the people willing to stand up to big business and \$\$\$? To date, not so much, sadly.

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly Support