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**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND, AND
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
THE SENATE
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Tuesday, January 30, 2018
3:30 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 2334, RELATING TO PLANNING

To the Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair; the Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Government Operations:

To the Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair; the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair; the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee (“OCC”) Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2334, relating to incorporating predictions of sea level rise and other climate change hazards and mitigation opportunities into applicable state and county plans, strategies, and mapping. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2334 and support its passage.

Senate Bill No. 2334, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai’i (“DPH”), 2016, as it requires the State and counties to incorporate predictions of sea level rise and other climate change hazards and mitigation opportunities into applicable plans, strategies, and mapping, in order to increase our State’s resiliency and ability to properly respond to natural disasters. Specifically, the DPH Platform states that “[w]e know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge our candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 435-439 (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2334 requires the State and counties to incorporate predictions of sea level rise and other climate change hazards and mitigation opportunities into applicable plans, strategies, and mapping, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure as it will increase our State’s resiliency and ability to properly respond to natural disasters.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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