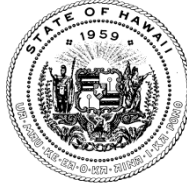


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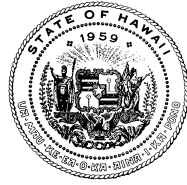
H.B. 2486, H.D. 2
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING.

Senate Committee(s) on Water and Land & Agriculture and Environment

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill that updates the role of the Office of Planning to better coordinate state agencies regarding climate change adaptation and sustainability by establishing a Statewide Sustainability Division. It also directs the State Sustainability Coordinator to conduct a study on implementing a "Green New Deal for Hawaii."

The DOT believes this bill meets the needs for long term recovery planning that promotes resiliency in providing the necessary staffing and operating expenses within the Office of Planning that supports comprehensive statewide sustainability coordination and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability laws, goals, priorities, and planning throughout government.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2486 HD2
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING.**

SEN. KAIALI'I KAHELE, CHAIR
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SEN. MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing Date: June 24, 2020

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports HB2486 HD2 as it strengthens
3 statewide sustainability coordination within the State's Office of Planning, without taking a
4 position on the sufficiency of the appropriation request.

5 The Office of Planning is working attentively to plan, prepare for, and coordinate sustainable
6 development and climate adaptation for the State of Hawai'i and assist its state and county
7 partners, but additional financial resources and staffing are needed to plan for Hawaii's
8 sustainable and climate resilient future.

9 Updating the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Planning to be consistent with the
10 responsibilities and priorities established within the Hawaii State Planning Act affirms Hawaii's
11 commitment to sustainability. The addition of a sustainability division to fulfill the demanding
12 work of Statewide sustainability planning and coordination is beyond the capacity of one
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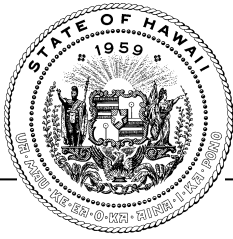
14 The value of a statewise coordinator was recently demonstrated by the COVID-10 pandemic
15 response. The Office of Planning is tasked with statewide planning, and has the capability to
16 view complex challenges and respond to needs at a comprehensive level, resulting in the

1 deployment of the Sustainability Coordinator to assist the Hawai'i Emergency Management
2 Agency to provide planning assistance to the disaster recovery efforts of the COVID-19
3 pandemic.

4 The socioeconomic challenges and catastrophic event brought on from the COVID-19 pandemic
5 shows the need for long-term and comprehensive planning for a sustainable and resilient
6 recovery for the State of Hawaii. HB 2486 HD 2 provides a stronger legal framework to focus
7 on the planning, coordination, and collaborative implementation of Hawaii's long-term
8 sustainability and post-pandemic recovery.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND AND
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020
12:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
HB 2486, HD 2
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING.

Chairs Kahele and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Ruderman, and Members of the Senate Committees:

The Office of Planning **supports** HB 2486, HD 2. This bill seeks to update and reaffirm the role of the Office of Planning to coordinate among state agencies regarding climate change adaptation and sustainability. The measure also establishes a statewide sustainability division within the Office of Planning.

As a housekeeping measure, the Office of Planning supports and agrees with the Hawai'i State Legislature that §225M-2, Hawai'i Revised Statutes should be updated to match the sustainability and climate change updates made to the Hawai'i State Planning Act. The Office of Planning appreciates the Hawai'i State Legislature's amendments in 2011, codifying §226-108, the Sustainability Priority Guidelines, and in 2012, codifying §226-109, the Climate Change Adaptation Priority Guidelines, which were added to the Hawai'i State Planning Act as priority guidelines to address areas of statewide concern.

The Office of Planning is working attentively to plan, prepare for, and coordinate sustainable development and climate adaptation for the State of Hawai'i and assist our state and county partners. The state's Sustainability Coordinator position was established via Act 124, SLH 2016 cited as the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016, and was filled in June 2017; however the Sustainability Coordinator has not yet received any programmatic budgetary funding or support staffing within the Office of Planning's operating budget to implement the Sustainability Priority Guidelines or guide, encourage, or plan for statewide sustainability initiatives and practices.

Two months ago, on April 22nd, the state’s Sustainability Coordinator was deployed to assist the Hawai‘i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) to provide planning assistance to the disaster recovery efforts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The state’s Sustainability Coordinator continues to assist HI-EMA and the state’s Disaster Recovery Coordinator in the planning of Hawaii’s long-term recovery and resilience efforts. The socioeconomic challenges brought on by this catastrophic event of the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates the need for long-term and comprehensive planning for a sustainable and resilient recovery for the State of Hawai‘i.

Over these past two months, the state’s Sustainability Coordinator and the Office of Planning also issued a public Request for Proposals for “The Revision and Decennial Update of the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan,” on April 20th, 2020. This RFP and contract was issued in order to fulfill the decennial update requirement provided by the Hawai‘i State Legislature via Act 146, SLH 2019, directing the Office of Planning to update the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan with a revised scope to serve as the state’s climate and sustainability strategic action plan. The state’s Sustainability Coordinator, as this project’s manager, has worked incessantly on the procurement and contracting of this important initiative while aligning this plan’s update with Hawaii’s many sustainability statutory targets, goals, and plans, as well as with Hawaii’s long-term recovery and resilience efforts. The revised Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan will provide recommendations to be achieved over these crucial next ten years between 2020-2030 — which the United Nations (U.N.) has aptly named “The Decade of Action” to usher in a decade of ambitious global action to achieve the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals in all of our communities the year 2030.

The Office of Planning recognizes that statewide sustainability planning and coordination is demanding work beyond the capacity of one individual position. The Office of Planning appreciates the additional staffing and operating expenses to assist the state’s Sustainability Coordinator through the development of a statewide sustainability division provided by HB 2486, HD 2 to support comprehensive statewide sustainability coordination and implementation of Hawaii’s sustainability laws, goals, policies, priorities, and planning throughout government.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
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Dear Chair Kahele, Chair Gabbard and Members:

Subject: House Bill No. 2486, House Draft 2: Relating to the Office of Planning

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) supports House Bill (HB) 2486, House Draft (HD) 2. This bill is to establish a stronger policy framework for Hawaii's sustainability efforts by establishing a statewide sustainability division within the Office of Planning, incorporating planning duties and responsibilities of the statewide sustainability division and to ensure long-term planning, coordination, and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability goals and policies.

As the State and county agencies move forward to implement recommendations of the Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report (Report), there needs to be a coordinated effort between both the State and county agencies regarding climate change and sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony in support of HB 2486, HD 2.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

Monday, June 22, 2020

House Bill 2486, HD 2

Testifying in Strong Support

Aloha Chairs Kahele and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Ruderman, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land, and Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii stands in strong support of HB 2486, HD 2, which updates and reaffirms the role of the office of planning (OP) to coordinate among state agencies regarding climate change adaptation and sustainability; establishes a statewide sustainability division within OP; and makes appropriations to establish the sustainability division and positions for the new division.

The purpose of this Act is to (1) establish a statewide sustainability division within the OP to ensure stronger, long-term planning, coordination, and implementation of Hawai'i's sustainability goals; and (2) update and reaffirm the role of the office of planning to coordinate among state agencies regarding climate change adaptation and sustainability.

While President Trump has called climate change a hoax and worked to reverse the Obama administrations climate initiatives, senior U.S. military officers have long been aware of warming's detrimental effects. "Climate change is an urgent and growing threat to our national security, contributing to increased natural disasters, refugee flows, and conflicts over basic resources," the Defense Department told Congress in a 2015 report. "These impacts are already occurring, and the scope, scale, and intensity of these impacts are projected to increase over time." The Defense Department is investing in renewable energy, including solar power and biofuels. By the end of 2020, the armed forces expect to generate 18% of on-base electricity from renewables, up from 9.6% in 2010. They plan to increase that share substantially in the years to come." Like the Defense Department's goal to increase the use of renewable energy, the State of Hawai'i has also taken steps to reach 30% renewable energy by 2020 as the risks to Hawai'i of the effects of climate change are well documented to include sea level rise, stronger and more frequent natural disasters, and loss of our natural resources and habitats.

Climate change has also influenced Hawaii's fishing industry. Honolulu is the top port in the United States, with landings of fish valued at roughly \$104 million in 2017. However, man-made emissions of carbon dioxide have caused climate change, made the ocean warmer and more

acidic and starved it of oxygen. Last year, the ocean was the hottest it has ever been, wreaking havoc for fish stocks and marine wildlife, including Hawaii's iconic humpback whales.

We are experiencing hot acidic waters, bleaching and killing the coral reefs around Hawaii which provide commercial, recreational and subsistence fishing, create world-famous surfing and diving locations are home to many of our fish and wildlife. Scientists have also concluded that climate change will lead to fewer and smaller bigeye tuna in the ocean. These and other fish stocks that are available could shift their traditional migrations, forcing fishermen to travel farther to catch them, all of which will seriously affect our strong fishing industry, native Hawaiian culture, and way of life. A statewide sustainability division within the OP will work to coordinate efforts among state agencies to deal with climate change and sustainability described herein.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote favorably on this bill which updates and reaffirms the role of the office of planning (OP) to coordinate among state agencies regarding climate change adaptation and sustainability; establishes a statewide sustainability division within OP; and makes appropriations to establish the sustainability division and positions for the new division.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 6:02:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Testifying for Pele Lani Farm LLC	Support	No

Comments:

In strong support of HB 2486 HD1

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. *Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time.* To tackle the crisis we are faced with and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1.

In contrast, HB2486 HD2 provides no clear vision or direction, but instead offers generalized and vague activities for the Office of Planning to perform. I strongly urge the climate change adaption and sustainability goals be restored to this bill, in addition to the language from HB2486 HD1 which directed the State Sustainability Coordinator to conduct a study on implementing a "Green New Deal" for Hawaii.

I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Sylvia Dolena

Pele Lani Farm LLC

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 9:16:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laurel brier	Testifying for Kauai women's caucus	Support	No

Comments:

There must be a statewide coordinated effort if we are serious about addressing the Climate Crisis.

Thank you for taking action. We are looking to you for this kind of leadership.



**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



**Submitted to Senate Committee on Water and Land
and Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Conference Room 229
HB 2486 HD2**

Conservation Council for Hawaii (CCH) supports HB2486, HD1, relating to the Office of Planning (OP).

Establishing a statewide sustainability division is an integral component for the State of Hawaii to address and combat climate change. The negative impact climate change has and can continue to have on our native species, marine ecosystems, and overall environment must be addressed immediately. Providing OP the resources for a department and staff dedicated to ensuring best practices are implemented across the islands will help with the coordination of state agencies in their efforts to grow a sustainable vibrant economy, while maintaining a high quality of life for residents and visitors. CCH would like to suggest the following addition to line 14 on page 1:

“coordinate the actions needed to sustain a growing and vibrant economy, while maintaining a high quality of life for all residents, visitors, and native plants, animals, and ecosystems.”

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2486 HD1.

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DATE: Wednesday June 24, 2020
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HB 2486 HD2 - RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING.

Updates and reaffirms the role of the office of planning (OP) to coordinate among state agencies regarding climate change adaptation and sustainability. Establishes a statewide sustainability division within OP. Makes appropriations for establishment of the sustainability division and positions for the new division. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD2)

Chair Kahele, Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am The Vice President of Ponoholo Ranch, a working cattle ranch on the Big Island of Hawaii. We steward over 10,000 acres of land.

Ponoholo Ranch **strongly supports** HB 2486 HD2.

The Hawaii cattle industry relies on a resilient future to continue long-term plans for cattle production, which provide ecosystem services such as invasive species removal, wildfire fuel load reduction, and healthy soils.

The Office of Planning is tasked with statewide planning, and has the capability to view complex challenges and respond to needs at a comprehensive level. Climate change and sustainability are priority issues in the Hawai'i State Planning Act, and the Office of Planning is the appropriate state agency to coordinate sustainability and climate adaptation goals. The Office of Planning is actively working to plan, prepare for, and coordinate sustainable development and climate adaptation for the State of Hawai'i and assist its state and county partners, but additional financial resources and staffing provided by HB 2486, HD 2 are needed to plan for Hawaii's sustainable and climate resilient future.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

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Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land
Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports HB2486 HD2**. The cattle industry relies on a resilient future to continue long-term plans for cattle production, which provide ecosystem services such as invasive species removal, wildfire fuel load reduction, and healthy soils. The Office of Planning is key to coordinating state agencies for move us through this crisis, which is far from over. The socioeconomic challenges and catastrophic event brought on from the COVID-19 pandemic shows the need for long-term and comprehensive planning for a sustainable and resilient recovery for the State of Hawaii. HB2486 HD2 provides the necessary staffing and operating expenses for the Office of Planning to coordinate Hawaii's goals.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director



To: The Senate Committees on Water and Land;
and Agriculture and Environment
From: Brodie Lockard, Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12:30 pm

Support for HB 2486 HD2 *with amendments*

Dear Chairs Kahele and Gabbard, and members:

I support HB 2486 HD2 and request amendments.

I strongly supported HB 2486 HD1, along with a multitude of other testifiers (27 pages' worth), from a diverse cross-section of the community, all unanimous in support of this version of the bill. It is a mystery that the provisions of the amendments from HB 2486 HD1 were then removed in the current HD2.

HB 2486 HD1 moved us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on. It provided a stronger legal framework to focus on the planning, coordination, and collaborative implementation for a statewide commitment to transition towards a decarbonized economy, and a mobilization effort to reverse the climate crisis by delineating the necessary goals and objectives to be coordinated and achieved for statewide climate adaptation and sustainability.

In contrast, HD2 provides no clear vision or direction, but instead offers generalized and vague activities for the Office of Planning to perform, almost reminiscent of a standardized job description template. **We strongly urge the climate change adaption and sustainability goals be restored to this bill.**

Further, HB2486 HD2, while stating the purpose of the Act is to establish a statewide sustainability division, offers no definition for "sustainability." Please restore the definition as specified in HD1, which is also essential to provide clear vision and direction.

Last, I strongly urge you to restore the language from HD1 which directed the State Sustainability Coordinator to conduct a study on implementing a "Green New Deal" for Hawaii. A Green New Deal study would provide a comprehensive review of the State's economic resilience, efforts in environmental protection and growth, and protections for Hawaii's social and cultural equity; in addition to determining and making findings on how the State can move forward to cost-effectively take advantage of identified opportunities; and identify any legal and regulatory changes necessary to implement these findings. This is key for ensuring that as we implement climate change adaption and sustainability goals, we include economic policies that are wholistic in their vision, delivering better job opportunities, less climate pollution, cleaner air and water, and more resilient communities. All of this will be a win-win for our planet and our communities.

This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time. To tackle the crisis we are faced

with and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1.

I urge you to support HB 2486 HD2, restore HD1's language, and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this very important bill.

Brodie Lockard



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To: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)
and
The Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12:30pm

In strong support of HB2486 HD1 and comments for HB2486 HD2

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Kahele, Vice Chairs Ruderman and Keith-Agaran, and Committee members of AEN and WTL:

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org strongly supported **HB2486 HD1**, along with a multitude of other testifiers, (27 pages worth), from a diverse cross-section of the community, all unanimous in support of this version of the bill. It is a mystery that the provisions of the amendments from HB2486 HD1 were then removed in the current amended version, now HB2486 HD2.

HB2486 HD1 moved us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on and provides a vision to help us rebuild our post-pandemic economy. It provided a stronger, legal framework to focus on the planning, coordination, and collaborative implementation for a statewide commitment to transition towards a decarbonized economy, and a mobilization effort to reverse the climate crisis by delineating the necessary goals and objectives to be coordinated and achieved for statewide climate adaptation and sustainability. In contrast, HB2486 HD2 provides no clear vision or direction, but instead offers generalized and vague activities for the Office of Planning to perform, almost reminiscent of a standardized job description template. We strongly urge the climate change adaption and sustainability goals be restored to this bill.

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We urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this very important bill.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org



The Senate
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June 23, 2020
12:30 p.m., Conference Room 229
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Testimony in Support of HB 2486 HD2

Aloha Chairs Kahele and Gabbard, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Ruderman, and Members of the Committees,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **is in support of HB 2486 HD2, *Relating to the Office of Planning***, which aims to update and reaffirms the role of the office of planning (OP) to coordinate among state agencies regarding climate change adaptation and sustainability, including by establishing a statewide sustainability division within OP.

The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan continues to be a great example of how public engagement can provide meaningful input to government, and it is good to see this bill that seeks to provide more explicit direction and capacity to address the challenges we face related to climate change AND sustainability. CGAPS participated in the 2050 process, the Hawai'i Interagency Biosecurity Plan process, and continues to support the great work of Hawai'i Green Growth and the Aloha + Challenge.

As you know, addressing invasive species is part of the sustainability picture, but it has been difficult to communicate some of the synergies between climate change and invasive species. We know that we will see new invasive species from new source locations—experts suggest that up to ¼ of new invasions worldwide will be novel (the first instance when a species that is moved outside of its native range and the predators/controls/competition that had kept it in check), largely the result of shifting economies and trade patterns driven by climate change. We know that changes in weather patterns and precipitation will drive the expansion of some invasive plants, which will in turn harm forest moisture, water infiltration, and surface water runoff—protecting infiltration and minimizing runoff of topsoil into streams and nearshore reefs is a climate change, sustainability, and invasive species issue. Ocean warming and the resulting acidification will make it more and more difficult for corals, coralline algae (the true cement of the nearshore reef), and other calcium-using animals and plants to form skeletons and shells, and increasing storm action will damage nearshore reefs and forests, making them more vulnerable to diseases and invasive species. We welcome a coordinating entity that could help with addressing these wicked problems. Mahalo!

Aloha,
Christy Martin, CGAPS—Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species



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Testimony in support of HB2486 HD1

**Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment, and
Committee on Water and Land**

Hearing Wednesday June 24, 2020, 12:30pm

Dear Chairs Gabbard and Kahele, and Committee members,

I am writing in strong support of HB2486 HD1 with its original language. The study on how we can implement the “Green New Deal” in Hawai’i could effectively coordinate action among state agencies for climate change adaptation and sustainability. HD2 is not clear enough. Please provide leadership on this most important issue.

Mahalo,

Dr. Lisa Marten

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TO:

Committee on Water and Land and Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senator Kaiali'i Kahele and Senator Mike Gabbard, Chairs
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: June 24, 2020

TIME: 12:30pm

PLACE: Conference Room 229

RE: HB2486 HD2

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA is in support of this measure to establish a statewide sustainability division within the office of planning. Having coordinated, consistent, statewide leadership and guidance on sustainability issues is an important step in improving sustainability in Hawaii.

We know that the Office of Planning is actively working to plan, prepare for, and coordinate sustainable development and climate adaptation for the State of Hawaii and we encourage the legislature to support them with the resources they need to plan for Hawaii's sustainable and climate resilient future.

Collaboration is an extremely important component of achieving long-term sustainability in our state and this measure provides an important legal framework to focus on the planning, coordination, and collaborative implementation of Hawaii's sustainability plans.

We urge you to pass this measure and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS

TESTIMONY – SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS
HB 2486, H.D. 2, Relating to the Office of Planning
Hearing, Wednesday, June 24, 12:30 p.m., Conf Rm 329

Senator Kaiali'i Kanehele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members, Senate Committee on Water and Land

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Aloha,

The Executive Committee of the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawaii, testifies in support of HB2486, HD2, Relating to the Office of Planning, **with amendments**.

The Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan has as goal 5, “Sustaining Kanaka Maoli Culture and Island Values”. Yet, a “Summary of Progress Toward the “Sustaining Kanaka Maoli Culture and Island Values”” stated, in part, that “The Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan’s fifth goal, to ensure that our Kanaka Maoli and island cultures and values are thriving and perpetuated, has slowly progressed over the past decade. The majority of this goal’s indicators were not tracked, unmeasurable, or outdated.”

Accordingly, and to assure that Goal 5 has meaning and is recognized as necessary to Hawaii’s sustainability and way of life, we recommend the following amendments to HB 2486, H.D.2:
- Amend Section 2, Chapter 225B, HRS, item (2) to read: “Identify, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding proposed legislation, regulatory changes or policy modifications to the governor, the legislature, government agencies, private entities, and other bodies for the purpose of encouraging activities that best sustain, protect, and enhance the quality of the environment, economy, **the host culture**, and community for the present and future benefit of the people of Hawai’i.” (Bolded language added)

- Amend Section 2, Chapter 225M, HRS, item (3) to read: “Develop and promote proposals that jointly and mutually enhance local economies, the environment, **respect for the host culture and its values**, and community health for the present and future benefit of the people of Hawaii.” (Bolded language added.)

- Amend Section 3 (b) to read, “The office of planning shall gather, analyze, and provide information to the governor to assist in the overall analysis and formulation of state policies and strategies to provide central direction and cohesion in the allocation of resources and effectuation of state activities and programs and effectively address current or emerging issues and

opportunities, **including consideration that was given to the impact that such state policies would have on Native Hawaiians.**” (bolded added)

- Amend Section 3(b)(2)(A) to read, “Providing in-depth policy research, analysis, and recommendations on existing or potential areas of critical state concern, **with due consideration to Native Hawaiian cultural values and beliefs.**” (bolded added)

- Amend Section 3(3) of the bill to read as follows: “Planning coordination and cooperation. Facilitating coordinated and cooperative planning and policy development and implementation activities among state agencies, **and** between the state, county, and federal governments, **and the ‘Aha Moku.**” (Bolded is the amendment).

The ‘Aha Moku Council was established by Act 212 signed into law as Act 212, the ‘Aha Moku council “shall serve [] in an advisory capacity on all matters regarding the management of the State’s natural resources” and is designed to help provide government agencies and other organizations with input from affected communities, especially regarding Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) methods of resource management.

The protest activities about Mauna Kea and the Building of the Thirty Meter Telescope make clear the importance of assuring that state planning activities, especially for sustainability, include the voices of Native Hawaiians and/or consideration of their cultural values and beliefs in the formulation of any sustainability laws or policies. Inclusion of the recommended amendments would assure that the State Planning Office remembers Goal 5 and incorporates this factor in any proposals it would recommend to the Governor and/or state legislature.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit these amendments for your consideration.

Respectfully

Juanita Brown-Kawamoto
Chair

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/20/2020 4:44:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lydi Morgan Bernal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you very much for hearing this bill, which I strongly support. Please pass this bill as a critical step toward achieving real sustainability and climate change readiness for all of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Lydi Bernal

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/20/2020 5:52:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 4:50:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN) and the Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

From: **Tlaloc Tokuda**

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12:30 pm

In strong support of HB 2486 HD1

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

As one of 350Hawaii's 6,000 members, I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. *Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time.* To tackle the crisis we are faced with and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1.

In contrast, HB2486 HD2 provides no clear vision or direction, but instead offers generalized and vague activities for the Office of Planning to perform. I strongly urge the climate change adaption and sustainability goals be restored to this bill, in addition to the language from HB2486 HD1 which directed the State Sustainability Coordinator to conduct a study on implementing a "Green New Deal" for Hawaii.

I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Mahalo,

Tlaloc Tokuda

73-4599 Kukuki St

Kailua Kona HI 96740

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 5:52:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Bernier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN) and the Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

From: Wendy Bernier

In strong support of HB 2486 HD1

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. We must be bold! I know we don't need to tell you that climate change is real. I'm just encouraging you that your Hawaiian ohana is totally behind making innovative changes to protect this beautiful planet.

In contrast, HB2486 HD2 provides no clear vision or direction, but instead offers generalized and vague activities for the Office of Planning to perform. I strongly urge the climate change adaption and sustainability goals be restored to this bill, in addition to the language from HB2486 HD1 which directed the State Sustainability Coordinator to conduct a study on implementing a "Green New Deal" for Hawaii.

I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Mahalo!! And go get 'em!

Wendy

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 6:39:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon Levine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. *Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time.* To tackle the crisis we are faced with and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1.

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I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Sharon Louis

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 7:45:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

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I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 7:51:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith A Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is important to have a group that coordinates efforts and insure success in controlliong climate change. Please restore the climate change adaption and sustainablity golas to this bill. Mahalo

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 8:03:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 11:00:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
muhtadia rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN) and the Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

From: Muhtadia Rice

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12:30 pm

In strong support of HB 2486 HD1

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

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I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Muhtadia Rice

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 12:59:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Pappas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I strongly support the creation of a Sustainability Division within the Office of Planning, but I support the HD1 version, not HD2. It is imperative that all the elements dealing with the Climate Crisis have a planned way forward across the State. I have already seen how the Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency has moved climate issues to the forefront, and I would hope the same would be true for the State. Climate change is here and happening and we must prepare for it systematically.

I would hope also that the City and State Sustainability offices would coordinate activities, projects and especially communication with the public. Having the public understand the roles they can play will be critical to our success in reaching a sustainable way of life in the future.

Please establish this critical office this session without delay. Pass HB2486 HD1 (not HD2).

Thank you,

Jan Pappas

Aiea, Hawaii

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 3:36:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Salisbury	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN) and the Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

From: YOUR NAME

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12:30 pm

In strong support of HB 2486 HD1

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

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I urge you to support HB2486 HD1 and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Mahalo nui loa,

Justin Mark Hideaki Salisbury

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 3:54:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello

Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. *Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time.* To tackle the crisis we are faced with and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1.

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I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Nanea Lo

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 7:56:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ava Fedorov	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

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I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Sincerely,

Ava Fedorov

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 8:28:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Tam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:30 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 229

H.B. 2486 HD2, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING

Chair Kahele, Chair Gabbard and Members of the Water and Land; Agriculture and Environment Committees:

I am submitting testimony in **strong support** of HB 2486 HD2.

The Office of Planning is actively working to plan, prepare for, and coordinate sustainable development and climate adaptation for the State of Hawaii and assist its state and county partners, but additional financial resources and staffing are needed to carry out these goals. This bill will accomplish the following:

- Update the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Planning to be consistent with the responsibilities and priorities established within the Hawaii State Planning Act.
- Provide a stronger legal framework to focus on the planning, coordination, and collaborative implementation of Hawaii's long-term sustainability.
- Provide the necessary staffing and operating expenses within the State's Office of Planning to support comprehensive statewide sustainability coordination and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability laws, goals, priorities, and planning throughout government.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass this bill to provide the necessary resources for the critical and continuing work that is needed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.
Will Kane

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 10:10:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey the Barak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN) and the Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

From: **Jeffrey the Barak**

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12:30 pm

In strong support of HB 2486 HD1

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. *Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time.* To tackle the crisis we are faced with and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1.

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I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Jeffrey the Barak

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 11:16:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Pomeroy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 12:16:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hunter Heavilin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 1:41:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
nicole tergeoglou	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 4:46:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mason Beutel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. *Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time.* To tackle the crisis we are faced with and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1.

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I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Mason Beutel

LATE

To: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)
and the Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

From: Karen Margulies Kimbrell

Date: June 24, 2020 1230

In strong support of HB 2486 HD1

Dear Chairs Gabbard, Kahele and members of AEN and WTL,

Climate change is accelerating and our window to prevent irreversible damage is rapidly approaching.

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. *Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time.* To tackle the crisis we are faced with and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1.

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Thank you very much.

LATE

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 10:47:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayne Kauhi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 7:56:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelsey Nichols	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability. *Global warming is the greatest existential threat of our time.* To tackle the crisis we are faced with, and accomplish what scientists say is needed to avert climate breakdown, it will take the dedicated, coordinated, and bold efforts as delineated in HB2486 HD1. This is for our lives right now and for the lives of future generations.

In contrast, HB2486 HD2 provides no clear vision or direction, but instead offers generalized and vague activities for the Office of Planning to perform. I strongly urge the climate change adaption and sustainability goals be restored to this bill, in addition to the language from HB2486 HD1 which directed the State Sustainability Coordinator to conduct a study on implementing a "Green New Deal" for Hawaii.

I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/21/2020 8:11:50 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Please go back to HB2486 HD 1. That draft will be far more effective to address climate change and the need for sustainable practices.

Mahalo,

Cory Harden

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/22/2020 1:38:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ruth M Mizumoto	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

To: The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN) and the Senate Committee on Water and Land (WTL)

From: **YOUR NAME**

Date: Monday, June 22, 2020, 12:30 pm

In strong support of HB 2486 HD1

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

I strongly urge you to restore the language from HB2486 HD1. This bill has the potential to establish a statewide sustainability division to ensure successful, coordinated efforts towards climate change adaption and sustainability.

Climate change is real and we don't have time to mess around with the vague message of version HD2.

Mahalo,

Ruth Mizumoto

LATE

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 2:56:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

In support of HB 2486

In Strong Support of Version HD1

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Kahele, and members of AEN and WTL:

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I urge you to support **HB2486 HD1** and move us in the right direction to face this crisis head-on.

Sincerely,

Kim Coco Iwamoto

LATE

HB-2486-HD-2

Submitted on: 6/24/2020 2:17:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 6/24/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lana Brodziak	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Please restore the language from HD1 for climate change adaptation and sustainability goals. The more generalized language in HD2 slows the ability of policy-decision makers to move as quickly as possible to address these extremely urgent issues addressing our island home.

We need to take action to prepare for change now! Mahalo for your consideration.