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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Thursday, February 10, 2022
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

in consideration of
HB 1838
RELATING TO A COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco, and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **offers comments with concerns for HB 1838** which establishes within the OPSD, a taskforce to develop a programmatic framework for a Hawaii Next Generation Coastal Zone Management Program. The OPSD appreciates the overall intent of the measure which recognizes the immediacy of the challenges of permitting activities along the shoreline and the introduces intentions for an alternative approach. The OPSD respectfully offers the following comments:

The OPSD is concerned that the proposed “Hawaii next generation coastal zone managers program” will be redundant or duplicative of the existing coastal zone management (CZM) program, and it would be more efficient to provide additional capacity to the existing primarily federally funded CZM program which has experienced diminishing state funding for decades.

The measure establishes a 16-member task force as well as a separate advisory committee to be led by the OPSD to accomplish significant outcomes. With as large a scope as described in the measure, the OPSD would require additional staff capacity (Exempt, 1.0 FTE) to facilitate the task force and advisory committee to conduct the work that this entity is tasked to accomplish within the timeframe provided and in compliance with Sunshine Law requirements.

The measure requires “program outputs” that include enhanced curriculum and training programs. The OPSD recognizes activities related to creating curricula and certificate programs may be premature as a directive until further vetting with government agencies (including but not limited to county planning departments, and DLNR OCCL) who may host such future graduates. The OPSD also understands that the University system is likely to have its own existing

procedures to establish degree and certificate programs, which includes consultations with potential employers to inform accreditation processes & development of new certificates or programs, and therefore this may not be appropriate for this proposed task force.

There are many entities, from various levels of government, that have permitting responsibilities. Without a comprehensive understanding of how various entities manage their permitting platforms and administrative processes, it could be premature and restrictive to prescribe the delivery of an electronic-permitting system implementation plan. Should the measure move forward, the OPSD feels it more appropriate to conduct an exploratory analysis of the various permitting agencies at federal, state, and county levels, their current permitting systems, and potential for such a multi-agency collaboration.

Page 10, Lines 17-19 “(3) [~~A shoreline adaptation electronic permitting system strategic implementation plan~~] An exploratory analysis of permitting systems, which includes at least an assessment of current systems in Hawaii, and an investigation of the applicability”

The OPSD appreciates the overall concept of this bill as it includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives, but as written, we are concerned that its passage may replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1838

February 10, 2022
8:30 a.m.
Room 430 and Videoconference

RELATING TO A COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 1838 establishes a taskforce, advisory group, and consultant team within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a coastal zone framework-development taskforce to develop a programmatic framework for a Hawai'i Next Generation Coastal Zone Management Program (HNGCZMP) and appropriates \$950,000 in general funds for FY 23 to support the HNGCZMP.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

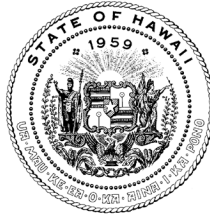
Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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HOUSE BILL 1838
RELATING TO A COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM

Senate Bill 2814 proposes to establish, within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, a taskforce, advisory group, and consultant team to develop a coastal zone framework-development taskforce to develop a programmatic framework for a Hawaii next generation coastal zone management program. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following concerns and comments:**

The Department acknowledges that the current regulatory framework creates financial burdens for the State, counties, and private landowners. We also acknowledge that the process can be frustratingly slow. The Department is engaged with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and with the various county planning departments on ways to collaborate, and to improve the regulatory process.

The Bill proposes a new “standing, statewide—funded program whose mission shall be to better mitigate impacts to the State's coastal zone caused by sea level rise and acute coastal erosion” (page 4, lines 7-9), and tasks the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, with assistance from an advisory group and a consultation team, to develop the programmatic framework.

The Department is concerned that the Bill then proceeds to outline the expected results of the taskforce, and to provide a detailed framework for the program that the taskforce will develop.

While the Department recognizes that a lot of work went into this proposal, our position is that taskforces should not be provided with predetermined outcomes; and that any new state program, if one is needed, should be developed in collaboration with the respective agencies and affected community groups.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:20:13 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Thorne Abbott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the intent of this bill. Government is often severely lacking in capacity to **plan** for coastal hazard avoidance because staff are tied up in responding to constituents who **react** to worsening coastal erosion and increasingly hazardous conditions and want to take immediate action. Developing a framework to be proactive rather than reactive is needed. We have considerable science and facts. Now we need an framework that would move decision making from a parcel-by-parcel approach to place-based and nature-based solutions that incorporate geologic constraints within a littoral cell and evaluates the attributes along a stretch of beach or shoreline (i.e., regional) and a cadre of well-trained, creative individuals to assist in its strategic implementation.

Please support and pass this bill! Mahalo.

HB-1838

Submitted on: 2/9/2022 12:27:00 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/10/2022 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kimeona Kane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

aloha,

As someone who has lived in a coastal community all my life, and comes from a family of coastal residents, it is imperative that we work on these issues surrounding the impacts to our coastlines. This threat is not going away, and is not slowing down either. The needs to address this issue is a matter of life or death in some places. Funding a program to dive deep into this subject will benefit us all in years to come. Recognizing the value of cultural competencies is also very important and should be sought for the advisory group and consultants. I support this effort to develop strategies for the coastal zones.

Mahalo,
Kimeona Kane