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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
Thursday, March 17, 2022
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 430 & Videoconference
in consideration of
SB 3027 SD2
RELATING TO BEACHES.

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

The purpose of Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226 Hawaii Planning Act is to set forth the Hawaii state plan that shall serve as a guide for the future long-range development of the State, and identify the goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for the State.

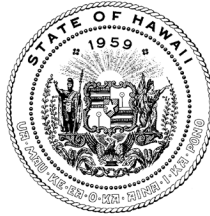
If the intention of **SB 3027 SD2** is to develop a statewide policy to achieve beach and shoreline restoration and conservation goals under the Hawaii Planning Act, the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) respectfully suggests that this policy might be more appropriate under **HRS § 226-104 Population growth and land resources priority guidelines** with the following amendments:

- (14) [~~Develop a~~] Promote statewide [~~beach assessment study and~~] beach and shoreline restoration and conservation [~~plan to regularly assess beach and shoreline erosion~~] and develop feasible beach and shoreline restoration or conservation options.

If the intention of **SB 3027 SD2** is for an entity to develop a statewide beach assessment study and beach and shoreline restoration plan to regularly assess beach and shoreline erosion, OPSD recognizes that this significant undertaking will require appropriate funding and should not overlap with existing efforts. OPSD suggests **SB 3027 SD2** be further considered in session law or added as a proviso to the FY22-23 budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Senate Bill 3027, Senate Draft 2 proposes to amend Section 226-11(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to add that it will be the policy of the State to “develop a statewide beach assessment study and beach and shoreline restoration and conservation plan to regularly assess beach and shoreline erosion and develop feasible beach and shoreline restoration or conservation options.” **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) acknowledges the value that such a study would have, and offer the following comments.**

The Department currently has data on where the significant areas of shoreline erosion are, based on historical erosion mapping projects that have been regularly updated since circa 2011. The proposal appears to overlap with these existing efforts. A statewide beach assessment study and restoration and conservation plan would also require significant fiscal resources. As Section 226-11, HRS, focuses on objectives and policies for land-based, shoreline, and marine resources, the Department suggests that such a study might better be considered by including it as part of the budget process with appropriate funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.