

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2527

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2527 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMART GROWTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote smart growth and sustainability by requiring:

- (1) The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to establish a system of greenways and trails; and
- (2) The Office of Planning to coordinate smart growth planning.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Windward Ahupuaa Alliance testified in support of this bill. DLNR, the Office of Planning, and Hawaii Association of REALTORS supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, opposed this bill.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2527 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean
Resources & Hawaiian Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



