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February 1, 2010

The Honorable Ken Ito, Chair,  
and Members of the Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources  
The Honorable Hermina M. Morita, Chair,  
and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection  
House of Representatives  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Ito, Chair Morita and Representatives:

***Re: Testimony in Support of House Bill 2338, Relating To Land Use  
Hearing on February 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 325  
B. J. Leithead Todd, Director, Hawaii County Planning Department***

HB 2338 allows each county to submit an application to the land use commission containing boundary amendments that shall be separately listed within the application. Each county may submit not more than one application for any island every five years. Each proposed boundary amendment shall be consistent with a land use map contained in a general plan; community, regional, or district development plan; or any other similar comprehensive plan adopted by county ordinance.

Hawaii County has adopted a General Plan which was most recently updated in 2005. Since then the county has embarked on adopting a series of community development plans (CDP). Thus far the county has adopted by ordinance CDPs for North & South Kona, North Kohala, South Kohala and Puna. The county is currently engaged in the process of adopting CDPs for Ka'u and for Hamakua. Each adopted community development plan has undergone multiple community meetings, CDP steering committee meetings, planning commission meetings and then hearings by the County Council's Planning Committee as well as hearings before the full Council. The county's General

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Plan and its community development plans designate those areas that the community thinks appropriate for urban, rural, agricultural and conservation uses. Providing a process for the county to reclassify lands consistent with the adopted plans would help the community to implement these plans. I ask that the Committees pass HB 2338.

Respectfully submitted,



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Planning Director

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**Comments:**

We all share the same planet and citizen participation in decisions regarding usage of the land is essential to our democracy. For example if the land is used for something that harms the environment, this affects everybody.  
Please do not allow the Counties to reclassify large tracts of land without meaningful citizen participation. Please defer HB 2338