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# H.B. 555, H.D.1 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation **opposes** H.B. 555, H.D.1 because it would have an adverse impact on the department's efforts to move projects to construction in a timely manner.

The Department already facilitates and implements many smart growth strategies through its planning efforts and compliance with existing laws. Additionally the existing planning and permitting processes already addresses many of the goals and objectives of this bill.

This bill duplicates a number of existing planning/permitting requirements and establishes additional steps through the creation of smart growth advisory committees and the preparation of a "smart growth impact statement". This increases the cost and timeliness of project delivery without significantly assuring the sustainability of our community or environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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# HB 555 HD1 - RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Establishes the state smart growth public infrastructure policy. Requires state agencies involved in the planning, development, and financing of public infrastructure to consider smart growth criteria prior to approving or financing any public infrastructure projects. Requires the chief executive officers of each state agency involved in the planning, development, and financing of public infrastructure projects to attest that a project meets the smart growth criteria or prepare a statement of justification. Requires each state agency involved in the planning, development, and financing of public infrastructure to create a smart growth advisory committee. Precludes any private right of action. Effective July 1, 2014. (HB555 HD1)

# COMMITTEE ON FINANCE HEARING Room 308 3:30 pm Monday, February 25, 2013

#### STRONGLY SUPPORT

My name is Shannon Wood, the president and co-founder of the *Windward Ahupua`a Alliance*, a <u>501c3</u> Hawai`i non-profit corporation, which was established in July, 2002, to create the <u>Ko`olau Greenbelt &</u> <u>Heritage Trails System</u> in order to restore, protect & provide public access to the *mauka* lands on the windward side of O`ahu along the base of *Na Ko`olau* as well as to support locally-owned sustainable economic activities in the more developed areas.

Its mandate, however, has expanded over the past ten years well beyond these important regional issues. *WAA* now works to educate & inform residents, visitors, businesses, policymakers at all three levels of government, and the media about using **SMART GROWTH** principles which promote sustainability through urban (re)development to protect agricultural and conservation lands forever.

For the past four years, part of our work has been working with the *City & County of Honolulu* on **Transit-Oriented Development** in the urban core in three different areas - *Kaka`ako Mauka*, *Iwilei*, and *Aloha Stadium*. **SMART GROWTH** is a major planning tool in all three areas which are very different from each other.

In addition to planning how & where we will live, work & play, **WAA** also advocates on matters as diverse as developing new waste management programs; setting long-term watershed protection policies based upon *ahupua*'a concepts; creating locally-owned "green" economic development opportunities; supporting renewable energy standards to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and mitigating the impacts of global warming & rising sea levels around the world by working on public policy changes at all three levels of government

I strongly support <u>HB 555 HD1</u>, but I do urge that you include county planning departments and county council committees addressing environmental, public infrastructure, and economic (re)development decisions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony in support of this bill.





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# HB 555 HD 1 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chair and Members:

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, a statewide land and water use advocacy organization, opposes SB 555 HD1 that establishes the state smart growth public infrastructure policy.

The concept of smart growth is not new in Hawai'i. In 1961, the Hawai'i First State Legislature determined that a lack of adequate controls had caused the development of Hawaii's limited and valuable land for short-term gain for the few while resulting in long-term los to the income and growth potential of our State's economy. Development of scattered subdivisions, creating problems of expensive yet reduced public service, and the conversion of prime agricultural land to residential use, were key reasons for establishing the statewide zoning system. (HRS §205)

Under HRS 205 counties have sole jurisdiction over land designated urban. This is the same land where state agencies and the State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy would rule on projects within the definition of "municipal centers."

HB 555 HD1 imposes a nebulous smart growth public infrastructure policy on the counties with only the *promise* of "Coordination between state and local government and intermunicipal and regional planning" and "community-based planning and collaboration," which presently occurs under county oversight and provisions.

Note that the counties are not represented on the "state infrastructure agency."

Is this new chapter in HRS §226 really about ensuring that the universally recognized smart growth principles of (1) avoiding sites whose environmental characteristics make them unsuited for intensive development; (2) favoring locations within the existing developed area of a region and well-served by existing urban fabric; and (3) ensuring that what is built in those locations is consistent with the goals of sustainability are enacted? Or is HB 555 HD1 another attempt at state trumping home rule?

The definition of municipal centers and their infrastructure needs should be left up to the counties. Main streets, downtown areas, central business districts and transit-oriented development areas are all within the urban district thus solely the jurisdiction of the counties.

HB 555 HD1 does not provide any opportunity for public input into any projects proposed under this new chapter other than to "encourage broad-based public involvement in developing and implementing a community plan." This statement offers nothing because the counties already have a community/island wide planning process that has broad public involvement. (Page 5 Line 2)

HB 555 HD1 does not provide an appeals mechanism should a citizen disagree with a chief executive officers declaration that a project meets smart growth criteria or a prepared statement of justification.

Page 2 Line 1 how the concept of "environmental justice areas" was included without definition and under municipal centers is baffling since environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Page 2 Line 4 how is "clearly defined borders" defined and what agency would identify those borders?" Would it be a state or county decision?

Page 2 Line 6 what agency and criteria would be used to determine that an area "exhibit(s) strong land-use...connections to a municipal center?"

Page 2 Line 22 it is unclear why the new smart growth public infrastructure policy would want to *disinvest in urban communities* when that is where smart growth principles direct growth.

Page 3 Line 13 the 10 criteria identified do not meet the definition of criteria, which is defined as a basis for comparison; a reference point which other things can be evaluated and the ideal in terms of which something can be judged.

Advancement of projects, fostering of development, increasing transportation choices, coordination between state and local government, predictability in building and promotion of sustainability are not "criteria" they are goals. So under the new smart growth public infrastructure policy there would not be any criteria by which to measure if a project meets smart growth principles.

Page 5 Line 14 "... or compliance is considered to be impracticable..." seems to give projects that don't even meet the so-called "criteria" a pass on being compliant with this chapter.

HB 555 HD1 says a lot of good things like curtailing urban sprawl, investing in smart and sustainable growth but how this new chapter will be implemented to prevent urban sprawl and invest in smart and sustainable growth, which is undefined, remains unknown.

SB 555 is confusing and unnecessary and must be held in committee.



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| Kerri Marks  | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| Pua Kamaoa   | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| Tia Kent     | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| Tam Mui      | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| Brad Parsons | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| joy cash     | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| Lisa Andrews | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| Josephine Keliipio | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| MS Matson    | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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| Janet Murray | Individual   | Oppose                    | No                 |

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