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Statement of  
**LEO R. ASUNCION**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
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State Capitol, Conference Room 211

**LATE**

in consideration of  
**SCR 95, SD 1 / SR 55, SD1**  
**SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND RESTORATION OF**  
**AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY, OAHU,**  
**AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO**  
**ACQUIRE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT AND HISTORIC SITES AND**  
**TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI VALLEY.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SCR 95, SD 1 / SR 55, SD 1, which seeks to acquire, preserve and restore agricultural and conservation lands in Maunawili Valley. We support these resolutions provided that their passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

SCR 95 SD 1 / SR 55 SD 1 would encourage the protection and conservation of the many agricultural and historic resources in Maunawili Valley. This resolution further urges that the relevant federal, State and county agencies work together to purchase Maunawili Valley from HRT Realty, LLC which has expressed an interest in selling its lands. Comprised of over 1,000 acres, this presents a welcome opportunity to work with the owner and various public agencies and private organizations to acquire the land, which includes the Royal Hawaiian Golf Course.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.