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H.B. 2207, H.D. 1 RELATING TO LAND USE

Senate Committee on Water and Land

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 2207, H.D. 1. The DOT recognizes the importance of supporting resiliency efforts to address sea level rise and other extreme weather events and is undertaking efforts to evaluate the vulnerabilities of our State Highway System. The DOT also recognizes that developing a long-term strategic plan to address existing issues and increase the resiliency of our State Highway System will require collaboration with the planning agencies and coastal managers statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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in consideration of HB 2207, HD1 RELATING TO LAND USE.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports this measure which requires that the Office of Planning conduct a land use study for Hauula, Oahu in order to assess mid-term solutions and long-term options and respectfully offers the following comments.

Should the measure pass, the OP Coastal Zone Management (OP-CZM) Program would support the activities in this measure and can serve as a convening and facilitating entity to identify key agency stakeholders across jurisdictions that have an interest in the area and would be impacted by any mid-term and long-term activities to maintain the transit corridor.

However, a land use study would be in addition to OP-CZM staff's already full-time obligations. Thus, the OP requests an appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 in order to conduct a land use study to meet the specifications as described in this measure, provided that it does not adversely affect the executive budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.