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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND AND THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

in consideration of
HCR140, HD1

**URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO
DEVELOP A SCOPE OF WORK OR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR BIDDERS
TO PERFORM THEIR OWN ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY THAT
DETERMINES WHETHER A DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONG-
TERM FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE STATE AND RESPECTIVE COUNTY.**

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land; and Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports** HCR140, HD1, which urges OPSD to develop a scope of work or request for proposals for bidders to perform their own analysis and methodology that determines whether a development will contribute to the long-term fiscal sustainability of the State and respective county.

OPSD understands the need for this type of fiscal analysis, which would give decisionmakers and the public useful information when reviewing project proposals, plans, and zoning applications. There are several consulting firms with experience conducting this type of fiscal analysis. OPSD could develop an appropriate scope of work that could be put out to bid in order to secure such a consultant. Whether OPSD is best suited to manage such a project, is currently unclear to us, but we could assess that matter as part of the report that this Resolution proposes.

OPSD appreciates the changes made to the HD1 version of this Resolution. Developing a scope of work without any funding is feasible, but developing methodology and conducting the necessary analysis without funding and without the assistance of a financial expert is not feasible.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.