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Statement of  
**MARY ALICE EVANS, Director**

before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

February 5, 2026, 9:00AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 411

in consideration of  
**HB1927**

**RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT**

Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the House  
Committee on Water and Land.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) would like to offer the following **comments** on HB1927, which establishes green infrastructure objectives, policies, and priority guidelines in the Hawaii'i State Planning Act.

Green infrastructure has the potential to improve quality of life for both Hawaii'i's residents and visitors. The incorporation of green infrastructure into state facility systems, infrastructure, and transit projects supports the State's sustainable, long-term development.

The *Hawaii'i State Plan Phase I Update Report* (2018) highlights the need to address topics relating to green infrastructure, including Sustainability, Green Practices, Climate Change, Conservation and Environmental Stewardship, Self-reliance/Resiliency/Security, and Local Food Production – all of which align with the intent of HB1927.

Building on Phase I, the *Phase II Update of the Hawaii'i State Planning Act* (2025-2027), established under Act 36, SLH 2024, is currently underway and includes a comprehensive review of Chapter 226. This process will result in recommendations for updates to the State Planning Act, including long-term statewide objectives and policies developed through research and stakeholder engagement and intended to align with the overall State Planning ecosystem.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.