

HB-2182-HD-2

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Testifying for Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

LURF supports the general intent, but must OPPOSE the current version of HB 2182, HD2, which proposes to make permanent the Carbon Farming Task Force established by Act 33, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, and renames it the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force; claims to align the State's clean energy and carbon sequestration efforts with climate initiative goals; amends membership and duties of the Task Force; establishes a zero-greenhouse gas emissions target for the State; and makes an appropriation.

LURF **OPPOSES** HB 2182, HD2, based on, among other things, the following:

This measure is premature, as it makes changes to the purpose, intent, goals, functions, members and name of the Carbon Farming Task Force (“Task Force”) WITHOUT any official review, comment or recommendation of the Task Force. The major changes in the name, intent, goals, functions and members of the Carbon Farming Task Force (Task Force) should first be reviewed, discussed and subject to recommendations by the Task Force.

- **The Legislature should ask for the Task Force to make recommendations for the 2019 Legislative Session.**
- **The Task Force should include representatives of Hawaii’s major industries that will be affected, including:**
 - Major industries who will be involved in the carbon credit process
 - Major energy producers
 - Tourism industry (hotels and resorts, short term vacation rentals, etc.)
 - Transportation industry (airlines, shipping, ground transportation, etc.)
 - Home-building/construction
 - Large land owners
 - Military

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express support for the general intent, as well as its comments, concerns and OPPOSITION to HB 2182, HD2. Please contact David Arakawa, LURF Executive director if there are any questions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Testifying for Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Winston Welch	Testifying for The Outdoor Circle	Support	No

Comments:

The Outdoor Circle wishes to testify in SUPPORT of HB 2182 for its laudable goals on the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force, Carbon Sequestration, and Zero Net Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

We look forward to working with the State of Hawaii on these and other related issues to be implemented to keep our islands clean, green and beautiful.

Winston Welch, Executive Director

The Outdoor Circle