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Statement of
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WATER, LAND, AND OCEAN RESOURCES**
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in consideration of
HB1693
RELATING TO WEST OAHU.

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources.

The proposed bill requires the Office of Planning (OP) to review the City and County of Honolulu's revised Ewa Development Plan to ensure the infrastructural needs of the rapidly developing area are adequately met.

OP opposes this measure because it would adversely impact the priorities set forth in the Executive Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2009-2010. OP appreciates the intent of this measure; however, given the current fiscal difficulties, it would not be prudent to pursue enactment at this time.

The Ewa Development Plan already provides that City agencies are to develop long-range functional plans for facilities and services. These functional plans are to include "Level of Service Guidelines" for determining adequacy of public facilities and infrastructure needed to support new development. This mechanism appears to provide for the inclusion, within the updated Ewa Development Plan, the types of information requested in the proposed bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.