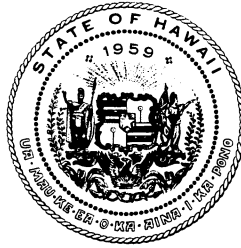


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## DEPT. COMM. NO. 27

December 30, 2005

The Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of the *Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force Report*.

Mindful of the many quality of life issues that are important to Hawai'i's people, such as water quality, air quality, land use, energy, and ocean resources, the Legislature has provided through Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawai'i 2005, the creation of a sustainability plan that would help to yield a desired Hawai'i in the year 2050. Act 8 chose the Hawai'i State Plan and other fundamental components of community planning as the starting points for its current examination and re-setting of guiding principles for decisionmaking. It has assigned various roles in the creation of this sustainability plan to the Hawai'i 2050 Task Force, the Office of the Auditor and the State Office of Planning.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, [www.state.hi.us/auditor](http://www.state.hi.us/auditor), and release it to the public and press, on Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "marion m higa".

Marion M. Higa  
State Auditor

Enclosure

c:✓Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk