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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII 2050 TASK FORCE TO USE A SCIENCE-BASED  
FRAMEWORK AS THE GUIDE TO MAPPING AND MEASURING THE  
SUCCESSSES IN REALIZING THE GOALS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY  
PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act (Planning Act) was  
2 enacted in 1978 to "increase the effectiveness of government and  
3 private actions, to improve coordination among different  
4 agencies and levels of government, to provide for the wise use  
5 of Hawaii's resources and to guide the future development of the  
6 State"; and  
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8 WHEREAS, under the Planning Act, the Hawaii State Plan was  
9 to be defined by the principles of:

- 10 (1) Individual and family self-sufficiency;  
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12 (2) Social and economic mobility; and  
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14 (3) Community or social well-being;  
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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature through Act 8,  
20 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, established a  
21 Sustainability Plan to address those principles and the emerging  
22 vital needs of Hawaii; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the need for a Sustainability Plan resulted from a  
25 recognition that the state faces a growing number of pressing  
26 issues, among which are:  
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- 28 (1) A steady deterioration of public infrastructure;  
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30 (2) Lack of affordable housing with average statewide  
31 single family home prices nearing \$600,000;  
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- 1 (3) Traffic congestion on all islands;
- 2 (4) Groundwater supplies reaching dangerously low or
- 3 unsustainable levels;
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- 5 (5) Continued reliance on low-wage tourism jobs;
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- 7 (6) The vulnerability of Hawaii in a volatile global
- 8 energy market;
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- 10 (7) Possible interruptions in travel and needed food
- 11 supplies;
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- 13 (8) Depletion of natural resources and threats to our
- 14 fragile island ecosystems;
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- 16 (9) Population growth at an increasingly rapid rate,
- 17 particularly on the Neighbor Islands;
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- 19 (10) Alienated youth and disenfranchised communities; and
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- 21 (11) A statewide educational system that is in the process
- 22 of "reinventing" itself;
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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Sustainability Plan  
27 for Hawaii should be all-inclusive, relying on participation by  
28 all segments of society and that a Hawaii sustainability  
29 initiative would engage youth, private citizens, government  
30 leaders, business interests, and visitors alike, to analyze  
31 actions through the lenses of concern for quality of life  
32 issues, including the wellness of water, air quality, land use,  
33 energy and ocean resources, social justice, and preservation of  
34 Hawaii's varied cultures; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Sustainability Plan is intended to provide an  
37 integrated framework for policies and establish a systems-  
38 thinking approach to guide all stakeholders in their kuleana  
39 (responsibility) actions to enrich the quality of life in  
40 Hawaii; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii 2050 Task  
4 Force is urged to use a science-based framework as the guide to  
5 mapping and measuring the successes in realizing the goals of  
6 the Sustainability Plan; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
10 of the Office of Planning, Auditor, Senate President, Speaker of  
11 the House of Representatives, Chairperson of the Hawaii 2050  
12 Task Force, Mayor of each County, and Dean of the University of  
13 Hawaii School of Urban and Regional Planning.

