

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2806
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2806, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate money for the Hawaii 2050 sustainability task force to continue its efforts.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Office of the Auditor; the Office of Planning; Asia Pacific Flowers, Inc.; Green Point Nurseries; Hawaii Biotech, Inc.; Navatek Ltd.; and OmniTrak Group Inc.

Your Committee finds that Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, authorized the creation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force (task force) to review the Hawaii State Plan and the State's planning process and required the Office of the Auditor to prepare the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan.

In Act 8, \$100,000 was appropriated for each of two fiscal years to create the 2050 Sustainability Plan. However, after reviewing the task force's report and the Office of the Auditor's testimony, your Committee finds that this appropriated amount is inadequate to accomplish Act 8's objectives. Accordingly, this measure provides a vehicle to appropriate the necessary funding to accomplish the task force's goals and objectives.



Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting language from S.B. No. 3138, which provides an appropriation strictly for the preparation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan.

Your Committee, however, acknowledges that the following goals and objectives listed in section two of this measure are worthy of further evaluation by the task force. Specifically, the task force should use the additional money to:

- (1) Conduct valuable policy analyses;
- (2) Gather vital research and data;
- (3) Conduct and solicit broad community outreach and input from all sectors; and
- (4) Launch an effective public education and media campaign to educate, engage, and inspire community participation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2806, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2806, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Agriculture,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



