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Before the

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing

Monday, February 11, 2008, 9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

SB 2833 Relating to Sustainability

Chair Kokubun and Members of the Committee:

We appreciate the opportunity to voice concerns about SB 2833 that would establish a council and appropriate funds for implementing the 2050 Sustainability Plan.

Addressing and solving issues critical to Hawaii and the future of our way of life are at the core of Governor Lingle's initiative to transform our economy. That transformation cannot wait until 2050 and can only be accomplished if we concentrate our resources and efforts on specific projects with bold definable outcomes.

The provisions in this bill raise many questions. The Council is placed in the Office of the Auditor, an entity who has the specific statutory responsibility to perform financial and management audits. Yet the bill then moves the Council to the Office of Planning in July 2010. Why? Is it because this is near the end of Governor Lingle's second term? Is it because certain people want the Council to be outside the scrutiny and administrative controls of the executive branch?

The bill provides an unspecified sum for the Council and establishes an exempt position as the executive director. Already \$2.5 million has been spent on this project. Could this money have been better spent to create a wave action pilot project in Hawaii? Could this money have been used to purchase important agricultural lands currently up for sale? Could \$2.5 million help restore the Kakala o Kamoia sacred site in Kona, sustaining and preserving this historic locale for future generations to come? These are but three of numerous specific projects and programs that would immediately and concretely help address energy, self-sufficiency, and the cultural heritage of our state.

The Governor's Office raises these questions because we genuinely believe it is time for action – not councils or words. The world is evolving rapidly; a bolder vision is necessary. As Professor J. W. Huston noted a few years ago, sustainability is akin to treading water to stay in place. I believe none of us want to spend the rest of our lives treading water. We do want a better future for ourselves, our children, and those yet to be born.

How do we get there? The solutions are in front on us. Many have been proposed by the members of the Legislature on these committees. Enact legislation that provides Native Hawaiians, Kanaka Maoli, with \$200 million in assets to allow them to become masters of their own destiny. Enact legislation to set aside important agricultural lands that have been pending since our 1978 Constitution was changed. Enact a bill that allows quick, consolidated approval of renewable energy projects so that alternative power facilities are up and running without delays.

A recent People's Pulse poll concluded that for most of our citizens sustainability means being able to afford to stay in Hawaii. The Legislature also has the opportunity to address the high cost of living by enacting proposals for tax relief and tax refunds to working families.

In conclusion, we share the goal of solving the most fundamental issues that face our state in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but we cannot wait to the middle of the century to get there and we need to use State, private, and non-profit resources to implement the many good ideas and immediate solutions that are right in front of us.

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2008

Committee: Senate Committee on  
Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Affordable  
Housing

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent

Title: S.B. No. 2833, Relating to Sustainability

Purpose: Adopts the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan; establishes a sustainability council to coordinate, implement, measure, and evaluate the progress of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan and activities; and appropriates funds to the sustainability council.

Department's Position: The Department of Education (Department) supports S.B. No. 2050. Addressing the steady deterioration of public infrastructure; the lack of affordable housing; the continued reliance on a service-based economy; the vulnerability of Hawaii in a volatile global energy market; the possible interruptions in travel and critical food supplies; the threats to fragile island ecosystems; and the ever increasing numbers of residents and visitors is critical to our future. The planning and action needed to sustain and contribute positively to the quality of life for Hawaii's current and future generations will be realized by establishing a commitment to lasting solutions that simultaneously address economic, cultural, and environmental concerns.

Adopting the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan, establishing a sustainability council, and appropriating funds for the creation of the sustainability council will move the State of Hawaii closer to a more sustainable state and will put Hawaii on the path to long-term prosperity in all aspects of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
COUNTY OF KAUAI  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION  
AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Monday, February 11, 2008; 9:00 am  
Conference Room 229

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2833, RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY**

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIR RUSSELL KOKUBUN AND COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS:

My name is Beth Tokioka, Director of the Office of Economic Development, testifying on behalf of the County of Kaua'i.

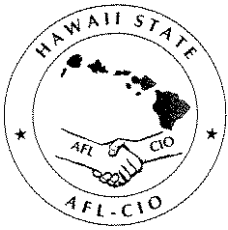
As a member of the Hawai'i 2050 Task Force I strongly encourage you to support this measure. The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan is the combined effort of thousands of residents throughout the State of Hawai'i. The Task Force took great care to insure that the desires of the people of Hawai'i were strongly represented in this plan.

We greatly appreciate your past support in providing the funding that allowed the Task Force to do the necessary outreach, research and due diligence that resulted in the creation of the H2050 Plan. Now, adoption of the Plan and creation of the implementing mechanism is critical to the success of the efforts of the past two years.

The Legislature has shown great leadership in making the development of the H2050 Plan possible. Please continue to support this effort as we collectively seek to put these important initiatives into action.

Your favorable consideration of this measure would be greatly appreciated.





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The Senate  
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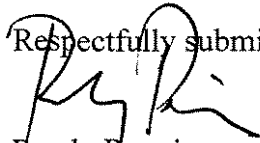
Testimony by  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO  
February 11, 2008

## S.B. 2833 - Relating to Sustainability

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly supports the intent and purpose of S.B. 2833.

In this changing economy, work force and environment, it is imperative to plan and take actions to protect Hawaii's future. Adopting the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan ("Hawaii 2050") and establishing an appropriately-funded Sustainability Council are steps in that direction. We cannot wait any longer to take positive steps to preserve our unique island home and culture. The Hawaii 2050 effort, which has involved many of our citizens and the business and labor sectors, has developed this first step we can take to ensure a sustainable future for our keiki. Your favorable consideration of this historic legislation is requested.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Randy Perreira  
President



CPH Committee  
For hearing on Monday, Feb 11, 2008  
9:00 am

National Association of Social Workers

Hawaii Chapter

February 8, 2008

TO: Senator Russell Kokubun, Chair  
And members of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing  
Committee

FROM: Debbie Shimizu, LSW, Executive Director  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

RE: SB 2833 Relating to Sustainability- **SUPPORT and provide comments**

Chair Kokubun and members of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing Committee, I am Debbie Shimizu, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'i Chapter. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of SB 2833 to adopt the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability plan and establish a sustainability council.

I participated in the community meetings and was involved in providing comments to the draft plan specifically regarding the goal to establish a community that is strong, healthy, vibrant, and nurturing, thus providing safety nets for those in need. I am pleased to see this goal included in the plan for 2050. A community, whether now or in the future, **must** take care of those in need.

I would like to provide comments regarding the sustainability council. I feel strongly that since this is a plan for the future, our children's future, they need to have a strong voice on the council. They should be the one's planning for the kind of community they would like to live in. Currently the council allows for "at least one public member to be a representative of the State's youth population under twenty-five years of age". I would encourage more than one representative from the youth group. Also, the council may appoint an advisory committee for each of the 6 areas identified on page 10. I would also encourage that there be youth representatives in each of these areas on the advisory committee. We must begin to develop our youth to be the leaders of the future and we can start by welcoming them to the table, giving them a voice and listening to what they have to say.

I strongly support SB 2833 but hope you will also take my comments into consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## HAWAII 2050 SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

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### TESTIMONY

Sen. Russell Kokubun,  
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**To:** The Honorable Russell Kokubun, Chair, and Members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing

**From:** The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force

**Re:** TESTIMONY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 2833, RELATING TO  
SUSTAINABILITY

**Date:** February 11, 2008 at 9:00 am

**Locale:** Room 229

Aloha chair and committee members,

We, the members of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force, support and endorse Senate Bill 2833, which codifies the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan (Hawaii 2050).

Hawaii 2050 embodies the expressed thoughts, opinions and values of communities across our islands. The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan is truly the "people's plan."

We believed steadfastly that the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan should reflect the will and sentiments of Hawaii's citizens. Our outreach has been extensive and rigorous. Thirty-six meetings across the state drew thousands of residents. We conducted two statistically sound general population surveys. We met with county mayors, council members, planning directors, policy makers, and experts, as well as dozens of youth, community, business, environmental, labor and other stakeholders and organizations.

In total, more than 10,500 participants provided input to Hawai'i 2050. The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force has learned that the overwhelming majority of people in Hawai'i want a balanced approach to Hawai'i's future, where economic, social and environmental goals are in balance.

Our citizens inherently recognize that these three pillars of our society are interdependent. We want a vibrant, diversified economy; a healthy quality of life that is grounded in a multi-ethnic culture and Kanaka Maoli values; and thriving natural resources.

Hawaii 2050 achieves this. It has goals for the future of our state that resonate with citizens. The plan has strategic actions to achieve the goals, and indicators to measure progress. The plan has priority actions that express the sense of urgency that citizens feel – they want action now. Hawaii 2050 has a mechanism for accountability – the Sustainability Council. A citizen-led body, the Sustainability Council will implement Hawaii 2050 and publish a public "report card" about sustainability.

Please vote for SB2833. Mahalo for your time.



Personal Testimony Presented before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing  
February 11, 2008  
9:00 a.m.  
by  
Dr. Andrew G. Hashimoto

SB 2833, Relating to Sustainability

Chair Kokubun, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Hashimoto, and I serve as Dean of the UH Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). I am pleased to provide personal testimony on Senate Bill 2883, which adopts the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan; establishes a Sustainability Council to coordinate, implement, measure, and evaluate the progress of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan and activities; and appropriates funds to the Sustainability Council. This testimony is presented from the perspective of the dean of CTAHR and an ex-officio member of the Board of Agriculture. It does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i.

I support SB 2833.

Much has changed in the three decades since the first Hawai'i State Plan was developed, from population growth and aging to technological advances, geopolitical circumstances, and new social and environmental challenges. The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan provides a framework for addressing vital quality-of-life and public policy issues, including land and water use, energy, public infrastructure, economic development, transportation, education, the arts, and health. Adoption of the plan will put into place goals that reflect the needs of our citizens now and in the future: a sustainable way of life; a diverse and competitive economy; responsible use and protection of natural resources; strong, healthy, vibrant, and nurturing communities; and thriving and enduring cultures. Establishment and funding of the Sustainability Council will facilitate the development of effective strategies to attain these goals.

CTAHR is committed to providing an excellent education for our students and fostering a diverse and vibrant economy, a healthy environment, and thriving families and communities for Hawai'i. The future envisioned in the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan—a sustainable economy, a sustainable environment, and sustainable communities—mirrors CTAHR's mission, vision, and strategic plan, and our college stands ready to assist this vital effort to shape sustainable state policies for the next forty years and beyond.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



# HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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The Twenty-Fourth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing

Testimony by  
HGEA AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO  
February 11, 2008

## S.B. 2833 - RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports the intent of the S.B. 2833 to adopt the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and establish and appropriately fund a Sustainability Council, with amendment.

The HGEA supports the basic need for a sustainability plan; however, we have the following concern regarding the current language of S.B. 2833:

**Section 6, (6)**, we do not support the appointment of officers, agents, and employees, prescribing their duties and qualifications and fixing their salaries, without regard to Chapter 76, HRS. Historically, there has been a problem with inequities between exempt employees and employees included in the bargaining unit. The HGEA does not support legislation that unnecessarily creates new exempt positions.

We respectfully urge the passage of S.B. 2833 with requested amendment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nora Nomura', written in a cursive style.

Nora Nomura  
Deputy Executive Director

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting S.B. 2833 Relating to Sustainability  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing  
Monday, February 11, 2008, 9:00AM, Room 229**

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*The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's native plants, animals, and ecosystems. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands for native species in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.*

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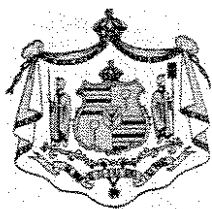
**The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i supports S.B. 2833 Relating to Sustainability.**

The health of Hawaii's unique but threatened natural resources directly affects our economy and quality of life. Residents and visitors alike are awed and inspired by the Hawaiian Islands' natural wonders. Beyond breathtaking beauty, these resources provide essential natural services that make life possible in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean. From native forests that give us fresh water, erosion control, and cultural treasures, to abundant coral reefs that provide food, recreation, and protection from storms, we all depend daily on nature to sustain us.

Now more than ever in the past, we have come to appreciate the importance of balancing environmental protection with the obvious need to maintain a vibrant economy that supports and does not threaten the needs of future generations. The Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan provides a strong foundation, guiding principles, and strategic actions to help guide us toward the Hawai'i we all want for ourselves and future generations. The proposed sustainability council is an appropriate next step to lead the implementation of the plan and hold us accountable to achieving the goals set out in the plan.

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TESTIMONY OF LEIMOMI KHAN, PRESIDENT  
IN SUPPORT OF

**SB 2833 - RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

February 11, 2008

Aloha Chair Kokubun, Vice-Chair Ige and Members of the House Committee.

We are a growing national confederation of fifty-three Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawai'i and in the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Utah, Virginia and Washington State. The Association initiates and works to support actions that enhance the civic, economic, educational, health and social welfare of our communities, and in particular, the culture and welfare of the Native Hawaiian community.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Senate Bill 2833, relating to Sustainability. This bill establishes a sustainability council to coordinate, implement, measure and evaluate the progress of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and activities. It also appropriates funds to the sustainability council. The Association strongly endorses this bill.

In 2007, the Association participated with the 2050 Sustainability Task Force when it joined with representatives of other Hawaiian organizations to form the Kanaka Maoli Working Group. The Kanaka Maoli Working Group reviewed preliminary Task Force findings and recommendations, and convened several meetings to develop recommendations that it believed were responsive to Kanaka Maoli concerns. We found the process to be gratifying; many of our suggestions were incorporated into the final Task Force report.

The Association agrees that unless our Hawai'i community takes proactive planning and implementation measures now, the growing pressures identified in this bill – a steady deterioration of public infrastructure; lack of affordable housing; continued reliance on a service-based economy; vulnerability of Hawai'i in a volatile global energy market; possible interruptions in travel and critical food supplies; threats to fragile island ecosystems; and ever-increasing numbers of residents and visitors – all of these pressures unabated will have devastating impacts on Hawai'i's quality of life.

We strongly endorse the proactive stance taken in this forward-looking legislation. We believe the creation of a sustainability council to help Hawai'i's citizens

develop a collective vision for the future and to assist with implementation to achieve that vision are critical to preserving and safeguarding Hawai`i's quality of life for future generations.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 2833.



February 11, 2008  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229

TESTIMONY TO  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

RE: SB2833 – Relating to Sustainability

Dear Chair Kokubun, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Witt, executive director of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), which represents approximately 100 private and independent schools and educates over 30,000 elementary and secondary school students across our state.

HAIS strongly supports the intent of Senate Bill 2833, which is to adopt the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan and establish a governing body to coordinate and evaluate the plan's implementation.

We believe that it is extremely important that we, as a state, address questions about the long-term limits of growth in Hawaii and call attention to the need for collaborative planning and action to preserve the natural resources and way of life that are so unique to our islands. We also support the development of a more diverse and resilient economy so that, in the future, our children will have both the opportunity and ability to live and work in Hawaii as adults.

To that end, our association of independent and private schools has been involved in the development of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. We have also been working with members of the Sustainability Task Force and other Hawaii 2050 supporters, such as the Department of Education, Girl Scouts of Hawaii and Kanu Hawaii, to come up with new ways to involve students in our state's sustainability efforts and, on behalf of our member schools and students, will continue to advocate for a more sustainable Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Conference Room 229**

**February 11, 2008 at 9:00 am**

**SB2833      RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY**

**Chair Kokubun, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committees:**

My name is Kathryn Matayoshi, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Business Roundtable ("Roundtable"). I am testifying in opposition to parts of SB 2833, which adopts the Hawaii 2050 Plan and establishes a sustainability council.

The Task Force's efforts to reach out to the community and begin a very important discussion about our long term future is commendable. The Roundtable recognizes and applauds the effort and openness of the Task Force. The HBR further supports continuing the discussions that have begun amongst many groups with varying viewpoints about the hard questions and choices we face as a community.

However, we are opposed to parts of SB2833 for the following reasons:

- 1) We are opposed to the creation of a Sustainability Council. The Roundtable does not see a need for another government entity with oversight over a range of areas that overlap with existing jurisdictions of various state departments and agencies. Further, while the Council was described as "advisory" in prior meetings, the language of the bill ("coordinate implement, measure and evaluate") is not consistent with an advisory body. The Council also would have the power to "sue or be sued", which also contradicts the advisory nature that was described in earlier discussions. In addition, with the potential of a slowing economy ahead, the expense of a newly formed Council is not warranted particularly as the State faces competing demands for funding essential public health, safety, and education needs.
- 2) The plan, as set out by the Task Force, is not in the bill. The only portions of the plan are the guiding principles and the goals. The strategic actions and indicators are not in the bill and appear to be left to the Council to develop. (See page 7, lines 9-10; page 11, lines 18-20; page 13, lines 15-20.) It is unclear what the force and authority of the plan would be if not adopted by the legislature. The Council also has the power to amend the plan, but there is no provision for legislative oversight on the changes to the plan, which could prove to be major policy shifts that would seem to be the province of the legislature. It is also not clear what the roles of the various state departments vis a vis the Council would be where the authorities conflict.

If the strategic actions and indicators, as set out in the draft Hawaii 2050 plan, are to be adopted, then the alignment between the goals, strategies and indicators or measures needs to be reviewed, as they are not consistent and also may not be comprehensive. We will not address specific concerns in this testimony, as those provisions are not in the bill.

- 3) It is not clear if the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan is to replace the existing State plan. The Findings and purpose section on page 3 imply that the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan is a review of the state plan. There are many areas which are not covered by the draft Hawaii 2050 Plan, or are sparingly covered. It is not clear what impact the Sustainability Plan has on areas that are not covered, or where there may be conflict.

The above summarizes the concerns of the Hawai'i Business Roundtable in opposition to SB 2833. Thank you for your consideration.





**The Chamber of  
Commerce of Hawaii**  
Since 1850

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and  
Affordable Housing  
Monday, February 11, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

**RE: SENATE BILL NO. 2833 RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY**

Chair Kokubun, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jim Tollefson and I am the President and CEO of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber"). The Chamber supports SB 2833 with comments.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing 1100 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. The organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

H.B. No. 2590 adopts the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. It establishes a sustainability council to coordinate, implement, measure, and evaluate the progress of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan and activities. It also appropriates funds to the sustainability council.

The Chamber supports the need to focus on the future and create an environment in Hawaii that provides a certain quality of life for the next generation of Hawaii residents. We participated in the process of developing the 2050 Sustainability plan, and support the need for continuing this process. In regards to the Sustainability Council, however, The Chamber believes that the Council should serve an advisory role only.

Therefore, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii supports HB 2590 so long as the above is taken into consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



**SB2833: RELATING TO Sustainability**

**DATE:** February 11, 2008  
9:00am, Conference Room 229

**TO:** Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Senator Russell Kokubun, Chair  
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

**FROM:** Lisa H. Gibson  
President  
Hawaii Science & Technology Council

**RE: Testimony In Support of the Intent of SB2833**

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Science & Technology Council (HiSciTech) supports the purpose and intent SB2833 relating to sustainability. HiSciTech further supports that the task force include representation specifically from Hawaii's science and technology industry. HiSciTech also requests that should such a task force be formed, that a preliminary report be submitted in 2009 prior to the 2010 session. Accordingly, we offer for the committee the following amendments for consideration:

- (1) With respect to the appointment of membership to the task force, we suggest the following amendment:
  - The task force shall consist of eighteen members to appointed as follows:
    - Three members appointed by the president of the senate.
    - Three members appointed by the speaker of the house;
  
- (2) In addition to the list of organizations in the bill, we suggest that the bill specifically include those economic development and industry groups on the front lines of private sector lead economic development initiatives which are already collaborating on a number of cross-cutting issues.
  - The Hawaii Science & Technology Council; and
  - A representative from the Economic Development boards (Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Enterprise Honolulu on Oahu);

The Hawaii Science & Technology Council is a private tax-exempt 501(c)6 industry association with a 28-member board. The council serves Hawaii companies engaged in ocean sciences, agricultural biotechnology, astronomy, defense aerospace, biotech/life sciences, information & communication technology, energy, environmental technologies, and creative media.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

Lisa H. Gibson  
President

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Aloha United Way

February 8, 2008

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing  
Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair  
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

SB 2833 Relating to Sustainability – Written Testimony in Support

Dear Chair Kokubun, Vice Chair Ige, and Members of the Committee:

Aloha United Way supports and encourages your favorable consideration of SB 2833 which proposes adoption of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and the establishment of a council to oversee the state's progress towards sustainability.

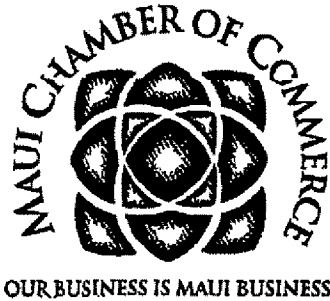
The process that the legislative Task Force employed in creating the plan was inclusive, and there is a great need for an integrated approach to improving the quality of life in Hawaii. Aloha United Way supports the vision of sustainability, the establishment of the council, and concepts included in the report, particularly those dealing with strengthening our social safety nets and our educational systems.

We urge the Committee to continue to move the measure forward. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Susan Au Doyle  
President and Chief Professional Officer



February 7, 2008

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair,  
Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair &  
Members of the Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection & Affordable Housing

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*For Hearing on Monday, February 11, 2008  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol  
Submitted Via Fax: 1-800-586-6659*

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Re: SB 2833

Dear Chair Kokubun, Vice Chair Ige & Members of the Committee:

As a member of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan Task Force, I am writing today to ask for your support of SB 2833 relating to Sustainability.

The Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, developed through a comprehensive statewide planning process that obtained input from over 10,500 residents, guides us toward creating Hawaii's sustainable future. Through this process, to get to the point where a plan could be developed, we first had to involve residents in defining "sustainability," a term that has many different meanings to different people. This was key to setting the foundation and producing a shared vocabulary from which to begin discussion and move on to develop guiding principals and a vision of sustainability.

Along the way, participation was essential—not only for developing this plan, but to actually achieve our goal of sustainability. Residents throughout our islands had many opportunities to share their voice in this process, including community meetings, stakeholder meetings, public summits, web surveys, public opinion polls and youth participation.

The bill that you have before you is to move forward with implementation of and accountability for a plan that resulted from of a great deal of volunteered time, effort, and resources by people concerned with building a sustainable future for generations to

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come. Those involved, present you now with a plan that has established common ground and a framework for moving forward, findings and observations from the process, policy recommendations to assist law makers in decision making, priority actions, intermediate goals, and measurements. Please don't let this effort die. The movement is underway and momentum is building.

Having served on the task force, with many committed to the process, I thank you for your leadership in establishing this task force to begin with, am proud to have participated in handing you a plan that charts the course for a sustainable Hawaii in 2050, and ask that you move this legislation forward to show the people of Hawaii that their voice was heard and that we can and will achieve a sustainable Hawaii.

Please let me know if I can count on your support. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 871-7711.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Tumpap".

Pamela Tumpap  
President