

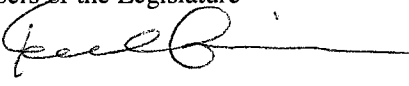


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To: Honorable Members of the Legislature
From: Karl Kim, Ph.D. 
Subject: Transmittal of Final Report on Hawaii's Environmental Review System

Please find enclosed our Final Report on Hawaii's Environmental Review System. This Report was prepared pursuant to Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, which requested that the University of Hawaii conduct this study of the environmental review system and develop recommendations for modernizing Hawaii's system of environmental review.

The first half of the report includes introductory and background sections, a detailed description of the study process, and a discussion of the events of the 2010 legislative session. The latter half of the report focuses on detailing a set of comprehensive recommendations for improving Hawaii's environmental review system. The report focuses on five areas of concern within the system: (1) applicability, (2) governance, (3) participation, (4) content, and (5) process, and describes identified issues and specific recommendations addressing them.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to improve Hawaii's environmental review system. Please feel free to contact us about the study at EISstudy@hawaii.edu, or through the project blog at <http://hawaiiEISstudy.blogspot.com>.

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