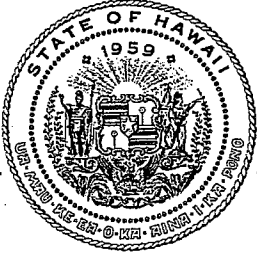


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December 30, 2009

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President:

On behalf of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force, we hereby provide two (2) copies of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force's Report to the Legislature pursuant to Section 7, Act 234, SLH 2007.

Act 234, passed and signed in 2007, requires Hawaii to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by January 1, 2020. It created a ten member Task Force, and in accord with Section 4 of the Act, the Task Force is comprised of the following members:

Mr. Theodore E. Liu, (Co-Chair); Director, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

Mr. Laurence K. Lau, (Co-Chair), Deputy Director, Department of Health

Mr. Robbie Alm, Utilities Sector Representative

Prof. Maxine Burkett, UH Manoa Climate Change Commission

Mr. Frank Clouse, Petroleum Industry Representative

Dr. Makena Coffman, UH Manoa Climate Change Commission

Mr. Mark Fox, Environmental Organization Representative

Mr. Jeff Mikulina, Environmental Organization Representative

Mr. Gary North, Maritime Industry Representative

Mr. Gareth Sakakida, Transportation Sector Representative

In December 2008, an updated inventory of Hawaii greenhouse gas emissions sources was filed with the Legislature, per Section 3 of Act 234. The DBEDT engaged the services of a consultant, ICF International, to help the TF prepare, in accordance with Sections 5 and 6 of the Act, a work plan for implementing the Act's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals in the maximum practically and technically feasible manner. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Strategic Industries Division and the Department of Health's Environmental Health Administration provided administrative and staff support to the Task Force.

This Report is submitted to the Legislature, Pursuant to Act 234, Section 7, providing the Task Force's recommendations for achieving the goals of the Act. Included as enclosures with this Report is the November 10, 2009 "Proposed GHG Reduction Work Plans for Hawaii" report document prepared by ICF International, and the "Hawaii Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions Modeling: ENERGY 2020 Model Inputs and Assumptions" document, dated August 31, 2009.

The Report and aforementioned enclosures are also posted on the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's web site, <http://www.state.hi.us/dbedt/energy/greenhouse>.

Sincerely,



THEODORE E. LIU
Co-Chair



LAURENCE K. LAU
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Enclosures

- c: The Honorable Linda Lingle, Governor
- Office of the Governor (Attn: Policy Office, Research)
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- The Honorable Hermina Morita, Chair, Energy and Environmental Protection
- The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair, Energy Environment and International Affairs
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Task Force Members
- Legislative Reference Bureau (Attn: Karen Mau)
- Legislative Auditor
- Department of Budget and Finance