

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2383

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2532

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2532 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to incorporate the definitions, guiding principles, and goals of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force into the Hawaii State Planning Act, codified as chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by five organizations and three individuals. One organization submitted comments, and two individuals submitted testimony in opposition. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

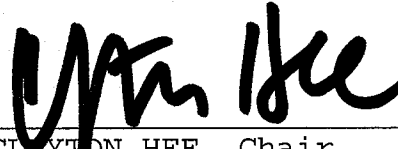
During the 2005 Special Session, the Legislature adopted Act 8, to create the Hawaii 2050 Task Force to review the Hawaii State Plan and the State's planning process, and develop the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. In 2008, the Legislature adopted Act 225, requesting the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center to review the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and provide a definitive framework for policy makers including defined data, data sources, and benchmarks for each of the major goals. This measure is one of the recommendations of the Public Policy Center's final report submitted prior to this legislative session.



Your Committee finds that the guiding principles and goals in the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan will help the State balance environmental protection with the need for a vibrant economy. The health of the State's natural resources directly affects our economy and quality of life, providing fresh water, erosion control, and abundant coral reefs that provide food, recreation, and protection from storms.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2532 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



