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Before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES
Monday, March 29, 2010, 10:45 a.m.
Room 325, State Capitol

SB2532 RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee:

The Office of the Governor appreciates the opportunity to voice concerns regarding SB2532, which incorporates portions of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force report into the Hawaii State Planning Act.

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 be executed through the incorporation of policies into the State Planning Act. It can only be accomplished if we concentrate our resources and efforts on specific projects with bold, definable outcomes.

The Governor's Office genuinely believes it is time for action – not policies or words. The world is evolving rapidly and 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, but how do we get there?

The solutions are right in front of us. Enact legislation banning the construction of new electrical power plants that only use fossil fuels. Enact legislation that expedites the construction of affordable housing by requiring government agencies to issue ministerial permits and accept infrastructure within a specific timeframe. Enact legislation that allows the State to loan general obligation bond proceeds to residential and commercial property owners for energy efficiency improvements on their property. Enact Legislation that revamps 40 years of a failed public education bureaucracy and holds the next Governor accountable for improving student performance.

We share the goal of solving the most fundamental issues that face our state in the 21st century, but we cannot wait till 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. Both our short and long term futures are important and we cannot emphasize enough the need to act. Whether they are actions that will stimulate the economy and create jobs now, develop Hawaii's renewable energy resources for the future, or fundamentally improve our public education system, we cannot rely on sustainability principles and guidelines in the State Planning Act to get there.



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 Attached are two documents: (1) testimony and (2) proposed amendments to SB 2532.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources

Monday, March 29, 2010, 10:45 a.m.
House Conference Room 325

by

Virginia S. Hinshaw, Chancellor

and

Susan Chandler, Director

Social Sciences Public Policy Center

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RE: Testimony in Support of S.B. 2532, Relating to Sustainability

Chair Ito and Vice Chair Har and honorable members of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2532, relating to sustainability, which is a high priority for the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Drs. Susan Chandler and Sharon Miyashiro, Director and Associate Director respectively of the Social Sciences Public Policy Center ("Center") at the University of Hawaii'i at Mānoa, have been working on updating the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan ("H2050 Plan"). As you recall, the state's H2050 Task Force developed the H2050 Plan that identified crucial areas for future planning to revitalize the state's economy, protect the environment, and preserve the culture and quality of life for future generations. This plan set in place an important long-term planning process for Hawaii'i's future.

In 2008, the legislature adopted Act 225 that requested the Center to review the plan, consult with citizens and leaders from across the state to prioritize the goals and objectives in the Plan, and develop benchmarks for each of the major goals. The Center has completed its work and submitted its findings to the Legislature in January (see the report on our website, www.publicpolicycenter.hawaii.edu). Briefly, the report covers the following:

- ❖ Data gathered from email surveys and face to- face cross-sector meetings in each county, with representation from 10 major sectors of our community-- business, labor, the environment, kanaka maoli, youth, the military, the health sector, the non-profit sector, education and government (state and county level).
- ❖ developed a sustainability resource guide; and
- ❖ researched data sources and benchmarks.

The report proposed five major recommendations based on the voices of the community:

- ❖ **Incorporate the H2050 Plan definition of sustainability and its goals as a new section in Chapter 226, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes.**
- ❖ **Develop and implement policies based on common themes heard across the state and counties in the cross sector dialogs.**
- ❖ **Support the continuing public-private collaborations, community discussions, activities, and work on sustainability efforts.**
- ❖ **Adopt measures of accountability, including data and data sources, indicators and benchmarks.**
- ❖ **Develop a sustainability coordinating entity to carry forward the H2050 Plan.**

S.B. 2532 addresses the first recommendation. It provides for a sustainability policy to be incorporated in the Hawai‘i State Planning Act, Chapter 226, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes. It puts into law the definition of “sustainability” that was adopted by the many thousands of citizens who provided input in the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan, ie., “a Hawai‘i that respects the culture, character, beauty, and history of the State’s island communities, strikes a balance between economic, social and community, and environmental priorities; and meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” And further it provides seven guiding principles and five goals to achieve a sustainable Hawaii by 2050.

We believe it is extremely important to continue the progress being made toward Hawai‘i’s sustainable future by putting this sustainability policy into the Hawai‘i State Plan.

We would like to suggest a few technical non-substantive amendments to the bill; and have provided those suggestions as an attachment to this testimony.

S.B. NO. 2532

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. During the 2005 special session, the
2 legislature adopted Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005
3 (Act 8), to create the Hawaii 2050 task force to review the
4 Hawaii state plan and the State's planning process. The office
5 of the auditor was required to prepare and submit to the
6 legislature the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. In enacting
7 Act 8, the legislature expressed its belief that government is
8 responsible for resolving daily and immediate issues and public
9 needs, while providing guidance to assure a sustainable future
10 and outlook.

11 The creation of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan comes
12 as the State faces a growing number of pressing issues,
13 including the steady deterioration of public infrastructure, the
14 lack of affordable housing, a continued reliance on a service-
15 based economy, the vulnerability of Hawaii in a volatile global
16 energy market, possible interruptions in travel and to critical
17 food supplies, threats to fragile island ecosystems, ever-
18 increasing numbers of residents, and an increasing number of

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1 visitors over the long-term. These issues all raise questions
2 about the long-term limits of growth in the State and motivate
3 the need to begin planning and action to assure Hawaii's future.

4 Clearly, a policy framework to establish sustainability as
5 a state priority and ensure a coordinated and coherent approach
6 to fulfilling the long-range vision for a sustainable Hawaii is
7 needed. The mission of the Hawaii 2050 task force and the
8 objectives of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan focus on the
9 revitalization of the State's long-term planning process to
10 better guide the future development of Hawaii. Addressing and
11 solving issues critical to Hawaii's way of life and natural
12 resources requires coordinated community efforts to produce
13 comprehensive, long-range planning policies and actions.

14 In 2008, the legislature adopted Act 225, Session Laws of
15 Hawaii 2008, asking the University of Hawaii at Manoa college of
16 social sciences public policy center to review the Hawaii 2050
17 sustainability plan and provide a definitive framework for
18 policy makers including defined data, data sources, and
19 benchmarks for each of the major goals.

20 The purpose of this Act is to implement the recommendations
21 of the Hawaii 2050 update report, commissioned by Act 225,
22 Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, to establish sustainability as a

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1 state priority by adopting the Hawaii 2050 sustainability
2 definitions, guiding principles, and goals.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
5 to read as follows:

6 "PART . 2050 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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7 Findings and purpose. In 2005, the legislature enacted Act
8 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, to create the Hawaii
9 2050 task force to review the Hawaii state plan and develop
10 sustainability policies to address the vital needs of the State
11 through the year 2050. The office of the auditor was required
12 to prepare and submit to the legislature the Hawaii 2050
13 sustainability plan.

14 The task force developed a comprehensive sustainability
15 plan that included guiding principles and five major goals for
16 Hawaii 2050.

17 The purpose of this part is to set forth the Hawaii 2050
18 sustainability policy, which shall serve as a guide for the
19 future long-range sustainability planning of the state.

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20 §226-1 Definitions. As used in this part, the following
21 words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the
22 context indicates another meaning or intent:

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1 "Ahupuaa" means a traditional native Hawaiian resource and
2 behavioral management system that ensures respect for the air,
3 land, water, and other scarce natural resources that make life
4 sustainable from the mountains to the sea.

5 "Kanaka maoli" means native Hawaiians.

6 "Sustainability" is defined as a Hawaii that achieves the
7 following: 1) Respects the culture, character, beauty, and
8 history of the State's island communities; (2) Strikes a
9 balance between economic, social and community, and
10 environmental priorities; and 3) Meets the needs of the present
11 without compromising the ability of future generations to meet
12 their own needs.

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14 ~~§226-2~~ Sustainability; guiding principles. (a) Hawaii
15 residents desire a balance between economic, cultural, and
16 environmental concerns and priorities. Thus, sustainability in
17 Hawaii shall be established as the the overall theme and guiding
18 principles of sustainability policy:

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(2) Strikes a balance between economic, social and community, and environmental priorities; and ¶
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(3) Meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. ¶
(b) The following principles or values are established as

- 19 (1) To balance economic, social, community, and
- 20 environmental priorities;
- 21 (2) To respect and live within the natural resources and
- 22 limits of the State;

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- 1 (3) To achieve a diversified and dynamic economy;
- 2 (4) To honor the host culture;
- 3 (5) To make decisions based on meeting the needs of the
- 4 present without compromising the needs of future
- 5 generations;
- 6 (6) To observe the principles of the ahupuaa system to
- 7 guide resource management decisions; and
- 8 (7) To emphasize that everyone, including individuals,
- 9 families, communities, business, and government, has
- 10 the responsibility for achieving a sustainable Hawaii.

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11 | **§226-3 Sustainability goals.** There are established five
12 goals that are designed to achieve a preferred future by year
13 2050, which shall include the following:

- 14 (1) A way of life in which living sustainably is a part of
- 15 daily practice in Hawaii;
- 16 (2) A diversified and globally competitive economy that
- 17 will enable residents to live, work, and play meaningfully in
- 18 Hawaii;
- 19 (3) Responsible and respectful use, replenishment, and
- 20 preservation of the State's natural resources for future
- 21 generations;

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1 (4) A community that is strong, healthy, vibrant, and
2 nurturing, thus providing safety nets for those in need; and

3 (5) An environment where Kanaka maoli and island cultures
4 and values thrive and are perpetuated.”

5 SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section
6 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
7 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
8 the new sections in this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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BY REQUEST

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Monday, March 29, 2010

10:45 a.m.

Conference Room 325

IN SUPPORT OF SB 2532 – Relating to Sustainability

I am Sharon Miyashiro, Co-Chair of the Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum ("Forum"). The Forum is comprised of 49 representatives from the electric utilities, oil and natural gas suppliers, environmental and community groups, renewable energy industry, and federal, state and local government, including representatives from the neighbor islands. We have been meeting since 2002 and have adopted a common vision and mission, and a comprehensive "10 Point Action Plan," which serves as a framework and guide for meeting our preferred energy vision and goals.

The Forum supports the passage of SB 2532. This bill calls for amending the Hawai'i State Planning Act, Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to add a new part, entitled "2050 Sustainability Policy." It incorporates a definition of "sustainability" for Hawaii that respects its culture and history; balances economic, community, and environmental priorities; and meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. It also includes goals and guiding principles to achieve a sustainable future for Hawaii by 2050.

While the amendment does not include specific energy goals, its broad goals and guiding principles and its foundation in civic engagement are strongly aligned with the mission and vision of the Forum. We particularly support the inclusion of "sustainability" into state planning – which all of our counties and many organizations and individuals across the state are already doing and should be encouraged to continue to do.

The passage of SB 2532 will codify sustainability policy, clearly defining "sustainability" for Hawaii, along with its guiding principles and goals. Incorporating sustainability policy in the Hawai'i State Planning Act will set the standard for Hawai'i's future – one based on responsible consideration of our state's natural assets and resources and of the quality of life for future generations.

Based on the foregoing, the Forum supports SB 2532 and concurs with the technical non-substantive amendments suggested by the Social Sciences Public Policy Center. We respectfully urge passage of the bill with the recommended amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

This testimony reflects the position of the Forum as a whole and not necessarily of the individual Forum members or their companies or organizations.



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(Provided by Mark Fox, Director of External Affairs)
Supporting S.B. 2532 Relating to Sustainability
House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources
Monday, March 29, 2010, 10:45am, Room 325

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.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i supports H.B. 2532 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 Hawai'i 2050 sustainability plan provides a strong and defined foundation for sustainability, guiding principles and values, and strategic goals and actions to help lead us toward the Hawai'i we all want for ourselves and future generations.

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Aloha WLO Committee,

Please accept LURF's testimony providing Comments. Thank you for your assistance.



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**House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources
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**Comments and Revisions to SB 2532 Relating to Sustainability
(Incorporates the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force Report
definitions, guiding principles and goals into Hawaii State Planning Acts)**

Honorable Chair Ken Ito, Vice Chair Sharon Har, and Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources,

My name is Dave Arakawa, and I am the Executive Director of the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF), a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. One of LURF's missions is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources and public health and safety.

SB 2532. The purpose of this bill is to implement the recommendations of the Hawaii 2050 update report, commissioned by Act 225, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, to establish sustainability as a state priority by adopting the Hawaii 2050 sustainability definitions, guiding principles, and goals.

Background. 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.

LURF'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO SB 2532. LURF generally supports the intent of this bill to incorporate the definitions, guiding principles, and goals of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force Report into the Hawaii State Planning Act, codified as Chapter 226. Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

We do have, however, some **concerns, comments and recommended revisions**, which include, but are not limited to the following:

- **“Ahupuaa resource management system” should be clearly defined. Would it allow a certain natural resource within a single ahupuaa to be shared across the island? Or, could be interpreted to prohibit the use of Central Maui water to be used by farmers in other parts of Maui.**
 - Proposed §226-C Sustainability; guiding principles (b) (6) provides as follows:

“(6) To observe the principles of the ahupuaa system to guide resource management decisions.

While we support the principles of the “ahupuaa system,” the “principles of the ahupuaa system” are not specifically defined in the bill. As you know, state and county resource management decisions are based on the benefit and welfare of the entire island or state. That is why government has infrastructure that crosses through traditional ahupuaa boundary lines and has centralized government facilities and services (instead of government offices in each ahupuaa. We are concerned about someone interpreting this provision to require strictly observing and implementing the principles and values of the ahupuaa system as part of the State Plan, which could be interpreted by some to mean that it is a violation of the State Plan to have roadway, sewer, water and other infrastructure services provided on an island-wide basis, outside of a single ahupuaa’s boundaries. One of the major issues is the use of water between various ahupuaa for agricultural purposes or to service homes.

To assure that resource management decisions and natural resources can be shared for the overall benefit of the entire island, for agriculture, housing for residents, economic, social, community and environmental needs, etc., we would **respectfully propose the following revision:**

“(6) To [observe] consider the principles of the ahupuaa system to guide resource management decisions, but the priority for resource management decisions shall be the general welfare of all residents and agricultural sustainability.”

- **The Task Force has identified the need for government (administration and agencies) and public support, encouragement and incentives to make these goals a reality. Thus, the description of the five major goals should include the concept of incentives.** Proposed §226-D Sustainability goals provides as follows:



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I cannot think of a single more important bill to pass than this one. I became a science teacher because I believe taking sweeping sustainability measures are the most vital concern for us all this century. Please support this bill!





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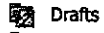
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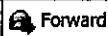
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RE: SB NO. 2532 RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

Dear Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on SB NO. 2532, my name is Brandon Elefante and I strongly support this measure.

Sustainability should be an important guiding principle to guide our State to be economically productive by 2050. In addition, proper guidelines should be enacted to measure population growth with reasonable benchmarks for a long-term vision of Hawaii. After listening to the concerns of high school students at a recent public forum, it is clear and evident that we need to critically analyze how we can continue to make Hawaii sustainable for future generations. Some of the concerns that were addressed were the cost of living, health conditions, job opportunities and other important concerns. Currently, majority of my colleagues that graduated from colleges on the U.S. mainland and in Hawaii find it quite difficult to live a reasonable life here in Hawaii. With the continued support and research from University of Hawaii at Manoa college of social sciences public policy center and other colleges we can continue to create a sustainable plan for future generations. Therefore, I humbly ask this committee to support this measure.

Sincerely,

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