

HCR 97/HR 89

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LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Representative Denny Coffman, Acting Chair

10 am
 Tuesday, March 29, 2011
 Conference Room 325

HCR 97/HR 89

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM TO REVIEW
 THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HAWAII'S COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES.

STRONGLY SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

The *Windward Ahupua`a Alliance* initially took on climate change issues after returning from an international conference in August, 2005. By the 2008 legislative session, climate change was *WAA's* #1 priority.

Although legislation was passed in 2009 establishing a **Climate Change Task Force**, former *Governor Linda Lingle* did not release its funding so **ACT 20 - Special Session 2009** expired at the end of 2010. This year, both the *House* & the *Senate* initiated legislation to set up the **Task Force** again but both folded the concept into the "barrel tax" legislation.

Currently, **HB 1019 HD1 SB2** is waiting for a committee report before sending it on for a full vote by the *Senate*. It will definitely go into at least one round of conference committee discussions.

WAA proposes that **HCR 97/HR 89** be amended to include requesting that *Sea Grant College* collaborate with the **Climate Change Task Force** and a not-yet-established *Hawai'i Tourism Authority* working group.

WAA also recommends that the **Energy and Environmental Protection Committee** put in conditional language such as "provided that the *Legislature* passes and the *Governor* signs the "barrel tax" legislation which include re-establishing & funding the **Task Force**."