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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
and
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

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SB 2021, Relating to the Climate Change Task Force

I am chair of the Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC), representing a group of 12 volunteers from six islands. Established by state statute HRS § 205A-3.5, MACZAC serves in an advisory capacity to the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program in the Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). We advocate for the public on coastal and marine issues.

MACZAC concurs with the position taken by the Office of Planning on SB 2021. Our members support the intent of the bill, to address impacts of climate change in Hawaii. We appreciate the Legislature's keen awareness of this issue and commitment to action.

We have been involved, however, in ongoing initiatives, in particular, the work of the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) policy and working groups. Composed of representatives from federal, state, county, and community agencies and organizations, the ORMP policy and working groups are already collaborating on plans for climate change adaptation. As MACZAC chair, I attend monthly meetings of the ORMP working group and represent MACZAC on the ORMP policy group.

Therefore, we recommend that funding be directed to the Administration's climate change adaptation policy bills relating to climate change (SB 2745 and companion bill HB 2483), which support ongoing activities.

Thank you.