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In CONDITIONAL SUPPORT of

SB 80: Relating to the Climate Change Task Force

**Chairs Gabbard, Dela Cruz, and Espero, Vice Chairs English, Solomon, and Kidani,
and Members of the Senate Committees.**

My name is James E. Coon. I am a charter member and Vice Chair of the Marine and Coastal Advocacy Council. I speak as an individual and support the intent of this bill. I would like to endorse the testimony submitted by Mary Lou Kobayashi representing the Office of Planning. I have read her statement as well as the attached amendments to SB 80 and believe they are well thought out and practical.

Please pass SB 80 with the DBEDT/OP amendments.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon,

Attachment A:
Proposed amendments to Section 1 of SB80,
Provided by the State of Hawaii Office of Planning

SECTION 1. Act 20, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, is amended by amending section 2 to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Climate change task force; objectives; membership. (a) The climate change task force is established within the office of planning, for administrative purposes only. The task force shall coordinate and guide climate change adaptation efforts throughout the State. The task force shall have the following [~~objectives;~~] responsibilities:

- ~~[(1) Scoping the current and potential impacts of global warming and climate change on the people, natural resources, and the economy of the State, including impacts on:
 - ~~(A) The visitor industry;~~
 - ~~(B) Intrastate and interstate air and sea transportation of cargo and persons;~~
 - ~~(C) Existing buildings and the public utilities infrastructure;~~
 - ~~(D) The health of the people of the State; and~~
 - ~~(E) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems]~~~~
- (1) Articulate a long-term vision for Hawaii's climate change adaptation efforts;
- ~~[(2) Scoping the potential impacts of rising ocean levels as a result of climate change on the people, natural resources, and the economy of the State, including impacts on:
 - ~~(A) The visitor industry;~~
 - ~~(B) Shoreline erosion;~~
 - ~~(C) Intrastate and interstate air and sea transportation of cargo and persons;~~
 - ~~(D) Existing buildings and the public utilities infrastructure;~~
 - ~~(E) The health of the people of the State; and~~
 - ~~(F) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems]~~~~
- (2) Determine the scale(s) at which adaptation plans will be developed and implemented, as appropriate;
- ~~[(3) Estimate the costs to the State of the adverse effects associated with climate change and rising sea levels; and]~~
- (3) Coordinate and monitor projects and programs related to climate change adaptation and planning with a view to effect climate change adaption as set forth in the State's long-term vision;

- ~~[(4) Make recommendations to the legislature and the governor on measures that would address or mitigate the near- and long-term effects of climate change. Such measures may include:~~
- ~~(A) Protecting against shoreline erosion;~~
 - ~~(B) Maintaining the visitor industry;~~
 - ~~(C) Relocating or armoring the transportation infrastructure, such as airports, highways, and ports;~~
 - ~~(D) Implementing restrictions on construction in areas at risk for sea level rise and inundation;~~
 - ~~(E) Improving or hardening the public utilities infrastructure, including communication lines, power generation systems, water supply systems, and wastewater treatment and disposal systems;~~
 - ~~(F) Preparing for health emergencies and impacts to established emergency management systems; and~~
 - ~~(G) Preserving the health, biodiversity, and resilience of terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems.]~~

- (4) Identify and recommend opportunities for increased coordination among various climate change adaptation studies and projects;
- (5) Discuss and identify ways to support, increase awareness of, and implement recommendations of various climate change adaptation studies and projects; and
- (6) Identify and make recommendations to the legislature and the governor on future funding needs and priorities for the State regarding climate change adaptation.
- (7) Identify performance measures to evaluate the work of the task force and include status updates of the measures in the annual reports to the legislature.

(b) The climate change task force shall comprise the following:

- (1) The director of the office of planning or the director's designee, who shall act as chairperson;
- (2) The deputy director of the department of health's environmental health administration or the deputy director's designee;
- (3) The director of transportation or the director's designee;
- (4) The chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, or the chairperson's designee;
- (5) The vice-director of civil defense of the department of defense or the vice-director's designee;

- (6) One member appointed by each of the mayors of Hawaii, Honolulu, Kauai, and Maui counties;
- (7) Three members appointed by the president of the senate, of whom one shall be from an environmental organization;
- (8) Three members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, of whom one shall be from an environmental organization;
- (9) The director of the Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and
- (10) One member from the Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research to be appointed by its administrative board.

Members of the task force shall be exempt from section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel expenses.

(c) The task force shall:

- (1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of [~~2010~~] 2012; and
- (2) Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of [~~2011~~] 2013.

(d) The office of planning shall provide administrative and clerical support required by the task force.

(e) The task force shall cease to exist on June 30, [~~2011~~] 2013."

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S.B. 80, RELATING TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, ACSW, MPH
Acting Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the intent of the bill, but defers on the
2 fiscal implications until the Executive Biennium Budget is finalized.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** \$50,000 from the Tourism Special Fund for each of the next two years.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill seeks to extend the existence of the Climate Change Task Force to
5 June 30, 2013, and to fund its efforts.

6 The purpose of the Task Force is to assess the impacts and costs of global warming, climate
7 change, and ocean level rising on the visitor industry, air and sea transportation, buildings and public
8 utilities infrastructure, shoreline erosion, public health, and the ecosystems. The group is also charged
9 with identifying near- and long-term mitigation measures. The Department of Health acknowledges the
10 importance of the Task Force and the need for Hawaii to prepare and plan for the effects of climate
11 change whose results would be beneficial to Hawaii in future decision-making and land-use
12 determination.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.