



**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth
In Support of HB2312, HD2
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Hawai'i Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of more than 50 state, county, federal, business, and non-governmental leaders from energy, food production, natural resources, waste reduction, planning, green jobs, and other sectors who have come together to support a shared statewide commitment and tangible actions toward sustainability and a model green economy.

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) supports HB 2312, HD2, which will provide essential, long-term funding for the Environmental Response Revolving Fund (ERRF) through increasing the allocation of the barrel tax to support core activities and programs in the Dept of Health.

HGG members agreed on the top legislative actions for 2014 that will significantly advance sustainability in Hawai'i and already have widespread support across sectors. One of our top priorities is to extend the barrel tax sunset to 2030 and to reallocate this funding to the original intended purposes, including the ERRF. If reallocation is not feasible this year, then HGG strongly supports equivalent funding be provided from the General Fund or other sources. This bill addresses an important piece of HGG's priority, and we strongly support it.

As a partnership representing Hawai'i's leaders in environment, food, energy and other sectors, HGG asks for your support of **HB 2312 HD2**, which will provide reliable funding to ensure Hawai'i is ready to respond to environmental emergencies.

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to testify,

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Bringing leaders together to achieve sustainability in Hawai'i & be a model for a green economy.