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Testimony of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

8:35 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 203 / HOUSE RESOLUTION 131

URGING THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL, IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEGAL OPINIONS OF FUTURE STATE REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION THAT MIGHT BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND PREVENT THE REGRESSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection,

The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) administers Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). The purpose of the EIS law is to "establish a system of environmental review which ensures that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations" (HRS §343-1). Additionally, the OEQC serves "the Governor in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to environmental quality control," as directed in HRS §341-3.

The OEQC supports the intent of these resolutions. Given the scope of the proposal, other efforts to combat climate change underway in Hawai'i, and the evolving nature of the federal government at this time, leading this proposed effort in collaboration with the Department of the Attorney General and the Legislative Reference Bureau would require a high degree of coordination and research that would strain our current resources. We have a request into the Legislature for increased funding and an office assistant position to enable the OEQC to better fulfill its current obligations and undertake requests such as this. Should the Legislature make the appropriate, the OEQC would be better situated to undertake this request. Therefore, the OEQC requests that the Legislature revisit this proposal in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please support this measure to protect us from the excesses of people now in power--like the expected cutting of half of EPA's staff and appointments of climate change deniers to the EPA. mahalo, Cory Harden

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