

**SCR-68**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Chris Lee, Chair; to the Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair; and the Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR68** relating to revising the environmental impact statement rules, title 11, chapter 200, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SCR68** and strongly supports its passage.

**SCR68** is in accord with the Democratic Platform as it requests the Environmental Council to submit a report on the revision of the environmental impact statement rules, title 11, chapter 200, Hawaii Administrative Rules, outlining the process used to revise the rules, including the methodologies implemented to gather a wide range of public input, along with any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019.

The Platform of the DPH provides that: "The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment is essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of

transportation, recycling and waste reduction.

The conservation, preservation and restoration of Hawaii's natural resources are connected to the health and welfare of our people; therefore, we support the conservation and protection of our natural environment, which includes reducing our carbon footprint for the benefit of current and future generations.

We support the protection of our 'aina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage. To handle current and future demands for water, we must assess the current condition of our aquifers and take appropriate actions to secure our fresh water resources.

We support democratic participation of citizens and residents to protect (i) valuable coastal ecosystems and reefs from misuse and (ii) beaches for public use and recreation. The Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management (CZM) law, HRS Chapter 205A, currently provides for public participation in management of coastal resources.

We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources." (Platform of DPH, P.8, Line 407-433 (2016)).

Given that **SCR68** requests the Environmental Council to submit a report on the revision of the environmental impact statement rules, title 11, chapter 200, Hawaii Administrative Rules, outlining the process used to revise the rules, including the methodologies implemented to gather a wide range of public input, along with any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to strongly support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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Comments:

My name is Sarah Toole, my address is 1128 Ala Napunani St. 96818, and I am a political science student at UH Manoa.

I support this bill.