
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that not only is climate
2 change real, but it is the overriding challenge of the twenty-
3 first century and one of the priority issues of the house of
4 representatives. Climate change poses immediate and long-term
5 threats to the State's economy, sustainability, security, and
6 way of life.

7 The legislature recognized in Act 8, Special Session Laws
8 of Hawaii 2005, that many quality-of-life issues, including
9 water quality, air quality, land use, energy, and ocean
10 resources, are important to the people of Hawaii and should be
11 the focus for planning Hawaii's future and created the Hawaii
12 2050 sustainability task force and Hawaii 2050 sustainability
13 plan to coordinate the actions needed to sustain a growing and
14 vibrant economy, while maintaining a high quality of life for
15 all residents and visitors.

16 The legislature recognized in Act 181, Session Laws of
17 Hawaii 2011, that the creation of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability



1 plan comes as the State faces a growing number of pressing
2 issues, including the steady deterioration of public
3 infrastructure, the lack of affordable housing, a continued
4 reliance on a service-based economy, the vulnerability of Hawaii
5 in a volatile global energy market, possible interruptions in
6 travel and to critical food supplies, threats to fragile island
7 ecosystems, ever-increasing numbers of residents, and an
8 increasing number of visitors over the long-term. These issues
9 all raise questions about the long-term limits of growth in the
10 State and highlight the need to begin planning and acting to
11 assure Hawaii's sustainable future.

12 A ten-year measurement update of the Hawaii 2050
13 sustainability plan (2008-2017) was published in March 2018 by
14 the office of the auditor with the assistance of the office of
15 planning, which evaluated the metrics and indicators established
16 in the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. The measurement update
17 identified the need for funding to perform a formal ten-year
18 update of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan.

19 The purpose of this Act is to establish a stronger policy
20 framework for Hawaii sustainability efforts by incorporating



1 sustainability coordination and planning into the duties and
2 responsibilities of the office of planning.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
5 designated and to read as follows:

6 "§226- Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. (a) The
7 Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan shall serve as the State's
8 climate and sustainability action plan to determine future
9 actions guiding the coordination and implementation of Hawaii's
10 sustainability and climate adaptation goals, principles, and
11 policies, and to define and implement state goals, objectives,
12 policies, and priority guidelines using sections 226-3 to 226-27
13 and 226-103 to 226-109, and chapter 225P, as guiding principles.

14 (b) The office of planning shall update the sustainability
15 plan to determine future actions guiding the coordination and
16 implementation of Hawaii's sustainability and climate adaptation
17 goals, principles, and policies, and to define and implement
18 state goals, objectives, policies, and priority guidelines using
19 sections 226-3 to 226-27 and 226-103 to 226-109, and chapter
20 225P, as guiding principles.



1 (c) The office of planning shall submit the sustainability
2 plan updated pursuant to subsection (b) to the legislature no
3 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
4 session of 2021 and every tenth regular session thereafter."

5 SECTION 3. Act 8, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, as amended
6 by Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, is amended by amending
7 section 2 to read as follows:

8 "SECTION 2. Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, is
9 amended as follows:

10 1. By amending section 4 to read:

11 "SECTION 4. **Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan.** (a) After
12 receipt of the task force's report, the office of the auditor
13 shall prepare the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. The plan
14 shall be prepared to define and implement state goals,
15 objectives, policies, and priority guidelines using sections
16 226-3 to 226-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as guiding principles.
17 The auditor shall seek input from all state departments. The
18 auditor shall also solicit public views and concerns in
19 preparation of the plan and shall incorporate all or a portion
20 of the recommendations reported by the Hawaii 2050 task force.



1 The plan shall serve as a guideline for funding and
2 implementation by state and county agencies. The office of
3 planning shall assist the auditor in reviewing the plan.

4 (b) The auditor shall submit the sustainability plan to
5 the legislature no later than twenty days before the convening
6 of the regular session of 2008.

7 ~~[(c) The auditor, with the assistance of the office of
8 planning, shall update the plan every ten years and report to
9 the legislature.]~~"

10 2. By amending section 7 to read:

11 "SECTION 7. The Hawaii 2050 task force shall cease to
12 operate after June 30, 2008.""

13 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2020-2021 for updating the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
19 planning for the purposes of this Act.


20 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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H.B. NO. 1558

Report Title:

Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan; Update; Office of Planning; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the office of planning to update the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan and submit the updated plan to the legislature prior to the regular session of 2021 and every tenth session thereafter, using the goals and priority guidelines of the state plan and the Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation initiative as guiding principles.

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