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Statement of  
**LEO R. ASUNCION**  
Planning Program Administrator, Office of Planning  
before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
Friday, February 22, 2019  
11:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of  
**HB 1558, HD 1**  
**RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committees on Finance:

The Office of Planning supports HB 1558, HD 1, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. HB 1558, HD 1 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 Hawaii State Plan and the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Initiative as guiding principles.

The 2005 State Legislature established the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force through Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, which worked with the State Auditor to publish the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in 2008. Act 8, Special Session Laws of 2005, as amended by Act 210 Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, required the State Auditor, with the assistance of the Office of Planning to perform an unfunded decennial update of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in perpetuity.

The 2016 State Legislature later established the State's Sustainability Coordinator position within the Office of Planning through the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016, this position was filled in June 2017. The Sustainability Coordinator was notified that the decennial update requirement of the 2008 Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan was approaching within the year and assisted the Hawaii State Auditor's Office to provide and publish an unfunded statewide measurement update to the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. Published in March 2018, the ten year measurement update of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, the first of its kind over the past decade, reviewed the data collected from agencies statewide over the course of ten years spanning from 2008-2017 and evaluated the metrics and indicators measuring Hawaii's progress toward sustainability according to the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan's original 5 goals, 9 "2020 benchmarks," 22 strategic actions, and 55 indicators.

The Office of Planning appreciates HB 1558, HD1's proposal to codify the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and update requirements within Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 226, the Hawaii State Planning Act, for conformity and comprehensive sustainability and climate action planning purposes. The Office of Planning finds that HB 1558, HD 1 is complimentary and consistent with the purpose of the Office of Planning found in HRS § 225M-1, as well as the responsibilities of the Office of Planning set forth in HRS §225M-2. HB 1558, HD 1 establishes a stronger policy framework to focus on the planning, coordination, and collaborative implementation of Hawaii's long-term sustainability, by incorporating long-term sustainability coordination and climate action planning into the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Planning.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

**H.B. NO. 1558, H.D. 1, RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY**

Hearing: Friday, February 22, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

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The Office of the Auditor **supports** H.B. No. 1558, H.D. 1, which requires the Office of Planning, rather than our office, to update the Hawai'i 2050 sustainability plan and submit the updated plan to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2021 and every tenth session thereafter. We have been in discussion with the Office of Planning and appreciate its recommendation that responsibility for the report be transferred to their office.

Act 8 of the 2005 Special Session of the Hawai'i State Legislature established the Hawai'i 2050 Task Force to review the Hawai'i State Plan and the State's comprehensive planning system, to develop a statewide sustainability plan for the 21st century. It also required the Office of the Auditor, with the assistance of the office of planning "[to] update the [sustainability] plan every ten years and report to the legislature." However, the Legislature did not appropriate any funding beyond fiscal year 2007 for purposes of the Act.

Because our office lacks the requisite expertise and financial resources to facilitate a full, formal update, we issued an informal update of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability plan prepared by the Office of Planning.

The Office of Planning is the more appropriate office to be tasked with updating the plan given their substantive knowledge of state policies, strategies, and priorities with respect to sustainability and the impacts of climate change.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.B. No. 1558, H.D. 1.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Friday, February 22, 2019 — 11:00 a.m. — Room 308

**Ulupono Initiative Supports HB 1558 HD 1, Relating to Sustainability**

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better manage waste and fresh water resources. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

**Ulupono supports HB 1558 HD 1**, which requires the Office of Planning to update the Hawai'i 2050 sustainability plan in 2021 and every tenth session thereafter.

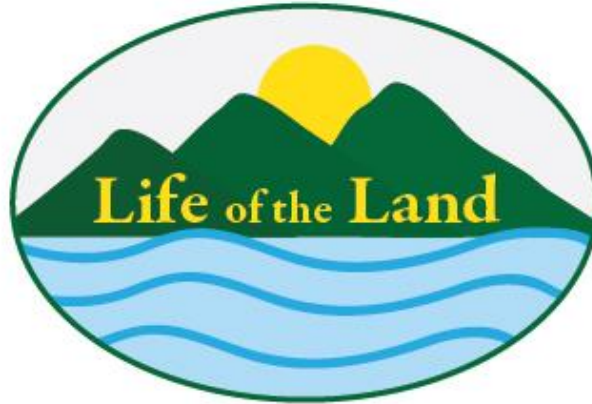
The Hawai'i 2050 sustainability plan, completed in January 2008, was a forward-looking document that tried to align interests around these issues. While much has changed in the past 11 years, our ability to collaborate toward solutions is still a vital component for success. Without a common framework and plan, it is often difficult to align interests amongst the various stakeholders to get things done. Sustainability and resiliency issues have become even more top of mind, and the consequences of inaction have become more apparent. It is time to update the 2050 plan to reflect the progress we have made since 2008 and to update new challenges standing in the way of a more resilient future.

As Hawai'i's issues become increasingly complex and challenging, we appreciate these committees' efforts to look at policies that improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay  
Managing Partner

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Friday, February 22, 2019  
TIME: 11:00 A.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 308

HB 1558, HD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

**OPPOSE**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Finance Committee

Life of the Land is Hawai`i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for 49 years. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

**IMAGINE** planning for today from 31 years ago. No internet. Climate change, what`s that? Limited cell phones, no handheld videocameras, no paperless filings, no autonomous vehicles and drones.

**Crazy huh?** Now plan for 31 years from now. Eight Governors from now.

"The Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan shall serve as the State's climate and sustainability action plan to determine future actions guiding the coordination and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability and climate adaptation goals, principles, and policies, and to define and implement state goals, objectives, policies, and priority guidelines."

Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan - Ten Year Measurement Update (March 7, 2018)

This report found that through the course of the past ten years, the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan was disregarded. The Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan set nine benchmarks to achieve by 2020. This report found that as of 2017, Hawaii continues to struggle with these same issues. The Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan also provided recommendations and next steps to assist with implementing sustainability statewide. This report found that these recommendations were either only partially implemented or not implemented at all."<sup>1</sup>

Mahalo

Henry Curtis  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2018/2018H2050.pdf>



**MAUI**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
VOICE OF BUSINESS

**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 308  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair;  
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair; and  
Members of the Committee on Finance,

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1558 RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our support of HB 1558.

As President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, I was a member of the Hawaii 2050 Strategic Plan Task Force, working with a phenomenal group of leaders and people throughout the State, as many community meetings were held to help create this plan. The goal was that the plan would never just sit on the shelf. Therefore, on behalf of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, and myself, I wholeheartedly support this bill and urge the Office of Planning to update the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan.

Recognizing the amount of work that it may take to update the plan, I would also like to extend an offer to be of service and are happy to speak with the Office of Planning on how we might assist them.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we hope you will move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

*Pamela Tumpap*

Pamela Tumpap  
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique

**HB-1558-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/21/2019 11:04:07 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/22/2019 11:00:00 AM

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

Comments:



**HB-1558-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/21/2019 7:34:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/22/2019 11:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1558-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 6:29:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/22/2019 11:00:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB1558. Valuable coastline is eroding due to sea level rise and coral reefs are dying due to climate change, which is already occurring. We need to be a leader in legislation to mitigate global warming.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei

**HB-1558-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2019 10:22:24 AM

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Barzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We should hold ourselves accountable to our goals and therefore I support this bill.