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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
WATER, LAND, AND HAWAIIAN AFFIARS**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

8:55 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
HB 1558
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

Chairs Lowen and Yamane, Vice Chairs Wildberger and Todd, and Members of the House Committees on Energy and Environmental Protection, and Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs:

The Office of Planning supports HB 1558, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. HB 1558 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'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 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 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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Ulupono Initiative Supports HB 1558, Relating to Sustainability

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the Committees:

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, 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

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i

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

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Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB449 on sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

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