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Statement of
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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS**

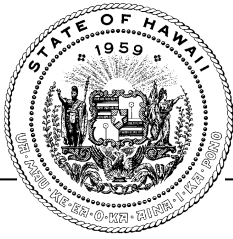
Thursday, February 7, 2019
8:40 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HB 449
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

Chairs Lowen and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Wildberger and Kitagawa and Members of the Committees. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers **comments** on HB 449, which establishes a sustainability division within the Office of Planning, with an appropriation of \$270,000 for each FY 19-20 and 20-21, and the establishment of 5 FTE positions.

While DBEDT appreciates the over-all concept of this bill as it includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives, we are concerned that this bill would adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Administration's Executive Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS**

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in consideration of
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RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

Chairs Lowen and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Wildberger and Kitagawa, and Members of the House Committees on Energy and Environmental Protection and Economic Development and Business.

The Office of Planning supports HB 449, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. HB 449 establishes a Statewide Sustainability Division within the Office of Planning to ensure long-term planning, coordination, and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability goals and policies.

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 226-108, the Sustainability Priority Guidelines and Principles of the Hawaii State Planning Act, and the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016, the Office of Planning filled a new Sustainability Coordinator position in June 2017 to provide statewide sustainability planning, coordination and collaboration for the implementation of Hawaii's many sustainability goals and policies.

This sole Sustainability Coordinator position recently assisted the Hawaii State Auditor's Office on behalf of the Office of Planning to provide and publish a statewide measurement update to the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, pursuant to an unfunded decennial update requirement established through Act 8 Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, as amended by Act 210, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006. 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 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 State of Hawaii has lacked a permanent governmental sustainability coordinating entity over the past ten years to assist with the implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and the State of Hawaii's numerous sustainability goals and policies. HB 449 establishes a stronger legal framework to focus on the planning, coordination, and collaborative implementation of Hawaii's long-term sustainability to serve as a foundation for the State of Hawaii's sustainability policies in addition to the Hawaii State Planning Act's Sustainability Priority Guidelines and Principles set forth in HRS § 226-108.

HB 449 establishes a governmental sustainability coordinating entity within the State's Office of Planning and provides the necessary staffing and operating expenses to support comprehensive statewide sustainability coordination with recognized responsibilities and authorities to develop, coordinate, and support the implementation of Hawaii's sustainability goals, priorities, and planning throughout government.

The Office of Planning finds that HB 449 is complimentary and consistent with the purpose of the Office of Planning found in HRS §225M-1, as follows:

"The purpose of this chapter is to establish an office of planning to assist the governor and the director of business, economic development, and tourism in maintaining an overall framework to guide the development of the State through a continuous process of comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning to meet the physical, economic, and social needs of Hawaii's people, and provide for the wise use of Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical manner, including the conservation of those natural, environmental, recreational, scenic, historic, and other limited and irreplaceable resources which are required for future generations.

The establishment of an office of planning in the department of business, economic development, and tourism, for administrative purposes, is intended to:

- (1) Fix responsibility and accountability to successfully carry out statewide planning programs, policies, and priorities;*
- (2) Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations of the executive branch;*
- (3) Ensure comprehensive planning and coordination to enhance the quality of life of the people of Hawaii.*

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Thursday, February 7, 2019 — 8:40 a.m. — Room 325

Ulupono Initiative Supports HB 449, Relating to Sustainability

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, 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 449, which establishes a statewide sustainability division within the Office of Planning to ensure long-term planning, coordination, prioritization, and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability goals and policies.

For private sector and non-profit foundation funders, stakeholders, advocates, and the general public that are interested in a variety of sustainability sectors, it is often difficult to navigate State government to get things done. This is especially true when multiple State departments are involved, the definition of sustainability differs by party, and, in many situations, sustainability is more of an after thought.

Ulupono is working with the City and County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency to work across City agencies. We are confident that their efforts will result in successful outcomes, and we hope that a similar State office counterpart can be created. If implemented, Ulupono will work collaboratively with this office to move key public-private partnership projects and policies forward.

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



February 5, 2019

The Honorable Nicole Lowen, Chair
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development & Business
State Capitol, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Lowen, Representative McKelvey, and Members of the Committees:

On behalf of Design Thinking Hawaii (DTH), I am writing in support of HB supporting HB449 relating to the sustainability. Design Thinking Hawaii (DTH) was established in 2010 to promote and support the introduction, training, adoption, use, and implementation of the design thinking process in organizations, governmental units, schools, not-for-profit organizations, and other corporations. DTH is a Hawaii non-profit corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, and has a history of working with government, education, public, private and non-profit stakeholders in our trainings.

In 2018, DTH completed a state-funded project to develop a sustainability website. DTH successfully completed the project and strongly believes it critical that a division within the Office of Planning be established to continue the sustainability work initiated with the Hawaii 2050 plan. HB449 establishes a statewide sustainability division within the Office of Planning to ensure long-term planning, coordination, and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability goals and policies. The establishment of the division will demonstrate the State of Hawaii's commitment to sustainable practices.

Design Thinking Hawaii strongly supports HB449. Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Very Sincerely,
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HB-449

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Testimony for EEP on 2/7/2019 8:40:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-449

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:42:34 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/7/2019 8:40:00 AM

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| Karen Winslow | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for EEP on 2/7/2019 8:40:00 AM

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| cheryl | Individual | Comments | No |

Comments:

Long term planning is what we need with sight on the current situations in our islands. We are losing so much ground on the sustainability we need. One of the reasons is our forever kowtowing to the Federal govt., military. Just look at Red Hill, the oceans of Kaua`i, destruction of lands on Hawai`i Island (and the daily assault with new bills for corporate and foreign goals, not ours). Please take the time to really start to look at what is sustainable for our islands from the solid foundation left by the original peoples, the Kanaka Maoli. The ahupua`a system works so well when done as designed.



Hawaii Solar Energy Association
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**TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION
IN REGARD TO HB 449, RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES
BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NAD BUSINESS
ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

Chair Lowen, Chair McKelvey, and members of the committee, my name is Will Giese, and I represent the Hawaii Solar Energy Association, Inc. (HSEA)

HSEA supports HB 449. The measure establishes a statewide sustainability division within the Office of Planning to ensure long-term planning, coordination, and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability goals and policies and appropriates funds.

The HSEA was founded in 1977 to further solar energy and related arts, sciences and technologies with concern for the ecologic, social and economic fabric of the Hawaiian Islands. Our membership includes the vast majority of locally owned and operated solar installers, contractors, distributors, manufacturers, and inspectors across all islands.

As Hawaii's largest and oldest renewable energy trade group, we strongly encourage ongoing cooperation and collaboration on Hawaii's energy goals between public and private sectors. The HSEA is currently involved as a stakeholder or expert witness for a variety of proceedings and ongoing policy discussion related to the state's energy future. The state and counties of Hawaii have long valued input from industry leaders who are ultimately responsible for bringing state's policy goals to reality.

The HSEA also represents a large portion of Hawaii's energy workforce outside of traditional electric utility jobs. The solar industry in Hawaii employs over 3,000 electricians, installers, roofers, and contractors as well as thousands of auxiliary jobs across the state.¹ We represent a unique and ever-growing voice of the renewable industry in Hawaii. Further, we would like to offer our unique perspective should the Office of Sustainability or the State of Hawaii require our services and would be more than happy to coordinate or collaborate with the state through our expertise, market perspective, and data.

We **support** HB 449 and we urge this committee to pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ <https://www.thesolarfoundation.org/solar-jobs-census-factsheet-2017-HI/>

HB-449

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| Brian Miyamoto | Hawaii Farm Bureau | Support | No |

Comments:

LATE

HB-449

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Andrea Quinn | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB449 on sustainability. We already have a landfill problem and often ship our garbage off-island, which can be costly.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn