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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
11:00 AM

in consideration of
HB 1318, HD 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

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

The Office of Planning **supports the intent** of this HB 1318 and appreciates the amendments made in the HD 1.

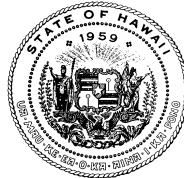
The Office of Planning (OP) offers the following comments on HB 1318, HD 1. The purpose of HB 1318 is to establish the environmental advisory council. The bill transfers the rights, powers, employees, appropriations, and other personal property from the office of environmental quality control to the office of planning. The bill also amends the ability for an applicant to appeal nonacceptance of an environmental impact statement from the environmental council to the environmental advisory council.

The Office of Planning understands that the introduction of HB 1318 is in conjunction with HB 1149, in an effort to consolidate various government land use and environmental policy functions of different agencies into a new structure under the Office of Planning.

The Office of Planning *thanks* the Legislature for recently passing [Act 45, SLH 2020](#), and is actively working on the sustainable development and climate adaptation of the state to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations of Hawai'i to meet their own needs.

Mahalo for the opportunity provide testimony on HB 1318, HD 1.

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1318 HD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

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

Testimony of Keith Kawaoka
Acting Director, Office of Environmental Quality Control
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: March 2, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Room Number: 308
Via Videoconference

- 1 **OEQC's Position:** The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), an agency attached to the
- 2 Department of Health and which administers Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements, Hawai'i
- 3 Revised Statutes (HRS) supports HB1318 HD1.
- 4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1318-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2021 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ruta Jordans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

One more piece in our arsenal to deal with the climate crisis. Please support!