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House Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land

Thursday, February 9, 2023

8:35 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325 and Videoconference

**In Strong Support
H.B. No.1052, Relating to Climate Change**

Chairs Lowen and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Cochran and Poepoe, and members of the House Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land:

The Office of the Governor strongly supports H.B. No. 1052, Relating to Climate Change.

The dire effects of climate change are among us. As we know, hotter temperatures, severe storms, increased drought and flooding, stronger hurricanes, and warming, rising sea levels are some of the effects of climate change being felt not only globally and nationally, but here in our State. The effects of climate change pose pressing and immediate challenges for our way of life and survival. Addressing climate change is one of the priorities of this Administration.

H.B. No. 1052 appropriates \$100,000,000 to be deposited into the Climate Impact Special Fund and administered by the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission). Of that amount, \$80,000,000 will be used for carrying out the operations of the Commission and \$20,000,000 will be transferred to the Sea Level Rise Voluntary Relocation Fund to enable action on the most urgent threats to communities being affected by sea level rise. The total appropriation is significant. It serves as an affirmation that climate change is an immediate threat among us and a preemptive measure that this crisis requires strong commitment and bold investment. The appropriation will be used to fight climate change through targeted investments in green infrastructure and existing conservation efforts.

This measure also allocates five cents from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to the Climate Impact Special Fund. This investment is necessary to significantly curtail the effects of climate change.

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In 2021, our State became the first state in the nation to declare a climate emergency. H.B. No. 1052 is a continuum and extension of the immediacy of this global problem.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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**Testimony of
Leah Laramee
Coordinator, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission**

**Before the Senate Committees on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
&
WATER AND LAND**

**Thursday, February 9, 2023
8:35 AM
State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 325**

**In support of
House Bill 1052
RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

House Bill 1052 establishes the Climate Impact Special Fund, allocates five cents from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to the Climate Impact Special Fund, and appropriates funds to the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) to address impacts of climate change and to mitigate further impacts on the State through carbon sequestration and resiliency planning, allocates funds to the sea level rise voluntary relocation fund. **The Commission supports this measure, and offers the following comments.**

The State of Hawai'i's commitment to uphold the Paris Climate Accord and progressively move towards zero emissions clean economy by 2045 requires that we actively invest in reducing our emissions and mitigate greenhouse gases. In 2021 the State legislature declared a climate emergency yet dedicated significant funding to address climate change. The 2017 Hawaii Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report estimates the lost value of flooded structures and land at over \$19 billion. Total cost of impacts of climate change are expected to be much higher. In 2022 the Commission identified over \$1,000,000,000 in unfunded climate resiliency and mitigation projects throughout the state.

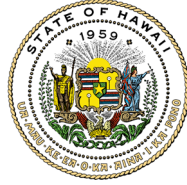
Climate change is an urgent issue for everyone in Hawai'i. Climate change impacts are being felt statewide and have long-term threats to the State's economy, sustainability, environment, security, culture, and way of life. Successful mitigation and adaptation require both comprehensive education and action to address the impacts of climate change and Hawai'i plays an important role

in raising ambition and must continue to lead by addressing its vulnerabilities and adaptation to climate change.

Establishing the Climate Impact Special Fund and allocating five cents from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to that fund will support the State's ability to leverage the historic federal funding to address climate change, demonstrate that the State is serious about funding climate mitigation and adaptation actions and empower State, County, and non-governmental organizations to take climate action now.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1052
RELATING TO FUNDS

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
AND **WATER AND LAND**

BY

JAMES DS. BARROS
ADMINISTRATOR
HAWAI'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Aloha Chair Lowen, Chair Ichiyama, Vice-Chair Cochran, Vice-Chair Poepoe, and members of the committees:

I am James Barros, Administrator of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

HI-EMA provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1052.

This bill would, among other actions, establish a Climate Impact Special Fund and allocate funds thereto; appropriate funds to address impacts of climate change and mitigate further impacts on the State; and allocate funds to a sea level rise voluntary relocation fund

HI-EMA is an all-hazard agency and climate change and sea level rise are hazards to which we may be required to respond. Given the growing challenges which climate change and sea level rise present to Hawai'i, we stand in support of approaches which increase the resources available to address these hazards.

The HI-EMA would additionally note that any plan or program for voluntary relocation of residences away from areas at risk of sea level rise is based on the concept of mitigating that risk. HI-EMA and Hawaii's counties regularly update formal hazard mitigation plans that identify hazards and mitigation opportunities. In addition, Federal Emergency Management Agency grants for hazard mitigation are typically limited to projects which have been identified in those hazard mitigation plans.

In light of this, HI-EMA respectfully suggests that the Committee consider adding language to HB1052 that would direct that any plans and program for voluntary relocation should be aligned with the State and County hazard mitigation plans. This would streamline and support the State's ability to pursue those federal mitigation grants in the event that it chooses to pursue a voluntary relocation

With that comment, we voice our support, and respectfully request your support, for this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**Testimony of
Gwen Yamamoto Lau
Executive Director
Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority**
before the
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
and the
House Committee on Water & Land
February 9, 2023
8:35 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325
in consideration of
House Bill No 1052
RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Chairs Lowen and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Cochran and Poepoe, and Members of the Committees of Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and provide comments on House Bill No. 1052, relating to climate change. The Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA) **supports** this bill which establishes a Climate Impact Special Fund.

HGIA, Hawaii's Green Bank, works to advance the State's goal of a 100% renewable portfolio standard in energy production to further decarbonize Hawaii's economy and contribute to a more resilient, climate-ready energy grid. As carbon emissions continue to exacerbate the pace of climate change, major efforts are needed to ensure an equitable, sustainable transition to ensuring Hawaii can adapt to climate change. The establishment of a climate impact special fund through activities such as education, carbon sequestration, resiliency planning, and implementation of adaptive policies will be transformative in furthering these ends.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and provide comments in support of HB 1052.

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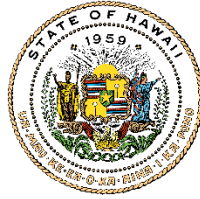
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Glenn	Office of Planning & Sustainable Development	Support	In Person

Comments:

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Testimony of
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Before the House Committees on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
and
WATER & LAND

Thursday, February 9, 2023
8:35 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1052
RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

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House Bill 1052 recognizes that the State of Hawai'i is facing a climate emergency that threatens our economy, environment, security, culture, and way of life. The State's response to this emergency will require the cooperation of all branches of State and government, as well as every department and agency within those branches.

The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission consists of a multi-jurisdictional effort between twenty different departments, committees, and counties. It is co-chaired by the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. The Commission will have the authority to transfer moneys to other state departments and agencies to carry out the purposes of this fund.

The Department appreciates that the proposed Climate Impact Special Fund will be administered by the Commission. Members of the Commission represent State departments on the frontlines of addressing the impacts of climate change, including the Department of Business, Economic Development, & Tourism; the Board of Agriculture; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the Hawaiian Homes Commission;

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the Department of Transportation; the Coastal Zone Management Program; and the Department of Health. Each of these departments has critical needs regarding climate mitigation efforts. The Department believes that the Commission is ideally situated to develop a coordinated response that can assist each department in their individual initiatives.

Section 6 of House Bill 1052 proposes an appropriation of the Climate Impact Special Fund to establish the Sea Level Rise Voluntary Relocation Fund. This fund expands the authority of the State and the Counties and develop funding to begin utilizing managed retreat as an option for voluntarily moving residential development and associated infrastructure away from critically vulnerable areas to locations outside of sea level rise and coastal flooding exposure areas.

This appropriation addresses one of the immediate critical needs in addressing the impacts of rising seas, and acts on recommendations from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development toward making managed retreat a viable option for improving community resilience and conserving beaches and coastal ecosystems.

The Sea Level Rise Voluntary Relocation Fund is the subject of House Bills 756 and 1092, and Senate Bills 1032 and 1390.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

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SUBJECT: FUEL, Earmark Barrel Tax for Climate Impact Special Fund

BILL NUMBER: HB 1052; SB 1350 [GOV-04]

INTRODUCED BY: HB by SAIKI, SB by KOUCHI (Governor's Package)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Establishes the Climate Impact Special Fund, allocates five cents from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to the Climate Impact Special Fund, and appropriates funds to the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to address impacts of climate change and to mitigate further impacts on the State through carbon sequestration and resiliency planning, allocates funds to the sea level rise voluntary relocation fund.

SYNOPSIS: Adds a new section to chapter 225P, HRS, to establish the climate impact special fund. Moneys in the fund may be used for: (1) The operations of the Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation commission; and (2) Activities carried out by the State to address the impact, mitigation, and adaptation of climate change, including but not limited to nature-based solutions; climate smart agriculture; vehicle miles traveled reduction; sea level rise modeling, mapping, planning, adaption, and mitigation; managed retreat; carbon sequestration technologies; electrification of homes, vehicles, and appliances; clean renewable energy technologies; climate change education and outreach; and other activities deemed appropriate by the commission.

Amends section 243-3.5, HRS, to earmark 5 cents per barrel from the barrel tax to go into the fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023.

STAFF COMMENTS: The barrel tax, HRS section 243-3.5, now imposes a tax of \$1.05 on each barrel of petroleum product sold to an end user. It also imposes a tax on 19 cents per million BTU on a fossil fuel other than a petroleum product that is sold to an end user. It may be through inadvertence that the earmark only reaches barrel taxes on petroleum products and not on other fossil fuels.

The proposed measure would perpetuate the earmarking of barrel tax revenues. Climate impact mitigation activities may provide some benefit to the State. But does that justify grabbing a pot of barrel tax money without going through the normal budgeting process that also considers sweltering primary schools, underfunded state pensions, or disaster relief for rain-flooded or lava-burnt counties as well as the economic decimation wrought by COVID-19?

Rather than the continual earmarking of revenues, a direct appropriation of general funds would be preferable. Earmarking revenues from any tax type for a particular purpose decreases transparency and accountability.

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Next, it should be remembered that revenues diverted for a special purpose, in this case to stuff in a special fund with a broad mission, will not be counted against the state's spending ceiling or debt limit and will obscure the state's true financial condition.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
laurel brier	Kauai Climate Action Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

An ongoing funding source is needed to address adaptation and resiliency measures in the face of the Climate Crisis. Strong Support



**Hawaiian
Electric**

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND WATER & LAND**

**HB 1052
RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

Thursday, February 9, 2023
8:35 am, Agenda Item #1
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Rick Pinkerton
Director, Asset Planning & Strategy
Hawaiian Electric

Chairs Lowen and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Cochran and Poepoe, and Members of the Committees:

My name is Rick Pinkerton and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric in **support of H.B.1052, with suggested amendments.**

H.B. 1052 seeks to establish the Climate Impact Special Fund and to appropriate monies from the fund to address the impacts of climate change and mitigate further impacts on the State through various actions, including resiliency planning and implementation.

Hawaiian Electric offers the following amendments to Section 2 to more fully express the intent of the bill (suggested amendments are underlined and bolded):

- On page 3, starting on line 13: "...vehicles, and appliances; **hardening of electric grid infrastructure; development of grid and make-ready infrastructure for electric vehicle charging**, clean renewable energy technologies and **enabling grid infrastructure**; climate change education and outreach and other activities deemed appropriate by the commission."

In addition, Hawaiian Electric is seeking federal funding to ease the financial burden of climate infrastructure on Hawaii residents. In December 2022, to support its efforts in resiliency, Hawaiian Electric submitted a concept paper to the US Department of Energy (DOE) to apply for funding made available as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Hawaiian Electric subsequently received a favorable response from the DOE "encouraging" the Company to file a full application for

consideration. We believe this to be a recognition on a national scale of the growing need to address climate change in Hawaii. While receiving a letter of encouragement from the DOE does not guarantee that Hawaiian Electric will receive an award grant for our application, it does increase our chances. This, in turn, increases the likelihood that Hawaiian Electric would have the opportunity to utilize a Climate Impact Special Fund as called for by this bill to offset matching costs from an IIJA federal award grant.

Hawaiian Electric agrees that urgent action is needed to invest in climate adaptation and mitigation measures and improve the resilience of our state's infrastructure to ever-increasing threats caused by climate change. Hawaiian Electric is working on several climate adaptation and mitigation efforts that align with state policies that stand to benefit the broader public. The Public Utilities Commission, which oversees Hawaiian Electric's efforts, could carry out supportive actions of the climate change mitigation and adaptation commission to ease the financial burden that the infrastructure required to adapt to and mitigate climate change would impose on the most vulnerable residents. These on-going efforts and projects include:

- Strengthening the resilience of the electric grid. Hawaiian Electric proposed a Climate Adaptation Transmission and Distribution Resilience Program (currently before the Public Utilities Commission in Docket No. 2022-0135). As part of this Program, Hawaiian Electric proposes to make significant investments over a five-year period to adapt its transmission and distribution system to Hawaii's changing climate and growing resilience challenges.
- Accelerating renewable energy resources. Hawaiian Electric continues to issue competitive procurements for new renewable energy projects (e.g., solar, wind and battery energy storage). However, the 100% renewable energy goal cannot be cost-effectively achieved without new transmission infrastructure and land to site future renewable projects. Funding the necessary grid infrastructure, acquisition of and/or planning of land use, including new multi-use projects such as solar and agriculture, would help to accelerate the transition off fossil fuel.
- Electrification of transportation. Hawaiian Electric is responsible for developing rates for charging electric vehicles (EVs) as well as building and maintaining make-ready infrastructure and public charging systems for EV charging. Electrification of transportation is a key mitigation strategy for the state to reduce the carbon impact of transportation, which is responsible for over fifty percent of greenhouse gas emissions. As the State and counties receive funding for the purchase of electric buses, electric vehicles, and charging equipment, the cost of infrastructure upgrades on the utility side to support EV charging is not currently eligible for Federal funding. The cost of infrastructure upgrades needed to support the additional load from vehicle charging falls on the specific customers electrifying their fleet, installing charging stations, or ratepayers.

- Electrification of homes and buildings. Funding programs to ease the financial burden to accelerate the electrification of homes and businesses can significantly reduce carbon emissions in other sectors of the economy.

The reliable provision of electric power is foundational to the state's economy and the wellbeing of our communities. This bill provides opportunities to support urgently needed investments in energy resilience, including utility actions as well as projects initiated by other private and public entities.

Accordingly, Hawaiian Electric supports H.B. 1052 while offering proposed amendments for your consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy
Supporting HB 1052, Relating to Climate Change.
Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Committee on Water and Land
February 9, 2023, 8:35 am
Conference Room 325 via Videoconference**

Aloha Chairs Lowen and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Cochran and Poepoe, and Members of the Committees:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) supports HB 1052, Relating the Climate Change, which would establish the Climate Impact Special Fund, allocate five cents from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to the Climate Impact Special Fund, appropriate funds to the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to address impacts of climate change and to mitigate further impacts on the State through carbon sequestration and resiliency planning, and allocate funds to the sea level rise voluntary relocation fund.

Hawai'i's environment is the engine that drives our economy and a natural, recreational, and cultural treasure that supports our island lifestyle and livelihoods. At the same time, our native forests and nearshore reefs and fisheries are threatened by stresses including drought, overuse, sedimentation, and invasive species, all of which are exacerbated by climate change.

TNC works to protect and manage the natural systems that sequester carbon, provide our fresh water, and protect our coastlines; all of which reduce the impacts of climate change. However, to fully address the growing impacts of our changing climate, we need bold action. Nature can play a huge role in pulling carbon out of the atmosphere and making our islands and oceans more resilient, but we need to support nature and fund the management of our key ecosystems. This bill will help to support those efforts. The bill will also help to take advantage of Federal programs which require matching funds.

As Hawai'i and the world continues to face the impacts of climate change, support for sustained funding at a scale to meet the needs for conservation and management will be necessary for future generations to benefit from the natural resources that we and past generations have. It is our kuleana to care for the resources to pass on to the future. This bill will help to fulfill that kuleana.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1052.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i and Palmyra is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 nature preserves and work in over 50 coastal communities to help protect and restore the nearshore reefs and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties, and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and for the many benefits they provide to people.

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**Environmental Caucus of
The Democratic Party of Hawai'i**

To: The Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
The Honorable Elle Cochran, Vice Chair
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The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Chair
The Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair
Committee on Water & Land

Re: **HB 1052 – RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

Hearing: Thursday, February 9, 2023, 8:35 a.m., Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

Position: **Strong support**

Aloha, Chairs Lowen and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Cochran and Poepoe, and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and Committee on Water & Land:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i stands in strong support of HB 1052. This measure establishes the Climate Impact Special Fund, allocates five cents from the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to the Climate Impact Special Fund, and appropriates funds to the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to address impacts of climate change and to mitigate further impacts on the State through carbon sequestration and resiliency planning, allocates funds to the sea level rise voluntary relocation fund.

The purposes of this measure are to establish the climate impact special fund and to appropriate funds to address the impacts of climate change and mitigate further impacts on the State through education, carbon sequestration, and resiliency planning and implementation.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform plank on the environment provides that its members are to “protect and preserve Hawai'i's environment and achieve energy sustainability, advance measures to re-establish a healthy climate and environment for humans and fellow species, including actions to urgently address climate change, and work towards 100% renewable energy goals.

We believe that all people have the right to live in a clean, healthy and safe environment. We believe that the preservation of our natural environment and its ecological well-being is essential to ensuring a safe, healthy, bountiful life for future generations in Hawai'i. We support policies that create a more sustainable society. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of native ecosystems.

We believe in the resource management principles outlined in the Public Trust doctrine of [Article XI, Section 1 of] the Hawai'i State Constitution. . . .

We believe that a key part of a sustainable and self-sufficient future for Hawai'i lies in achieving energy independence through a transition to clean renewable energy sources. We support policy that eliminates our dependence on fossil fuels and other dirty energy sources.” [OUR PLATFORM | DPH \(hawaiidemocrats.org\)](#)



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Please support and pass this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

/s/ Melodie Aduja and Alan Burdick

Co-Chairs, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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Testimony for EEP on 2/9/2023 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1052

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 7:42:10 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support!

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Submitted on: 2/3/2023 10:37:08 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/9/2023 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 1:45:45 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/9/2023 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Stop Ripeing the people of Hawaii OFF We are Sick and Tired of you Idiots Pushing this FAKE CLIMATE CHANGE CRAP. The Proof is out NOW that this is ALL A FAKE and the ONLY reason you keep pushing this to SCAM the People out of there TAX PAYER MONEYS that could be going for things we really need instead of this BULL SHIT. You will be charged with Falseifing Claimes this is Comeing SOON!!!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Neal	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

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Testimony for EEP on 2/9/2023 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vivek Pathela	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

OPPOSE VEHEMENTLY!!!

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:06:37 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/9/2023 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie Miles	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 6:18:37 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corinne Solomon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2023 12:43:19 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harold Adams	Individual	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Esteemed Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members of the EEP and WAL Committees,

I'm a longtime and retired planner from Hawaii, retired in a more affordable community here in the mainland.

I have worked with the Office of State Planning in the past, and since my retirement I followed along with the transition of this great office from the Governor's Office of State Planning, the DBEDT-attached agency Office of Planning, and now--the excitingly new Office of Planning & Sustainable Development (OPSD)!

As a strong supporter of taking action on the Climate Crisis, I applaud this legislation introduced by Governor Green! However, it's deeply concerning that this climate special fund and climate mitigation & adaptation funding be executed by an advisory Commission, such as the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Commission attached to the DLNR. This kind of funding wouldn't hold up in court! Especially with the newly-expanded OPSD serving as the state's climate agency now. I applauded the Legislature's leadership expanding the OP to the OPSD! Bravo! What great thinking of the Legislature to expand the role of the OP to serve as the State's centralized climate and land use agency.

Clearly, urban planners across Hawaii, including you Madam Chair Lowen, see that this new OPSD should quite execute and implement this Climate Special Fund. It is so clear that a centralized climate agency like the OPSD can easily identify and list the climate adaptive projects needed to execute, implement, transition the Great State of Hawaii and coordinate with all of the state's agencies, counties, private landowners, and stakeholders to adapt to the changing climate!

From one retired planner to a planner-legislator, I support this bill and **request that you move this essential funding to the OPSD as the appropriate executing agency.**

MAHALO FOR LEADING THIS STATE THROUGH THE CLIMATE CRISIS, our most serious and significant planning issue for generations!

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Testimony for EEP on 2/9/2023 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Abe Matsuoka	Individual	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

It's a good bill. But move the funding to OP.

Those planners are solid, they know how to get the state ready for climate adaptation. The CZM Program has always been more stable than the DLNR.

Since Lingle has been Governor and since Peter Young ran the DLNR, they've been trying to take away, take over, or dismantle the Office of Planning. Especially take over the CZM Program. CZM has been a stalwart program for the State of Hawaii. No wonder why they're tasked as the lead agency to plan and coordinate Sea Level Rise Adaptation statewide. It's all about the urban zoning, land use, infrastructure, and retreat PEOPLE! Give the Climate money to CZM, or OP. They are trusted to manage major infrastructure projects and federal funding. They have a proven record and can be trusted with a Special Climate Fund and \$100 million dollars.

Why you going to trust the DLNR? Didn't they get audited like 5 times in the past 3 years? Come on Governor & Legislature, move the money to OP. If you believe in the climate crisis, and you fear that we need to take desperate action now....give it to the agency who's legally required to prepare for and implement climate adaptation. Not the guys who can't manage the money.

The DLNR cannot even finalize the Contested Case for Mauna Kea of all things. The DLNR is constantly appealed at the Supreme Court for their decisions. These guys don't deserve \$100 Million of our taxpayer money. Give it to the TRUSTED agency. The Office of Planning.

Common Sense!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pi'ilani Watkins	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

MAKA'ALA KA 'AHA'ŌLELO MOKU'AINA 'O HAWAI'I!!!!!!!!!!

KAHEA!!!!!!!!!!

I am a cultural practitioner and climate activist. I oppose the Climate Special Fund at the DLNR. I oppose Dawn Ching and her DLNR cronies Leah to be in charge of the Climate Special Fund and the \$100,000,000. A'ole! Huli the DLNR!

I previously support the expansion of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to serve as our State's centralized climate coordinating agency, like the City & County of Honolulu's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience and the County of Maui's Office of Climate Resilience. All the laws say that OPSD is now the official state climate agency, then why you giving the money to DLNR? I support the Statewide Sustainability Branch it's laws to serve as the official climate and sustainability implementation agency for the State of Hawaii.

The Legislature created the OPSD. The Legislature created the Statewide Sustainability Branch to be the legal climate & sustainability planning, coordination, and implementation agency for OPSD. The Legislature created the State Sustainability Coordinator to serve as the State's cabinet level climate and sustainability officer.

No need one new Josh Green Chief Climate Officer. Just fund and support the Statewide Sustainability Branch. AUWE!

Move the climate money and the fund to the OPSD Statewide Sustainability Branch. Move the Climate Commission to OPSD, and have OPSD execute the climate fund.

That makes more sense than this 'ino loa idea.

SUPPORT THE STATE'S REAL CLIMATE AGENCY. THE OPSD! Not the pretend Climate Commission with no authority.

DLNR needs to be put on probation and not be trusted with major money until they ho'o pono pono Mauna a Wakea. No can trust the DLNR!

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Testimony for EEP on 2/9/2023 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruth Love	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No just no