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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Friday, February 22, 2019
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
HB 449, HD 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

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

The Office of Planning supports HB 449, HD 1, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. HB 449, HD 1 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, HD 1 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.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 22, 2019
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 449, HD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HB 449, HD1, which establishes a sustainability division within the Office of Planning, with an unspecified appropriation, 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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Ulupono Initiative Supports HB 449 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 449 HD 1, 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 this committee's 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
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB449. 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

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LATE

HB-449-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Barzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. A sustainability division is long overdue.