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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Thursday, March 21, 2019
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
SB 908, SD 2
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Members of the House Committee on Energy, and Environmental Protection:

The Office of Planning supports SB 908, SD 2, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. SB 908, SD 2, 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.

It is the Office of Planning's intent that the Sustainability Coordinator position will serve as the administrator of this proposed Statewide Sustainability Division, and the corresponding staff proposed in this measure will serve under the management of the Sustainability Coordinator.

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 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 to assist with the implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and the State of Hawaii's numerous sustainability goals and policies. SB 908, SD 2, 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.

Additionally, the recent update of the 2018 State of Hawaii's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan recommended to *“develop a sustainability program at the state-level, headed by the Sustainability Coordinator. Currently the Sustainability Coordinator is funded, but has no operating budget. Task coordinator with developing the program, establishing a clearing house for sustainability information and initiatives, coordinate with departments and agencies, and track implementation of projects and programs.”*

SB 908, SD 2, 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 SB 908 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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Before the
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Thursday March 21, 2019
10:10 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
SB 908 SD2
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

Chair Lowen; Vice Chair Wildberger; and members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection:

The Land Use Commission (LUC) supports the establishment of a statewide sustainability division within the State Office of Planning (OP).

OP already has the mandate to work with the various state agencies on long-term, large-scale planning efforts such as this one. As OP is tasked with evaluating, analyzing and developing responses for issues that cross over agency lines, it is uniquely positioned to ascertain what the primary response actions should be and coordinate divergent groups and resources to effectuate goals and initiatives. Most importantly, OP as it is tasked with state-wide planning has the capability to view problems and response needs at a comprehensive level.

This is extremely important to the LUC as decision making on district boundary amendments and projects often raise long-term issues that involve more than one discipline.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Thursday, March 21, 2019 — 9:00 a.m. — Room 325

Ulupono Initiative Supports SB 908 SD 2, Relating to Sustainability

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, 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 SB 908 SD 2, 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

SB-908-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:48:16 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

SB-908-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 12:53:19 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We do not need another government office to implement "Sustainability". The legislature and the Democratic regime should not prioritize climate change counter measures until the problems that affect us today are resolved. Climate does change. However, we don't know if the changes will be better or for worse. Some of us who don't like the cold will be perfectly happy for a little warmer weather. There are people already responsible for water quality, air quality, land use, energy and ocean resources. This new organization is redundant if the rest of government is doing its job properly. This United Nations agenda is oppressive and their goal is to eliminate private ownership of the land, use of fossil fuels that are economical, readily available and are not harmful to the air quality in most instances. We will all be slaves to the government. The war against reliable energy is already raging in Hawaii with unproductive renewable energy goals. We are killing our wildlife with our solar panel farms and windmills but the environmentalists give it a pass. Sustainability programs are just the implementation of socialism camouflaged as an "environmental" program. We don't want to live in the urban slums; we don't want the noise of a rail system; we don't want the eyesores of the high rise towers packed together one after the other; we want water and energy in the quantities we desire and at the price that is affordable; there is really nothing beautiful or Hawaiian about sustainability goals. The unique features of our beautiful state will disappear with the one-size fits all agenda of the United Nations (UN) -- all the while sticking the residents with the high costs of implementation of all these UN goals that are unneeded and undesired. Do not waste our tax dollars on this concept. Do not pass SB 908 SD2.

SB-908-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:30:45 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I participated in the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan that led to the provisions in the plan concerning Native Hawaiians. I am disappointed that significant progress on implementing the plan has not been realized. A plan is only as good as its results. Someone needs to keep everyone on task and accountable. If the proposed statewide sustainability division within the Office of Planning will do that and provide periodic reports to the legislature on the status of the implementation of the plan, then I support this measure.

SB-908-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 10:17:49 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

I fully support the passage of SB 908 SD 2.

Mahalo,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

SB-908-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 3:04:24 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Tierney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-908-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 5:50:01 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



To: The House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
From: Brodie Lockard, Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019, 9:00 am

In support of SB908, SD2

LATE

Dear EEP Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Committee Members—

Organizing for Action supports SB908, SD2.

This bill will

- Establish 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; and
- Support comprehensive statewide sustainability coordination with recognized responsibilities and authorities to update, coordinate, and support the implementation of Hawaii's sustainability goals, priorities, and planning throughout government.

Please pass SB908, SD2 and ensure long-term planning, coordination, and implementation of Hawaii's sustainability goals and policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brodie Lockard
Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action

LATE

SB-908-SD-2

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Testimony for EEP on 3/21/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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March 21, 2019

House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Chair Lowen
Vice Chair Wildberger

Hawaii State Legislature
Hawaii State Capital – transmitted via web
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: SB 908, SD2, Relating to Sustainability

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Members,

I am in strong support of SB 908, SD2, Relating to Sustainability. The State of Hawaii has lacked a permanent governmental sustainability coordinating entity to assist with the implementation of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and the State of Hawaii's numerous sustainability goals and policies. SB 908, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo for your ongoing support for this Office in SB 908, SD2.



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