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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM, WATER AND LAND, AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Thursday, February 7, 2019

3:30 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of
SB 908
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

Chairs Wakai, Kahele, and Thielen, Vice Chairs Taniguchi, Keith-Agaran, and Inouye, and Members of the Senate Committees on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism, Water and Land, and Government Operations.

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

SB 908 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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Ulupono Initiative Supports SB 908, 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 SB 908, which establishes a statewide sustainability division within the Office of Planning to ensure long-term planning, coordination, prioritization, and implementation of Hawai'i'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

SB-908

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Testimony for EET on 2/7/2019 3:30:00 PM

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

Comments:



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Statement of
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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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Brian Miyamoto	Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	No

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Danielle Castro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill holds accountable the Office of Planning to ensure the implementation of our sustainability goals and policies. It only makes sense to explicitly state that in our laws so that future leaders who work in this position are held accountable for seeing through what they say they will do. I fully support SB908.