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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
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in consideration of
SB 283, SD 1, HD 1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the House Committees on Finance.

SB 283, SD 1, HD 1 establishes a new part to the Hawaii State Planning Act (HRS Chapter 226), to append the Hawaii 2050 sustainability policy. We support the intent of this measure, but do not support this bill at this time because it is duplicative of existing law.

Among the eleven enumerated duties of Office of Planning under HRS § 226-53, it must review and evaluate the Hawaii State Planning Act and recommended amendments as needed to the legislature. One of the top priorities of the Office of Planning under the new Administration is the implementation of the Hawaii State Plan, as provided under Part II (Planning Coordination and Implementation) of the Hawaii State Planning Act. A review of the work of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force will be an important component in implementing the Hawaii State Planning Act, since a tremendous amount of work and public participation went into that effort and report.

Incorporating the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force report into existing programs and procedures under the Hawaii State Planning Act is a workable solution. The concepts in this current bill are very similar to goals and objectives that are already included in Part I (Overall Theme, Goals, Objectives and Policies) of the Hawaii State Planning Act under HRS §§ 226-1 through -27. for example, Part I provides as follows:

- *State Goals* under HRS Section 226-4 are enumerated as follows:
 - A strong, viable economy, characterized by stability, diversity, and growth, that enables the fulfillment of the needs and expectations of Hawaii's present and future generations;
 - A desired physical environment, characterized by beauty, cleanliness, quiet, stable natural systems, and uniqueness, that enhances the mental and physical well-being of the people; and
 - Physical, social, and economic well-being, for individuals and families in Hawaii, that nourishes a sense of community responsibility, of caring, and of participation in community life.
- *Objectives and Policies* for the state include the following:
 - Exercise an overall conservation ethic in the use of Hawaii's natural resources (HRS Section 226-11);
 - Protect those special areas, structures, and elements that are an integral and functional part of Hawaii's ethnic and cultural heritage (HRS Section 226-12);
 - Foster recognition of the importance and value of the land, air, and water resources to Hawaii's people, their cultures and visitors (HRS Section 226-13);
 - Foster increased knowledge and understanding of Hawaii's ethnic and cultural heritages and the history of Hawaii (HRS Section 226-25); and
 - Support activities and conditions that promote cultural values, customs, and arts that enrich the lifestyles of Hawaii's people and which are sensitive and responsive to family and community needs (HRS Section 226-25).

Long-term sustainable tourism, land use development, and use of environmental resources are important planks in the New Day Hawaii Plan. The Office of Planning will

continue to ensure that these concepts are part of decision-making to the extent practicable, given the Office's limited resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011
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SENATE BILL NO. 283, S.D.1, H.D.1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

Chairperson Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill No. 283, S.D.1, H.D.1. The purpose of this bill is to incorporate the definitions, guiding principles, and goals of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability task force report into the Hawaii state planning act, codified as Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department of Agriculture supports the purpose and intent of this bill where it moves forward the mission statement of the department. The department is committed to the re-establishment of agriculture as essential to the well-being of our island society by rejuvenating the economy, protecting important resources, and gaining greater self-sufficiency in food production and alternative energy development.

The department's mission is clearly in alignment with the *Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan's* Goal 2: The Economy to develop a more diversified and globally competitive economy which enables us to meaningfully live, work and play in Hawai'i and Goal 3: Environment and Natural Resource which guides us to utilize our natural resources responsibly and respectfully, replenished and preserved for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 30 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

by
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SB 283 SD1 HD1 Relating to Sustainability

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and honorable members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 283, SD1, HD1, relating to sustainability.

I am the director of the Social Sciences Public Policy Center ("Center") at the University of Hawai'i and, with Dr. Sharon Moriwaki, we worked on updating the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan ("H2050 Plan") as directed by the legislature. As you recall, the state's H2050 Task Force developed the H2050 Plan that identified crucial areas for future planning to revitalize the state's economy, protect the environment, and preserve the culture and quality of life for future generations. This plan set in place an important long-term planning process for Hawai'i's future.

In 2008, the legislature adopted Act 225 that requested the Center to review the plan, consult with citizens and leaders from across the state to prioritize the goals and objectives in the Plan, and develop benchmarks for each of the major goals. The Center completed its work and submitted its findings to the Legislature in January of last year (see the report on our website, www.publicpolicycenter.hawaii.edu). Briefly, the report covered the following:

- ❖ Data gathered from email surveys and face to- face cross-sector meetings in each county, with representation from 10 major sectors of our community-- business, labor, the environment, kanaka maoli, youth, the military, the health sector, the non-profit sector, education and government (state and county level).
- ❖ developed a sustainability resource guide; and
- ❖ researched data sources and benchmarks.

The report proposed five major recommendations based on the voices of the community:

- ❖ **Incorporate the H2050 Plan definition of sustainability and its goals as a new section in Chapter 226, Hawai'i Revised Statutes.**
- ❖ **Develop and implement policies based on common themes heard across the state and counties in the cross sector dialogs.**

- ❖ **Support the continuing public-private collaborations, community discussions, activities, and work on sustainability efforts.**
- ❖ **Adopt measures of accountability, including data and data sources, indicators and benchmarks.**
- ❖ **Develop a sustainability coordinating entity to carry forward the H2050 Plan.**

S.B. 283, SD1, HD1 addresses the first recommendation. It provides for a sustainability policy to be incorporated in the Hawai'i State Planning Act, Chapter 226, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. It puts into law the definition of "sustainability" that was adopted by over 10,000 citizens who provided input in the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan, ie., "a Hawai'i that respects the culture, character, beauty, and history of the State's island communities, strikes a balance between economic, social and community, and environmental priorities; and meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." And further it provides seven guiding principles and five goals to achieve a sustainable Hawai'i by 2050.

We believe it is extremely important to support the sustainability efforts throughout the states by incorporating the sustainability policy into the Hawai'i State Plan as proposed in S.B.283, SD1, HD1. We also agree with the Committees on Economic Revitalization & Business and on Hawaiian Affairs that there should be accountability in achieving sustainability and have since met with the Director of the Office of Planning and have agreed to work with the office to submit a progress report on meeting the sustainability goals; however, the extensive assessment required in SB283, HD1 would be difficult at best without appropriate funding and we thus respectfully request the following amendments:

- (1) Replace Section 2, line3 on page 3 through line 5 on page 6, with the proposed language attached, which incorporates the sustainability definition, goals, and guiding principles into the chapter 226, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, relating to the Hawai'i State Plan, more appropriately into Part III, Priority Guidelines; and the definitions relating to sustainability policy placed into Part I, Section 226-2, Definitions.
- (2) Relating to providing the Legislature with a progress report on the state's sustainability efforts, we respectfully request that Section 3, at lines 6-19 on page 6, be amended as proposed in the attached Section 3 which the university and office of planning can provide without additional funding. If the requirements set forth in Section 3 of SB 283, HD1 is not amended, additional funding will be required.

We strongly support SB 283, SD1, HD1 with the above proposed amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I will be happy to answer any questions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. During the 2005 Special Session, the
2 legislature adopted Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005
3 (Act 8), to create the Hawaii 2050 task force to review the
4 Hawaii state plan and the State's planning process. The office
5 of the auditor was required to prepare and submit to the
6 legislature the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. In enacting
7 Act 8, the legislature expressed its belief that government is
8 responsible for resolving daily and immediate issues and public
9 needs, while providing guidance to assure a sustainable future
10 and outlook.

11 The creation of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan comes
12 as the State faces a growing number of pressing issues,
13 including the steady deterioration of public infrastructure, the
14 lack of affordable housing, a continued reliance on a service-
15 based economy, the vulnerability of Hawaii in a volatile global
16 energy market, possible interruptions in travel and to critical
17 food supplies, threats to fragile island ecosystems, ever-

1 increasing numbers of residents, and an increasing number of
2 visitors over the long term. These issues all raise questions
3 about the long-term limits of growth in the State and highlight
4 the need to begin planning and acting to assure Hawaii's future.

5 Clearly, a policy framework to establish sustainability as
6 a state priority and ensure a coordinated and coherent approach
7 to fulfilling the long-range vision for a sustainable Hawaii is
8 needed. The mission of the Hawaii 2050 task force and the
9 objectives of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan focus on the
10 revitalization of the State's long-term planning process to
11 better guide the future development of Hawaii. Addressing and
12 solving issues critical to Hawaii's way of life and natural
13 resources require coordinated community efforts to produce
14 comprehensive, long-range planning policies and actions.

15 In 2008, the legislature adopted Act 225, Session Laws of
16 Hawaii 2008 (Act 225), directing the University of Hawaii at
17 Manoa college of social sciences public policy center to review
18 the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan and provide a definitive
19 framework for policy makers including defined data, data
20 sources, and benchmarks for each of the major goals.

21 The purpose of this Act is to establish sustainability as a
22 state priority by implementing the recommendation of the social

1 sciences public policy center to incorporate the Hawaii 2050
2 sustainability plan definitions, guiding principles, and goals,
3 into chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to [p]Part III [to be
6 appropriately designated and] to incorporate sustainability
7 policy as a priority guideline and adding appropriate
8 definitions to section-2 of Part I, to read as follows:

9 "PART III. PRIORITY GUIDELINES

10 \$226-102 Overall direction. The State shall strive to
11 improve the quality of life for Hawaii's present and future
12 population through the pursuit of desirable courses of action in
13 [five] six major areas of statewide concern which merit priority
14 attention: economic development, population growth and land
15 resource management, affordable housing, crime and criminal
16 justice, [and] quality education, and principles of
17 sustainability.

18 \$226-108. Sustainability. (a) Priority guidelines and
19 principles to encourage sustainability
20 ~~Hawaii residents desire a balance between economic, cultural,~~
21 ~~and environmental concerns and priorities. Thus, there are five~~

1 ~~goals to be achieved through seven priority guidelines as~~

2 ~~follows (a) There are established the five major goals:~~

3 ~~—— (1) A way of life in which sustainable living is a part of~~
4 ~~daily practice in Hawaii;~~

5 ~~—— (2) A diversified and globally competitive economy that~~
6 ~~will enable residents to live, work, and play meaningfully in~~
7 ~~Hawaii;~~

8 ~~—— (3) Responsible and respectful use, replenishment, and~~
9 ~~preservation of the State's natural resources for future~~
10 ~~generations;~~

11 ~~—— (4) A community that is strong, healthy, vibrant, and~~
12 ~~nurturing, thus providing a strong safety net for those in need;~~
13 ~~and~~

14 ~~—— (5) An environment where kanaka maoli and island cultures~~
15 ~~and values thrive and are perpetuated; and (b) the following~~
16 ~~priority guidelines to:~~

17 ~~—— (1) Encourage Balanced economic, social, community,~~
18 ~~and environmental priorities;~~

19 ~~—— (2) Encourage planning that Respects and lives~~
20 ~~within the natural resources and limits of the State;~~

21 ~~—— (3) Promote Achieve a diversified and dynamic~~
22 ~~economy;~~

1 | —(4) Encourage ~~Respect for~~ the host culture;

2 | —(5) MakePromote decisions based on meeting the needs
3 | of the present without compromising the needs of
4 | future generations;

5 | (—6) Consider the principles of the ahupuaa system;
6 | and

7 | —(7) Emphasize that everyone, including individuals,
8 | families, communities, businesses, and government, has
9 | the responsibility for achieving a sustainable Hawaii.

10 | **Part I. Overall Theme, Goals, Objectives and Policies**

11 | §226-2 **Definitions.** As used in this part, the following words
12 | and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context
13 | indicates another meaning or intent:

14 | "Ahupuaa" means a traditional native Hawaiian resource and
15 | behavioral management system that ensures respect for the air,
16 | land, water, and other scarce natural resources that make life
17 | sustainable from the mountains to the sea.

18 | "Kanaka maoli" means native Hawaiians.

19 | "Sustainability" means achieving the following:

20 | (1) Respect of the culture, character, beauty, and history
21 | of the State's island communities;

- 1 (2) Striking a balance between economic, social,
2 community, and environmental priorities; and
3 (3) Meeting the needs of the present without compromising
4 the ability of future generations to meet their own
5 needs."

6 SECTION 3. The university of Hawai'i Public Policy Center,
7 in consultation with the Office of Planning, shall submit a
8 status and progress report to the legislature no later than
9 December 21, 2011, that identifies[:

- 10 (1) T]the progress made in implementing the sustainability
11 goals set forth in this Act;
12 [(2) The steps that have been taken by each agency toward
13 implementing the sustainability goals set forth in
14 this Act;
15 (3) Additional steps that need to be taken to fully
16 implement the sustainability goals set forth in this
17 Act;] and
18 [(4) A]any recommendations for legislation or other actions
19 to facilitate the full implementation of the
20 sustainability goals set forth in this Act.

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.

Report Title:

Sustainability; State Planning

Description:

Incorporates the definitions, guiding principles, and goals of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan into the Hawaii state planning act. Effective July 1, 2112. (SB283 HD1)

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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
March 30, 2011

S.B. 283, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 - RELATING
TO SUSTAINABILITY

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO supports S.B. 283, S.D. 1, H.D.1 to incorporate definitions, guiding principles and goals of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan into Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

HGEA strongly supports the basic need to protect and nurture our unique lifestyle, environment and economy through the planning process. During the development of the 2050 Sustainability Plan, HGEA members along with other organizations and individuals gave their time and effort to provide input to the process. These efforts should be recognized by including the definitions, principles and goals into the Hawaii state plan.

We request S.B. 283, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 be passed out of the Finance Committee as proposed. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Commenting on S.B. 283 HD1 Relating to Sustainability
House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 1:00PM, Rm. 308

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of Hawaii's native plants, animals, and ecosystems. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands for native species in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i supports S.B. 283 HD1 Relating to Sustainability.

The health of Hawaii's unique but threatened natural resources directly affects our economy and quality of life. Residents and visitors alike are awed and inspired by the Hawaiian Islands' natural wonders. Beyond breathtaking beauty, these resources provide essential natural benefits that make life possible in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean. From native forests that give us fresh water, erosion control, and cultural treasures, to abundant coral reefs that provide food, recreation, and protection from storms, we all depend daily on nature to sustain us.

Now more than ever in the past, we have come to appreciate the importance of balancing environmental protection with the obvious need to maintain a vibrant economy that supports and does not threaten the needs of future generations. The Hawai'i 2050 sustainability plan provides a strong and defined foundation for sustainability, guiding principles and values, and strategic goals and actions to help lead us toward the Hawai'i we all want for ourselves and future generations.

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BEFORE THE
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Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
Honorable Marilyn Lee, Vice-Chair

SB283, SD1, HD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

Testimony of
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March 30, 2011, 1:00 pm
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Chair Oshiro and Members of the Committee:

My name is William Kaneko, President & CEO of the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA). HIPA strongly supports SB283, SD1, HD1 which incorporates the definitions, guiding principles and goals of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan in to the Hawaii State Plan, HRS Ch. 226. HIPA served as the technical consultant to the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force. Pursuant to Act 8 (SSLH 2005), the Task Force prepared the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan.

Hawaii 2050 was a comprehensive, community-based planning effort to create a 50 year sustainability plan for Hawaii. The planning process captured the vision, values, concerns and aspirations of over 10,000 concerned citizens during a three-year period. The outcome of the plan was a planning document which outlines the economic, social, environmental goals in pursuing a sustainable Hawaii. It was – by far – the most comprehensive planning process the State had engaged in since creation of the Hawaii State Plan and the functional plans during the 1970's.

Hence, Hawaii 2050 has great merit. It reflects the values and vision of ordinary citizens. Expert advice and opinions were rendered by business, labor, government, environmental and community leaders. Research and data were used as a basis for decision-making. The plan is truly the "people's plan" which was memorialized in a final report to the Legislature in 2008.

Integrating the definitions, guiding principles and goals of Hawaii 2050 into the Hawaii State Plan, HRS Ch. 226, is an essential step in memorializing the priorities for a sustainable Hawaii. In so doing, both the public and private sector will be guided by State law and policy to pursue, adopt and achieve sustainability for our community.

Please adopt SB283, SD1, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

HAWAII ENERGY POLICY FORUM

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

Testimony of
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House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, March 30, 2011
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IN SUPPORT OF SB 283, SD1, HD1– Relating to Sustainability

Chair Marcus Oshiro, Vice-Chair Marilyn Lee, and Members:

I am Sharon Moriwaki, Co-Chair of the Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum ("Forum"). The Forum is comprised of 45 representatives from the electric utilities, oil and natural gas suppliers, environmental and community groups, renewable energy industry, and federal, state and local government, including representatives from the neighbor islands. We have been meeting since 2002 and have adopted a common vision and mission, and a comprehensive "10 Point Action Plan," which serves as a framework and guide for meeting our preferred energy vision and goals.

The Forum supports the passage of SB 283, SD1, HD1. This bill calls for amending the Hawai'i State Planning Act, Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to incorporate a definition of "sustainability" for Hawaii that respects its culture and history; balances economic, community, and environmental priorities; and meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. It also includes goals and guiding principles to achieve a sustainable future for Hawaii by 2050.

While the amendment does not include specific energy goals, its broad goals and guiding principles and its foundation in civic engagement are strongly aligned with the mission and vision of the Forum. We particularly support the inclusion of "sustainability" into state planning – which all of our counties and many organizations and individuals across the state are already doing and should be encouraged to continue to do.

The bill will codify sustainability policy, clearly defining "sustainability" for Hawaii, along with its goals and guiding principles. Incorporating sustainability policy in the Hawai'i State Planning Act will set the standard for Hawai'i's future – one based on responsible consideration of our state's natural assets and resources and of the quality of life for future generations. We defer to the University of Hawaii as to Section 3 of the bill.

Based on the foregoing, the Forum supports SB 283 as amended, and respectfully urges passage of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

This testimony reflects the position of the Forum as a whole and not necessarily of the individual Forum members or their companies or organizations.

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Comments:

SB283 is a modest but important beginning in the implementation of the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. It is an essential and critical piece in the full development of the Hawaii State Planning Act enacted over 30 years ago in 1978. I support passage of SB283.