

*Where core values
of aloha, ohana and
kuleana provide an
inclusive ethical
framework that guides
the transition to a
sustainable future.*



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House Bill 2671: Relating to Sustainability

Good Morning, I am Jane Yamashiro, speaking for Ola Hawaii 2020, a non-profit organization whose vision and mission supports and promotes sustainability for Hawaii, speaking to support House Bill 2671.

We believe that to continue the progress taking place in each of the counties with their sustainability priority guidelines and principles, funding for coordination of efforts through the Office of State Planning is essential.

Ola Hawai'i is composed of a network of individuals who are dedicated to moving the Hawaiian Islands toward food and energy sufficiency by the year 2020. We believe the time is at hand to promote the collaboration of non-profit, government, education and business sectors toward strategic actions to support development of statewide sustainability measures of accountability including benchmarks, indicators, data and data sources. It would also be highly advantageous to map and record the upsurge of grassroots programs and to help link them to one another and to tie them in with the appropriate benchmarks and indicators for greater impact.

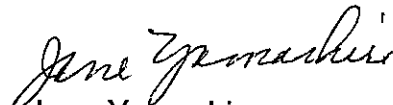
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We believe the success of sustainability for Hawaii is creating a feedback system to optimize and support the establishment and implementation of the seven sustainability guidelines and principles set forth in Act 181. We strongly feel that the success of this position will be contingent upon hiring an Administrator with keen knowledge of the systemic relationships that are the foundation upon which sustainability is based.

If HB 2671 were passed, Ola Hawai'i 2020 would be honored to collaborate with the hiring Committee to assist in creating job criteria to attract the most qualified candidates for consideration.

Respectfully,


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