

Foreword by the Auditor



HAWAII VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU

In the 1970s, the State of Hawai'i was one of the pioneers in long-range planning. The visionary Hawai'i State Plan and its related functional plans were among the first planning documents in the nation that provided integrated, far-reaching policies for the economic, social and environmental future of an entire state.

Now, a generation later, it has been my pleasure to work with the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force, per Act 8 of the 2005 Hawai'i State Legislature, to develop a statewide sustainability plan for the 21st century – the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan. This two-year effort has solicited input from citizens throughout our islands using tools ranging from community meetings to Internet communications to scientific polling techniques. It is the most comprehensive statewide planning process in over three decades.

This report to the Legislature is the result of our collective efforts in creating a long-term plan for Hawai'i's sustainable future.

On behalf of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force, we express our appreciation for the thousands who shared their views and opinions about sustainability and the future of this state. The expertise and input from stakeholders groups were of great value as well. We also thank our technical consultants, the Hawai'i Institute for Public Affairs ("HIPA"), and its research partner, the University of Hawai'i's College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center, for their assistance and dedication.

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan to the Hawai'i State Legislature.

Sincerely,

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State Auditor