

Message from the Chair

A'ole hana nui ke alu 'ia.
No task is too big
when done together by all.

—Mary Kawena Pukui, 'Ōlelo No'eau -
Hawaiian Proverbs and Political Sayings,
Bishop Museum Press, 1983.

Aloha!

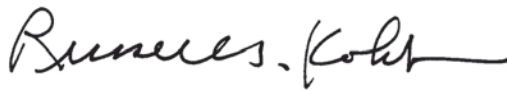
On behalf of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force, it is with great pleasure that we submit for your review the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan. This document embodies the expressed thoughts, opinions and values of communities across our islands. The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan is truly the “people’s plan.”

The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force believed steadfastly that the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan should reflect the will and sentiments of its citizenry. Our outreach has been extensive and rigorous. Three rounds of statewide meetings drew thousands of residents. We conducted two statistically sound general population surveys. We met with county planning directors, policy makers, and experts, as well as dozens of youth, community, business, environmental, labor and other stakeholders and organizations. In total, more than 10,500 participants provided input to Hawai'i 2050.

The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force has learned that the overwhelming majority of people in Hawai'i want a balanced approach to Hawai'i's future, where economic, social and environmental goals are in balance. Our citizens inherently recognize that these three pillars of our society are interdependent. We want a vibrant, diversified economy; a healthy quality of life that is grounded in a multi-ethnic culture and Kanaka Maoli values; and healthy natural resources..

The “triple bottom line” concept – where our economic, community and environmental goals are in balance – is the foundation of the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan. It is the Task Force's hope that this approach will guide all of us as we collectively determine the preferred long-term future of our state.

Sincerely,



Senator Russell S. Kokubun
Chair