



## HAWAII' I 2050 SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

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Sen. Russell Kokubun,  
Chair

**Education Leaders**  
November 15, 2007  
State Capitol, Room 414

Rep. Lyla Berg  
Rep. Pono Chong  
Ian Costa  
Henry Eng  
Sen. Mike Gabbard  
David Goode  
Marion M. Higa  
Jeffrey Hunt  
Dr. Karl Kim  
Millie Kim  
Keith Kurahashi  
Brad Kurokawa  
Sen. Ron Menor  
Rep. Colleen Meyer  
Keith Rollman  
Dr. James Spencer  
Jane Testa  
Stacie Thorlakson  
Beth Tokioka  
Sen. Jill Tokuda  
Michael Tresler  
Pamela Tumpap  
Rep. Ryan Yamane

### **Attending**

Senator Kokubun, Chair of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force  
Alyssa Braffith, Character Education Coordinator at Kamehameha Schools  
Jennifer Higaki from Hawaii Association of Independent Schools  
Jennifer Higaki, Grants administrator at the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools  
Gail Mukaihata Hannemann, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Hawaii  
Barbara Blomgren, CPO of the Girl Scouts of Hawaii  
Andrew Aoki, Executive Director of Kanu Hawaii  
Bill Kaneko, President and CEO of the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA)  
Jeanne Schultz Afuvai, HIPA staff

### **The Hawaii 2050 Plan**

Senator Kokubun briefly described how education would be treated in the plan. There would be wording at the beginning explaining why education was not a separate goal but that education was the thread that ran through all aspects of the plan. This would be highlighted.

Affordable housing and education are the top two concerns expressed by the community engagement process.

### **Youth Sustainability Day at the Capitol**

The group felt that this was a worthwhile effort and a tentative time frame was discussed. Early to mid-March was discussed. Comments included tying it to the private sector.

On suggestion was that during the day there could be informal meetings on different aspects of the plan led by the Hawaii 2050 Task Force. One discussion topic could be on how to stimulate individuals, the private sector and government to be more sustainable. Suggestions included asking Kanu Hawaii, Joel Matsunaga of Hawaii Telcom, Bennette Evangelista of Actus Lend Lease, Col. Killian of the military and the county mayors to participate in informal discussions with the students.

Checking on the legislation that is already in place or working its way through the legislature was also discussed. Senator Tokuda will have an intern working to help track specific legislation.

Senator Kokubun said that he would conduct a formal hearing so the youth could testify on specific bills going through the 2008 Legislative process.

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A discussion took place regarding the possibility of working with Ag Day at the Capitol. HIPA will follow up on this with Dean Okimoto.

Rep. Berg is also a resource and will be approached regarding the Project Citizen program that she is involved in.

Several items need to be addressed – who is going to coordinate Youth Sustainability Day and how will the Neighbor Island Youth be able to participate. The liability issue was also brought up. Making Charter Schools and Home Schoolers aware of the day was also discussed.

Bill was going to discuss this with the American Judicature Society.

### **Sustainability Curriculum Development**

Several people thought that staff and teacher empowerment was the way to get sustainability into the curriculum.

It was also thought that a discussion needed to take place with HSTA leadership.

### **Next Steps**

HIPA will discuss with the individuals mentioned above.

A meeting with Pat Hamamoto is needed to discuss Youth Sustainability Day and Sustainability Curriculum Development.

Another meeting will be called after information is gathered.