



HAWAII 2050 SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE



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PUBLIC INVITED TO STATEWIDE COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR THE HAWAII 2050 SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING PROCESS

Community Input Crucial to Long-Term Planning for Hawai'i

Honolulu – The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force invites the public to the second round of community meetings for the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan in April and May. The statewide gatherings will continue engaging residents in the discussion about sustainability and the long-term future of Hawai'i. This community-driven process is one of the cornerstones of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan that the Task Force will present to the state Legislature in December.

“Our communities are filled with insightful people. We want to tap the wisdom of our kupuna, the energy of the keiki, the experiences of working families and the innovative spirit of businesspeople,” said Senator Russell Kokubun, Chair of the Hawai'i 2050 Task Force. “By bringing as many facets from the community as possible to the planning process, we can create a better long-term future for everyone. We encourage the public to attend.”

The meeting schedule is:

Kaua'i

Coordinated by Diane Zachary. Phone: 632-2005; dzachary@kauainetwork.org

- Thursday, April 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. – War Memorial Convention Hall, 4191 Hardy Street in Lihu'e
- Saturday, April 14 from 9 am to noon – Kapa'a Middle School, 4867 Olohena Road in Kapa'a

O'ahu

Coordinated by Derrick Kiyabu. Phone: 550-2661; derrick@hacbed.org

- Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Kapolei Elementary School cafeteria – 91-1119 Kama'aha Loop.
- Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Kailua High School cafeteria – 451 Ulumanu Drive
- Saturday, April 28 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Sunset Beach Elementary School cafeteria – 59-360 Kamehameha Highway
- Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at McKinley High School cafeteria – 1039 S. King Street

Island of Hawai'i

Coordinated by Alex Frost. Phone: 981-8346; afrost@co.hawaii.hi.us

- Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at Hilo High School cafeteria – 556 Waiianuenue Avenue in Hilo
- Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at Kealahou High School library – 74-5000 Puohuluhuli Street in Kailua-Kona

Lana'i

Coordinated by Alberta deJetley. Phone: 565-9331; sopdej@yahoo.com

- Wednesday, May 2 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Lana'i Elementary and High School cafeteria, Fraser Avenue

Maui

Coordinated by Jeanne Skog. Phone: 875-2300; skog@medb.org

- Thursday, May 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the J. Walter Cameron Center– 95 Mahalani Street in Wailuku
- Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at MEO, in the J. Walther Cameron Center complex– 99 Mahalani Street in Wailuku

Moloka'i

Coordinated by Glen Teves. Phone: 567-6932; tevesg@ctahr.hawaii.edu

- Wednesday, May 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. – Kaunakakai School Cafetorium

Attendees at the community meetings will review and comment on a working definition of sustainability in Hawai'i, as well as draft versions of the vision and guiding principals of sustainability for the state. The definition, vision and guiding principals were developed by the Hawaii 2050 Task Force from earlier statewide community meetings as well the online survey at www.hawaii2050.org and the Sustainability Tool Kit.

In addition, the facilitated meetings will generate ideas about long-term goals for sustainability, strategies to achieve those goals and measurements to keep Hawai'i on track for a more sustainable future. Highlighted at the meeting will be key points from sustainability issue papers prepared by the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa.

To RSVP or request adaptive support such as sign language interpreter, large print, taped materials, wheelchair access, or parking for the disabled, please contact the meeting coordinator.

The community meetings are the latest in a series of comprehensive community engagement activities about creating a more sustainable future for Hawaii. The inclusive process began in August 2006 and will continue through the fall of this year. More information about the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan and the Task Force is available at www.hawaii2050.org.

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About the Hawaii 2050 Task Force

In 2005, the Hawai'i State Legislature adopted Act 8, which established the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force (hereinafter "Task Force"), and required the Office of the Auditor to create the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan. In its 2005 Interim Report to the Legislature, the Task Force reviewed the state's existing comprehensive planning process, and identified key areas of importance relating to creating a sustainable Hawai'i. The Task Force also recommended a community-based process to create the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan.

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