



HAWAI'I 2050 SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE



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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR HAWAI'I 2050 SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

Draft of Hawai'i's First Sustainability Plan Will Be Premiered at the Summit, Sept. 22; Keynote Speech by National Sustainability Expert Terry Tamminen

Honolulu – The Hawai'i 2050 (HI2050) Sustainability Task Force has opened registration for the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Summit, at which the draft Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan will be premiered. The HI2050 Summit will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Coral Ballrooms of the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki. The registration fee is \$20.50 for adults and \$10.25 for those under 18.

In addition to unveiling the draft HI2050 Plan, the summit will feature:

- Keynote speaker Terry Tamminen. Architect of many of California's groundbreaking sustainability policies and practices, he will offer insights into how the will of the community, businesses, environmental groups and government officials can move a society toward sustainability. Mr. Tamminen is a sought-after sustainability expert who is currently advising the governors of several mainland states, Canadian Premiers and European Union leaders.
- The Honolulu Advertiser's Teen Editorial Board on what inspires our state's youth toward a more sustainable Hawai'i and the challenges they foresee to achieve that future.

To register online with a credit card, visit the Task Force's secure website: www.hawaii2050.org. To register by mail, send a purchase order or check with the appropriate registration fees, payable to the Hawai'i Institute for Public Affairs, to:

Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Summit
P.O. Box 893727
Mililani, HI 96789

Space is limited to the first 1,200 paid registrations.

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A slate of community meetings on each island will be held in the weeks following the summit to garner the community's thoughts about the draft HI2050 Plan. The public will also be able to send their opinions via the Hawai'i 2050 website. The community's input will be analyzed and the draft HI2050 plan will be revised accordingly. The final HI2050 Sustainability Plan will be presented to the state Legislature before the opening of the 2008 session.

The community meeting schedule will be announced at a later date.

"The Task Force has worked very hard to make the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan 'the people's plan,'" said Senator Russell Kokubun, chair of the HI2050 Sustainability Task Force. "We have reached out to communities across the state and thousands have responded enthusiastically. Their ideas and opinions about sustainability and the future of Hawaii have been recorded through our statewide HI2050 community meetings, online survey, scientific phone poll and focus groups."

"It is fitting that our speakers at the summit mirror the inclusive, grassroots process that created the draft HI2050 Sustainability Plan," he said. "Renowned sustainability expert Terry Tamminen brings tremendous insight in how to unify many different stakeholder groups toward the shared goal of sustainability. And the voices of the youth will help show us what matters to our children and grandchildren as we seek a more sustainable Hawai'i."

Kokubun noted that the HI2050 Sustainability Plan looks forward to a long-term future for Hawai'i that benefits businesses, individuals and families, and the state's beautiful but fragile natural resources. "The Task Force's ultimate goal is to deliver a sustainability plan that will create the framework for a sustainable economy, society and environment in Hawai'i for today and future generations."

About the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force

The Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Task Force is developing the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan – the state's first sustainability plan. Chaired by state Senator Russell Kokubun, the Task Force has 25 members from the public and private sectors who bring a balanced "triple bottom line" approach that recognizes the interdependence of the economy, society and the environment in creating the sustainability plan. The Office of the State Auditor provides oversight of the Task Force's activities. To learn more, visit www.hawaii2050.org.

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