



GOV. MSG. NO. 913

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

July 9, 2008

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

Re: Senate Bill No. 2833 SD1 HD1 CD1

On July 8, 2008, Senate Bill No. 2833, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Sustainability" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to require the University of Hawaii's College of Social Sciences Public Policy Center to review the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, create benchmarks for each of the goals in the plan, and report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

Since its inception, my Administration has raised concerns about the usefulness of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. Rather than engaging in extended planning exercises, my Administration has focused on developing and implementing specific projects with bold, definable outcomes that will impact Hawaii today, tomorrow, and over the next 50 years.

Two years and \$1.7 million dollars of State funds have already been spent by the Legislature on the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. This bill will require the University to spend additional time and resources on the plan, despite the fact that the Legislature gave the University no funding with which to conduct a review of its contents. I remain concerned that this bill continues the discussion, rather than implements actions that are needed to transform our economy.

For the foregoing reasons, I allowed Senate Bill No. 2833 to become law as Act 225, effective July 8, 2008, without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE



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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan is a good
2 first step in creating a guide for government agencies, policy-
3 makers, businesses, and community leaders. The legislature
4 finds that the Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan needs a more
5 definitive framework for policy-makers. The Hawaii state plan,
6 chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was enacted in 1978 and
7 was developed with much more information and data to serve as a
8 guide for policy-makers.

9 The purpose of this Act is to further develop the Hawaii
10 2050 sustainability plan to serve as a guide to policy-makers by
11 requiring the University of Hawaii at Manoa college of social
12 sciences public policy center to review the plan and to report
13 to the legislature on its findings.

14 SECTION 2. The University of Hawaii at Manoa college of
15 social sciences public policy center shall review the Hawaii
16 2050 sustainability plan. The review shall include developing
17 defined data, data sources, and benchmarks for each of the major



1 goals. The public policy center shall consult with leaders and
2 organizations relevant to each of the main goals of the Hawaii
3 2050 sustainability plan in its review. The public policy
4 center shall submit a report to the legislature on its findings
5 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no
6 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
7 session of 2010.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this day of , 2008

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

