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**HAWAI'I AMONG THE FIRST STATES TO
JOIN THE NATIONAL CLIMATE REGISTRY**

HONOLULU – Hawai'i joins *The Climate Registry* as a founding member with 25 other states and one tribe, marking the largest multi-state effort to track the emissions that may contribute to climate change.

The newly formed *Climate Registry* will serve as a national platform to assist states and tribes in measuring, tracking and managing emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and will be capable of accommodating a wide range of state, regional and future federal climate change programs. The *Registry* will support both voluntary and mandatory GHG emissions reporting and reduction programs by standardizing emissions information across borders and industry sectors. The *Registry* is expected to be functional by January 1, 2008.

On behalf of Governor Linda Lingle, Health Director Chiyome Fukino, M.D., said "Caring for our planet is an important responsibility. Joining the Climate Registry as a founding member will allow Hawai'i to be among the leaders in managing green house gas emissions that can affect our environment and climate. The Registry will enable our state to accommodate an emissions reporting and reduction program whether the program is voluntary or otherwise. Our membership in the registry reflects Hawai'i's strong commitment on this issue and recognizes that environmental stewardship is best accomplished through a unified approach."

The *Climate Registry* fulfills the need for a common repository of GHG emissions data and standardizes the accounting, reporting and verification requirements. As the membership grows, it will further strengthen the *Climate Registry* and nation's efforts at addressing climate change and its effects on the world.

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