



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 31, 2022

Ms. Puanani'ona'ona Thoene  
Chair  
Environmental Advisory Council  
235 South Beretania St., Suite 702  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Ms. Thoene:

I transmit herewith a copy of House Resolution No. 82, which was adopted by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Takeshita".

Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROGRAM TO FORM A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND USER-FRIENDLY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROGRAM'S WEBSITE.

1           WHEREAS, the State, stakeholders, and public all benefit  
2 when the environmental review process is transparent and open to  
3 participation; and  
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5           WHEREAS, currently, the public is often unaware of pending  
6 projects until a final determination is made on an environmental  
7 assessment or environmental impact statement and the opportunity  
8 for public comment has passed; and  
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10           WHEREAS, although the Office of Planning and Sustainable  
11 Development's Environmental Review Program maintains a website  
12 that informs the public of pending environmental impact  
13 statements and environmental assessments, the website is not  
14 user-friendly, making the information difficult to access; and  
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16           WHEREAS, to encourage public participation in the  
17 environmental review process, the program's website may benefit  
18 from a notification system, an easily-accessible means of  
19 submitting comments, a well-organized and searchable database of  
20 environmental assessments and environmental impact statements,  
21 and other user-friendly features; now, therefore  
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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2022, that the Office of Planning and Sustainable  
26 Development's Environmental Review Program is requested to form  
27 a task force to recommend user-friendly improvements to the  
28 program's website; and  
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I do hereby certify that the within document  
is a full, true and correct copy of the original  
on file in this office.



Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is also  
2 requested to offer guidance on selecting documents and steps of  
3 the environmental review process to be posted on the program's  
4 website to best encourage public participation; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Planning and  
7 Sustainable Development is requested to select and invite the  
8 following members to participate on the task force:  
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10 (1) Two representatives from the Office of Planning and  
11 Sustainable Development;  
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13 (2) Two representatives from the Environmental Advisory  
14 Council;  
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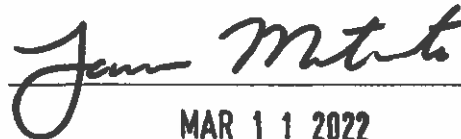
16 (3) The Chief Information Officer of the Office of  
17 Enterprise Technology Services or the Chief  
18 Information Officer's designee; and  
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20 (4) One representative from the Sierra Club; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
23 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
24 any proposed legislation and the estimated cost of the proposed  
25 website updates, to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
26 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Office of  
30 Planning and Sustainable Development, Chair of the Environmental  
31 Advisory Council, and the Chief Information Officer of the  
32 Office of Enterprise Technology Services.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
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