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Subject: Amend Maui County Policy Plan to take action on anthropogenic climate change

Aloha Honorable Members of the Climate Action Resilience Committee,

I am writing in support of amending the Maui County Policy Plan in order to make addressing the climate crisis a priority and a goal to tackle in the coming years. Investing money into clean and renewable energy will create thousands of good paying green jobs, protect our environment, and put our island on a path to being sustainable.

We are already seeing the effects of climate change that were predicted 20 years before I was born. More frequent and stronger hurricanes are battering the globe and just this year one came within 50 miles of battering Maui. In my lifetime I do not think I have seen a hurricane pass to the north of Hawai'i, usually the colder sea surface temperatures cause them to turn into tropical storms. Massive fires across the nation, in South America, and Australia are changing ecosystems forever and destroying life as we know it. Millions of species will go extinct if we do not take action.

Our keiki across the globe are demanding that we take action on climate change because that is the world they are seeing and it is the world we live in today. They are marching, they are protesting, they are studying and learning about climate change and the effects they have on the planet.

Passing this amendment to take climate change action as a goal is the first step in solving the climate crisis. I urge you to pass this amendment and start achieving this goal today.

Mahalo,
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