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Aloha - please see the attached testimony for the Nov. 18th 9am hearing of the CAR committee.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify,
Sherry Pollack, 350Hawaii

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Aloha Chair King and members of the Climate Action and Resilience Committee,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org **strongly supports** the proposed bill amending Section 2.80B, Maui County Code, to add to the Countywide Policy Plan a goal to mitigate climate change and work toward resilience.

We are facing a climate emergency. The scientific evidence has been mounting for decades. We have reached a tipping point on climate action—scientists say we have roughly 9 years left to avoid the most severe consequences of global warming.

We must awaken to the urgent realities of climate change and face this existential challenge via both mitigation and adaption efforts in the short time scientists say we have left. This bill moves us in the right direction with clear, actionable steps to help lower our carbon emission levels and help do our part in the fight against climate destabilization.

It is going to take everyone working together worldwide to prevent Climate Chaos. With our abundant sun, wind and wave power, and the fact that these technologies are now available and often cheaper than fossil fuels, we can and should be a leader in showing the rest of the world a path to the clean energy future we must quickly achieve.

This bill provides the roadmap for the concrete actions needed to effectively address the Climate Crisis and meet the challenges that are necessary to provide the resilience required. This bill will move us in the right direction toward a truly sustainable, and resilient community.

Please support this bill. Science tells us we must act boldly on climate NOW. Our children are counting on us!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org