What is the Hawai‘i 2050 Plan About?

In 2007, the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan premiered at a Sustainability Summit in Waikiki. Hundreds of people attended and listened to experts from businesses, environmental groups and politicians as well as a Teen Panel. Information was shared about concerns for Hawaii’s future, a statewide poll of people’s attitudes toward sustainability, and how the task force hopes to proceed. (See more at: www.hawaii2050.org) This is their main goal:

The Triple Bottom Line Approach:
Where economic, community and environmental goals are in balance.

Then, in 2008 the Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Task Force sent an 85 page report to the Hawai‘i State Legislature called “Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan – Charting a Course for Hawai‘i’s Sustainable Future” hoping legislators would vote to approve the Plan and begin to make very important changes in our state. These are the Priority Actions listed in the Plan:

Priority actions: Intermediate steps for the year 2020

Once this planning and community engagement process was complete, the Task Force recognized that while the community respected the vision of 2050, residents also wanted a sense of urgency. People desire tangible targets and benchmarks. In response, the Task Force established priority actions for the year 2020 in these areas:

1. Increase affordable housing opportunities for households up to 140% of median income
2. Strengthen public education
3. Reduce reliance on fossil (carbon-based) fuels
4. Increase recycling, reuse and waste reduction strategies
5. Develop a more diverse and resilient economy
6. Create a sustainability ethic
7. Increase production and consumption of local foods and products, particularly agriculture
8. Provide access to long-term care and elderly housing
9. Preserve and perpetuate our Kanaka Maoli and island cultural values