

SUSTAINABLE HAWAII INITIATIVE



Hawai'i is blessed with thousands of species of plants, birds, fish, marine mammals, and other wildlife found nowhere else on earth. Today, these unique species, and the ecosystems on which they depend, are in peril. We know the limits of our natural environment. We see the impacts of our actions very close to home. We are a microcosm of our planet earth. Like the Hawaiian Voyaging Canoe, we are one canoe, one island, one planet.

We in Hawai'i have established ambitious goals for sustainability through the Aloha+ Challenge, which sets concrete measurable targets for both public and private sectors.

As part of this effort, Governor Ige is proud to announce the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative.



effectively manage 30% of nearshore ocean waters by 2030

Hawai'i's fisheries and corals have declined dramatically, significantly threatened by ocean warming, sediment and pollution, and unsustainable fishing practices. Effective management of 30% of our nearshore ocean waters will require statewide planning and monitoring, updating and implementing priority management strategies, collaborating with communities and stakeholders, and focused marine enforcement.

"Our oceans sustain our way of life. If we want to ensure the health of our islands for our keiki, our policy, practice and process should be civic-oriented, place-based and inclusive of people as part of the environment. We must empower those with an intimate understanding of our resources—especially Native Hawaiian communities and fisherfolk—to actively participate at all levels of management, enforcement, monitoring and education."

~ Kevin Chang
Executive Director, Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo



achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2045

Climate change poses the greatest threat to our forests, our coastlines, and our corals. Hawai'i is also the most oil-dependent state in the nation. We must do everything we can, globally and locally, to reduce our use of fossil fuels. That's why we're committed to reaching 100% renewable energy use in the electricity sector by the year 2045.

"Continuing to burn fossil fuels poses a threat to our island way of life, from rising seas to increased storms. The cost of importing fossil fuels is a burden to everyone. Accelerating our shift to clean energy not only allows us to be a model to the world, it creates economic opportunity and local jobs for our residents."

~ Anthony Aalto
Chair, Sierra Club of O'ahu



ONE CANOE, ONE ISLAND, ONE PLANET



"We have a kuleana, a responsibility, to malama, to steward, our natural and cultural resources. The health of our natural resources is critical to our way of life, our economy and our culture. Yet, Hawaii's natural environment faces many threats from invasive species, wildfires, development, unsustainable fishing practices, climate change, and so much more.

We strive to develop innovative solutions to these challenges. My administration has developed an ambitious initiative to make Hawaii more sustainable by working together with communities, businesses, and other partners."

*~ David Y. Ige,
Governor, State of Hawaii*

COMMITMENTS



double local food production

2020



implement interagency biosecurity plan

2027



protect 30% of priority watersheds

2030



effectively manage 30% of nearshore ocean waters

2030



achieve 100% renewable electricity

2045

The voyage of Hōkūle'a shows, more than ever before, that we are in this together— one canoe navigating Island Earth. The planet is indeed at a crossroads. But Hawaii, along with the rest of the world, has the power to choose the direction we take.

For more information, please visit
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