

2003 Public Policy Center Annual Conference



At the Dole Cannery Ballrooms on April 24, 2003, the First Annual Public Policy Center Conference focused on sustainability policies -- analyzing the various issues and concerns arising from the increasing number of state, county and community initiatives on sustaining Hawaii's quality of life. The Public Policy Center acknowledged the rich resources of Hawai'i --physical, cultural, and human; and invited stakeholders committed to Hawaii to identify public policy options that could forward their work in ensuring that Hawai'i attains a truly sustainable future.

The conference was opened by Dean Richard Dubanoski, College of Social Sciences, and Interim Director Susan Chandler. Kamehameha Schools Trustee Nainoa Thompson provided a powerful message to participants -- emphasizing the unique strengths of this "place" we call home and the vision and values that can guide us in making difficult choices and navigating change. Paul "Doc" Berry shared his "Paradise Index" to measure our efforts in sustaining "paradise" for future generations. Participants also heard from Bill Kaneko and Joan White, Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs, and Carol Murry, Social Science Research Institute, on the Hawaii Uninsured Project as a significant model for collaboration in creating a sustainable community. Roy Bahl, Dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, provided lessons on and possibilities for financing sustainability. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Mayor Jeremy Harris and UH President Evan Dobbelle shared their experiences and insights to insure a sustainable Hawaii.

Small Group Work Sessions

Most of the work focused on intense discussions in small groups covering the following:

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- A) media and citizen democracy
- B) health
- C) diversifying Hawaii's economy
- D) equitable and caring communities
- E) tourism
- F) energy
- G) cultural and natural resources

Each group examined issue papers sent prior to the conference; and worked together to examine the "preferred futures" in each of these areas as well as public policy priorities and next steps.

Conference Goals

This is the inaugural conference of the Public Policy Center -- the first of many to come. The goals of these conferences are to:

- A) Bring together University faculty and community (business, labor, community agencies) to identify innovative policy and programmatic options to identify and deliberate upon various significant issues of importance to Hawaii and beyond
- B) Identify research and information needs for public policy decisions
- C) Connect faculty and community leaders who can contribute to public policies as they relate to selected of importance to the community and world

Work Session Reports

Work Session Reports detail the work of the seven work sessions covering the following issue areas:

- Group A: Media And Citizen Democracy
- Group B: Insuring A Healthy Hawaii
- Group C: Diversifying Hawaii's Economy
- Group D: Developing Sustainable And Just Communities
- Group E: Sustainable Tourism in Hawaii
- Group F: Ensuring Sustainable Energy Resources
- Group G: Hawaii's Cultural And Natural Resources

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Each report contains:

- A) a synopsis of the discussion is two work sessions --
- B) preferred futures and
- C) public policy priorities and recommendations / next steps;
- D) members of the work session with addresses should you want to contact them; and
- E) more detailed notes from the session

2003 Conference Planning and Advisory Committee

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Conference Theme: ‘Sustainability Policies’: Developing Policy Issues and Program Actions for a Sustainable Hawai‘i

Conference Date: April 24-25, 2003

Conference Place: Dole Cannery

Program Agenda

April 24:

- 8:00-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-10:30 Opening Session
- Oli and Pule – Kahu Kimo Keawe
- Welcoming Remarks –Interim Director Susan Chandler
- Defining and Forwarding Sustainability--Some Frameworks for the Deliberations
- “The Vision for a Sustainable Hawai‘i and How We Get There”
—Nainoa Thompson (60min)
- “What makes Paradise ‘Paradise’ ” -- a substantive framework – Paul Berry (20min)
- 10:30-11:30 Work Session I -- Deliberations on Public Policy Options in Sustaining:
- A. Media and Citizen Democracy
 - B. Insuring a Healthy Hawaii
 - C. Diversifying Hawaii’s Economy
 - D. Developing Sustainable and Just Communities
 - E. Sustainable Tourism
 - F. Ensuring Sustainable Energy Resources
 - G. Hawaii’s Cultural and Natural Resources
- 11:45 Welcome from UH President Evan Dobbelle (5min)
- “Sustainable Hawaii-- What Will It Take” --U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye (20 min)
- 12:15pm Pule
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Networking in Discussion Groups
- 12:45pm Welcome from Mayor Jeremy Harris, City and County of Honolulu
- 12:55pm Keynote Address: “Financing Sustainability” -- Roy Bahl,
Andrew Young Public Policy Center (30min)
- 1:25pm “Creating a Sustainable Community through Collaboration: the Hawaii Uninsured

Project”– William Kaneko, Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs, and Gerard Russo, Economics Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa

- 1:40pm “Walkabout and Networking” (Reports from Work Session I)
- 2:00 Work Session II -- Deliberations on Public Policy Options for a Sustainable Hawaii Groups A-G
- 3:30 - Reports from Work Session II --Next Steps and Action Commitments
- 4:00 - Closing Session – Dean Richard Dubanoski, College of Social Sciences
- 4:30pm Reception-- Continue the Networking

April 25: Sustainable projects-- are they working? What’s working? Models for the future

8:00am - 12:00pm -- Site visits to sustainable projects:

Tentative site visits (see site preference form):

Bus 1 –Windward sites

Bus 2 – Kalihi/Leeward sites