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Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, House Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Legislature
415 S. Beretania Street
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Aloha Chair Tokuda and Chair Luke,

I enthusiastically support the GIA application submitted by Stone Soup Leadership Institute (Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative) for the Sustainable Resolution Implementation Education Toolkit.

I commend the legislature for passing the Sustainability Resolution (HRS 178 & SCR 192) as put forth by one of Hawaii's students, Trevor Tanaka, which will ensure that our students will gain an understanding of the concepts and importance of sustainability. Now, the next step needs to be acted upon; the implementation of a sustainability curriculum. The toolkit that the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative (SHYLI) proposes will be free and will allow Hawaii public school educators to integrate sustainability lessons into their own curricula. I look forward to working with the group as they develop their toolkit.

Lana'i High & Elementary School has worked with the SHYLI previously and found their work with our students well worth the time and effort. Specifically, our students profited greatly from job shadow days, internships, and youth forums.

Mahalo for your time and for considering this initiative.

Sincerely,

Elton Kinoshita
Principal