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Senator Jill Tokuka and Representative Sylvia Luke
WAM and Finance Chairs
Hawaii State Legislature
415 S Beretania Street
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Subject: Sustainable Resolution Implementation Education Toolkit

Aloha Senator Tokuda and Representative Luke:

I'm writing to express my support of the GIA application for the Stone Soup Leadership Institute (Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative), and their funding request for the Sustainable Resolution Implementation Education Toolkit.

The passing of the Sustainability Resolution (HRS 178 & SCR 192) was an exceptional and forward-thinking effort by one of Hawaii's high school seniors, Trevor Tanaka to ensure his Hawaii's students gained an understanding of the principles of sustainability and its importance to their future.

Thanks to the leadership of Senator Tokuda and (former) Representative Denny Coffman, the Resolution passed. However, it has yet to be implemented. The Toolkit is a free, easy-to-use resource for Hawaii's public school educators to integrate into the Sustainability Resolution into their education curriculum.

Creating the Toolkit allows educators to easily integrate lessons on sustainability into their curriculum, and gives them the tools to prepare our youth for a bright future, leading our state in a positive direction towards a more sustainable future. We are committed to helping in the planning stages to provide feedback and assist in shaping a toolkit that can help prepare and inspire Hawaii's youth to fulfill the workforce needs of the future.

Oceanit has previously participated in SHYLI's programs: we have hosted Job Shadow Days, and led the Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum/Youth Leadership Summit. The Institute's work with Hawaii's young people, educators, and companies is inspiring. We are confident that Stone Soup Leadership Institute and SHYLI will create a truly robust and inspiring educational tool for teachers and students alike. We strongly support this GIA grant proposal.

Best regards,

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Director of Corporate Development