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Aloha,

My name is Trevor Tanaka. As a proud alumnus of Konawaena High School, I want to make a difference in our community. In 2011, as a sophomore in high school, I participated in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) essay contest that asked students: "Why is sustainability important to you, Hawaii and APEC?" My lack of knowledge on this important topic sparked a life-changing journey. With support from many people, the Hawaii legislation was passed: **Sustainability Resolution** (#SCR 192 & HCR 178) commits to bring sustainable education to all Hawaii youth.

I've learned a lot over the years thanks to my involvement with the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative (SHYLI), Nancy Redfeather, Rep. Denny Hoffman and Nicole Lowen, Ian Kitajima and Senator Jill Tokuka. For the last 5 years, SHYLI youth leaders and I have explored ways to implement this Resolution. We have hosted two Sustainability Forums: KALO (Kanu o ka 'Aina Learning 'Ohana) in 2013 and Windward Community College in 2014 and BETA testing with Jackie Noborikawa from Castle High School and Serene Ye from Punahou High School.

As a college graduate, I am hopeful that we can maintain the momentum from our previous work. Below please find some links to stories regarding the Sustainability Resolution. I hope you will join us for this important Sustainability Forum. Together we can assist us in improving Hawaii for the generations for come. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo nui Loa,

Trevor Tanaka

**Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship Resolution**

[https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2013/bills/HCR178\\_SD1\\_.htm](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2013/bills/HCR178_SD1_.htm)

**VIDEO: Trevor Tanaka Presentation**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=3&v=7gGFIPmwG\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=7gGFIPmwG_4)

**Press**

**Kona High School Senior's Resolution Making Waves in Legislature**

<http://www.civilbeat.org/2013/04/kona-high-school-seniors-resolution-making-waves-in/>

**Konawaena senior promotes vision for sustainable education at Capitol**

<https://www.hawaii247.com/2013/04/04/konawaena-senior-promotes-vision-for-sustainable-education-at-capitol/>

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