

9. **Mobile Billboards (HB2708 SD2) Support.** Prohibits commercial advertising for compensation on vehicles (the “Admobile”). This version allowed for higher penalties than the final draft. Vote 4/11/2006. Became law.
10. **Automatic Approval Fix (SB2406 SD1 & SB2413 SD1) Support.** Fixes the existing “automatic permit approval” law, a law that allows permits or rezonings to be approved by default if a deadline passes while a government agency or board is still deliberating the application. Automatic approval jeopardizes our coastal resources, scenic vistas and native Hawaiian rights. SB2406 addressed tie-vote issue and SB2413 was a total repeal. Vote 3/7/2006. Failed to pass.

House Bills (Bills 1 – 4 same as Senate)

5. **Lateral Coastal Access (HB1442 HD2) Support.** Required developers and subdividers to provide a right-of-way or easement to connect existing or proposed shoreline access points for reasonable public access along the shoreline, unless precluded by topography, so the public can easily and safely traverse shoreline areas. Vote 3/8/2005. Failed to pass.
6. **Land Use Law Amendments (HB1368 HD1) Oppose.** A dramatic weakening of Hawaii’s land use law. Originally aimed at “fixing” the court ruling that stopped the luxury Hokuia development in South Kona, this measure would have exacerbated rural sprawl and increased speculation on farmland statewide. Vote 2/17/2006. Failed.
7. **Land Use Law 2 (HB1368 HD2) Oppose.** Identical measure as #6, with the exception of a defective start date. Both votes on this measure were included on the scorecard to reflect the importance of this issue to Hawaii’s sustainability. Failed.
8. **Recycling Expansion (SB3181 HD2) Support.** Expands deposit law program to include 2 liter containers; improves reporting system for recyclers; requires set hours for redemption centers; and makes other improvements based on t audit. Vetoed.

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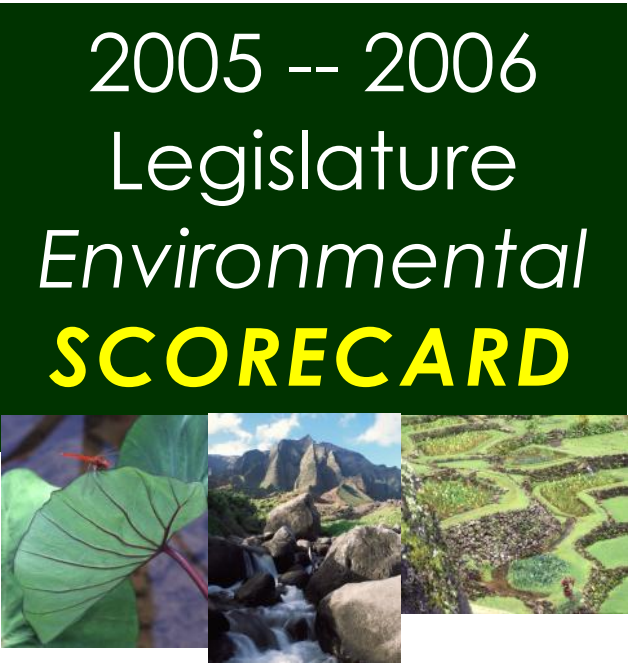
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Who’s advocating a sustainable Hawai`i at the State Capitol?
The Sierra Club is keeping score.

This scorecard serves as a measure by which to compare the environmental actions of Hawaii’s lawmakers. While the environmental record of any one legislator can only be judged by all of his or her actions, a scorecard provides a rough guide of each legislator’s level of environmental stewardship as compared with other legislators. The scores were calculated based on a combination of floor votes on environmental bills that were a priority to the Sierra Club and a “sustainability index”: a measure of other environmental actions (bill introductions, committee votes, advocacy) the legislator took during the sessions (scale of 0 – 4 represented in the chart as turtles). Each legislator’s score is a percentage of the maximum points (14 Senate; 12 House). Bills and actions were selected based on breadth of issues, distinctions among legislators, and consistency in actions. *Senate and House scores are based on different measures, so comparisons between the two are not valid.*



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July 12th, 2006

SENATE		District	SCORE	Other Actions	1. Legacy Lands Act	2. Coastal Lights	3. 50% Important Farmland	4. Clean Energy Incentives	5. Coastal Access	6. Genetically Modified Taro	7. Recycling Centers	8. Corporate Donations	9. Mobile Billboards	10. Automatic Approval Fix	NOTES
Sen. HOOSER, Gary	7 - Kauai and Niihau	93%	0000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A strong environmental advocate. Introduced and pushed many measures; was the lone protest vote in the Senate over a questionable "ag tourism" bill (HB2145 CD1). Helped stop a proposed weakening of the state land use law (HB1368 HD2).
Sen. IHARA, Les, Jr.	9 - Kaimuki - Palolo	92%	0000	+	+	-	+	ab	+	+	+	+	ab		A strong, behind-the-scenes advocate for Hawaii's sustainability.
Sen. ENGLISH, J. Kalani	6 - Lanai - Molokai - Hana	86%	0000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		Usually a strong environmental advocate; introduced many green measures. Strengthened a measure in his committee to require grocery stores to redeem beverage container; strongly advocated for a higher percentage of clean energy sources.
Sen. CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	13 - Sand Island - Nuuanu	79%	000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		Generally supportive of the environment; introduced a measure to address hazardous waste in fertilizer (SB2679 SD1).
Sen. FUKUNAGA, Carol	11 - Tantalus - Punchbowl	79%	000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		Generally very good. Introduced a measure to require curbside recycling on Oahu (SB2918), but did move to hold a measure in her committee that would have prohibited biopiracy (SB1425).
Sen. HEE, Clayton	23 - Kahuku - Haiku Valley	79%	000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		Typically good on the environment, introduced successful measures to protect ophi from overharvesting (SB2006) and protect Ahu o Laka, the sandbar in Kaneohe Bay, from overuse (SB2004).
Sen. NISHIHARA, Clarence	18 - Waipahu - Pearl City	79%	000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		Helpful quiet advocate for environmental concerns.
Sen. TSUTSUI, Shan	4 - Waihee - Paia	77%	00	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	ab	+	+		No distinguishing actions, but did help bring attention to the problems of the Superferry.
Sen. BUNDA, Robert - President	22 - Central, N. Shore Oahu	71%	00	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		As Senate President, allowed senators to advance some sustainable legislation, but did not demonstrate impressive environmental leadership.
Sen. KANNO, Brian	19 - Makakilo - Kapolei	71%	00	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		No distinguishing actions.
Sen. KIM, Donna Mercado	14 - Kalihi - Halawa Valley	71%	00	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		No distinguishing actions.
Sen. SAKAMOTO, Norman	15 - Moanalua - Pearl Harbor	71%	00	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		No distinguishing actions, voted to hold in committee a measure to allow energy cooperatives (SB1556 SD1).
Sen. BAKER, Rosalyn	5 - Lahaina - Kihei	64%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+		No distinguishing actions; went along with the chair's motion in committee to defeat a good energy cooperative bill (SB1556 SD1).
Sen. HANABUSA, Colleen	21 - Nanakuli - Makaha	64%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+		Advocated for measures to penalize those who start brushfires (SB2941, SB951), but repeatedly refused to hear a repeal of automatic permit approval in her committee (SB1595 SD1).
Sen. IGE, David	16 - Alea Heights - Waimalu	64%	000	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+		No distinguishing actions, but assisted in protecting farmlands from a major amendment to the land use law (HB1368 HD2).
Sen. KOKUBUN, Russell	2 - Keeaau - Volcano - Kahuku	64%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+		Advocated for the legacy lands act, but also strongly pushed a measure that would have weakened the land use law (HB1368 HD2). Introduced some good measures (SB1884), but did not allow some important shoreline and land use measures (HB1020 HD3, HB1938 HD2, HB760, SB1011) to pass his Committee.
Sen. ESPERO, Willie	20 - Waipahu - Ewa	57%	00	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+		Introduced some good measures, like requiring solar on new homes (SB1083), but opposed increasing the net energy metering cap (SB1003 SD2) and energy cooperatives (SB1556 SD1).
Sen. HEMMINGS, Fred	25 - Lanikai - Hawaii Kai	57%	00	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	Strong on energy and certain other issues, but frequently a vocal critic of strong environmental legislation; introduced a good criminal littering measure (SB2850).
Sen. INOUE, Lorraine	1 - Hilo - Waimea	57%	00	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+		Opposed a measure to increase inspections for invasive species by allowing Dept. of Ag to establish a fee at ports of entry (SB3080); did not hear other green measures in her committee.
Sen. TANIGUCHI, Brian	10 - Manoa - portion of Makiki	54%	0	+	+	-	ab	+	-	+	-	+	+		As Chair of Ways and Means, failed to hear many good green bills; pushed weakening Hawaii's hazardous waste law (SB788).
Sen. HOGUE, Bob	24 - Kaneohe MCAB - Kailua	50%	0	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+		Rarely a proponent of green legislation; voted to hold a measures to regulate bioprospecting (SB1425) and to allow energy cooperatives (SB1556 SD1) in committee.
Sen. MENOR, Ron	17 - Mililani	50%	0	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+		A significant impediment to renewable energy; numerous good clean energy bills met their fate in his committee (SB1000 SD1, SB2784, SB1553, SB1710 SD1, SB1556 SD1).
Sen. TRIMBLE, Gordon	12 - Ala Moana - Iwilei	21%		-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-		Frequently the lone opponent to many good green bills, including reducing methyl tertiary-butyl ether from gasoline (SB3182 HD1), appropriating funds for Waiehu Beach Park (SB3110 HD1), Hawaiian architecture standards (SB3180 CD1), Hawaiian experience on the Land Use Commission (SB2929 CD1), and voted against many others (HB422 CD1, SB884 SD1, SB2909 CD1, SB2406 SD1, SB2360 SD2, SB3179 SD2).
Sen. SLOM, Sam	8 - Hawaii Kai - Kahala	14%		-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-		Vocal opponent to good environmental legislation; cast the lone no vote against increasing clean energy reform (SB3185 CD1). Also voted against cruise discharge regulation (HB422 CD1), increased recycling opportunities (SB212 CD1, SB3106), later public access requirement (SB1884 SD1), fixing automatic permit approval (SB2909 CD1, SB2406 SD1), and standards for hazardous waste in fertilizer (SB3179 SD2).
Sen. WHALEN, Paul	3 - Kona Coast	8%		-	-	-	+	ab	-	-	-	-	-		Against many good environmental measures, including lateral public access (SB1884 SD1), automatic permit approval fixes (SB2909 CD1, SB2406 SD1), and standards for hazardous waste in fertilizer (SB3179 SD2).

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HOUSE	District	SCORE	Other Actions									REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS
				1. Legacy Lands Act	2. Coastal Lights	3. 50% Important Farmland	4. Clean Energy Incentives	5. Lateral Coastal Access	6. Land Use Law 1	7. Land Use Law 2	8. Recycling Expansion	
Rep. MORITA, Hermína M.	14 - Hanalei - Kapa	100%	0000	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	MORITA: Very strong environmental supporter; the only demerit was from failure to fully support the Administration's clean energy package and to support bills that would require retailers to redeem beverage containers (SB2972 SD1).
Rep. WATERS, Tommy	51 - Lanikai - Waimanalo	100%	0000	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	WATERS: Sustainability advocate; introduced good bill to ensure oversight of large projects (HB1069), key vote in stopping a bad bill to shorten land use appeal process (HB1441); the lone no vote ever questioned a "ag tour km " bill (HB2145 CD1).
Rep. BERG, Lyla B.	18 - Kahala - Kuliouou	92%	0000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	BERG: Strong environmental proponent who introduced many green measures; was one of two protest votes against a bad energy bill (HB1434 HD3).
Rep. SCHATZ, Brian	25 - Tantalus - Makiki	92%	0000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	SCHATZ: An all-around advocate and strategist for sustainability policies. Introduced many good measures; held the leadership of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources accountable for management failures and pushed departmental audit.
Rep. SHIMABUKURO, Maile	45 - Waiānae - Makaha	92%	0000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	SHIMABUKURO: Strong on the environment; introduced many good bills.
Rep. THIELEN, Cynthia	50 - Kaneohe MCAB - Kailua	92%	0000	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	THIELEN: Strong on environmental protection. A vocal advocate for meaningful energy reform. Introduced measure to prohibit the use of drinking water on golf courses (HB1627). key vote in stopping a bill to shorten land use appeal process (HB1441).
Rep. TAKUMI, Roy M.	36 - Pearl City - Manana	91%	000	+	+	+	+	+	ab	+	+	TAKUMI: Generally supportive of environmental legislation.
Rep. CALDWELL, Kirk	24 - Manoa	90%	0000	+	+	-	+	+	ab	ab	+	CALDWELL: Environmental advocate. Introduced numerous environmental measures, including a measures to require Honolulu to adopt curbside recycling (HB3096), reduce greenhouse gas emissions (HB512, HB2232) and others.
Rep. CARROLL, Mele	13 - Lanai- Molokai - Hana	83%	0000	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	CARROLL: Generally strong on the environment; was a key vote in stopping a bad bill in committee that would have shortened the land use appeal process (HB1441).
Rep. HALE, Helene H.	4 - Portion of Kaeau - Kalaheena	82%	000	+	+	-	+	+	ab	+	+	HALE: Historically an environmental advocate, will be missed.
Rep. OSHIRO, Blake K.	33 - Alea - Halawa Valley	80%	000	+	+	-	+	+	ab	ab	+	OSHIRO: Generally a supporter of green legislation; helped to amend bad hazardous waste bill (HB1462 SD1).
Rep. CHING, Corinne	27 - Nuuanu, Puunā, Liliha	75%	00	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	CHING: Generally good on the environment, but opposed the creation of the sustainability task force (SB1592 CD1) during the 2005 override session, changing her previous vote.
Rep. LUKE, Sylvia	26 - Dowsett Highlands - Makiki	75%	000	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	LUKE: Leans green and has helped stop bad bills in her Judiciary Committee, but has also stopped good measures, such as the muddy runoff prevention bill (HB12) and the hazardous waste in fertilizer bill (SB2679).
Rep. WAKAI, Glenn	31 - Moanalua Valley - Salt Lake	75%	000	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	WAKAI: Introduced some good green legislation; great at questioning special interests that appear before committees.
Rep. GREEN, Josh	6 - Kailua-Kona - Keauhou	73%	000	+	+	-	+	+	ab	-	+	GREEN: Introduced many good bills.
Rep. EVANS, Cindy	7 - Makalewena - Waimea	67%	000	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	EVANS: Generally green and introduced many good bills, but was the lone no vote on a noise pollution reduction bill (HB2710 HD2).
Rep. KAHIKINA, Michael Puamamo	44 - Nanakuli - Luualaei	67%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	KAHIKINA: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. LEE, Marilyn B.	38 - Millani Mauka	67%	000	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	LEE: Generally strong on sustainability issues; introduced good legislation.
Rep. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	21 - Kaimuki - Kapahulu	67%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	NISHIMOTO: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. SAIKI, Scott K.	22 - Moiliili - McCully	67%	00	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	SAIKI: Generally good on the environment, but could use his position in House leadership to push better environmental legislation.
Rep. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.	30 - Alewa Heights - Fort Stearter	64%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	ab	+	ARAKAKI: No distinguishing actions
Rep. TANAKA, Kameo	10 - Kapahua - Kihel	64%	00	+	+	-	+	+	ab	-	+	TANAKA: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	42 - Portion of Waipahu - Ewa	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	CABANILLA: No distinguishing actions
Rep. CHONG, Pono	49 - Enchanted Lake - Kaneohe	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	CHONG: Leans green, but no distinguishing actions.
Rep. KANOHO, Ezra R.	15 - Hanamaulu - Lihua	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	KANOHO: Strong supporter of the Legacy Lands Act, but introduced measure to make creation of marine managed areas more difficult (HB2587); also did not pass automatic approval repeal bill from his committee (SB2413 and HB852).
Rep. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	41 - Village Park - Waikale	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	KARAMATSU: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	46 - North Shore Oahu	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	MAGAOAY: Supports North Shore of O'ahu environmental concerns, but otherwise no distinguishing actions.
Rep. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	39 - Wahiawa - Whitmore Village	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	OSHIRO: Failed to use his position in House leadership to push strong environmental legislation.
Rep. SAY, Speaker Calvin	20 - St. Louis - Palolo	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	SAY: As speaker, strongly pushed measures to allow Hukula development to proceed, used leadership to coerce members to support land use "fix" measure; otherwise could be a stronger leader for sustainability.
Rep. SONSON, Alex M.	35 - Pearl City - Waipahu	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	SONSON: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. TAKAI, K. Mark	34 - Pearl City	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	TAKAI: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	1 - Hawi - Hilo	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	TAKAMINE: Not bad on the environment, but generally followed leadership and allowed many good environmental bills to flounder in his Finance Committee.
Rep. TSUJI, Clift	3 - Portion of Hilo - Puna	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	TSUJI: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	12 - Pukalani - Uupalakuu	58%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	YAMASHITA: No distinguishing actions, quickly backtracked on measure he supported to elevate agricultural water interests at the possible expense of the environment.
Rep. HERKES, Robert N.	5 - Mountain View - Kaimali	50%	0	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	HERKES: A mixed bag; he worked to establish South Kona Wilderness area protection, but supports automatic approval of development permits; he weakened a bill to fix automatic approval in his committee (HB852).
Rep. HALFORD, Chris	11 - Keoneolo - portion of Kihel	50%	00	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	HALFORD: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. ITO, Ken	48 - Heala - Haku Valley	50%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	ITO: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. PINE, Kimberly	43 - Ewa Beach - Iroquois Point	50%	00	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	PINE: Wants to go green, but failed to distinguish herself as an advocate; opposed tightening land use law to prevent county abuse (HB1938 HD2).
Rep. YAMANE, Ryan I.	37 - Waipahu - Millani	50%	00	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	YAMANE: No distinguishing actions.
Rep. ABINSAY, Felipe P. "Jun"	29 - Sand Island - Kapalama	45%	0	+	+	-	ab	+	-	-	+	ABINSAY: Occasionally elevates the interests of large agriculture over those of the environment; did not allow a measure to charge user fees for invasives inspection (HB407) to pass out of his committee.
Rep. SOUKI, Joseph M.	8 - Waihee - Wailuku	45%	0	+	+	-	+	+	ab	-	-	SOUKI: Not an environmental supporter; supported weak cruise ship discharge regulation (HB422) instead of others his Transportation Committee controlled; did not hear erosion rate-based setback measure in committee (HB795 HD1).
Rep. CHANG, Jerry L.	2 - Portion of Hilo - Keaukaha	42%	0	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	CHANG: Opposed strong cruise ship regulation, generally not strong on the environment.
Rep. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C.	16 - Nihau - Waimea - Kokee	42%	0	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	KAWAKAMI: No distinguishing actions. Opponent of the bottle deposit program.
Rep. FINNEGAN, Lynn Berbano	32 - Lower Aiea - Pearl Harbor	33%	0	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	FINNEGAN: Voted against a measure to encourage reverse vending machines for recycling (SB212 CD1), and opposed the creation of the sustainability task force (SB1592 CD1) during the 2005 override session, changing her previous vote.
Rep. NAKASONE, Bob	9 - Kahului - Paia	27%		+	+	-	ab	+	-	-	-	NAKASONE: Not an environmental supporter; opponent of the bottle deposit program.
Rep. STONEBRAKER, Bud	17 - Hawaiki Kai	20%		-	-	-	ab	+	-	+	ab	STONEBRAKER: Generally does not support green legislation; voted against measure to provide incentives for reverse vending machines for recycling (SB212 CD1), changed vote on sustainability task force in override session (SB1592 CD1).
Rep. MARUMOTO, Barbara	19 - Waiālae Iki - Kaimuki	17%		-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	MARUMOTO: Introduced measures to control electronic wastes and hazardous substances, but opposed tightening the land use law to prevent abuse (HB1938 HD2); also opposed allowing the counties to opt out of automatic approvals (SB2909 CD1).
Rep. MOSES, Mark S.	40 - Makakilo - Kapolei	17%		-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	MOSES: Solidly opposed to good environmental legislation; against cruise pollution prevention (SB1002 HD1, HB422 CD1) and efficient state vehicle fleets (SB1427 CD1), changed vote on two green bills during override (SB1262 CD1, SB1592 CD1).
Rep. MEYER, Colleen R.	47 - Lale - Hauula	8%		-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	MEYER: Frequently the lone no vote on green legislation, such as cruise pollution prevention (SB1002 HD1), muddy runoff (HB12), reverse vending machines (SB212 CD1), lateral public access (SB1884 HD1), shoreline protection (HB1020 HD3).
Rep. STEVENS, Anne V.	23 - Portion of Waikiki, Ala Moana	88%	000	NA	NA	NA	+	NA	+	+	+	STEVENS: Generally good on the environment, but too early to tell; was a strong advocate for protecting Kakaako makai.
Rep. HARBIN, Bev	28 - Kakaako, Iwilei, Honolulu	38%	0	NA	NA	NA	+	NA	-	-	+	HARBIN: Too soon to tell, but tends to elevate business interests above sustainability interests.

Joined Legislature in 2006 session

SCORECARD BILLS

Senate Bills

- Legacy Lands Act (HB1308 CD1) *Support*.** This landmark legislation that created a dedicated funding source for purchasing coastal lands, watersheds, and wild areas. Uses a portion of the increased conveyance tax for funding the land conservation fund, Natural Area Reserve system, and affordable housing programs. Vote 5/3/2005. Became law.
- Coastal Lights (HB895 CD1) *Support*.** Prohibits large floodlights and spotlights that are for decorative or aesthetic purposes from shining out into the ocean. Such lighting can adversely affect migratory birds, turtles, and marine life. Vote 5/3/2005. Became law.
- 50% Important Farmland (HB1640 CD1) *Oppose this version*.** Originally a decent measure to fulfill Hawaii's constitutional mandate to identify "Important Agricultural Lands (IAL)," this bill was amended just days before the final vote to include a provision which restricts IAL designation to only 50% of any one landowner's property unless they give consent. Promises to fix this loophole in the subsequent session went unfulfilled. Vote 5/3/2005. Became law.
- Clean Energy Incentives (SB2957 CD1) *Support*.** Increases and makes permanent the renewable energy tax credits for solar and wind. Income tax credits for residential photovoltaic systems increased from \$1750 to \$5000; commercial systems credit doubled to \$500,000. Includes the creation of other clean energy programs. Vote 5/2/2006. Became law.
- Coastal Access (SB2635 SD1) *Support*.** Clarified that obstructions to the sea or to or along the shoreline are prohibited and clarified that inland public recreational areas include public trails. Required that agencies protect public rights-of-way to coastal or inland recreational areas. Vote 3/7/2006. Failed.
- Genetically Modified Taro (SB2749 SD1) *Support*.** Established a 5-year moratorium on the genetic manipulation of Hawaiian taro, an important cultural food and symbol. Vote 3/7/2006. Failed to pass.
- Recycling Centers (SB2972 SD1) *Support*.** Required grocery stores and other retailers of a certain size to redeem beverage container deposits, vastly increasing recycling convenience statewide. Hawai'i is the only state of the 11 states in the nation with bottle deposit laws that does not require retailers to take back containers. Vote 3/7/2006. Failed to pass.
- Corporate Donations (SB2922 CD1) *Oppose*.** Removed limit on political action committee donations, essentially allowing corporations and organizations to transfer unlimited funds to a political action committee. Citizen organizations feel this would invite undue corporate influence in local elections. Vote 5/2/2006. Failed.