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Statement of Approval
Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
At its October 28th, 2020 meeting
In support of Item 3.II

Hawaii's oceans are being impacted by climate change. The damage from greenhouse gas emissions have led to rising global temperatures, subsequent ice melt and changing water chemistry. These changes impact the oceans, impeding their ability to sequester carbon and to provide a resilient coral reef ecosystem in Hawaii's nearshore waters.

As the state works to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change, incorporation of ocean actions into our climate actions is imperative for our island state surrounded by ocean. There is a synergy between actions to combat, adapt, and build resilience against ocean acidification, and our general actions to address climate change. To encourage the coordination of these actions, the Commission approves the general work being undertaken under Hawaii's membership in the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification in 2018. The drafting and completion of the State of Hawai'i Ocean Acidification Action will be submitted as a voluntary commitment for the U.N's Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 14, with a focus on ocean acidification under SDG 14.3.

To further this work:

1. The Commission approves of the five goals of the State of Hawai'i's Ocean Acidification Action Plan, as listed below:

1. Increase scientific understanding of ocean acidification in the region (SDG 14.3);
2. Reduce carbon dioxide emissions and land-based sources of pollution (SDG 13);
3. Build adaptation and resilience of coastal communities to impacts of ocean acidification (SDG 14);
4. Increase public understanding of ocean acidification (both general public and legislature) (SDG 14.3); and
5. Build and continue international collaboration and support.

2. The Commission encourages any and all coordination and collaboration within State of Hawai'i with counties, other states, and federal, private, and academic partners to enhance action on ocean and climate issues.