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This General Plan needs to be thrown out and redone!

Here are a few reasons why:

- It is too vague. The language is not clear what the plan wishes to accomplish. There are MANY concerning sections that sound like rights, freedoms, and property are at risk with this plan.
- Page 111, section 17.4: "*Land use application shall **identify** as early as possible any existing or potential active living corridors that should be **incorporated** into the counties open space network.*" This sounds like you'll be looking at people's property to take for open space because they apply for land use. That is not Pono and is an invasion of privacy!
- 2.2 Biocultural Stewardship Goal (1.13): "***Incentive** private land management practices that enhance natural resources and values and when appropriate **pursue the acquisitions** of lands for the protections of natural resources.*" We've seen your incentives like the tax incentives on Maui, which is costing people thousands if they don't do what the government wants. You want to acquire land to protect natural resources and values. Who gets to decide what are natural resources and values? Whose values are they? Why do you think it's your right to "pursue" acquiring someone's private property?!!
- You have an entire section on climate change that looks to take away many freedoms and rights. Did you know there are close to 2K credentialed scientists from around the world that state there is no climate danger? <https://clintel.org/world-climate-declaration/> The reason for this narrative is the change these policies will create will **increase** the pocket book of investors in renewable energy as it reduces freedoms for the general population.
- Page 116, 19.7: "*Concurrency reviews should incorporate **reduction in vehicle miles traveled** to mitigate traffic impacts and achieve sustainability and **demand management goals**.*" The Constitution says we have the right to travel! It is not the right of the Planning department to "demand" that your management goals reduce that right! Anything that reads, "Reduce vehicle miles traveled" should be removed from this plan!

Please take a look at this pdf that shares a lot more issues with this general plan. https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_b34739e4c99c461685de4c0207bf286e.pdf

This General Plan must be redone with the people and the future keiki in mind, which this plan does not do!

Thank you!
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