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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Director, Office of Planning; December 2015 - Present**

**Acting Director, Office of Planning; March 2014 – December 2015**

Responsible for the management, budgeting, and oversight of the Office of Planning. Responsible for overall development of policies, execution of studies and reports generated by all divisions of the office, and represents the office before the State Legislature, Executive Branch agencies, communities and the public.

**Planning Program Manager, Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program; June 2011 – December 2015**

Responsible for management, budgeting and implementation of the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. Responsible for developing policies and applicable background information for policies affecting Hawaii's Coastal Zone Management Area. Oversight on the Update of the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan, Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program, and other planning and environmental aspects of the Program.

**Sr. Regulatory Analyst, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; April 2009 – June 2011**

Responsible for implementing policies relating to regulatory affairs, and providing substantive direction for the development, preparation, submission, presentation, and execution of significant investigations and other major regulatory matters before the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission in the focus areas of Integrated Resource Planning, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Reviewed and prepared applications, written testimonies, and other regulatory documents consistent with Company policy, Hawaii regulatory law, and regulatory decisions. Assist in the development, interpretation, and administration of the Company's Tariffs and Rules.

**Sr. Resource Planning Analyst, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; Aug 2005 – April 2009**

Responsible for management and coordination of the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process for subsidiary Maui Electric Co, Ltd., including development of 20-year long-range and 5-year action plans that meet customer needs, corporate/shareholder goals, and regulatory reporting requirements. Coordinated approximately 8 to 10 intra-company and inter-subsidiary IRP team members/groups, and outside consultants. Assist in the planning and execution of public Advisory Group and stakeholder meetings.

- Developed and completed major update of Maui Electric Co., Ltd's Integrated Resource Plan within target completion date and estimated budget.
- Analyzed, recommended, and implemented as necessary, new or improved planning techniques, processes, procedures, and/or methodologies to increase process efficiency, and cost/process timing reductions.
- Performed analysis of new strategic opportunities and definition of impacts upon the company's long term planning and regulatory activities.

**Project Planner/Manager, SSFM International, Inc.; Feb 2002 – July 2005**

Responsible for planning, permitting, environmental impact assessments and statements, and overall project management for diverse projects worked upon by the company.

- Successful management and implementation of planning, engineering, construction and renovation projects totaling over \$25 million for various clients (Federal, State, and County agencies, and private entities) in Hawai'i, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the Republic of Palau.
- Authored and managed various State and Federal environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, planning reports, and related documents.
- Performed technical (qualitative and quantitative) planning analysis for various projects.

**Planner, Planning and Program Evaluation Division, Hawaii State Judiciary; Oct 1998 – Jan 2002**

Responsible for providing planning and program evaluation support to the Office of the Administrative Director, various court jurisdictions (judges and administrators), and affiliated governmental agencies.

- Staffed and performed research for Judiciary committees examining various topics related to judicial administration, including changes to the operational administration of the Judiciary.
- Successfully updated the Statewide Judiciary Security Plan in coordination with employees, judges, administrative directors, and stakeholders; developed and implemented operational and facility renovation recommendations.
- Managed annual reviews and periodic updates of contracts and agreements between the Judiciary and the State Department of Public Safety, including private vendors for provision of materials and services.

**Staff Planner, State Land Use Commission, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, State of Hawaii; Jan 1992 – Oct 1998**

Responsible for providing planning and policy evaluation support to the members of the State Land Use Commission.

- Reviewed and performed research of boundary amendment petitions, special permit applications, county land use applications, environmental impact statements, and other related documents to assist Land Use Commissioners in its quasi-judicial decision making process.
- Performed policy research and analysis on land use, infrastructure, utility, and planning related activities in Hawai'i.
- Reviewed and completed major amendments of the Commission's administrative rules.

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**EDUCATION**

**Hawaii Pacific University – Master of Business Administration degree (With Distinction)**

**University of Hawaii – Manoa – Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree**

**University of Hawaii – Manoa – Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science**

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS**

**American Institute of Certified Planners, July 1994 – present**

**American Planning Association, National and Hawaii Chapter, September 1988 – present**

**Hawaii Pacific University Alumni Global Network, 2008 – present**

**University of Hawaii Alumni Association Life Member, 1992 – present**