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Aloha Rob . Thank you for the clarification. Michael explained the situation by phone yesterday. While I understand the logic and am empathetic to your situation..

Unfortunately I think we have now moved into the "Unintended Consequences" scenario so prevalent when dealing with the legislature. Late Friday HTDC ( Yuka) was ordered by Senator Kim's office to provide Board minutes and contracts with DragonBridge. While we are completely clean on the contracts, I have no idea what the internal HTDC Board minutes may say. I have heard that Jay Fidel was against DragonBridge working with the State in China. Jay stone walled me when I tried to answer any of his concerns. Probably fallout from Act221.

With the Advertiser asking me " about my financial support for Governor Lingle as the reason that I won the bid" , and the focus on DragonBridge, I think I could be dragged into this in what would falsely appear to be a conflict situation. Facts tend to get lost in political battles. I think the Advertiser still thinks I have something personal to gain from HiBEAM's role in H2E.

With this turmoil in mind, I have submitted my resignation as Chair of the UH Centennial Campaign---UH can't afford to impact the final 2 years of the \$250 Million campaign and it looks like I could become a distraction. David McClain hasn't yet accepted my resignation but is not a happy camper.

You both understand Hawaii politics far better than I do, but I suspect ( no insider info---just my opinion) that no one will get the Hydrogen Fund management. Not a big deal for H2E or me, but not good for Hawaii.  
As they say---what goes around comes around.

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From: Robert J. Robinson [mailto:rjrobins@hawaii.edu] Sent: Monday, September 03, 2007 11:41 PM To: Weinman, Barry  
Cc: Michael Pfeffer  
Subject: Re: Advertiser article about the Hydrogen Fund

Hi Barry

I know you spoke with Mike -- we initiated no complaint against HiBeam or anyone from the H2 group. As Mike apparently told you, after the Advertiser story came out we lodged an appeal with DBEDT as we were advised that we needed to do that in order to have any chance of an overrule. Sen. Kim has since contacted us and asked us to appear tomorrow, we are not sure what she will be asking.

As I hope you saw from the story today, our only public statement was very professional and limited in scope.

Best,

Rob.

At 1:02 PM -0700 09/03/2007, Weinman, Barry wrote: Aloha Rob & Michael .. I would like to clarify something---I had the feeling at our Thursday meeting that Kolohala did not initiate the Hydrogen Fund issue with the Advertiser or with the Legislature. Today's ( Monday's) Advertiser seemed to indicate that Kolohala did initiate the complaint against HiBEAM.

Was I wrong in my assumption about Kolohala's role?

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