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Statement of
THEODORE E. LIU
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Thursday, January 24, 2008
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312
in consideration of
HB 2003
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ENERGY POLICY FORUM.

Chair Morita, Vice Chair Carroll, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the concept behind HB 2003. There have been many good ideas introduced this legislative session that support the State's economic development goals. We hope the legislature will see it fit to support, pass and fund these ideas, together with the priorities of the Executive's Supplemental Budget.

HB 2003 would appropriate funds so that the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum can continue to implement the vision, concepts, and recommendations of the updated ten point plan to meet Hawaii's energy goals. While the Forum has made considerable progress to date, it would be valuable for them to implement the detailed action plans, continue discussion, and continue to promote greater community awareness of energy issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

County of Hawai'i

January 22, 2008

Rep. Hermina M. Morita, Chair
Rep. Mele Carroll, Vice Chair
And Members
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008, 8:30 AM
Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI

Re: HB 2003 RELATING TO THE HAWAII ENERGY POLICY FORUM

I wholeheartedly support HB 2003. I urge the passing for HB 2003 and the appropriation for the continuation of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum.

I urge you to pass HB 2003.

Aloha,

Bob Jacobson

Testimony before the House Committee on
Energy & Environmental Protection

H.B. 2003 Relating to the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum

Thursday, January 24, 2008
8:30 a.m., Conference Room 312

By William A. Bonnet
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Government & Community Affairs
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.

Chair Morita, Vice Chair Carroll, and members of the Committee:

My name is Bill Bonnet and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., and its subsidiary utilities, Maui Electric Company, Ltd., and Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.

Hawaiian Electric Company supports House Bill No. 2003 which proposes to make an appropriation for 2008-2009 to continue the work of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum.

The Forum plays a unique role in energy policy. It brings to the table a variety of energy stakeholders including representatives of businesses, non-profits, government, environmental organizations and academia to discuss and develop policy regarding Hawaii's preferred energy future. From these discussions come consensus positions that have been submitted to the Legislature in recent sessions and which, in many cases, the Legislature has seen fit to enact into law. Hawaiian Electric was a founder and remains an active member and supporter of the Forum.

The proposed funding would enable the Forum to build on its past work by developing a detailed long-term energy policy, with short-term strategies and benchmarks for measuring the progress of these strategies, among other activities. Supporting continuation of the Forum would be a very worthwhile investment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF WARREN BOLLMEIER ON BEHALF OF THE HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

HB 2003, RELATING TO HAWAII ENERGY POLICY FORUM

January 24, 2007

Chair Morita, Vice-Chair Carroll and members of the Committee I am Warren Bollmeier, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance (HREA). HREA is a nonprofit corporation in Hawaii, established in 1995 by a group of individuals and organizations concerned about the energy future of Hawaii. HREA's mission is to support, through education and advocacy, the use of renewables for a sustainable, energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly, economically-sound future for Hawaii. One of HREA's goals is to support appropriate policy changes in state and local government, the Public Utilities Commission and the electric utilities to encourage increased use of renewables in Hawaii.

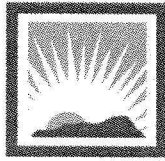
The purpose of HB 2003 is to appropriate funds to reconvene the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum to develop an action plan, timeline, and benchmarks, and to further engage Hawaii's leaders and stakeholders in implementing the Forum's visions, concepts, and recommendations for Hawaii's preferred energy future.

We believe the Forum has provided valuable policy recommendations to the key policy and decision makers and consumers in Hawaii.

While Forum members, who are key energy stakeholders in Hawaii, donate time to participate in the Forum's meetings and activities, we believe it is appropriate to provide funds to University of Hawaii as an independent organization, to provide for the staff and expenses to support their leadership and coordination of the Forum and its activities.

Thus, as a member of the Forum, HREA strongly supports this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION
IN REGARD TO H.B. 2003
RELATING TO THE HAWAII ENERGY POLICY FORUM
BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2008

Chair Morita, Vice-Chair Carroll, my name is Richard Reed I represent the Hawaii Solar Energy Assn. (HSEA). I am also a member of the University of Hawaii Energy Policy Forum.

HSEA strongly supports the passage of H.B. 2003. I have represented the HSEA on the Forum since its inception and I believe our collective progress in moving forward a consensus-based energy agenda in Hawaii is directly related to the Forum's vision, leadership, decision making model and outreach.

The U.H. Energy Policy Forum is an inclusive group that brings together a broad cross section of energy stakeholders to develop and implement a preferred energy future. The Forum's essential work in fully establishing its Ten Point Plan for Hawaii is on-going and deserves your continued financial support.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.