

THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
TIME: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: University of Hawai'i at Hilo
200 W. Kāwili Street
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
Room UCB-127 (Ho'oulu Terrace)

A M E N D E D A G E N D A

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The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the renewable energy producer provisions of section 171-95, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) (originally enacted as Act 102, Session Laws of Hawaii, 2002) and the subsequent action taken by the Board of Land & Natural Resources at their meeting held on Friday, November 14, 2008 in the Kalanimoku Building in Honolulu. A probable outcome of the hearing may be proposing amendments to section 171-95, HRS, to allow other alternative energy entities to participate in the process prior to selection, to provide better public notification of pending applications, and to hold the decision-making meeting on the island where the project is proposed to occur.

Section 171-95, HRS, is available for review via the Legislature's website: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/site1/hrs>
Act 102, SLH 2002, is available for review via the following link: [Act 102, SLH 2002](#)

DECISION MAKING WILL NOT OCCUR AT THIS HEARING. Should the Committee decide to take action on proposed amendments to the renewable energy producer provisions of section 171-95, HRS, additional hearing(s) will be scheduled during the 2009 legislative session to receive testimony on legislation introduced for this purpose.

Invited to participate in the hearing:

Department of Land & Natural Resources
Department of Business, Economic Development, & Tourism
Sunfuels Hawai'i, LLC
Hāmākua Biomass Energy, LLC
The Hāmākua community
Lessees affected
Hawai'i Forest Industry Association
Hu Honua Bioenergy

Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in one of the following ways at least 24 hours prior to the hearing:

- **In Person:** 1 copy of their testimony to the Committee Clerk, Room 228, State Capitol.
- **By FAX:** Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms Office at 586-6659 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands), at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. When faxing, please indicate to which committee the testimony is being submitted and the date and time of the hearing.
- **By E-mail:** Testimony may be emailed if less than 5 pages in length, to WTLTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
E-mail sent to individual offices or any other Senate office will not be accepted.

LATE TESTIMONY – Testimony received after the testimony deadline will be posted on the legislature's website after the hearing ends. If you are testifying in person, please bring twelve (12) copies of your testimony to the hearing room and submit it to the committee clerk PRIOR to the start of the hearing.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., sign or foreign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) please contact the committee clerk 24 hours prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made.

Please note: Documents made available through the Testimony hyperlink(s) above may not be posted until the start of the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CLERK AT 586-7330.

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair

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