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TESTIMONY OF JODY ALLIONE ON BEHALF OF NOVO DEVELOPMENT CO.LLC
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

HB 1050, RELATING TO ENERGY RESOURCES

February 5, 2009

Chair Morita, Vice-Chair Coffman and members of the Committee, I am Jody Allione, testifying on behalf of Novo Development Company LLC. Novo and its partner US Renewable Group, a investment fund specializing in renewable resource development that have been working in the state of Hawaii since 2002 to promote modern waste to energy technology for the use of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) as a fuel for energy generation and to reduce the load on Hawaii's landfills. As a consultant to Novo and its affiliates, we have been working with the four counties and their staff and consultants to produce solid waste plans that would review various waste to energy technologies and include them in long term planning to reduce the volume of MSW filling up our scarce landfills.

The use of MSW as a renewable fuel has value in the state of Hawaii for the following reasons:

- (i) It is a renewable high value fuel that has been generating power on Oahu since the early 1990s providing reliable clean energy at the H-Power facility in Campbell Industrial Park.
- (ii) It reduces the load on the landfills which are increasingly difficult to site on each of the islands
- (iii) Since new landfills are scarce and the old landfills are being closed by the HI Dept. of Health, plans are being made to ship this fuel to the mainland, which in itself uses petroleum fuel for its transport which defeats the purpose of reducing fuel consumption overall.

Novo supports the intent of this bill and suggests the following amendments to the definitions of:

- (i) page 2, (7) include municipal solid waste as a renewable energy source as currently defined in HRS 269-91

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1050

Chair Morita and members of the committee:

The Blue Planet Foundation supports House Bill 1050, clarifying and further defining duties and responsibilities of the state energy office. We view this bill as a relatively straightforward housekeeping measure that provides more depth in defining the duties of the increasingly important energy office.

Blue Planet believes, however, that it may be time to consider elevating the level of energy planning and implementation in Hawai'i. If we are serious about ending our addiction to fossil fuel and seek to be powered by 100% clean, renewable, and indigenous sources, the government office charged with guiding the transition deserves greater standing and funding within state government. We would support the creation of a state Hawai'i Energy Security Authority (HESA), something akin to the existing Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA). HESA would be a stand-alone entity, tasked with all aspects of planning, permitting, and implementation of Hawaii's clean energy future. The Authority would be funded solely from a fee on each barrel of oil imported into the state; as dependency on oil decreases, so does the work of the Authority, and the budget decreases accordingly. Given Hawaii's energy independence the status, funding, and prioritization it deserves would help ensure that we achieve our clean energy goals.

Nonetheless, the simple changes in HB 1050 are supported as an interim step.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.