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**Testimony of  
LAURA H. THIELEN  
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**Before the House Committees on  
WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES  
and  
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Monday, February 1, 2010  
10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2325  
RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY**

House Bill 2325 would authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to consider including in their administrative rules (rules), allowance of renewable energy facilities in the Conservation District. The Department has established rules allowing for the application of renewable energy facilities via "public purpose" uses. An example of a renewable energy facility already permitted in a conservation district is the Maui Wind Farm project. In addition to this, the Department is proposing new rules that expressly identify various renewable energy projects as potentially permissible in the conservation district. For these reasons, the Department believes this measure is unnecessary, and will only lead to depleting the Department's already limited resources and manpower.

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TO: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Sharon E Har, Vice Chair  
*Committee/Water, Land, & Ocean Resources*

FROM: M Kapuniai, President

RE: **HB2325**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS**

Date/Time: Monday, February 1, 2010 10:00a.m.

Place: Conference Room 325  
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415 South Beretania Street

We **CANNOT SUPPORT** this bill, until the public has opportunity to review a master plan, especially for conservation and agricultural lands.

Yes, each island should focus on being sustainable, but not at the expense of turning into a windmill or solar-panel city.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process.

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February 1, 2010

## Testimony in Opposition to HB 2325 Relating to Renewable Energy

To Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources  
Representative Ken Ito, Chair , Representative Sharon E Har, Vice Chair

To Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection  
Representative Hermina Morita, Chair, Representative Denny Coffmann, Vice Chair

My name is Annette Kaohelauii and I am writing to let you know of my concerns with House Bill 2325, Relating to Renewable Energy. I am all in favor of Hawaii becoming the leader in renewable energy throughout the country, but I think we have to be careful on how we craft the enabling legislation.

The proposed amendment as set forth in this bill raises questions for me. The language seems broad, which may create other problems. All conservation zoning is designed to protect and preserve important natural resources in the conservation districts. My concern is the amended uses would include rather large structures such as wind turbines and wind farms. What will be the impact of these large-scale structures (or unknown scale) on conservation lands? I don't think we want to industrialize our conservation lands inadvertently.

Thank you for the opportunity to make my concerns known.

Yours truly,

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