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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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Chair Kim and Members of the Committee:

Kanu Hawai'i is a movement for sustainable, compassionate, self-reliant island communities with members who start with a personal commitment to "be the change" they seek. We have nearly 10,000 members from every populated island and every zip code in Hawai'i with the exception of Ni'ihau.

Since the start of the 2010 Legislative Session, more than 400 of our members have been following a handful of bills together, including HB2421. These members come from across the islands, range in age from middle school students to senior citizens, and represent all walks of life. Members have actively discussed, and voted their opinion on HB2421 and the issues it addresses. We invite you to view the ongoing voting and discussion of 8 issues/bills at <http://www.kanuhawaii.org/campaigns/details/?id=8> <<http://www.kanuhawaii.org/campaigns/details/?id=8>> .

I am testifying in support of HB2421. I have based my testimony upon the online and offline voting and discussion at the link above. The vast majority of votes cast by members on HB2421 have been in favor of the bill, however, I do not claim to speak on behalf of all Kanu members here.

Hawaii's is highly dependent on imported oil for electricity, gasoline, and jet fuel. As the price of oil continues to rise, these items get more expensive for all of us. Importing oil also means we send billions of dollars out of state, and that we add to the global warming crisis.

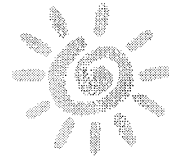
I understand that this bill would place a fee on every barrel of oil, with fees used to fund alternative energy and food security projects. The current bill would add a \$1.00 fee on each oil barrel, and I know some have argued for fees of up to \$5.00 per barrel. The revenues from the fee would fund renewable energy and efficiency projects, local agriculture and food, and other programs.

I also understand that critics of the bill argue that the barrel fee increases the cost of living during an already hard time, especially for the poor who spend more of their paycheck on essential items. This is a valid concern. The estimated impact of a \$1.00/barrel fee is about \$0.03 per gallon of gas, and about \$2 per monthly electricity bill (if the fee were \$5.00 per barrel the impact would be \$0.12 per gallon and \$10 in monthly electric bills).

However, if the fees are invested properly in local energy and food, it will protect families from the rising price of oil in the future. On balance, I support the barrel fee and the proposed uses of the funds generated.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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9:30am

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Re: HB 2421 HD1: RELATING TO GOVERNMENT

OPPOSE

Aloha Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui and Members of the Committees

Life of the Land is Hawai'i's own energy, environmental and community action group advocating for the people and `aina for four decades. Our mission is to preserve and protect the life of the land through sound energy and land use policies and to promote open government through research, education, advocacy and, when necessary, litigation.

The quickest way to get off oil is to remove all fossil fuels from the definitions of "renewable energy" and "alternative fuel"; encourage high penetration of renewable energy today, with feed-in tariffs, net metering; and give generous tax credits for installing renewable energy systems. The alternative – a submarine transmission cable/smart grid approach -- is very costly, and may not work.

HB 2421 would raise taxes during a recession. The funds would be spent in part on planning for a costly undersea transmission line and for a **Smart Grid**.

On June 5, 2009 HECO replied to a question from DCCA's Consumer Advocate with an article written by **BoozAllen Hamilton** Vice Presidents Rob Robinson & Jim Henderson called "Getting Smart":

"But it is uncertain how the smart grid will ultimately manifest itself ...These initiatives both apply new and often unproven technologies, require billions of dollars of new investment, and rely on customer and regulatory acceptance. Getting a handle on the smart grid is tricky. ... Most smart grid programs and technologies are still in the pilot or early roll-out phase."¹

Harris Polls (Feb 25, 2010)²

Consumers Have Little Awareness of Smart Grid and Smart Meters

Utility companies across the U.S. are committing billions of dollars in projects to upgrade the electric grid and install new meters in homes and businesses. Yet two thirds of Americans have never heard the term Smart Grid (68%) and 63% have not heard of Smart Meter.

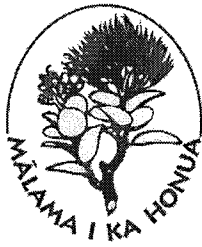
	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Not Sure
Smart Grid will increase the cost of electricity	42	24	14	20
Smart Grid will decrease the security of our electric system	31	28	18	23
I would be willing to pay 10% more right now for electricity each month to get the benefits of Smart Grid in the future	15	23	47	15

Henry Curtis

Executive Director

¹ Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 2008-0303 (Advanced Meter Infrastructure) HECO Response to CA-IR-3

² <http://news.harrisinteractive.com/profiles/investor/ResLibraryView.asp?ResLibraryID=36455&GoTopage=1&Category=1777&BzID=1963&t=30>



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 24, 2010, 9:30 A.M.
(Testimony is 2 page long)

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2421 HD2, SD1

Aloha Chair Kim and Members of the Committees:

The Hawai'i Chapter of the Sierra Club *strongly supports* HB 2421, which establishes financing to ensure Hawai'i's energy and food security security. The bill is a smart tax-shifting policy designed to foster greater energy independence by tapping into the source of our problem so as to fund our preferred future. It has the additional benefit of putting Hawai'i's money to work here on the islands instead of sending it off to the Middle East.

The concept behind this measure is to help "internalize" the external costs of certain activities; in this case, charge a fee for products that are damaging to the environment and use that money to help mitigate the damage. The link is quite clear between the use of petroleum products and corresponding impacts on our fragile island environments—not only in oil spills, which was the original impetus for the environmental response tax, but also in runoff from the roads our cars drive on, in degraded air quality, and in greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. This measure would provide additional funds for their efforts, as well as provide funding for energy efficiency projects and development of renewable energy critical for Hawai'i's long-term future.

While we all likely agree we need to aggressively increase our clean energy use in Hawai'i and decrease our reliance on imported crude, we cannot do it with funding for research, development, and policy implementation. To this end, the Sierra Club suggests similarly targeting energy efficiency and incentive programs designed to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. In fact, this should be the thrust of this fund. Such efforts will provide benefits in excess of the small fee increase. For example, creating a loan fund for the installation of solar water heaters will create economic benefits for everyone in excess of the imposition of a \$1.00 or greater charge.

Specifically, the Sierra Club recommends identifying contributions to the existing energy efficiency Public Benefit Funds Administrator (regulated by the Public Utilities Commission), which would directly increase and add efficiency incentives (such as appliance buy-back programs, free home energy audits, solar water heater and compact fluorescent/LED rebates, and

other efficiency programs. In addition, contributions should be made into direct incentive programs that are designed to maximize small, local renewable energy sources.

We further suggest raising the total proposed fee to \$5. This increase would offset the amount no longer received because of the commercial air transportation “complaints” and help ensure we are able to meet the identified goals.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony in support of HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Ways & Means Committee:

Aloha,

My name is Sara Ventura, and I am currently interested in how to assist with environmental impact and the use of clean energy. I feel that taxing oil does tap the source of the problem, and will make people more aware of the "true cost" of fuel consumption. Hopefully, by taxing oil, local residents will both shift to cleaner forms of transportation and feel good about being proactive towards improving Hawaii's environmental footprint.

Unlike many other taxes, the barrel tax is largely avoidable by most residents. Energy efficiency, conservation, and switching to clean sources of power all reduce the burden of the tax. In fact, most residents could reduce the amount of barrel tax they pay by installing some compact fluorescent light bulbs at home and ensuring that car tires are properly inflated. Ensuring that a good portion of the oil tax revenues are spent on energy efficiency initiatives will help reduce the potential regressive nature of this policy.

Please take into account my testimony regarding the clean energy investment. I sincerely appreciate your time.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,
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Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Ways & Means Committee:

I support a \$5 surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawai'i to be used to fund our clean energy future. Funds should be directed to energy efficiency projects first with a particular focus on low-income energy efficiency upgrades and solar water heating. Funds should then be used to incentivize clean energy investment, smart grid infrastructure improvements, and leveraging federal stimulus dollars for energy projects. A barrel tax is smart tax-shifting policy that discourages fossil fuel use while providing a source of revenue for clean energy planning and implementation. The surcharge will be used to create green jobs locally and help foster local clean energy innovation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Ways & Means Committee:

I am a STRONG SUPPORTER OF HB 2421 HD2 SD1.

I support a \$5 surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawai'i to be used to fund our clean energy future. Funds should be directed to energy efficiency projects first with a particular focus on low-income energy efficiency upgrades and solar water heating.

Funds should then be used to incentivize clean energy investment, smart grid infrastructure improvements, and leveraging federal stimulus dollars for energy projects.

A barrel tax is smart tax-shifting policy that discourages fossil fuel use while providing a source of revenue for clean energy planning and implementation. The surcharge will be used to create green jobs locally and help foster local clean energy innovation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Ways & Means Committee:

I am in support of taxing dirty fuels like oil in order to help fund cleaner alternatives more consistent with our state's energy goals. I support a \$5 surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawaii but feel the proposed \$1 per barrel is a good start. This provides an incentive to clean up what's fueling our transportation sector and some much-needed funds to help energy efficiency projects like solar water heating. Additional funds should be used to incentivize clean energy investment, smart grid infrastructure improvements and clean fuel vehicle purchases. While the increase in per gallon fuel prices and energy bills will be small, the benefit to the state through smart tax-shifting policy and the creation of local green jobs will be substantial.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Ways & Means Committee:

I agree with the bill imposing a \$5.00 fee onto each barrel of oil to fund clean renewable energy.

Sincerely,

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Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Ways & Means Committee:

A barrel tax is a no-brainer. Hawaii needs to move forward quickly and decisively on energy independence. A barrel tax would serve the dual purpose of funding new sustainable energy source development, as well encouraging conservation of existing oil-based energy.

As the most oil dependent state in the country, we cannot wait. Let's make our economy more secure, create new jobs, and avoid the impending crisis of skyrocketing oil prices.

Pass a bill that will impose a barrel tax of at least \$5. I'd rather see it at \$15.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony in support of HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the Ways & Means Committee:

Many people are hesitant to support this bill because they won't see immediate results. In response to this, I'd like to explain why I support HB2421 HD2 SD1.

The nature of investment is not to see immediate results, but to ensure a stable, beneficial outcome with a secure and higher payback-- clean energy is a long-term investment, arguably just as important as a quality education. By investing in clean energy and taxing imported oil, renewable and cleaner energy will look more attractive in comparison the more expensive oil. The residents of Hawai'i will learn how to take advantage of readily available renewable resources on our islands, wean ourselves off of avoidable fossil fuels, and take a step towards being a more sustainable state.

Not only will we be investing in a self-reliant future energy-wise, but career-wise too. The green market is rising exponentially elsewhere, but minimally here on our islands. Considering the limitless amount of untapped renewable-energy/resources available, combined with the lack of jobs in the green market, I am disappointed in the unfulfilled potential. As university student in my final semester, it pains me to see the number of peers I have interested in the green market moving to (or planning to move to) the mainland for "better opportunity"; yet another factor to add to our list of why there is brain drain in Hawai'i.

Please pass HB2421 HD2 SD1, which invests in a cleaner, more self-reliant future for Hawai'i.

Thank you,
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Subject: Strong Support HB2421 HD2 SD1

I am writing in support of HB2421 to create a barrel tax. For so long we have been spending our children's resources without regard for their future. This bill is a chance for us to start paying back what we owe them and give them a chance for a sustainable future.

Aloha,
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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Re: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chair Kim and members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed \$5 surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawai'i to be used to fund our clean energy future. The barrel tax is a smart solution to a pressing economic, environmental and energy security problem that will give a much-needed boost to Hawaii's transition to a clean energy economy.

With regard to the use of funds, they should be directed to energy efficiency projects first with a particular focus on low-income energy efficiency upgrades and solar water heating. Funds should then be used to incentivize clean energy investment, smart grid infrastructure improvements, and leveraging federal stimulus dollars for energy projects.

There can be no doubt that a barrel tax is smart tax-shifting policy that discourages fossil fuel use while providing a source of revenue for clean energy planning and implementation. The surcharge will be used to create green jobs locally and help foster local clean energy innovation.

For all of these reasons, I strongly urge you to support HB 2421.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

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I am in favor of the \$1/barrel surcharge on all oil brought into Hawaii. Though this imposes a cost on users that may be a hardship for some at this time, we have to take the long view and make every effort to diminish our dependence on imported petroleum. In the long run, the detriment to the sustainability of our island's economy and safety caused by NOT imposing such measures far exceeds the present day costs being considered.

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Sent from my iPhone

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I support a \$5 barrel surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawaii to be used to fund our clean energy future. Taxing imported petroleum provides an incentive for people to reduce its use as other forms of clean energy are made to be more affordable. There is a cost to polluting the commons (air, water and land) whenever a fossil fuel is extracted and used to provide energy. This cost has been subsidized for far too long to the detriment of habitat, human health and climate change. These costs must be recouped to develop new forms of clean energy before it is too late.

Thank you,

John Rogers
Ewa Beach

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From: Colby Sato [cdjsato@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 6:46 PM
To: WAM Testimony
Subject: Yes to barrel tax

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I support the 1 dollar surcharge on gas.
I live in Honolulu, Hawaii. I am a senior at Punahou School, 18 years old.

thank you,
Colby

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From: Carole Iacovelli [carole.iacovelli@gmail.com]
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Subject: SUPPORT OF HB2421 HD2 SD1

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Chair Kim and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii's is highly dependent on imported oil for electricity, gasoline, and jet fuel. As the price of oil continues to rise, these items get more expensive for all of us. Importing oil also means we send billions of dollars out of state, and that we add to the global warming crisis.

I understand that this bill would place a fee on every barrel of oil, with fees used to fund alternative energy and food security projects. The current bill would add a \$1.00 fee on each oil barrel. This fee will begin to move us toward investments in more sustainable option. Hawai'i is uniquely placed to have the most gain from investments in alternative energies.

I look forward to your support of this legislation. Thank you. Carole Iacovelli

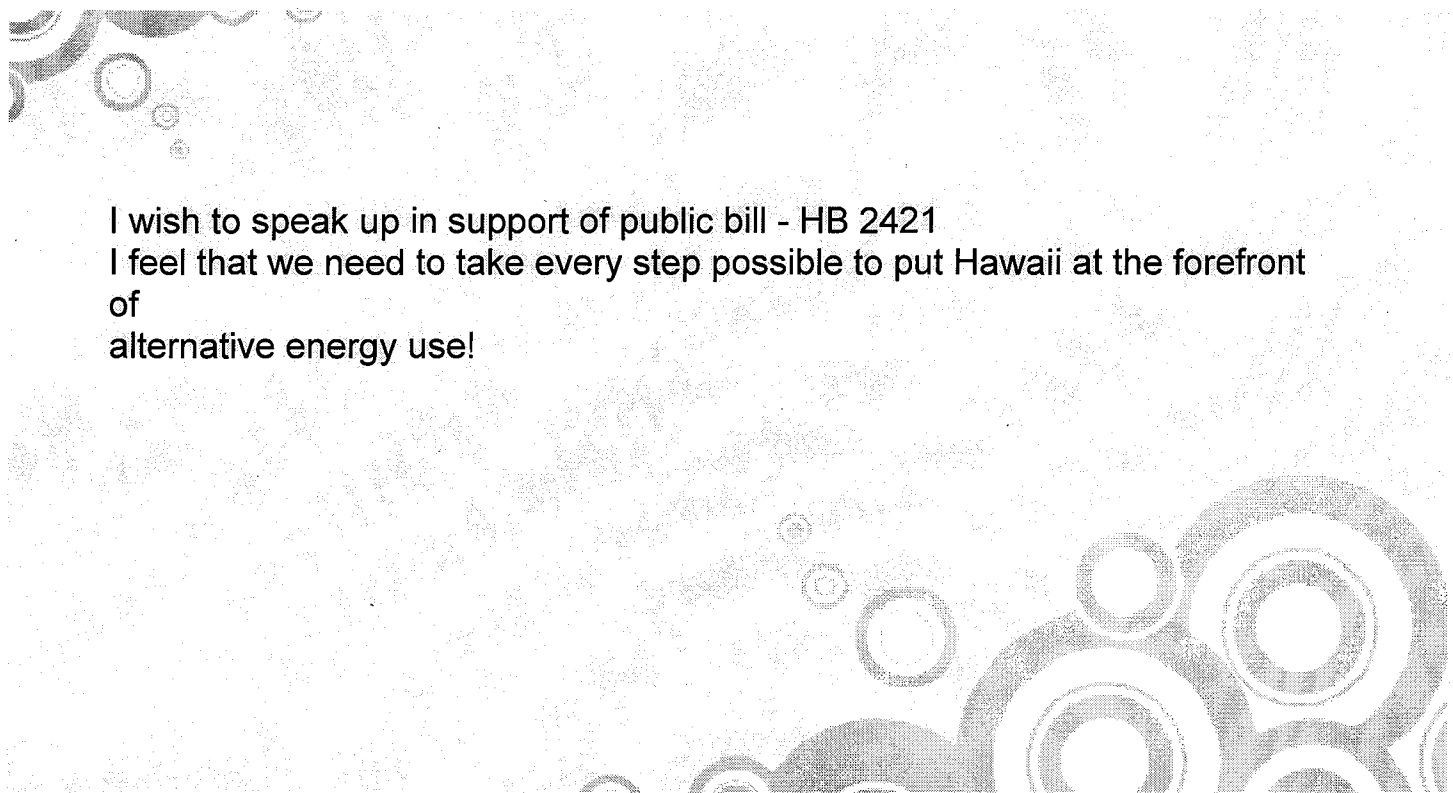
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I wish to speak up in support of public bill - HB 2421
I feel that we need to take every step possible to put Hawaii at the forefront
of
alternative energy use!

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However, if the fees are invested properly in local energy and food, it will protect families from the rising price of oil in the long run: As we move toward morerenewable energy, local food, and energy efficiency, our cost of living will no longer rise and fall with the price of oil. I support the barrel fee and the proposed uses of the funds generated. I join other members of Kanu Hawaii in supporting this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: patsy baker [patbak1@hawaiiantel.net]
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Chair Kim and members of the committee:

This is to express my support for HB2421,HD2, SD 1. I understand this bill would impose a per-barrel tax on imported petroleum products, with revenues to be directed to clean energy development and energy efficiency programs. Non-fossil energy sources are vital to our economy and will reduce our contributions to global warming caused by greenhouse gas emissions. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,
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From: Ben Discoe [ben@vterrain.org]
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Chair Kim and Members of the Committee:

I understand that Bill HB2421 would place a \$1 fee on each oil barrel. In my educated view as a Hawaiian farmer and sustainability consultant, this is a critically important measure. While \$1 is a very small amount, almost a token, it represents a powerful step in the right direction. \$5 would be far better, and \$50 would truly point Hawaii in the right direction.

Most measures that would protect Hawaiian agriculture aren't available, such as taxing cheap imported foodstuffs, which the State of Hawaii lacks the ability to do, because of the federal government's prerogative on interstate commerce. However, we CAN tax imported oil, and this protects local markets and local sources of energy. The local economy is continuously undermined by the importation of cheap energy, destroying local self-sufficiency while simultaneously deepening our dependency on fossil fuels which will someday become less available. Cheap oil is setting Hawaii up for a very bad situation.

A more appropriate amount to truly build and protect a sustainable economy in Hawaii would be \$50 a barrel, or a gradually rising rate of \$1/barrel/month for a smoother transition. However, Bill HB2421 is an extremely important first step.

Ben Discoe
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CC: My representative Mark M. Nakashima, though not on the Ways and Means committee, to keep him in the loop on the issue.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2010

Comments:

I believe success for Hawai'i has to be a public-private-NPO partnership where each partner does their utmost to effect a positive outcome in their sphere of influence while keeping in mind the agreed-upon results. Without funding for the Energy Office, we would lose a huge ally that drives much of the public portion of the above-mentioned partnership. Money from the "barrel tax" could help keep the Energy Office going so that we can do the things that need to get done.

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Hawaii's is way too dependent on imported oil for electricity, gasoline, and jet fuel. As the price of oil skyrockets in the next decade, our economy will be decimated . Importing oil also means we send billions of dollars out of state, and continued use of oil will drive prices up.

I understand that this bill would place a fee on every barrel of oil, with fees used to fund alternative energy and food security projects. The current bill would add a \$1.00 fee on each oil barrel, and I know some have argued for fees of up to \$20.00 per barrel. The revenues from the fee would fund renewable energy and efficiency projects, local agriculture and food, and other programs.

Times are tough, but will get positively rough, if we don't act now and act fast. We are in a position now to have energy independence!

Hawaii is blessed with plentiful solar, wind and geothermal power which can be tapped today.

By starting with a modest investment today, we can protect ourselves from the rising price of oil and secure a bright future for our children.

You only have to look at Haiti to see how poverty and hopelessness results from irresponsible over development and unsustainable growth.

Hawaii is the same size as Haiti but we are prosperous now and can invest in renewable energy and food security.

Please support the \$1.00 barrel fee as a start to providing a bright future for our islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 24, 2010, 9:30 A.M.

Room 211

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chair Kim and members of the Committee:

Dear Madam Chair and Distinguished Members of the Committee,

I submit that it is not only prudent and wise to support this legislation, but to successfully follow through with a Legislative Override of a VETO by the Governor (if necessary), to show with your **actions** that Hawai'i is **truly committed** to leading our nation by example and achieving our (HCEI) stated goal of being at least 75% Renewable by the year 2030. This will not be an easy task or path nor always politically popular, but that is why you have been elected to **LEAD** and make the hard decisions for not only your individual constituents but for all the people of Hawai'i most importantly for future generations! If we want to become the State that goes from being the most oil dependant to one that has independent, self generated and sustainable Renewable Energy which empowers our citizens, diversifies our economy, creates jobs and strengthens our national security, then I humbly request and encourage your support and advancement of this legislation into Law as one of the building blocks of your overall efforts.

HB 2643 is another piece of legislation that will assist in facilitating achievement our objectives by going from Memorandums Of Understanding to RE kW hrs for and by the people.

Now is your opportunity and **now** is the time to act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

With respect and appreciation for your efforts, consideration and diligence,

Michael Snyder

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 24, 2010, 9:30 A.M., Room 211

Chair Kim and Members of the Committee:

Our harvest is only as good as the strength of our nets.

Hawaii's is overly dependent on imported oil for electricity, gasoline, and jet fuel. As the price of oil continues to rise, EVERYTHING GETS MORE EXPENSIVE. Importing oil also means we send billions of dollars out of state, and that we add to the global warming crisis.

I understand that this bill would place a fee on every barrel of oil, with the specific intention the collected money is used to fund alternative energy and food security projects. The current bill would add a \$1.00 fee on each oil barrel. As island residents, we would reap greater benefit from renewable and energy efficiency projects, local agriculture and food security programs to make our 'aina more sustainable.

This bill is needed now to help the state's economic recovery effort. These additional measures can enhance our agricultural industries, and alternative energy programs giving an additional boost to the short term economic recovery efforts currently in place. We need to break our dependency to imported oil to prevent our

local economies from the compounded effects from inflating global oil prices. Investing properly to support developing stronger local energy and local food sources, will protect families from the rising price of oil in the long run: As we move toward more renewable energy, local food, and energy efficiency, our cost of living will no longer rise and fall with the price of oil. On balance, I support the barrel fee and the proposed uses of the funds generated.

Mahalo for your thoughtful consideration of this bill.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 9:30am
State Capitol Conference Room 211

Testimony in support of HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Tsutsui, and members of the committees:

I strongly support House Bill 2421 HD2 SD1 to provide funding of food and energy security through a surcharge on each barrel of oil imported into Hawai'i.

It is important to me to see that this bill gets passed because as a graduating student of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, I find it extremely important for the state to begin investing into our future. Hawai'i needs to take leadership in investing in clean energy now and it is lucky to have so many youth at the University like myself that support it and want to pursue the clean energy sector for career opportunities. Investing into this fund now, will allow the youth of Hawai'i to stay in Hawai'i and work in a green jobs industry. It is what we want.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 9:30am
State Capitol Conference Room 211

Testimony in strong support of HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chairs Kim and Tsutsui and members of the committees:

I urge the Legislature to pass HB 2642 dealing with the barrel tax and make sure that the revenue raised is used predominantly to fund the encouragement and actual installation of renewable energy projects in Hawaii. I would fully support the fee at the \$5.00 level.

It is appropriate that the source of our CO2 and peak oil problem be taxed to help change behavior and recognize the TRUE cost of using non-renewable, polluting fuels.

Mahalo.

Bill Waring

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Chairs Kim and Tsutsui and members of the committees:

I strongly support House Bill 2421 HD2 SD1 to provide funding of food and energy security through a surcharge on each barrel of oil imported into Hawai'i. Paying a few bucks more each month for the use of energy is but a micro investment into our need to become less dependent on foreign oil. May this Bill be one of many forthcoming that aim to provide our keiki with the food and energy security they so deserve.

Malama Pono,

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Testimony in strong support of HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chairs Kim and Tsutsui and members of the committees:

I strongly support a \$5 surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawai'i to be used to fund our clean energy future. The only way people will begin to support clean energy, whether you are a consumer, a company, a manufacturer, or a legislator is to show the real costs of using oil in this state. This is evidenced in the spike in interest in clean energy every time the gas prices go up. The funds collected need to go directly to energy efficiency projects first with a particular focus on low-income energy efficiency upgrades and solar water heating. Funds should then be used to incentivize clean energy investment, smart grid infrastructure improvements, and leveraging federal stimulus dollars for energy projects. We could turn our economy around, have new jobs for Hawai'i residents, and become the leading green state if we act NOW. The first state to become energy independent will receive the most attention, both in the forms of media attention, as well as monetary compensation, and it is important that Hawai'i becomes this state. Let's be a model of clean energy, not the first state to experience horrible, debilitating crisis when oil becomes scarce, or too expensive in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 9:30am
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Testimony in support of HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chairs Kim and Tsutsui and members of the committees:

Hawaii needs this bill to move our renewable energy projects forward. I support a \$5 surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawaii to be used to fund our clean energy future. Our kids need a future that is not reliant on fossil fuels. Funds should be directed to energy efficiency projects first with a particular focus on low-income energy efficiency upgrades and solar water heating. Not taking advantage of solar water heating is just not an option for Hawaii residents. The surcharge will be used to create Green jobs and the State currently needs jobs for its citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony in support of HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chairs Kim and Tsutsui and members of the committees:

I support a \$5 surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawai'i to be used to fund our clean energy future. Funds should be directed to energy efficiency projects first with a particular focus on low-income energy efficiency upgrades and solar water heating. Funds should then be used to incentivize clean energy investment, smart grid infrastructure improvements, and leveraging federal stimulus dollars for energy projects. A barrel tax is smart tax-shifting policy that discourages fossil fuel use while providing a source of revenue for clean energy planning and implementation. The surcharge will be used to create green jobs locally and help foster local clean energy innovation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
March 24, 2010, 9:30 A.M., Room 211

Chair Kim and Members of the Committee:

I founded the Kuleana Green Business Program of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce in 2005 and currently serve on the Board of the Sustainability Association of Hawaii and the steering committee of the Hawaii chapter of the Business Alliance of Local Living Economies. In order to fulfill the objectives of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Report as well as the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, I support a fee on each barrel of oil in order to spur investment in renewable energy and food security. Frankly I don't see anything as more important than this given the fragile nature of our isolated state and the need to create more locally-owned, green businesses and jobs here. Yes, adding 3 cents per gallon to gas prices is something worth noting, but it's not that big of a burden given the life cycle benefits. And, these funds can be used in part to directly support low-income energy efficiency upgrades and solar water heating so that the most vulnerable in our communities can save money on food and energy in the long term. We all need to invest in the local green economy to accelerate progress towards a more regenerative way of life that is not dependent on oil energy or shipping so much of our food into the state. HB2421 involves all of us in supporting this transition, and as such it deserves your support.

Thank you for your service to the state,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
March 24, 2010, 9:30 A.M., Room 211

Chair Kim and Members of the Committee:

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I also understand that some worry the barrel fee will increase the cost of living during an already hard time, especially for the poor who spend more of their paycheck on essential items. This is a valid concern. The estimated impact of a \$1.00/barrel fee is about \$0.03 per gallon of gas, and about \$2 per monthly electricity bill (if the fee were \$5.00 per barrel the impact would be \$0.12 per gallon and \$10 in monthly electric bills).

However, if the fees are invested properly in local energy and food, it will protect families from the rising price of oil in the long run: As we move toward more renewable energy, local food, and energy efficiency, our cost of living will no longer rise and fall with the price of oil. On balance, I support the barrel fee and the proposed uses of the funds generated.

I support this so that future generations will have a better chance at self-sufficiency in the increasingly unstable world we live in. Hawaii should be the model for sustainability, we have done it in the past and with all the technology and advancements/progress we should be able to make it a reality once again, at least more so than it is in present days. The future will be the story of how successful we were today.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 24, 2010, 9:30 A.M.
Room 211

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2421 HD2 SD1

Chair Kim and members of the Committee:

Let me first address that I am currently a junior at Mckinley High School, am a member of the Go Green club there, am signed up to take part in a HYCC conservation summer program, and am 16 years old. Within my short life I have already made the decision to be an activist for the conservation of this Earth. I try to do as much as I can, but at a rapid enough pace so as to remain focused and organized of course. Yet I do not stand idly by as pollution destroys our native plants, contaminates our water, and traps greenhouse gases within our atmosphere. It is frustrating how slow the legal process can be at times, and these times seem to be more frequent whenever a "clean energy future" is involved; the quality of life for my generation seems to be on the back burner of the government's priority. So in the instances that legislation such as this "\$5 surcharge on each barrel of oil entering Hawaii to be used to fund our clean energy future" comes around I fell it my duty to speak out, lend my support, and do everything in my power to insure its enactment. Though today's economy is on the bricks, I am sure that the people can unite and take the burden of paying increased prices for the very substance that is destroying our Earth. Consider it an investment that will be repaid ten fold. Funds should be "directed to energy efficiency projects first with a particular focus on low-income energy efficiency upgrades and solar water heating" , it should also be "used to incentivize clean energy investment, smart grid infrastructure improvements" amd be used to leverage "stimulus dollars for energy projects". I and my family are not "perfect", that is we contribute to the pollution of this Earth through use of fossil fuels, but it is not a choice, it is an inevitability. Yet it does not have to be forever. The barrel tax will put more research into clean energy "planning and implementation" so families across the island can finally have a convenient "choice" to cut down on pollution. The surcharge not only discourages the use of that which is harming the world, but provides a chance for people to generally perpetuate more frugal and clean living. The new "green jobs" that will be created in conjunction with new green technology *will "help foster local energy innovation". Let this simple law be the start of a brighter future for the future.*

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Bradley S. Suda