

For EEP Decision Making 2/9/10
from previous Hearing

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Committee Members:

I write in support of HB 2971, which requires the energy resources coordinate to include representatives from the island where a renewable energy facility is proposed to be included in determining terms and conditions of permit plan. Adds community benefits agreements as subject to determination by government agencies, applicant, and residents.

As a resident of Lana'i, a concerned citizen, a Native Hawaiian, and consumer of energy I have consciously made efforts over the years to educate myself, my family, and my students with regard to the need for renewable energy initiatives in our State. For years our students have visited various projects on Hawaii island in an effort to understand the need for conservation of resources, the importance of becoming energy self-sufficient, and the responsibility we all share for safeguarding what we hold dear in the face of efforts to "green" Hawai'i.

I wholly support this measure to include representatives from the island where a renewable energy facility is proposed to be included in determining terms and conditions of permit plan. The residents on the island of Lana'i are prime examples of a community without a voice. The only voice being heard right now is that of the majority landowner. This bill will give the rest of us a voice. The thought of Lana'i providing energy for O'ahu concerns me. We must have a voice separate of David Murdock in this and any other proposal that requires the use of land and resources on our island.

Mahalo for this opportunity to present my thoughts.

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