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SB2421: OPPOSE: RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Authorizes DLNR rules to allow renewable energy facilities in state conservation districts.

February 8, 2010

Dear Chair Gabbard and Vice Chair English,

I oppose the intent of SB2421 to create special rules for constructing renewable energy facilities in State Conservation Districts. The State has proposed a significant submarine cable/large wind turbine project within 12,000-20,000 acres of Lana'i in Conservation classified land.

Fundamental to the current law is the appropriate use of land reserved by the State for Conservation. Creation of new rules relative to uses will not resolve the loss of the use for the purposes legally designated.

More important is the full participation of residents of Lana'i in decisions related to the future of the island and community to the massive project impacting such a significant portion of Lana'i that includes significant cultural sites.

Cordially,

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