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IN SUPPORT OF SB 2551, Relating to Net Zero Energy Building Permitting

I am Darren Kimura, Co-Chair of the Energy Efficiency Working Group of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum ("Forum"). The Forum is comprised of 47 representatives from the electric utilities, oil and natural gas suppliers, environmental and community groups, renewable energy industry, and federal, state and local government, including representatives from the neighbor islands. We have been meeting since 2002 and have adopted a common vision and mission, and a comprehensive "10 Point Action Plan," which serves as a framework and guide for meeting our preferred energy vision and goals. The Forum strongly supports passage of SB 2551 as it promotes energy efficiency technology development for the State.

SB 2551 defines "net zero energy building" as one that consumes zero net energy and produces zero carbon emissions; and gives priority handling and processing for state and county permits for such projects.

Net zero energy buildings are as important to reducing carbon emissions and our use of fossil fuels as are renewable energy projects—and they are less expensive and can be brought on line more immediately. This bill is a no-cost incentive that will increase our energy efficient building stock and achieve a cleaner energy future for Hawaii.

Based on the foregoing, the Forum strongly supports SB2551. and respectfully urges passage of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

This testimony reflects the position of the Forum as a whole and not necessarily of the individual Forum members or their companies or organizations.