



Statement of

**Michael Markrich, President
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before the
**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
AND
AGRICULTURE**

in consideration of
**HB1019, HD1
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY**

Chairs Gabbard and Nishihara, Vice Chairs English and Kahele, and and Members of the Committee.

I strongly support HB1019, D1, to further move Hawaii towards food and energy security through the intended purpose of Act 73 (2010), which states these goals as a clear public benefit.

The ability of the State to acquire consistent, sustained funding for its programs and personnel enables building the capacity to meet the State's clean energy goals. Support of the State Energy Office and public/private sector partnerships such as the Rebuild Hawaii Consortium will increase Hawaii's capability to effect the energy transformation needed now and as we move forward.

The Rebuild Hawaii Consortium, established in 1998 by 21 State and local government representatives, today is a 600-member state-wide networking and information sharing group that includes federal, state, and local government agencies; schools, colleges and universities; gas and electric utilities; energy service companies, and community and private business organizations. Participants meet to share information and lessons learned from their energy efficiency and resource conservation programs, projects, technologies, practices, and products. The Consortium encourages and facilitates partnerships that help leverage the assets of its members to develop innovative solutions to energy and resource efficiency issues.

The State Energy Office has provided staff and other support to the Consortium since its inception, coordinates quarterly informational meetings, and partnership sponsorship of various events. The value of this support to the Consortium has increased as the world becomes more environmentally conscious and as the cost of fuel drives everyone to become more efficient to meet their bottom line. Our membership continues to grow and the information and professional relations developed as a result of the networking opportunities afforded by Rebuild Hawaii are considered very valuable to everyone who participates in the quarterly meetings. As Hawaii faces challenges such as the rising cost of fuel and increased globalization, Rebuild Hawaii remains a steadfast and reliable resource in the quest for energy efficiency, decreased reliability on imported oil, and better stewardship of our resources.

Thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to offer these comments.

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Comments:

I strongly support Bill 1019 HD1 as it is intended to keep Hawaii dollars being spent as a tax for the use of limited fossil fuels and recycling it back into Hawaii's economy as part of alternative energy and supporting food farms who practice food sustainability for the people of Hawaii. I hope our benevolent, wise and honorable legislators will pass Bill 1019 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.