

# HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE

46-040 Konane Place #3816, Kaneohe, HI 96744 – Telephone/FAX: 247-7753 – Email: wsb@lava.net

LATE

## Officers

President  
Warren S. Bollmeier II

Vice-President  
John Crouch

Secretary/Treasurer  
Cully Judd

## Directors

Warren S. Bollmeier II  
WSB-Hawaii

Cully Judd  
Inter Island Solar Supply

John Crouch  
SPSI, LLC

Herbert M. (Monty) Richards  
Kahua Ranch Ltd.

## TESTIMONY OF WARREN BOLLMEIER ON BEHALF OF THE HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, AND COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

SB 1482, RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSINO

February 3, 2011

Chairs Gabbard and Baker, and Vice-Chairs English and Taniguchi and members of the Committees, I am Warren Bollmeier, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance (HREA). HREA is an industry-based, nonprofit corporation in Hawaii established in 1995. Our mission is to support, through education and advocacy, the use of renewables for a sustainable, energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly, economically-sound future for Hawaii. One of our goals is to support appropriate policy changes in state and local government, the Public Utilities Commission and the electric utilities to encourage increased use of renewables in Hawaii.

The purpose of SB 1482 is to Allow the public utilities commission (PUC) to consider the benefits of capital improvements for renewable energy and energy efficiency despite the short-term expense. Requires the PUC to consider the need to reduce the State's reliance on fossil fuels.

HREA **supports** this measure as it supports the state's overall clean energy objectives. We recommend, in order to provide more specific direction to the Commission regarding the implementation of renewable energy, that the Committee also consider the following amendments to HRS §269.27.2 (b):

b) The public utilities commission [~~may~~] **shall** direct public utilities that supply electricity to the public to arrange for the acquisition of and to acquire electricity generated from nonfossil fuel sources as is available from and the producers are willing and able to make available to the public utilities, and to employ and dispatch the nonfossil fuel generated electricity in a manner consistent with the availability thereof to maximize the reduction in consumption of fossil fuels in the generation of electricity to be provided to the public. To assist the energy resources coordinator in effectuating the purposes of chapter 201N, the public utilities commission [~~may~~] **shall** develop reasonable guidelines and timetables for the creation and implementation of power purchase agreements.

Please pass the bill out with the above proposed amendment, which provides the Commission with specific direction regarding the acquisition of renewables.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.