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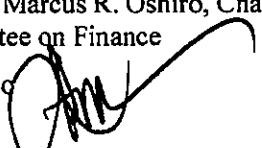


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TO: The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Danny A. Mateo  
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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 5, 2011; TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 367, SD3,  
HD1, RELATING TO ENERGY**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish a regulatory structure for the placement, operation, and possible acquisition of an undersea high-voltage electric transmission cable system that will transmit electricity generated at renewable energy facilities to other islands of the State.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I oppose this measure for the following reasons:

1. This measure states that "neighbor island" resources should be used to satisfy Oahu's energy needs. Maui County has many of its own unresolved energy issues. These issues need to be addressed and resolved before the State considers Lanai and Molokai as "abundant" energy sources to be tapped for Oahu's sole benefit.
2. This measure presumes that using high-voltage transmission cables to carry energy from Lanai and Molokai to Oahu is "feasible." But environmental and other necessary technical studies have not yet been completed and reviewed. More important, the voices of the people of Lanai and Molokai have not yet been heard. At a minimum, public meetings need to be conducted on both islands before a regulatory structure is considered.
3. This measure fails to identify why Maui County's energy resources are considered "abundant" while those on the Island of Oahu are "limited." The reader is left to wonder whether it is somehow just more palatable to allow Maui County residents to accept the environmental, visual, and other burdens associated with energy production.

For the foregoing reasons, I oppose this measure.

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Members of the finance committee

Please forgive the informality of this testimony, I have typed it this very day realizing this is the day of said testimony. It is a rushed opinion.

It seems from looking at this a little and analyzing it a little, this is another example-egregiously of- oligarchs making decisions for a perception of a want of demands by the greater population if not general knowledge of the issue; or knowledge by the very plutocratic structure of the existence of the needs of that very populace, if even more egregiously the existence of the population itself. It seems grotesque to even contemplate this measure in current form although it is not sooo egregious as others, for astoundingly it might be said, one might have been used to grotesque oddities by now given the attempts at timocratic transformation if not realization in other areas, it is however rather still what it seems and maybe; a thing which had better be another effort of and by itself. This seems to take to this path for it seems to primarily because it follows still upon that old and worn down track of yet another, yes, oligarchical monopoly deciding upon the issue. It does seem to be this circumstance when looking at the issue.

After sparse review and rushed analysis of the issue for that is what many have time for, an article --Wind Watch: Proposed Big Wind monopoly in Hawaii should be opposed--by Henry Curtis- and inclusion of the opinion and statements by Henry Curtis siteing DBEDT Office of planning in its move stating: "it is necessary for the draft EIS to explorealternatives" , the US Environmental Protection Agency mentioning: "We recommend analysis of additional alternatives as early as possible" -- No easy in-transigents to move I take by any means-- I think it would be prudent and necessary to change this proposal and hold off this legislation until much more may be comprehended by the people, those directly involved and even the horrible chances of oligarchy. Consider following the advice of what seems to more than a few when compared to the distant ply of plutocracy fishing and dallying different strings and inter island cables here and about the river casually and distantly seeing what different ploys will work and succeed. As tempting as it might be. Do not throw caution to the wind. Rather use the precautionary principle in the fiscal sense here today. You could in another sense be brave and throw caution to the wind and be prudent as well, holding it fast. Of course It does not seem like Don Quiote here tangling, there are many others who share this point. A Great many will be the supporter here. As Henry Curtis states "please hold Sb 367". It seems prudent if not wholly necessary to hold legislation and I mention not throw caution to the wind as a manner on such an important decision with regards to infrastructure here. It seems the people of Lanai and Molokai are against this program for it mainly provides supplementation of energy to another island and for there would be large infrastructural changes in their own corner in the way of road widening, power stations and other infrastructure introduced there. I site Henry Curtis's article-- \_Wind Watch: Proposed Big Wind monopoly in Hawaii should be opposed --regarding a few of these concerns by the people of Molokai and Lanai as well as concerns over this project in other respects: one party being the concerned builder and in a way focus, benefactor and rewarder of this project , the alternatives and redrafting

of this proposal not all that well carefully considered. As an alternative proposal we could put all forms of alternative energy on all islands doing so in a way which would not damage the environment rather help it be. People in Molokai would have alternatives there as would be upon many other islands. We could as well share energy with other islands as well once more in an environmentally thoughtful way. Not in a stubborn exacting crude way. Many people could expound upon this here; Like we are getting what we want however in an odd way. Like eating your gruel and liking it. People should decide what to do in terms of issues and decide upon things in a communal way using democratic structures in a democratic way.

Please hold SB 367 Oren Tsutsumi