



Testimony of C. Mike Kido
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House Committee on Finance Representative Marcus Oshiro, Chair Representative Marilyn Lee, Vice Chair

HB 1017, HD1 – RELATING TO BIOFUELS Monday, February 28, 2011 10:30 am Conference Room 308

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP would like to support the purpose and intent HB 1017, HD1 – Relating to Biofuels which modifies the renewable energy facility siting process to include biofuel production facilities and distribution infrastructure with capacity to produce or distribute one hundred thousand gallons or more of biofuel annually.

PRP believes in the promotion of energy conservation and the reduction in the State's dependence on foreign oil. In order to help meet the State's clean energy goals, its utilities will need adequate infrastructure in place to transport, distribute, and store large amounts of biofuels in Hawaii. Facilitating and expediting the permitting will enable the State's utilities to immediately increase their biofuel demand, which in turn should encourage more supply from local biofuel producers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we respectfully request your favorable consideration on HB 1017, HD1 Relating to Biofuels.



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