

Testimony before the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

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**House Bill 1099
Relating to Cost of Relocation and Undergrounding of Utility Facilities**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rouen Liu and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries, Hawaii Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company.

Position:

We support SB 1326 which allows the state or county to certify that there are sufficient funds for the utility's portion of the contract price in any state or county project.

Comments:

- Act 140, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 represented a fair payment process as agreed upon by the State Department of Transportation and the utilities for contracts pursuant to HRS 264-33. SB 1326 serves to allow that same payment process for any contract involving utility work including relocation, undergrounding or installation of new utility facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.