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Testimony for HAW 3/21/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2001

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Testifier will be present: Yes
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Comments:

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, March, 21, 2012
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2001, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST**

Senate Bill 2001, Senate Draft 1 proposes to amend the Hawaii State Planning Act to include promoting the development of indigenous renewable energy resources that are located on public trust land as a source of firm power to achieve state energy objectives. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as it is consistent with the Administration's goals and initiatives to promote renewable energy sources.

The Department is tasked with the management of geothermal resources and its development to protect the health and safety of the public and to ensure continued viability of the resource. Geothermal resources development in Hawaii is a priority and has contributed to energy diversification in the State. Geothermal energy has been proven as a viable component to meet the State's renewable energy goals and reduce the dependence on imported fossil fuels.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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Comments:



Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Time: 9:00 am
Place: Conference Room 329
Committees: House - HAW

Re: SB 2001 SD1 (HSCR 1001-12) – Relating to the Public Land Trust

Testimony in Strong Support

Aloha Representatives,

The Innovations Development Group (IDG) is a Hawaii based renewable energy Development Corporation owned by Native Hawaiians. It was created to facilitate the development of renewable energy resources of native people, and in summer 2011 presented its development model to legislators of the Energy & Land Committees.

The IDG strongly supports this measure.

This measure promotes geothermal energy as the most reliable & affordable source of FIRM power for Hawaii, and lays a clear foundation to ensure that this source of firm power will be developed in a manner that benefits those who are the legal beneficiaries of the public trust.

30 years ago Hawaiians fought geothermal development because private sector developers brought filthy cheap technology to Hawaii and proposed development of these trust resources in a manner that was disrespectful of Hawaiian Culture and environmentally toxic. Hawaiian sued to correct these abuses & won at the Supreme Court level, establishing a precedent for the protection of Hawaiian cultural rights including the right to worship & gather.

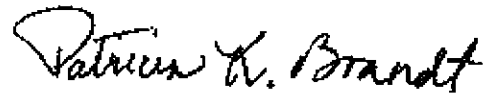
Today, we all recognize that geothermal renewable energy resources are “minerals” under State law & as such are assets of the Public Trust. The time has come for the State of Hawaii to prioritize the development of these precious resources in order to ensure that our State can become energy self-sufficient and independent in future years. In addition, the IDG believes that Public Trust energy resources should be developed in a way that brings direct and tangible benefits to the ‘consumers’ of our State who also happen to be the beneficiaries of the public trust.

The IDG has created & employed a business model which guarantees direct benefits to the public & native Hawaiian including a fair rate to rate payers, discounted energy to small business, scholarships, and the establishment of a Community Trust.

We believe that all those pursuing the development of public trust energy resources should also provide a benefit package to those who are the owners of the resource. In this time of fiscal crisis, this priority will bring badly needed revenues into the State coffers.

Please support this measure.

Kind Regards,

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Patricia K. Brandt
CEO, IDG

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Indigenous Consultants (IC) is a Hawaii based, indigenous LLC owned and operated by Native Hawaiians. It was created to assist indigenous peoples in developing their renewable energy resources in ways that are: Culturally appropriate, environmentally green and sustainable, socially responsible and economically equitable and affordable. For several years the IC has worked with Innovations Development Group in New Zealand and indigenous Maori developing geothermal resources, which are trust assets of Maori Land Trusts. In addition, the IC has acted as a consultant to other indigenous people in Hawaii and Asia who are addressing development of their trust renewable energy resources in ways that; directly benefit their people, bring in revenues, create small business opportunities and ensure fair & affordable rates to consumers, including themselves and their communities.

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Please support this measure.

Regards,

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Mililani B. Trask – Indigenous Consultants LLC