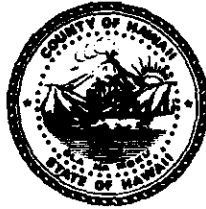


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Wednesday, 02-20-13, 2:00PM, Rm 308.
HB451 HD1 Related to Fossil Fuels

My name is Margaret Wille, Chair of the Hawai'i County Council Committee on Agriculture, Water and Energy Sustainability, testifying in **SUPPORT of HB451 HD1**.

The purpose of this measure is to levy the environmental response, energy, and food security tax on all liquid, gaseous, and solid fossil fuels.

The Energy Security Special Fund (HRS 201-12.8) primarily provides funding to the DBEDT Energy Division. "To the extent possible," the fund also provides for legislative grants-in-aid to the county economic development boards and agencies to further the goals of the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative.

Please ensure that revenue from the environmental response, energy and food security tax is sufficient to provide legislative appropriations for staffing the DBEDT Energy Division AND for critical energy sustainability programs at the county level on the neighbor islands.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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