

April 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael Gabbard, Chair

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair

Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Dear Senator Gabbard, Senator English and Members of the Committees:

I am writing in support of HCR239 relating to the facilitation for the deployment of renewable energy technologies, including waste to energy, and to attract direct foreign investment and international trade to Hawaii from the Republic of Korea.

In my role in technology-based economic development over the past several decades in Hawaii, I have seen a few areas where Hawaii is truly uniquely positioned to be a regional leader in energy projects. Waste-to-energy is one of those few areas relevant to developing countries as well as developed economies in the Asia Pacific region. It addresses global climate change concerns, green energy development and deployment, environmentally benign industry, and sustainable economic development.

HGE's waste-to-energy technology and facilities have the support of regional institutions, the Republic of Korea, and leading financial organizations for transfer to Hawaii as a testbed. Hawaii can benefit in many ways including being the site for training and technology assessment missions.

I strongly support the adoption of HCR239, and thank you as our leadership in the Hawaii State Legislature for considering the measure.

Mahalo,

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