

SB 2953

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TESTIMONY**



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Testimony in Support

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Aloha Legislators,

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.

IC supports the intent of this measure, to include the DHHL in benefits arising from the development of geothermal minerals under their trust lands. IC encourages the Governmental entities that currently share geothermal royalty funds to work collectively to come to an agreement on the best way to maximize benefits to communities that 'host' geothermal development.

Sincerely,

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