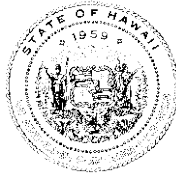


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Statement of
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Before the
Senate Committee on Finance
March 4, 2015
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HB 1384 HD1
RELATING TO THE LAND USE COMMISSION

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Committee on Finance:

The Land Use Commission (LUC) opposes HB 1384 HD1 as currently written which would require a review by the LUC for any wind turbine projects over 100 kilowatts capacity submitted under Chapter 201N, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) in the voluntary Renewable Energy Facility Siting Process as a permit plan application.

Currently, there are minimal conditions under which the LUC would review and regulate wind energy facilities under Chapter 205, HRS. Wind projects on State Conservation District lands would be regulated by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Wind projects within the State Urban District would be regulated by ordinances within the relevant County. While wind energy facilities are considered a permissible use within the State Agricultural District under Sections 205-2(d)(4) and 205-4.5(15), HRS, and they would also be regulated by ordinances within the relevant County. The only condition under which the LUC, in conjunction with the relevant County, would review and regulate such uses would be within the State Rural District, where a State Special Permit may be required.

The LUC would defer to the State Energy Coordinator and the State Office of Planning (OP) whose agencies generally review such projects for compliance with applicable statutes and rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
HB 1384, HD1
RELATING TO ENERGY.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HB 1384, HD1, which requires additional Land Use Commission (LUC) review for permit plan applications for wind turbines with over 100 kilowatt capacity and located within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of residential, school, hospital, or business property lines. For such turbines, this measure also requires the LUC, in coordination with the Energy Resources Coordinator, to review the related permit plan application.

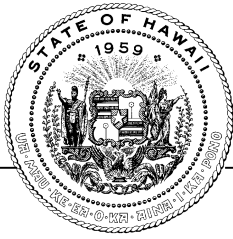
Consistent with our state energy policy directive of balancing technical, economic, environmental, and cultural considerations, DBEDT recognizes that proximity of utility scale wind turbines to populated areas is a key consideration. However, addressing this issue through the voluntary Renewable Energy Facility Siting Process under H.R.S. §201N will have minimal effect, since H.R.S. §201N is only applicable to only those projects that choose to opt into the program. Furthermore, DBEDT's Report to the 2015 Legislature on H.R.S. §201N concluded that the Renewable Energy Facility Siting Process is no longer relevant to fulfilling Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative goals and should be ultimately repealed.¹

¹ *Renewable Energy Facilitation Activities & the Renewable Energy Facility Siting Process*, Periodic Report to the Legislature, In Accordance with Act 208, Session Laws of Hawaii, 208, p. 15 (December 2014)

DBEDT also notes that it currently lacks the necessary expertise and staffing to assess the potential impacts of wind turbines on the community. Should this measure move forward, then DBEDT would respectfully request additional resources beyond its current budget to implement this measure.

DBEDT defers to the LUC and other appropriate agencies regarding the provisions of this measure impacting the permitting of wind turbines.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments regarding HB 1384, HD1.



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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
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in consideration of
HB 1384 HD1
RELATING TO ENERGY.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning (OP) opposes HB 1384 HD1 which requires additional Land Use Commission (LUC) review for permit plan applications for wind turbines over 100 kilowatt capacity and located within three-quarter mile of residential, school, hospital, or business property lines.

HB 1384 HD 1 essentially sets up a new permit review process for the LUC to administer along with the State Energy Coordinator. Such separate review specifically for wind turbine projects may not be needed or is not appropriate depending on the State Land Use District affected. In the Conservation District, the Board of Land and Natural Resources would review the project under its Conservation District Rules. The counties, and not the LUC, have regulatory jurisdiction over wind turbine uses within the Urban, Agricultural and Rural Districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015
1:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY OF JEFFREY T. ONO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF
CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, TO THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1384, H.D. 1 - RELATING TO ENERGY

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to require additional Land Use Commission review for permit plan applications for wind turbines with over 100 kilowatt capacity and located within three-quarters of a mile of residential, school, hospital, or business property lines.

POSITION:

The Division of Consumer Advocacy offers comments to this bill.

COMMENTS:

The Consumer Advocate questions whether this bill may create the unintended consequence of pushing wind farms to the neighbor islands where there is less population density compared to Oahu. By creating a buffer zone of three-quarters of a mile that will trigger an additional Land Use Commission review may result in fewer wind projects being proposed and developed on Oahu with a greater push toward projects proposed on the neighbor islands where it may be easier for developers to find sites that fall outside the three-quarters of a mile buffer zone. It is also not clear what other possible impacts this bill would have on renewable energy development generally in the State by adding additional regulatory steps to the development of wind energy projects alone.

The Consumer Advocate also questions whether the three-quarters of a mile buffer zone, if approved, is an appropriate general standard to trigger additional review of wind projects over 100 kilowatt capacity regardless of the size of the wind turbine. First, it is not clear whether the proposed three-quarters of a mile distance is appropriate or represents an accepted practice for wind development that should be adopted by the State. Second, the Consumer Advocate questions whether the three-quarters of a mile buffer should apply equally to all wind turbines when the impacts of wind turbines of varying size may not be equal. The largest on-land wind turbines are approximately 440 feet from the base to the tip of the blade at its apex. The Hawi wind farm on Hawaii Island, for example, uses wind turbines that are significantly shorter at approximately 220 feet. Thus, the basis for creating a "one size fits all" buffer is not clear.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



March 2, 2015

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Comments and Concerns in Opposition to HB 1384, HD1 Relating to Energy; Wind Turbines; Buffer Zone –Requires additional Land Use Commission review for permit plan applications for wind turbines with over 100 kilowatt capacity and located within three-quarters of a mile of residential, school, hospital, or business property lines. (HB1384 HD1)

FIN Hearing: Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 1:30 p.m., in Conf. Rm. 308

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

HB 1384, HD1. There is no stated purpose for this measure, yet this bill would **require additional Land Use Commission review for permit plan applications for wind turbines with over 100 kilowatt capacity and located within three-quarters of a mile of residential, school, hospital, or business property lines. (HB1384 HD1)**

LURF's Comments and Position. LURF opposes HB 1384, HD1, based on the following comments and concerns:

- This bill does not include any stated purpose, reason or need.
- LURF understands that wind turbines are already regulated and enforced by county ordinances.
- The three-quarter mile distance for the buffer zone restriction is arbitrary, and is not justified by any scientific, factual, or other basis.

- HB 1384 imposes an onerous and arbitrary three-quarter mile buffer zone restriction on the use of private property, without any stated purpose, justification or compensation, and thus could be found to be an “unconstitutional taking.”
- This measure is also overly broad because it applies to all types and sizes of wind turbines and would impose an unreasonable (and sometimes impossible) three-quarter of a mile buffer zone requirement. Depending on the size and location of a property, this bill could prohibit the use of clean energy alternatives such as small micro-turbines that are only a few feet in diameter, small collapsible wind turbines used by homeowners, and other small-distributed generation turbines used by residences and small businesses.
- Depending on the size and location of a property, a buffer zone restriction of three-quarters of a mile would effectively bar the consideration of wind turbines as a clean energy option.
- Unfortunately, the unintended consequence of HB 1384 is that it would adversely affect the implementation of new clean energy wind technologies in Hawaii, such as innovative wind turbines that could be integrated into the design of large buildings, or new vertical axis turbines with eggbeater-like blades that have a smaller footprint, are shorter in height and are more aesthetic and environment-friendly.

LURF respectfully submits that it would be irresponsible pass a bill without a stated purpose, which includes arbitrary requirements that infringe on private property rights, and which may potentially stifle, if not reverse the current growth of the State’s clean energy initiatives and technology. At the very least, this bill should include thorough review and analysis of all the facts, science and information relating to the proposed measure, as well as the potential consequences thereof.

For the reasons stated above, LURF must respectfully **oppose HB 1384, HD1**, and recommends that this bill be **held in this Committee**.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding this proposed measure.



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

March 3, 2015, 1:30 P.M., Room 308

(Testimony is 1 page long)

COMMENTS ON HB 1384 HD 1

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Committee:

The Blue Planet Foundation offers the following comments on HB 1384 HD 1. The prior draft of this bill imposed a blanket ban on all wind turbines within one quarter mile of a business or residential “property line.” For reasons captured in our previous testimony, that blanket ban was not good policy. We believe that HD 1 has appropriately moved away from the blanket ban in the prior draft.

We note that the bill introduces a static differentiation between wind turbines smaller, or larger, than 100 kW. Also, the bill defines a static distance between a wind turbine and a “property line” to trigger additional review. It is not clear whether these static factors are appropriate for all communities and all wind energy devices in Hawai‘i. Also, the use of a “property line” could ultimately be irrelevant to the actual location of structures or other important parts of a community. Other places around the globe have addressed these types of issues by considering metrics such as the design, size, and number of turbines, the geographical terrain, the nature of surrounding communities (e.g. residential or commercial), and other factors. Implementing such regulations should be based on sound principles of community planning, science, and the public interest in clean energy. To ensure that clean energy options remain accessible for communities around the state, we are hopeful that any version of HB 1384 that is forwarded from this committee will retain a focus on such principles.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



TESTIMONY OF TAWHIRI POWER LLC
ON HB 1384, HD 1
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015 AT 1:30 a.m.

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIR LUKE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Tawhiri Power LLC (“TPL”)¹ is an advent supporter of renewable energy, especially wind energy, in Hawaii. Therefore, TPL opposes HB1384, HD1 because it makes the siting of wind energy projects in Hawaii more difficult by making wind developers have to overcome yet another review process; this time from the land use commission. One of the unintended consequences of this additional review will result in the prolonging of Hawaii’s dependency on foreign oil and high electricity rates.

This bill, if passed, should be amended to exempt developers that had leases or fee lands for possible wind development prior to July 1, 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ TPL is an Independent Power Producer (“IPP”) that owns and operates Pakini Nui Wind Farm located in the South Point Area on the Island of Hawaii. The Pakini Nui plant generates renewable energy that is sold to the Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. pursuant to a Power Purchase Agreement.

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Laurence Tool	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Madame Chair and distinguished Finance members, I heartily support this measure. In the rush to renewable energy there is no need to set aside common sense. Communities that have welcomed giant wind turbines have ended up evacuating, once they learn about subsonic rumble, blade flicker and their impact on human health. Given the experience at Kahuku, an extra step of review and mandatory setbacks seems a truly minimal precaution. Please pass this measure.

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To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
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LATE

From: Lawrence Kahalepuna

Date: March 2, 2015

HEARING DATE: *wednesday*, March 04, 2015

I SUPPORT HB1384 HD1, Wind Turbines buffer zone.

I live in Kahuku, been there since 1982, raised my kids and now our grandkids are growing up here too. I am concerned about the state Public Utility Commission's recent approval of a power purchase agreement between Hawaiian Electric Company and Na Pua Makani Power Partners.

Our district currently has **twelve** windmills in the Kahuku valley. This decision enabled the construction of up to ten more turbines near Kahuku town. Champlin/GEI Wind Holdings, LLC, the parent company of Na Pua Makani, plans to have a draft environmental impact statement later this year. But until then, this bill would help our community to voice our concerns of health and safety for all in this plan and design of wind turbines.

HB1384 HD1 would require an additional Land Use Commission review for permit plan applications for wind turbines with over 100 kilowatt capacity and located within $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of a mile of residential, school, hospital, or business property lines.

We feel the immediate and long term impacts of the decisions you make on our behalf. Give us the voice and time we need to make this work properly. This is part of my way of getting involved. pPass H.B. 1384 HD1.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Lawrence Kahalepuna
56-150 Leleuli Place, Kahuku, Hawaii 96731

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
And members of the Finance Committee

LATE

From: Mikilani Willing

Date: 03/02/15

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, March 04, 2015

I am writing you **IN SUPPORT OF HB1384 HD1**, Wind Turbines buffer zone.

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We urge the committee to pass H.B. 1384 HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Mikilani Willing
56-274 Leleuli St.
Kahuku, HI 96731

From: Misipati Fiu

Date: March 2, 2015



HEARING DATE: *Wednesday* March *11*, 2015

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We urge the committee to pass H.B. 1384 HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

__Misipati Fiu_____
Name

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To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
And members of the Finance Committee

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From: Leimomi Weffer

Date: 03/02/15

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Leimomi Weffer
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To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
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And members of the Finance Committee

LATE

From: Ivanelle Kahalepuna

Date: March 2, 2015

HEARING DATE: *Wednesday, March 04*, 2015

I SUPPORT the passing of HB1384 HD1, Wind Turbines buffer zone.

I have lived in Kahuku for 33 years and raised my four children in this growing community. We plan to live out our lives here. Our eleven grandchildren will be affected by the choices you make. They attend school and play in the park and in the neighborhood. My concern for windmills being placed so close to our homes and community area is real. I'm sure you would have choice words to say if it was being put in your backyard. I also am aware of the plethora of needs our community faces, including sustainable energy that is cost effective. As you weigh the checks and balances here, imagine yourself and your family in our neighborhood with those towering turbines so close to your home. I'm concerned about the state Public Utility Commission's recent approval of a power purchase agreement between Hawaiian Electric Company and Na Pua Makani Power Partners.

Our district currently has **twelve** windmills in the Kahuku valley. We sure didn't feel like we had a say in that decision and how those windmills would change the landscape of our beautiful, unique countryside. They just sprouted up like giant steel weeds. This decision enabled the construction of up to ten more turbines near Kahuku town. Champlin/GEI Wind Holdings, LLC, the parent company of Na Pua Makani, plans to have a draft environmental impact statement later this year. But until then, this bill would help our community to voice our concerns of health and safety for all in this plan and design of wind turbines.

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We have been asked to participate, to share our ideas, our concerns, our fears and our dreams. I put my voice out there to you to be the voice of the people that will be most impacted and pass H.B. 1384 HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Ivanelle Kahalepuna
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To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
And members of the Finance Committee

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From: Richard Willing

Date: 03/02/15

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, March 04, 2015

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We urge the committee to pass H.B. 1384 HD1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Richard Willing
PO Box 901
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To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
Representative Justin Woodson, Vice Chair
And members of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee

LATE

From: Wendy Pagador

Date: March 3, 2015

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

I am writing you IN SUPPORT OF HB1384, Wind Turbines Buffer Zone.

I am a resident of Kahuku and would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed wind farm in Kahuku. I feel it is too close to our residential area and school. Several residents in our area feel the ones we already have affect them. I am concerned regarding the closeness of the proposed windmills will have on the value of our house.

HB1384 would establish a three-quarters of a mile buffer zone between wind turbines and any residential, school, hospital, or business property line.

This bill will allow our community to voice our concerns regarding the construction of another wind farm in Kahuku. While alternative methods to make energy are resourceful there needs to be consideration for where these systems are placed. I am against having windmills so close to people's homes, schools, and businesses.

I urge the committee to pass H.B. 1384. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Wendy Pagador

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
And members of the Finance Committee

From: Susan Willing

Date: 03/02/15

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To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
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LATE

From: Molly Curtis

Date: 3/3/15

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, March 04, 2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Wells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Too much regulation already.

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