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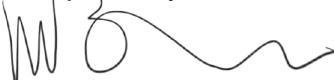
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March 3, 2015

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee, The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260 (IBEW) respectfully offers the following testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 715 (SB715) with comments.

While the IBEW agrees with and supports the purpose and intent of SB715, which seeks to further reduce Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuels, the IBEW is concerned about the impact this standard will have on Hawaii's utility, oil, and energy jobs. As these jobs provide a strong tax base, are essential to maintaining a strong middle class, and for the purpose of smoothing the transition of affected workers into sustainable local jobs, the IBEW requests the Committee amend SB715 to include language requiring the analysis and consideration of the impact this renewable portfolio standard will have on Hawaii's workers.

Respectfully,



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IBEW Local 1260



Testimony of Jerry Gibson
Area Vice President
HILTON WORLDWIDE

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hearing on March 4, 2015
SB 715 S.D.1 Relating to Renewable Standards

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee. I am Jerry Gibson, area vice president, Hilton Hawaii, writing on behalf of our thousands of guests, team members and customers.

We employ more than 4,000 team members throughout our many resorts and timeshare properties. We serve more than 2 million guests each year at Hilton Hawaiian Village alone.

On behalf of Hilton Hawaii, I'd like to offer these comments regarding SB 715 S.D. 1 relating to Renewable Standards, which defines "large self-generator". Increases renewable portfolio standards to seventy per cent by 12/31/2035 and one hundred per cent by 12/31/2040, unless the acquisition of renewable energy is not beneficial to Hawaii's economy. Establishes renewable standards for new large self-generators. Subjects new large self-generators to applicable renewable standards. Clarifies and establishes events or circumstances that are outside of an electric company's or new large self-generator's reasonable control. Establishes new large self-generator reporting requirements to the public utilities commission. Requires the public utilities commission to report on cost-effectiveness of renewable portfolio standards to address the impact on renewable energy developer energy prices.

Hilton Hawaii supports the intent of this bill as it works towards a renewable energy future, however, we are **opposed** to imposing the proposed standards on large self-generators. We feel that if passed, this measure will have unintended consequences on cogeneration systems (a.k.a. Combined Heat and Power generators or CHP's), micro grid developers and others such as hotels, hospitals, school and large landowners who are still planning to use liquefied natural gasses (LNG's) to drive their generation in effect.

There are several hotels, hospitals, schools and other facilities that plan to install LNG fueled onsite generation greater than 500 kilowatts. These projects are heavily consisted of CHP systems which are used to reduce the demand for electricity as they operate at energy efficiency levels of 60% to 90% making them the most efficient way to convert fossil fuels into usable forms of energy. Requiring these facilities to meet the proposed renewable portfolio standard will reduce the economic benefit of these projects, as well as slowing or even preventing implementation of this technology.

For these reasons we urge you to please consider deleting requirements as they pertain to large-self generators from this Bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee.

My name is Tetsuji Yamazaki and I am the General Manager of the Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa.

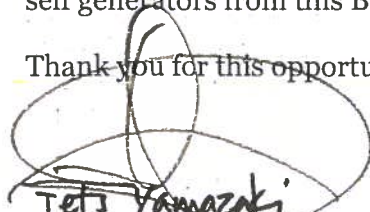
I am writing on behalf of Sheraton Maui Resort and Spa and would like to offer these comments regarding SB 715 S.D. 1 relating to Renewable Standards, which defines "large self-generator". Increases renewable portfolio standards to seventy per cent by 12/31/2035 and one hundred per cent by 12/31/2040, unless the acquisition of renewable energy is not beneficial to Hawaii's economy. Establishes renewable standards for new large self-generators. Subjects new large self-generators to applicable renewable standards. Clarifies and establishes events or circumstances that are outside of an electric company's or new large self-generator's reasonable control. Establishes new large self-generator reporting requirements to the public utilities commission. Requires the public utilities commission to report on cost-effectiveness of renewable portfolio standards to address the impact on renewable energy developer energy prices.

The Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa supports the intent of this bill as it works towards a renewable energy future; however, we are **opposed** to imposing the proposed standards on large self-generators. We feel that if passed, this measure will have unintended consequences on cogeneration systems (a.k.a. Combined Heat and Power generators or CHP's), micro grid developers and others such as hotels, hospitals, school and large landowners who are still planning to use liquefied natural gasses (LNG's) to drive their generation in effect.

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General Manager
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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee.

My name is Denise Wardlow and I am the General Manager of The Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas and the Board President for the Hawai'i Lodging and Tourism Association Kaua'i Chapter.

I am writing on behalf of The Westin Princeville Ocean Resort Villas and HLTA Kaua'i Chapter and would like to offer these comments regarding SB 715 S.D. 1 relating to Renewable Standards, which defines "large self-generator". Increases renewable portfolio standards to seventy per cent by 12/31/2035 and one hundred per cent by 12/31/2040, unless the acquisition of renewable energy is not beneficial to Hawaii's economy. Establishes renewable standards for new large self-generators. Subjects new large self-generators to applicable renewable standards. Clarifies and establishes events or circumstances that are outside of an electric company's or new large self-generator's reasonable control. Establishes new large self-generator reporting requirements to the public utilities commission. Requires the public utilities commission to report on cost-effectiveness of renewable portfolio standards to address the impact on renewable energy developer energy prices.

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