

**SB 890**



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Senator Mike Gabbard  
Chair, Committee on Energy and Environment  
Senator Josh Green  
Vice Chair, Committee on Energy and Environment  
Hearing on Senate Bill 890  
Relating to Energy  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

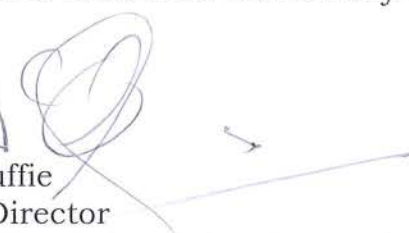
Aloha Chair Gabbard and Vice Chair Green!

Enterprise Honolulu stands in strong support of Senate Bill 890 and its intent to support the development of a smart grid for all islands of Hawaii.

The Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability will provide the structure and opportunity to address risks from natural and manmade hazards with ways of improving energy efficiency and security to the grid operations statewide.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Submitted on: 2/2/2015

Testimony for ENE on Feb 3, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Berry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The key benefit to this bill for the people of Hawaii is to finally develop an approach that will integrate renewables that enhance the stability of the grid, address peak load shifting and the ability to provide robust data sets to inform capital investments regarding electricity supply, transmission and distribution and demand. This legislation will help to explore how to combine communication networks with the standard electric grid using smart sensors and meters along the entire system's pathway and use the data to effectively and efficiently control the production and distribution of electricity. I fully support this bill and believe it is a critical step in helping to make Hawaii a true resilient community.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephen Frano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Gabbard and committee members, I support Senate Bill 890. I believe that we need to devote more effort to improving our state's energy infrastructure. I also believe that individual solar will be continue to be a significant answer to our energy needs—only if we can develop the transmission and distribution system necessary to fully support it. Just installing smart-meters on homes does nothing more than give you a better look into how much energy is being consumed. What we need is more work devoted to improving the grid system, as does SB890, to make the significant change to our state's energy problems.

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