

HB-401

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Riley Saito	County of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony for HB 401. I am testifying in strong support of this bill.

HRS 36-41 in its current form has assisted government agencies over the years to reduce carbon emissions, lower energy costs, and benefit taxpayers across the state. The County of Hawaii has initiated several programs to reduce its carbon emissions in the transportation sector. By including 'vehicles' in HRS 36-41, the County would be able to extend the benefits of this successful program to innovations in the transportation sector that result in more efficiencies and lower emissions and costs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Karen Winslow	Hawaii Farmers Union	Support	No

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 — 8:45 a.m. — Room 325

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 401, Relating to Contracting for Public Facilities

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Murray Clay and I am Managing Partner of the Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better manage waste and fresh water resources. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono strongly supports HB 401, which allows agencies to enter energy-performance contracts for vehicles, which will allow for the increased use of more efficient, cleaner forms of ground transportation in county fleets, ultimately reducing Hawai'i's dependence on imported fossil fuels.

In the past, implementing renewable energy and energy efficiency programs for buildings have lowered long-term costs for government buildings. Yet, these measures often require an upfront investment that pays for itself over time. Similarly, electric and more fuel-efficient vehicles can provide long-term savings even when accounting for a potential initial higher purchase price. Vehicles that use less gasoline also helps to reduce imported fossil fuels and carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. Allowing counties to access such options can help them meet clean transportation goals more effectively.

As Hawai'i's energy issues become increasingly complex and challenging, we appreciate this committee's efforts to look at policies that support clean ground transportation. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner

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Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

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