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Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)
Attention: Habitat Conservation Planning
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative second draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

Honorable Chair Chang and Members of the Board:

We strongly support Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative's (KIUC) draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). We understand that this plan was closely coordinated under the guidance of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW).

Further, KIUC implemented a majority of the HCP ahead of its finalization which shows their commitment to the conservation of the seabirds. It is encouraging that the results have been successful across the island to reduce the seabird powerline strikes by more than 66%.

As one of the larger landowners on Kaua'i with 37,000 acres of land, Grove Farm Company, Incorporated understands and supports the conservation of protected species and their habitat. With the support of DOFAW we developed a Nēnē habitat that successfully protected and encouraged the proliferation of an endangered species.

KIUC has made significant and steady progress in balancing renewable energy goals while providing reliable power for our residents. We respectfully recommend the approval of KIUC's Habitat Conservation Plan so they can continue with implementation of the plan and remain focused on providing safe, critical power for our Island communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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