

December 11, 2024

State of Hawai'i  
Board of Land and Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96809

RE: Agenda Item D-7, Kaheawa Wind 1 Request for Approval of a One-Year Holdover Lease

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Andrea Kealoha, born and raised on the island on Maui, and I support the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1.

By granting this request, the wind farm can continue operations to power 17,000 homes annually and help the state move toward 100% renewable energy by 2045. Renewable energy generated at this wind farm is substantially more affordable than fossil fuels and safeguards our health by avoiding harmful air pollution. Also, the wind farm supports a reliable electric grid, reducing the risk of outages.

Hawaiian Electric already selected the wind farm in its latest round of competitive bids to pursue the facility's continued operation for the next 20 years. We cannot afford to lose existing renewable electricity generation in the interim. I strongly urge the BLNR to approve the one-year holdover and allow Kaheawa Wind 1 to continue to produce clean energy without interruption. Without this existing resource, our community will face increased electricity costs, further exacerbating our high living costs.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Kealoha', written in a cursive style.

Andrea Kealoha, Ph.D  
Assistant Professor, Dept of Oceanography  
UH Mānoa

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My name is Scott Kenar, and I support the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1.

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RE: Agenda Item D-7, Kaheawa Wind 1 (KW1) Request for Approval of a One-Year Holdover Lease

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Tapani Vuori and I strongly SUPPORT the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for KW1 in Agenda Item D-7.

There are multitude of benefits with distributed renewable energy solutions, like KW1 project, for our community that support our community. I believe the benefits of this project far outweigh the perceived negatives hence I urge the BLNR to approve the one-year holdover lease and allow KW1 to continue to produce clean energy without interruption.

The opportunity for the stakeholders and especially for KW1 would be to further tie this project into our community; one upcoming project that will have a large material positive impact on land but also in the ocean is the future restoration project for the Pōhākea land (Ma'alaea Mauka – 257 acres) under the guidance of DLNR – Division of Forestry and Wildlife. This land is the point source for excessive sedimentation that is one of the two main drivers that have impaired the Ma'alaea Bay marine ecosystem resulting in a 303d classification under Clean Water Act (CWA). Having KW1 partner with the community in this restoration project would create a shining example to be emulated nationwide where multiple stakeholders collaborate to create a successful outcome.

Mahalo for your consideration,



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