

**Written Public Testimony for
September 18th, 2025
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Public Hearing for Draft Kaheawa Wind
Power I Habitat Conservation Plan**

**RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DRAFT HABITAT
CONSERVATION PLAN FOR KAHEAWA WIND POWER I ON THE ISLAND OF
MAUI**

September 18, 2025

Aloha,

My name is Dwight Burns, and I reside on Maui. I am writing in support of Kaheawa Wind Power I. For nearly two decades, this project has provided Maui with clean, renewable energy, reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and contributing to the overall health of our island.

I also value the commitment the project has shown toward protecting Hawaii's native species. Safeguarding endangered wildlife and restoring their habitats is vital for the resilience of our islands, especially as we face increasing threats from climate change, wildfires, and ongoing habitat loss.

Kaheawa Wind Power I is proof that we can pursue clean energy solutions while also caring for our environment.

I respectfully urge the DLNR to approve the new Habitat Conservation Plan so this project may continue to provide these important benefits for our community and our natural resources.

Mahalo for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dwight Burns", is written in a cursive style.

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Aloha,

My name is Jane Burns, and I am a resident of Maui. I want to share my support for Kaheawa Wind Power because I've seen the positive impact it has had on our island. For almost 20 years, this wind farm has been providing clean energy for Maui, helping us rely less on fossil fuels. That matters to me and my family because it directly affects the health of our land, air, and community.

I also appreciate that this project doesn't just focus on energy, but also works to protect endangered species and their habitats. With everything our islands are facing—climate change, wildfires, and loss of native ecosystems—those efforts are more important than ever.

To me, Kaheawa shows that we don't have to choose between clean energy and protecting our environment. We can do both, and that's something I'm proud to support.

I hope the DLNR will approve the new Habitat Conservation Plan so this project can continue to benefit both our community and our island home.

Mahalo for taking the time to consider my testimony.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jane Burns', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Aloha,

My name is Lahela Aiwohi, I'm a life long Maui resident. I strongly support the Kaheawa Wind Power I. For nearly 20 years, this project has been providing clean energy to Maui without relying on fossil fuels, which is a significant benefit to the health of our island.

I appreciate that the wind farm is helping to protect our native wildlife. Protecting endangered species and restoring their habitats is crucial for the future of our islands, particularly in light of the challenges posed by climate change, wildfires, and habitat loss.

The wind farm demonstrates that we can achieve both — support clean energy for our community and care for the environment simultaneously.

I hope the DLNR will approve the new Habitat Conservation Plan, allowing this project to continue delivering these benefits to our community.

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Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Lahela Aiwohi

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Aloha,

My name is Leah Stolley, I live in Kula and have owned a business in Kihei for nearly 20 years. I want to share my support for Kaheawa Wind Power I. For nearly 20 years, this project has been providing clean energy to Maui without relying on fossil fuels, which is a significant benefit to the health of our island.

I appreciate that the wind farm is also helping to protect our native wildlife. Protecting endangered species and restoring their habitats is crucial for the future of our islands, particularly in light of the challenges posed by climate change, wildfires, and habitat loss.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leah Stolley', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Leah Stolley

Aloha Laurinda,

My name is Kirra Downing and I support Kaheawa Wind Power I and its Habitat Conservation Plan. For nearly two decades, this project has provided clean, renewable energy to Maui, directly reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and contributing to Hawai'i's statewide goal of 100% renewable energy by 2045.

Equally important, Kaheawa has invested in protecting Hawai'i's native endangered species and ecosystems. Through mitigation and habitat restoration projects, the wind farm is providing long-term ecological benefits, and these efforts are essential at a time when climate change, wildfire, and habitat loss pose serious threats to our environment. The wind farm demonstrates that renewable energy projects can both advance energy security and contribute to the protection of native species.

I respectfully urge the DLNR to approve the new HCP so this project can continue delivering these benefits for Maui.

Mahalo nui,

Kirra Downing

Aloha,

My name is Andrea Kealoha and I live on Maui. I want to share my support for Kaheawa Wind Power I. For nearly 20 years, this project has been providing clean energy to Maui without relying on fossil fuels, which is a significant benefit to the health of our island.

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Mahalo for considering my testimony.

E nā lālā ko‘iko‘i o ke Kōmike Ho‘ōla i Nā Kumumea Pō‘ino,

Ke kākau aku nei au me ka ha‘aha‘a e hā‘awi aku i ‘elua paipai ko‘iko‘i no ka ho‘oikaika hou ‘ana i ka papahana mālama holoholona i pō‘ino o Kaheawa (Kaheawa Habitat Conservation Plan). Ua paipai ‘ia kēia mau mana‘o ma muli o ka ‘ike loa o ke kaiāulu mālama a me nā kumu o ka nohona Hawai‘i i pili i ke kuleana no ka mālama ‘ana i ka ‘āina a me nā mea ola like ‘ole.

1. Ho‘okū i nā limahana mālama kaiapuni i ka wahi hana

Aia ke kaha hana o Kaheawa ma nā po‘ohiwi o Mauna Kahālāwai, he wahi pana, a he ‘āina i piha me ka waiwai kaiapuni a mo‘omeheu ho‘i. Ma ke ho‘okumu ‘ana i nā limahana mālama kaiapuni i ka wahi hana, hiki ke ho‘okō piha i ka kuleana o ka mālama ‘āina — ka hana pono no ke kia‘i ‘ana i nā holoholona ‘ōiwi, nā wahi e ola ai lākou, a me nā kumuwaiwai kūlohelohe.

Hiki i nā limahana i ka ‘āina ke:

- Nānā koke a pane koke aku i nā pilikia e pili ana i nā holoholona, e like me nā holoholona i ‘eha, make, a i ‘ole ke luku ‘ia o nā wahi noho;
- Ho‘omaika‘i i ka mo‘opuka ‘ike no ka hō‘ike ‘ana i ke kūlana o ka HCP;
- Ho‘okō pololei i ka ho‘omalua hou ‘ana i nā hana pale e pili ana i ka hana a nā limahana o ka papahana;

- Hō‘oia i ke kuleana kūloko (kuleana maoli) e kia‘i a mālama i ka ‘āina i lalo o ka hana.

‘A‘ole wale nō he kōkua ‘enehana kēia paipai ‘ana, akā he hō‘ailona ho‘i ia o ke aloha ‘āina — ke ‘ano hana e pili ana i ka ‘ike kanaka ‘āina a me ke kuleana lawelawe ‘ana i nā wahi aloha.

2. E ho‘okō i nā hana ho‘ōla i loko nō o ka mokupuni o Maui

Paipai nui ‘ia ho‘i e ho‘okō ‘ia nā hana ho‘ōla ma ka mokupuni o Maui — ke wahi i hana ai ka hopena i nā holoholona. Ma ka nohona Hawai‘i, pono e mālama ‘ia ka ‘āina i loko o kou kuleana iho — “mālama i ka ‘āina i loko o kou kuleana.”

He mau pono nui kēia:

- Mālama pololei i nā holoholona ‘ōiwi o Maui, e like me ka ‘ōpe‘ape‘a a me ka ‘ua‘u, he mau holoholona i pili ke aloha a me ka mo‘omeheu Hawai‘i iā lākou;
- Hiki ke hana pū me nā po‘e kama‘āina a me nā kia‘i ‘āina, e kāko‘o ana i ka ho‘ohana ‘ana i ka ‘ike kūpuna a me ka ‘ike ‘epekema;
- Hō‘oia i ka mālama pono ‘ana o nā hana, ma muli o ka pili ‘ana i ka wahi hana iho.

Ke ho‘okō ‘ia nā hana ho‘ōla ma Maui, ua ho‘okō ‘ia nō ho‘i ka mana‘o o ka mālama ‘āina pili i ka wahi, he ‘ano hana i ho‘okumu ‘ia ma luna o ke aloha, ka pono, a me ke kuleana.

I ka ho‘opau ‘ana, ‘elua mau paipai ia e ho‘okō i ka pono o ka Papahana Mālama Holoholona o Kaheawa:

1. E ho‘okū i nā limahana mālama kaiapuni i ka wahi hana, a

2. E ho‘okō i nā hana pale holoholona ma ka mokupuni o Maui.

He mau hana kēia e ho‘ohui ana i ka ‘ike ‘epekema, nā koi kūnāna aupuni, a me ka nohona Hawai‘i i pili i ke aloha ‘āina. Ua ho‘okumu ‘ia kēia mau paipai ma luna o ka mana‘o o ka hana pono — ka hana kūpono, mālama, a kūlana ki‘eki‘e no nā kaiapuni kūlohelohe o Hawai‘i nei.

Mahalo iā ‘oukou no ko ‘oukou lawelawe ‘ana i ka holomua o nā hana ho‘ōla, a e kūpa‘a mau i ka mālama ‘ana i nā mea ola makepono o ko kākou ‘āina aloha.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Lokahi