

September 26, 2019

Ms. Suzanne Case  
Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources  
DLNR Main Office  
1151 Punchbowl Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Case:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) appreciates the State's commitment to protect Hawaii's natural resources and wildlife, while striving toward achieving its ambitious goal of 100% renewable energy by 2045.

Wind is a critical element of clean, renewable energy in Hawaii and accounts for a quarter of our State's renewable energy portfolio. Wind energy broadens Hawaii's portfolio diversity, thereby strengthening our energy self-sufficiency and resiliency. The wind industry has demonstrated its willingness and ability to work towards a balance between energy and environmental policies. More specifically, Kawailoa Wind has taken numerous measures, based on best practices, as determined by conservation biologists, to expand and protect the areas where Hawaiian hoary bats can nest, forage, and reproduce.

Furthermore, renewable energy projects, like Kawailoa Wind, represent viable jobs with opportunities to put our local residents to work now and into the future. These jobs will provide a way for Hawaii residents to directly contribute to Hawaii's clean energy goals and do their part in combating climate change for generations to come.

Because of the importance of wind in the State's renewable portfolio, we believe it is of utmost importance to ensure that regulatory review processes are conducted responsibly and as efficiently as possible to avoid disincentivizing wind energy as a whole.

Given the above, PRP respectfully requests BLNR's favorable decision approving both the Project's Supplemental EIS and amendments to its Incidental Take License and Habitat Conservation Plan.

Sincerely,



Michael Formby  
Executive Director  
Pacific Resource Partnership

