



Before the Board of Land and Natural Resources  
Friday, March 24, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

Testimony in Support of PSF No.:21OD-035: Issuance of Direct Lease to Hui o Hauula for Community Services and Activities Purposes; Ko'olauloa, Oahu, TMK (1) 5-4-014:003

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Hui o Hauula.

**Hui o Hauula is requesting a short-term lease with the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) for the Resilience Hub property to ensure that the property will be used as a "Resilience Park" for community recreational activities to build community resilience. This short-term lease would be incredibly beneficial to Hui o Hauula and the community of Ko'olauloa including our network of partnering agencies.**

Hawaii Energy works to empower island families and businesses on behalf of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to make smart energy choices to reduce energy consumption, save money, and pursue a 100% clean energy future. Energy efficiency – the energy we do not use – is the cheapest option to help us achieve our 100% clean energy goal by eliminating waste and being more efficient.

Hawaii Energy has partnered with Hui o Hauula over the past several years and are extremely grateful for all their efforts to support the Ko'olauloa community. 970 households were positively impacted by this partnership including: 70 online energy efficiency educational workshop, 230 Energy Star appliances were traded up and taken off the grid, 390 home energy efficiency kits were distributed through several food drives, 50 energy efficient chrome books were given to Hauula Elementary School, and 157 energy home audits were completed.

Hawaii Energy could not have done this important work without the assistance of Hui o Hauula. We appreciate all they've done and continue to do in Ko'olauloa. We wholeheartedly support the efforts to build a resilience hub as the coastline is a frontline community experiencing firsthand climate change impacts.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Carl  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i Energy