

December XX, 2024

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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

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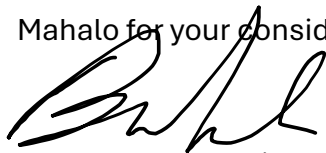
My name is Butch Buenconsejo and I strongly SUPPORT the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1 in Agenda Item D-7.

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Moreover, the wind farm was selected by Hawaiian Electric in their latest round of competitive bids to pursue the continued operation of the facility for the next 20 years. A significant benefit of this proposal to continue operations will be a \$300K per year investment back into Maui, allowing the community to determine what initiatives matter most to them.

I 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 already high cost of living.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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My name is Ipo Akana, a native Hawaiian born and raised on Maui, and I support the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1.

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Ipo Akana
Resident of Wailuku



**Hawaiian
Electric**

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**COMMENTS ON DECISION MAKING REGARDING THE DENIAL OR APPROVAL OF
A ONE-YEAR HOLDOVER OF GENERAL LEASE NO. S-5731,
KAHEAWA WIND POWER, LLC**

Friday, December 13, 2024

9:00 A.M.

DLNR Boardroom

Greg Shimokawa
Director, Renewable Acquisition
Hawaiian Electric

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

My name is Greg Shimokawa and I am submitting testimony on behalf of Hawaiian Electric regarding agenda item D.7, Decision Making Regarding the Denial or Approval of a One-Year Holdover of General Lease No. S-5731, Kaheawa Wind Power, LLC, Lessee, Ukumehame, Lāhainā, Wailuku, Maui, identified as Tax Map Key: (2) 4-8-001: portion of 001.

Hawaiian Electric is submitting this testimony in **support** of the approval of a one-year holdover of General Lease No. S-5731 to allow Kaheawa Wind Power to continue operating its 30 MW wind energy generation facility throughout 2025 under an existing Power Purchase Agreement.

Kaheawa Wind Power has historically contributed an average of approximately 105,000 MWh per year to meet Maui's energy needs. In 2023, Kaheawa Wind Power provided 41% of the wind generation and 18% of the total renewable generation on Maui. While the potential loss of generation produced by Kaheawa Wind Power in 2025 if this

holdover lease request is denied would not cause immediate generation shortfalls because it is an as-available facility, the loss of this generation would significantly increase the potential for shortfalls, particularly during maintenance of other major generation resources and unplanned outages.

In addition to increasing energy margins, this renewable resource is a proven wind energy facility with a very high (relative to the performance of wind generation resources globally) energy capacity factor. Hawaiian Electric strongly supports the granting of the holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind Power due to its unique contributions to resource diversity and resiliency in our renewable energy portfolio.

The generation produced by Kaheawa Wind Power displaces generation dependent on fossil fuels, and provides power from the wind, which is often available to serve customers during periods of peak demand and at nighttime and early mornings, when solar resources are not available. This wind resource is capable of providing energy throughout the entire day, correlates better with loads on the system than solar resources, and increases resource diversity through renewable energy not dependent on the sun, which helps provide much-needed energy security. The loss of Kaheawa Wind Power in 2025 would potentially result in higher energy costs for customers due to increased reliance on more expensive fossil fuel resources, which would also increase greenhouse gas emissions. With the fixed pricing in the existing Power Purchase Agreement, the power provided by this facility helps stabilize energy prices for customers and is vital to the State's decarbonization plans and Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) goal of 100% renewable energy by 2045.

If Kaheawa Wind Power is not able to operate for a year, this could potentially reduce the long-term generation capabilities of this resource or cause equipment deterioration that may have a negative impact on the facility's ability to reliably resume

operations in the future.

Hawaiian Electric appreciates this opportunity provided by the Board of Land and Natural Resources to testify in support of the approval of a holdover lease that would allow Kaheawa Wind Power to continue providing significant contributions to energy security, resilience, and renewable energy generation for Maui County in 2025.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.

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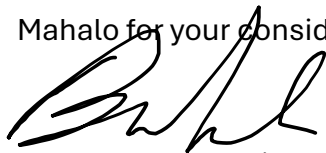
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Moreover, the wind farm was selected by Hawaiian Electric in their latest round of competitive bids to pursue the continued operation of the facility for the next 20 years. A significant benefit of this proposal to continue operations will be a \$300K per year investment back into Maui, allowing the community to determine what initiatives matter most to them.

I 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 already high cost of living.

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

I recommend that you approve a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1 in Agenda Item D-7.

By granting this request, the wind plant can continue operating, which will maintain lower electric bills and a more reliable electric grid for Maui residents and businesses. The power provided by the project has been consistently below the cost of the island's fossil-fueled generation. If the wind plant is taken offline, Maui will need to burn more oil to replace the electricity.

Also, as a complement to the significant amount of solar power on Maui's grid, the wind project supports a reliable electric system. Considering that up to 50% of the island's current fossil-fueled generation will be phased out in the coming years, Maui cannot afford to lose existing renewable electricity generation sources.

Moreover, Hawaiian Electric selected the wind project in their latest round of competitive bids to pursue the continued operation of the facility for the next 20 years. A significant benefit of the proposal to continue operations will be a \$300K per year program to invest back into the community. Under the proposed terms, a local entity will be selected to administer the funding, allowing residents to determine what initiatives matter most to them.

I urge the BLNR to approve the one-year holdover and allow Kaheawa Wind 1 to continue to produce clean energy without interruption while securing a new long-term lease. Without this existing resource, Maui will face increased electricity costs, further exacerbating the cost of living.

Mahalo for your consideration,



Jay Griffin

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

My name is Kandice Johns, 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.

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Mahalo for your consideration,

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Kandice Johns
Resident of Makawao

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

I am writing to express my endorsement for the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1 as detailed in Agenda Item D-7.

My name is Edwin "Ekolu" Lindsey, and I support the continuation of operations for Kaheawa Wind 1 under the current conditions for an additional year. This extension is crucial to ensure the ongoing benefits that the wind farm provides to the public interest. As one of Maui's pioneering wind farms, Kaheawa Wind 1 plays a pivotal role in powering approximately 17,000 households annually, contributing significantly to the State's renewable energy goals and the transition towards 100% renewable energy reliance by 2045.

The renewable energy generated by the wind farm not only offers a more cost-effective alternative to fossil fuels but also plays a vital role in safeguarding public health by reducing harmful air pollution. Additionally, the wind farm's contribution to a reliable electric grid helps mitigate the risk of power outages, ensuring uninterrupted service for the community. With plans to phase out up to 50% of Maui Island's current fossil fuel-based generation in the near future, preserving existing renewable electricity generation is paramount for a sustainable energy future.

Furthermore, the wind farm's selection by Hawaiian Electric in a recent competitive bidding process underscores its value and the importance of its continued operation for the next two decades. The proposal to extend operations will also result in a commendable annual investment of \$300,000 back into the Maui community, empowering local stakeholders to prioritize initiatives that align with their needs and aspirations.

While I advocate for the approval of the one-year holdover lease, I also urge the BLNR to hold Kaheawa Wind 1 accountable to current habitat conservation requirements. It is essential that the wind farm continues to adhere to take limits on endangered species without any alterations, and I recommend transparent reporting on the number of species taken as part of their executive summary reporting.

In conclusion, I implore the BLNR to approve the one-year holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1, allowing it to sustain its production of clean energy without interruption. The loss of this valuable resource would not only lead to increased electricity costs but also exacerbate the already high cost of living in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mahalo,

Edwin "Eko" Lindsey

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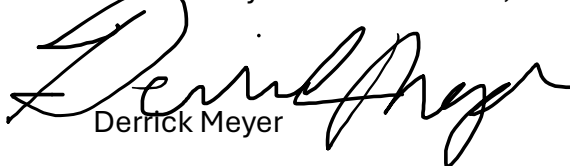
My name is Derrick Meyer and I strongly SUPPORT the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1 in Agenda Item D-7.

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

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Thomas Rouse
Resident of Makawao

From: [Stephenson, Molly](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Request - BLNR Meeting 12/12/2024 - Agenda Item D7
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 12:54:55 PM

Aloha,

I am writing to request access to the Zoom meeting for tomorrow's BLNR meeting, specifically to provide support to the Kaheawa Wind team who will be providing in-person testimony. I would like to be available to answer any questions from the board that may arise.

Name and affiliation : Molly Stephenson, Senior Biologist, Kaheawa Wind Power LLC
Email: molly.stephenson@brookfieldrenewable.com

To clarify, I do not have separate testimony to provide at this time, but would like to be able to answer questions from the board if they arise. This would be in support of David Purcell's in-person testimony that he will be presenting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mahalo,

Molly

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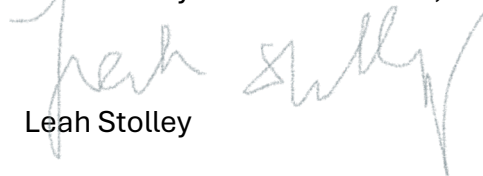
My name is Leah Stolley and I strongly SUPPORT the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1 in Agenda Item D-7.

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Leah Stolley

From: [Rob Weltman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Holdover of General Lease No. S-53171, Kaheawa Wind Power, LCC
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 8:50:26 PM

Aloha mai kākou,

I am testifying as an individual on the December 13 BLNR item concerning General Lease No. S-5731.

BLNR staff makes a strong case on failures of KWP to maintain past commitments. This should not be taken lightly. However, due to the importance to Maui and the State of rectifying and mitigating the violations and of continuing to provide wind power to Maui, a way must be found to allow KWP to complete its EIS for a new contract and to continue to provide power until the EIS has been completed and reviewed. Allowing continued operation during this time should not be construed as an affirmation of a new long-term lease but as an isolated interim measure.

Thank you.

Me ke aloha,
Rob

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

My name is Jenavi Williams, a native Hawaiian born and raised on Maui, and I support the approval of a One-Year Holdover lease for Kaheawa Wind 1.

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Jenavi Williams
Resident of Kahului