



## HAWAII LABORERS-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST

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December 12, 2025

To: **Director Dawn Chang, Chair**  
**Board of Land and Natural Resources**  
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 130  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Agenda Item D.14: Acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Kaheawa Wind Power 1 (KWP1)**

FOR HEARING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025, 9:00 AM AT KALANIMOKU BLDG. ROOM #132

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

The **Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust** (Hawaii LECET) is in strong support of the new Kaheawa Wind Power 1 (KWP1) project, and respectfully requests acceptance of their Final EIS.

Hawaii LECET's mission is to create jobs, promote quality, develop our local workforce, and expand infrastructure. We connect high-quality construction projects with a trained local workforce, ensuring that development in Hawaii is carried out safely, efficiently, and in a way that strengthens the economic foundation of our communities. KWP1 represents a significant infrastructure investment that will rely on skilled labor, modern construction practices, and the partnerships that Hawaii LECET has spent decades building between laborers and responsible employers.

This initiative provides extensive opportunities for training and upskilling local workers. These opportunities are essential for keeping Hawaii's construction workforce competitive and prepared for the next generation of energy security and other infrastructure projects.

In addition to its workforce value, the Kaheawa Wind Power initiative supports long-term affordability and reliability for Maui residents by continuing a low-cost, and clean energy resource. This benefits the broader community, including the families of the workers we represent.

KWP1 also makes efficient use of an existing site with already existing infrastructure. This approach limits new land disturbance while upgrading the technology needed to support Maui's energy system for the next several decades. Hawaii LECET asks the Board for your consideration to accept the Final EIS. We are certain the KWP1 project will deliver long-lasting value to the people of Maui.

Mahalo,

**Hawai'i Laborers & Employers  
Cooperation and Education Trust**



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Written Testimony for

**STATE OF HAWAII | KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
KA 'OIHANA KUMUWAIWAI 'ĀINA**

Friday, December 12, 2025

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**Re: Agenda Item 14 - Decision Making Regarding the Acceptance or Non-Acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Kaheawa Wind I**

Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

The Laborers International Union Local 368 represents 5000+ members working in construction, environmental remediation, maintenance, food service, health care, clerical, and other occupations, as well as in state, local, and municipal government jobs and as mail handlers in the U.S. Postal Service across the State.

Laborers International Union of North America Local 368 (LiUNA) would like to express our strong support for allowing the new Kaheawa Wind I to move forward. For our members, this project represents something Maui urgently needs, immediate on-island construction jobs that pay a sustainable-wages that keep working families here at home.

Repowering a wind farm is not routine maintenance. It is a full-scale construction effort. These are the types of jobs our members train for and depend on to sustain long-term careers. When a project of this scale happens, not only do our workers see direct benefits, but we contribute to the ongoing economic flow.

Maui needs low-cost clean resources that help stabilize the fragile and sometimes unreliable grid. The cost of housing and necessities continue to climb, and many of our members are negatively affected by the high cost of energy. This project creates a surge of solid employment that allows laborers to stay in the community where they were raised, rather than relocating.

For these reasons, LiUNA Local 368 respectfully supports this project.

Sincerely,

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