

Dear Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please accept this testimony in support of Kaheawa Wind Power's Final Habitat Conservation Plan and the issuance of the associated Incidental Take License (Agenda Item C-3), as well as the approval of the proposed long-term lease (Agenda Item D-4).

Hawai'i continues to face some of the highest electricity costs in the nation, and maintaining reliable, existing renewable energy resources is an important part of reducing dependence on imported fossil fuels and limiting long-term environmental impacts. The continued operation of current renewable infrastructure helps support energy stability while broader sustainability goals are pursued statewide.

Kaheawa Wind Power has been in operation for approximately twenty years and remains an established source of renewable energy on Maui. As no changes are proposed to the existing turbine locations or project footprint, approval of the Final Habitat Conservation Plan and long-term lease would allow operations to continue without interruption.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Board to approve Agenda Items C-3 and D-4.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,
Cedric I.Y. Cabero

Dear Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in support of Kaheawa Wind Power's Final Habitat Conservation Plan and the issuance of the Incidental Take License (Agenda Item C-3), as well as the approval of the long-term lease (Agenda Item D-4).

As a Maui ratepayer, I am already feeling the impact of rising electricity costs and the overall cost of living. Losing one of the island's existing renewable energy sources would place additional pressure on our electric system and likely lead to even higher bills for residents and businesses.

Kaheawa Wind Power I has been operating for nearly twenty years and continues to provide dependable, low-cost renewable energy to Maui. If this project were not approved, the island would be forced to rely more heavily on fossil-fuel generation, which is more expensive and exposes ratepayers to volatile fuel prices.

In addition, the project's commitment to provide \$300,000 per year in community benefits for the next twenty years helps ensure that local residents see direct value from this project.

For these reasons, I urge the Board to approve Agenda Items C-3 and D-4 so Kaheawa Wind Power can continue operating without interruption.

Thanks,

Blane Camanase

Dear Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I respectfully submit this testimony in support of Kaheawa Wind Power's Final Habitat Conservation Plan and the issuance of the Incidental Take License (Agenda Item C-3), as well as the approval of the long-term lease (Agenda Item D-4).

Kaheawa Wind Power I has been part of Maui's energy landscape for nearly twenty years, serving local families, businesses, and communities with reliable renewable power. This project is not just infrastructure — it represents stability for our island at a time when so many families are already struggling with the rising cost of living and high utility bills.

Beyond clean energy, this project will provide \$300,000 every year for the next twenty years to directly support community priorities. These funds will allow residents to decide how to invest in programs that strengthen our neighborhoods, protect our resources, and support future generations.

If this facility were taken offline, Maui would be forced to rely on additional fossil-fuel generation, increasing environmental harm and financial strain on our community. I urge the Board to approve these items so Kaheawa Wind Power I can continue operating and serving Maui without interruption.

Mahalo,

Christine Camanase



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Dawn N. S. Chang, Chair
Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources

RE: Agenda Item C-3 and D-4, Strong Support for Acceptance of the Kaheawa Wind Power I

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

On behalf of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for the acceptance of the Habitat Conservation Plan and issuance of the Incidental Take License (C-3), and to grant a long-term lease (D-4) for Kaheawa Wind Power I.

This continued operation is essential to keeping Maui's lights on with cleaner, more affordable, and more sustainable energy. Kaheawa Wind Power I lowers energy costs and strengthens Maui's grid reliability.

Maui businesses and residents continue to face some of the highest electricity costs in the nation—costs that directly affect household budgets, business viability, community well-being, and the overall cost of living.

Kaheawa Wind Power I delivers:

- Lower-cost renewable electricity
- Greater grid reliability and stability
- Reduced dependency on imported fossil fuels
- Immediate economic benefits to homes, businesses, and industry

If this Wind Power I project were taken offline, Maui would be forced to replace its output with fossil-fuel generation—leading to higher electricity rates, increased emissions, and deeper vulnerability in our already fragile energy and economic landscape. With significant fossil-fueled generation expected to retire in the coming years, Maui cannot afford to lose a single megawatt of existing renewable energy.



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We also see Kaheawa Wind Power I as a key partner in Maui's sustainability and clean energy future as it continues to support:

- Hawai'i's 100% renewable energy goals
- The state's decarbonization and climate resilience commitments
- Reduced fossil-fuel dependency
- Smaller environmental footprints compared to conventional generation
- Protection of Maui's natural environment

Further, we applaud the project's long-term commitment to community investment, reinvesting \$300,000 per year into Maui's community for the next 20 years, enabling residents to direct funds to the initiatives and priorities that matter most to them. This locally guided structure ensures that:

- Dollars stay in Maui
- Projects reflect community values
- Investments strengthen long-term resilience and quality of life

This is corporate citizenship at its best — consistent, responsible, and aligned with community needs.

For these reasons—economic stability, environmental protection, energy reliability, community investment, and alignment with Maui County and statewide sustainability goals— we are pleased to extend our support for this project and urge the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve these items for Kaheawa Wind Power I so they can continue providing clean, reliable, lower-cost energy for the next 20 years.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share our support. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

Dear Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please accept this testimony in support of Kaheawa Wind Power's Final Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take License (Agenda Item C-3) and the proposed long-term lease (Agenda Item D-4).

Kaheawa Wind Power will contribute \$300,000 annually for the next twenty years toward community benefit programs, giving local residents the ability to guide how these funds are invested in projects that matter most to them.

Denying this request would result in greater dependence on fossil fuels to meet Maui's energy needs, increasing environmental impacts. I urge the Board to approve these items so Kaheawa Wind Power can continue generating renewable energy without disruption.

Mahalo Nui,
C. Kahealani Silva

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. Kahealani Silva", is displayed within a light gray rectangular box. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.