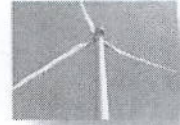
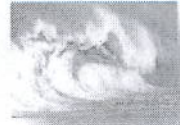


# LATE TESTIMONY



## SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

January 31, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

Room 229

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### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2420

Chair Baker and members of the Committee:

The Blue Planet Foundation supports SB 2420, a measure which provides Public Utilities Commission (PUC) members who reside outside of Oahu with a per diem allowance and weekly travel expenses.

Blue Planet supports having statewide representation on the PUC. This measure seeks to reduce the disproportionate expenses that neighbor island commissioners must currently pay out-of-pocket to participate in hearings, deliberations, and other duties on the Oahu-based PUC. We support aligning the expense reimbursement with that of elected representatives from the neighbor islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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