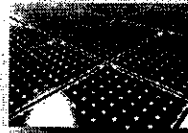




**LATE TESTIMONY**



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

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**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING INTENT OF SB 2438 SD1 HD1**

Chair Herkes and members of the Committee:

The Blue Planet Foundation supports the intent of SB 2438 SD1 HD1, but we believe the proposed policy is unnecessary and does not add significant value for the deployment of renewable energy in Hawai'i.

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) currently makes a determination of commercial readiness for deployment—as well as proposed purchase price—when analyzing power purchase agreements (PPAs) that come before them. Further, it is unlikely that developers are will propose projects using technology that is not cost effective and ready for commercial deployment.

We support providing the PUC, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute the resources to hire the expert staff and consultants to analyze projects and systems that will contribute to Hawaii's clean energy future. Both the PUC Special Fund and Hawaii's carbon tax (Act 73, 2010) should be solely dedicated to these purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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