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RE: HR46/HCR67 proposed HD1

Representing: Puna Pono Alliance

Position: Strong support

Aloha

Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair,

Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair, and committee members.

My name is Robert Petricci, I am submitting testimony for Puna Pono Alliance in strong support of HR 46 / HCR 67, Proposed HD1.

Thank you for hearing this important resolution asking the Hawaii State Department of Health to define their responsibilities, and capabilities, in regulating geothermal development, and protecting the public interest.

Serious questions were raised about DOH oversight and regulation of geothermal development in the Public Health Assessment Report, we appreciate this body trying to address some of them here.

In addition to those already outlined, we ask you to direct DOH to specifically detail, how the agency deals with short time higher exposures that continue less than an hour. This is a serious concern for those exposed to high levels of the gasses even briefly.

We would also like to see DOH recommendations for improved air quality monitoring and identification of associated costs and resources.

Finally could DOH respond directly to the recommendations of the Geothermal Public Health Assessment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Comments: Incorporation of Hawaii's treasured native plants into landscaping of roads and buildings helps ensure that they serve as habitat and sources of native plants and animals, instead of vectors for harmful invasive species. Mahalo for this thoughtful resolution.

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