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March 18, 2013

Representative Chris Lee Chair, Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection Representative Clift Tsuji Chair, Committee on Economic Development and Business Hearing on Senate Bill 15 SD2 Proposed HD1- Relating to Energy State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Aloha Chairs Lee and Tsuji!

Enterprise Honolulu stands in strong support of Senate Bill 15 SD2 – Proposed HD1.

As Hawai'i continues to improve and build upon our current economic condition – this legislation will provide a means to support Hawaii's businesses involved in all forms of biofuel production, including biodiesel and through establishing the biofuel production income tax credit.

Expanding local biofuel production is a way of reversing the effects of constantly importing fuels from elsewhere. This bill will enable Hawaii's economy to benefit from local production.

We ask for your legislative support with this important initiative.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 2013

Representative Chris Lee, Chair Representative Cynthia Thielen, Vice Chair Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

Representative Clift Tsuji, Chair Representative Gene Ward, Vice Chair Committee on Economic Development & Business

HEARING: Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 8:30am, Conference room 325

Re: In support of Senate Bill 15, Proposed House Draft 1, Relating to Energy

Dear Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members,

I am writing to urge your support of SB 15.

A Requirement of a minimum of 5% Biofuel sales in Hawai'i will support the green jobs industry, support the renewable fuel industry and support Hawai'i in reaching the States Clean Energy Initiative goals.

In terms of the green jobs industry and supporting the renewable fuel industry, biofuel production of liquid diesel from cellulosic biomass has tremendous potential in Hawai'i to support a renewable fuel industry. It is important that the State continue to provide incentives for this industry to grow and develop future cutting edge technologies.

Most recently, several breakthrough technologies have emerged including the successful production of a biofuel jet-fuel. Hawai'i should continue to support our local companies such as Pacific Biodiesel Technologies who are dedicated to producing quality fuel while utilizing industry practices that minimize the impact on the environment.

Support of SB 15 both will help Hawai'i reduce dependency on imported fossil fuels and benefit our local economy. Please support it.

Lisa Hinano Rey