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April 2, 2015

The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson and Committee members,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 169.

The pending purchase of a majority stake in Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., by NextEra Energy has far-reaching consequences for all Hawai'i, including residents of the Puna Makai whom I represent on the Hawai'i County Council.

The Public Utilities Commission should broaden the scope of the current discussion to consider public ownership of electric utility services for the purpose of lowering the cost of electricity for ratepayers.

Principals of Hawai'i Island Energy Cooperative, a nonprofit group of Hawaii Island community and business leaders, believe that there is room to discuss different models of ownership that will make management decisions in the public's interest and lead to lower energy rates.

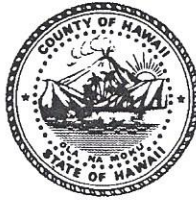
I support HCR 169 HD1 for this reason, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Greggor Ilagan
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April 2, 2015

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 169 which expresses support of further discussion on the possibility of local ownership and control of electric utilities.

The proposed NextEra Energy acquisition of Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., will have long lasting impacts on the economic stability and social fabric of our communities.

The Hawai'i Island Energy Cooperative is a group of Hawai'i Island community and business leaders exploring different public ownership opportunities for Hawai'i's electric utility service. I strongly request the passage of this Resolution to further the discussion of providing more options for those impacted the most, our local ratepayers.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

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Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

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HCR169

Submitted on: 4/4/2015

Testimony for CPC on Apr 6, 2015 14:30PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Borgnino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Keep decisions about our energy future in Hawaii. Keep money in Hawaii. Make public utility publicly owned.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brenda L. Cloutier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Heco/Helco has shown themselves to be a monopoly uninterested in alternative energy unless they can own a large piece of it, and the new owners will likely be worse! I believe our power should be a collective, not run by a mega-corporation hellbent on their bottom line, at the mercy of the people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Campagna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of this measure. HEI has been a for - profit monopoly for far too long. The best way to make sure that the best interests of the people are paramount is by either public, ratepayers ownership or non-profit grid manager status. I urge the members to pass this measure, especially in light of the pending HEI sale to Nextera....who, would be worse still if you look at their record in Florida. Not to mention their disclaimer that not all of their projected benefits may occur.

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April 2, 2015

To: **HONORABLE ANGUS MCKELVEY, CHAIR**
and Members of House Committee Consumer
Protection & Commerce

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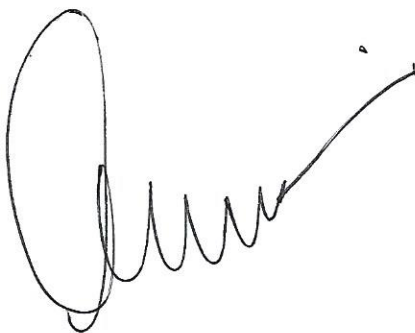
Hearing Date: Monday, April 6, 2015 2:30pm

Subject: HCR169 HD1
SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION

I am in support of HCR169 HD1 which will open discussion for local ownership and control of electric utilities for the State.

Kauai has demonstrated the success of this type of utility ownership and it is only fitting that we look at this as an alternative to the one company ownership that is currently in place. Local cooperative ownership would be a paradigm shift from responsibility to shareholder to responsibility of the welfare of the residents of Hawaii.

Let's open the discussion and see where this will lead.

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Colleen Y. Aina
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David S. De Luz, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe we should explore ALL options to ensure that ANY utility will take the time and effort to engage in ALL of the rate payers, ESPECIALLY for the rate payers that have no other option BUT to purchase or have their services from a public utility.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
elton mow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to support the use of utility cooperatives. Under certain situations Electric Utility Cooperatives better serves its members than publicly owned Utilities. There are many different types of Cooperatives and the main function are to benefit its members long term and not how much does it return on investment every quarter.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Masaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am strongly in favor of further legislative discussion on the subject of potential local ownership and control of utilities in the State of Hawaii. In particular, I would like the Legislature to investigate alternative ownership models for electric utilities.

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Sonia R. Martinez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of discussions and strongly support the plans for a co-op for local ownership and control of electrical utilities on Hawai'i Island along the model already in place in Kauai and many other locations throughout the country.

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