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**GREGGOR ILAGAN**

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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 Resolution 105.

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.

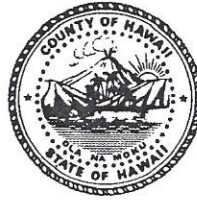
I support HR 105, HD1 for this reason, and thank you for your consideration.

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 Resolution No. 105 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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