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Water, Land and Ocean Resources  
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**In Opposition to HB 1 – Relating to Nuclear Energy**

I am Warren Bollmeier, Co-Chair of the Renewable Energy Working Group of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum (“Forum”). The Forum is comprised of 46 representatives from the electric utilities, oil and natural gas suppliers, environmental and community groups, renewable energy industry, and federal, state and local government, including representatives from the neighbor islands. We have been meeting since 2002 and have adopted a common vision and mission, and a comprehensive “10 Point Action Plan,” which serves as a framework and guide for meeting our preferred energy vision and goals.

HB 1 directs the department of business, economic, development, and tourism to develop a permitting process for nuclear energy generation facilities in Hawaii.

The Forum takes no position at this time on the merits of nuclear energy generation facilities in Hawaii, but generally opposes the passage of HB 1 for the following reasons:

1. Constitutional Exclusion. Constitutional provision (Article XI, Section 8) requires a two thirds vote in both houses of the legislature to approve a nuclear power facility. Thus, it would appear premature to initiate a permitting process without resolving whether or not the people of Hawaii would allow an actual nuclear power facility;
2. Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative. The state has embarked on the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, which calls for 70% of our electricity by 2030 to be from clean energy sources, such as energy efficiency and renewables. Nuclear energy is neither; and
3. State's Limited Resources. Given the HCEI goals and its overall benefits to the people of Hawaii and the current limited resources available to the state for work needed to develop and produce renewable energy technologies and for energy efficiency programs, it appears premature to proceed with the proposed permitting process for nuclear energy generation facilities.

The Forum opposes passage of HB 1 for the above cited reasons and respectfully requests that it be held in the Committees.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

*This testimony reflects the position of the Forum as a whole and not necessarily of the individual Forum members or their companies or organization*