

## Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

### **Minutes**

Hawai'i Energy Forum

May 09, 2003

### **Attendance**

#### **Forum members:**

Steve Alber (for Maurice Kaya), Bruce Anderson, Raymond Carr, Lynette Cruz, Kalani English, Steve Golden, Mark Hepburn (for Albert Chee), Steve Holmes, Kal Kobayashi, Hideto Kono, Larry Lau, Eric Lee, Bruce Miller, Hermina Morita, Brenner Munger, Richard Paglinawan, Rick Reed, Glenn Sato, Don Thomas, Murray Towill, David Waller, Fred Weyand, Michael Hamnett, Sharon Miyashiro, Sam Pintz, Regina Gregory, Irene Takata, Robbie Alm, Faye Hirono

#### **Guests:**

Carl Freedman, Jim Lazar, Catherine Awakuni, Henry Curtis, Rachel Neville, Jeff Brown

### **I. Announcements**

Mike Hamnett introduced the new Forum members who were in attendance: Kalani English, Chair, Senate Energy & Environment Committee Larry Lau, Deputy Director, State Department of Health/ Environmental Health Administration Steve Holmes, Energy Coordinator, City & County of Honolulu Eric Lee, Senior Regional Manager, Tesoro Lynette Cruz, Coordinator, Ahupua'a Action Alliance

### **II. Presentation by Carl Freedman and Jim Lazar: Study on Regulation, Taxation, and Incentives**

Carl Freedman and Jim Lazar presented their preliminary report on "Hawaii Energy Regulation, Taxation and Incentives: Issues and Opportunities," a study commissioned by the Energy Forum. Results and recommendations are based on interviews with a number of people representing private and public sectors in

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Hawai'i as well as other jurisdictions. A draft report will be circulated for comment and a final report will be submitted in the next month.

### **III. Report on the Legislative Session**

Rep. Mina Morita, Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, and Sen. Kalani English, Chair of the Senate Energy & Environment Committee, discussed the outcome of this year's legislative session. The most notable bills passed were: (1) Public Utilities Commission management audit, and (2) extension of the renewable energy tax credit. Also adopted by the Senate was a resolution to create an emissions working group.

### **IV. Forum business**

#### **A. Membership**

We are still awaiting the appointment of a new Consumer Advocate. Mike Hamnett hopes to meet soon with Kyle Datta of the Hawai'i Island Energy Roundtable regarding his possible membership.

#### **B. Status of Studies**

Mike Hamnett reported that we received two proposals in response to our call for quotations for a renewable energy study. We hope to have the contract executed and a study completed by late August. Terms of reference have also been drafted for the liquified natural gas study. The committee on social, economic and cultural factors has decided to form subcommittees on the various issues.

#### **C. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, June 4, 10 am – 1 pm, at the Cleghorn Room, Pacific Club.