

Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

January 18, 2007 Meeting

State Capitol – Conference Room 229

11:00am – 1:00 pm

In Attendance:

Forum Members:

Robbie Alm, HECO; Bob Arrigoni, HI County; Warren Bollmeier, HREA; Al Chee, Chevron; Jeff Deren, KIUC;; Mitch Ewan, UH HNEI; Carl Freedman; Mark Glick, OHA; Steve Golden, Hawai'i Gas Co; Mike Hamnett, RCUH; Paula Helfrich, EDAH; Maurice Kaya, DBEDT; Darren Kimura, Energy Industries; Larry Lau, DOH; Stephen Meder, AIA Honolulu; Sharon Miyashiro, UH Public Policy Center; Rep. Hermina Morita; Tim O'Connell, USDA; Melissa Pavlicek, WSPA; Rick Rocheleau, UH HNEI; Peter Rosegg, HECO; Riley Saito, PowerLight; Glenn Sato, Kauai County; Bill Short, BIA; Lance Tanaka, Tesoro.

Guests/Visitors:

Terry Surles, HNEI; Rinaldo Brutoco and Madelilne Austin, World Business Academy; Bob Schleser, Clear Fuels; Kim Suman, UH School of Architecture; Natalie Mims, Rocky Mountain Institute; Anne C. Barnes, KIUC.

HEPF:

Susan Char; Diane Sakai, Public Policy Center.

Introductions of Members and Guests

Update and Follow-up Actions

1. Chicago Climate Exchange.

Dr. Lorenz Magaard and Craig Coleman, International Center for Climate and Society (ICCS), School of Ocean Earth Sciences & Technology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, have been asked to address concerns raised by the Forum. They have agreed to

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submit their report by February, 2007. The Hydrocarbon WG will review and coordinate the vetting for the recommendations and report. Interested members should contact Al or Steve.

2. Preliminary Report for HCR 195 relating to study of fuel crops for generating electricity.

The Forum submitted a status report to the Legislature, which was distributed to members. A final report will be submitted prior to the end of session. A subcommittee of the Renewable Energy Working Group will be reviewing and assessing the RMI report, and will make recommendations to the general membership for full vetting. Members interested in working on this report should contact Mitch or Warren.

2007 Legislature

1. HEPF proposed bills.

We have submitted two bills on which there was Forum consensus to proceed to Senator Menor and Rep. Morita for review and consideration for introduction:

1. Relating to a Bioenergy Master Plan
2. Relating to Energy Efficient Transportation
3. Both drafts are on the <hepf.org> website for members to view and vet/provide comments

2. Other bills that will promote the 10 Point Plan.

The Forum is being asked to support other bills that may promote the 10 Point Plan. These bills will be supported by the Forum if there is consensus.

The process for review of bills is as follows: The bills will be reviewed first by the appropriate working group co-chairs; and if deemed to support the Plan and there is no opposition from those affected, it will be submitted to the full Forum for vetting.

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(Members should check their emails—it will note in the title “HEPF VETTING...” so members who have concerns should comment on the <hepf.org> website or call or email the appropriate working group chair(s). If consensus is obtained the Co-chair(s) of the appropriate working group will draft and submit testimony on behalf of the Forum. A copy of the template for testimony was distributed.

Working Group Reports:

Renewable Energy WG.

Focus has been on biofuels and HCR 195. As there are a number of issues and stakeholders involved, the WG is recommending legislation to create a Biofuels Master Plan with DBEDT taking the lead.

Energy Efficiency WG

Focus has been on (1) energy efficiency in public and private buildings; (2) energy by example energy audit case studies; and (3) exploring energy efficiency in the transportation sector. The WG is recommending legislation to explore energy efficiency in the transportation sector.

Regulatory Reform WG

Focus has been on (1) reviewing state and county laws relating to opportunities for or barriers in developing renewables and energy efficiency; and (2) support for the reorganization plan submitted by the DCA and PUC.

The following position relating to support of the regulatory agencies was vetted in December 2006, and, as there was consensus, it is adopted by the Forum:

“The Hawaii Energy Policy Forum (Forum) encourages the Hawaii State Administration and Legislature to provide sufficient resources and personnel support for the PUC and DCA to successfully recruit and retain qualified staff to provide the unique nexus of technical, economic, policy and legal expertise

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necessary for enlightened energy regulation. The Forum supports reorganization of the Hawaii PUC and DCA as required by the 2006 Hawaii Legislature to provide sufficient staff positions with modernized job descriptions, classifications and salaries commensurate with the agencies' unique personnel needs."

Hydrocarbon Future WG

- No report

Cultural Impact WG

The WG is still exploring co-funding with OHA a cultural mapping project for siting energy projects. OHA wants to make sure that appropriate cultural practitioners are consulted in the geographic areas being studied. UH Department of Archeology will be principal investigators and OHA's Native Rights, Land & Culture hale will provide oversight.

Communication and Outreach Plan.

- No report

Calendar of General Membership Meetings during the Session:

HEPF General Meetings will be scheduled around the session to enable the Forum to focus on timely action on legislation.

Mark your calendars for the next meeting dates:

- Wednesday February 7, 10 am – 1pm;
- Wednesday March 7, 10 am – 1pm
- Wednesday April 11, 10am – 1pm

Meeting place yet to be confirmed.

Next Meeting:

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February 7, 10 am. Place to be arranged.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm, to prepare for the legislative briefing of the House Energy & Environmental Protection and Senate Energy and Environment Committees.