

Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

HEPF General Membership Meeting

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Summary Notes

In Attendance:

Bob Arrigoni, Hawaii County; Amy Asselbayer, Rep. Abercrombie's Office; Catherine Awakuni, DCA; Warren Bollmeier, HREA; Carl Freedman, Haiku Design and Analysis; Steve Golden, The Gas Company; Mike Hamnett, RCUH; Paula Helfrich, Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; Darren Kimura, Energy Industries; Allyn Lee, Dept of Design & Construction; Sharon Miyashiro, PPC; Rep. Hermina Morita, House Committee on Energy; Tim O'Connell, USDA/Rural Development; Melissa Pavlicek, Western States Petroleum Association; Rick Reed, Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Rick Rocheleau, HNEI; Stephen Rymsha, KIUC; Glenn Sato, Office of Economic Development of Kauai; Lance Tanaka, Tesoro; Maurice Kaya, DBEDT. Carlito Caliboso, PUC; John Cole, PUC; Jayson Horiuchi, DCA; Kevin Katsura, HECO, Cheryl Kikuta, DCA; Les Kondo, PUC; Kristen Murashige, DCA; Bill Pats, DBEDT, Priscilla Thompson.

Carlito Caliboso: Plans and Priorities of the Public Utilities Commission

Maurice Kaya: Plans and Priorities of the State Energy Program

- Energy program has raised the bar on energy expectations over the years
- 3 frameworks for Strategic Industries Division (in respect to energy)
 - Office structure
 - DBEDT Strategic Industries Division Energy Program
 - Besides Energy, also focus on technology based economic development
 - Is structure in alignment with the responsibilities of the division?

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- Effectiveness and leadership are important elements to keep in mind
- Personnel
 - Amount of staff is inadequate to address the workload from all of the programs
 - Internal challenge – the division possibly affected by retirements in the next five years
 - Many programs to support: Governor’s Energy for Tomorrow program; Biofuels Masterplan; LEED by Example; Renewable Hydrogen, etc.
 - Significant federal obligations, running on competitive department of energy grants
 - Leg hasn’t given enough funding given the scope of work for all the programs, and no additional staff
 - 2006/2007 net loss of one FTE
 - Have 24 FTE -19 of which are devoted to energy. Only 5 of 19 are funded by state, others funded by federal money. 7 out of 24 will soon be eligible for retirement.
- Finances
 - Fund for energy program meant as restitution funds, which states can use to carry out energy programs, and are not intended to last forever.
 - At current expenditure rate, funds may last only 4 or 5 more years.
 - There is a diminishing ability to rely on federal funds
 - Need to find alternative funding to support programs at current levels
 - Programs funded by federal authorizations
 - Hawaii Energy Strategy
 - Ethanol program
 - Renewable Energy program

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- LEED
- Rebuild Hawaii
- Hawaii Energy Strategy
 - Not ready yet
 - Attention that they hoped to put on it was diverted by an unexpectedly intense legislative session
 - High expectations – working with Rocky Mountain Institute to ensure the first public document (draft), meets expectations
 - May take one or more month more
- 2007 Legislature
 - Many initiatives created
 - Global Warming Solutions Act 2007
 - HB1003 – tasks DBEDT to come up with a Biofuels Masterplan
 - SER164 – Investigate one stop permitting for renewable energy
 - BlueEarth Biofuels

Bill Parks Update

- Outer islands are planning energy summits in November and February
- August 20 will have an energy briefing featuring speakers from the Department of Commerce and Department of Energy
 - Topic: How do you get renewables into the marketplace? What are the barriers?

Report from the Steering Committee

- Working Retreat on May 19
- Summary of Evaluations
 - 8 responses
 - Sections included: mission/vision, 10 point plan, membership, outreach and participation
 - Most of the responses focused on the 10 point plan

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- Took all responses into consideration and revised the plan
 - Consolidated points 2 & 3, as well as points 4 & 5
 - Added Greenhouse Gas and outreach points
- Mission Statement
 - By consensus, adopted
- 10 point Plan and new preamble
 - WG chairs to develop action plans based on the changed points, and will present at the August 15 meeting
 - By consensus, adopted
- Organizational Structure
 - New Working Group for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Control
 - Mike to chair
 - If anyone is interested in co-chairing, please let him know
 - 7 Working Groups total, please participate
- Congressional Delegation as Ex-officio members
 - No opposition to their inclusion as ex-officio
 - Question: What is formal interface with legislature?
 - Working Groups come up with proposals, and steering committee takes it forward to the legislature. Legislators should know to contact steering committee members directly.
- HEPF.org site
 - Trying to use this to vet all proposals
 - This way entire membership can participate
- Summary of Budget
 - Handout was given

Report from Working Group: Regulatory Reform Action Plan

- Done according to a template: goal, background, desired outcomes, indicators/metrics, actions
- Combined Point 4 and 5 from 10 point plan into a new Point 5

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- 2 goals
 - Ensure policies, laws, and regulations are consistent in promoting energy efficiency and renewable resources
 - Promote policies, reforms and resources to support PUC and DCA in progressive and aggressive efforts to protect the public's interest and implement sound energy strategy.
- 3 main objectives
 - Improve county and state regulations to enable and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy resources
 - Provide for adequate financial and staff resources for PUC and DCA
 - Develop awareness of the importance of implementing progressive energy policy
- Long-term vision is to develop core staff and strengthen with institutional knowledge
- Question: Indicators are kind of broad, can they be more specific?

Response to DBEDT Presentation

- Might be beneficial to think programmatically
 - Money is there to start, it will be clear what staff support is needed once the program goes into motion
- Need to follow up with Maurice, if he would like a cursory assessment done by HEPF on programs and staff

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- Have contacted Mayors' offices
- Working closely with Maria Tome from DBEDT
- Putting working group together in the next month

Next Meeting August 15, 2007 at the Capitol from 10 – 1:30 pm

Energy Briefing on August 20, 2007 at the HEI Training Room, 11:30-1:30 pm

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