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Public Scoping Meetings Regarding the Hawai'i Interisland Renewable Energy Program

Public Comment Sought for Renewable Energy Program

HONOLULU – The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) will host public meetings on Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and O'ahu to receive comments on the scope of the Hawai'i Interisland Renewable Energy Program (HIREP): Wind Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS reviews possible environmental impacts that may arise from wind energy program development under the HIREP and the range of reasonable options.

"This is an excellent forum for concerned citizens to express their opinions, speak with experts and talk about moving Hawai'i towards a brighter energy future," says Estrella A. Seese, Acting Energy Administrator, State Energy Office.

TIMES, DATES AND LOCATIONS:

- February 1, 2011 - McKinley High School Cafeteria, 1039 South King Street, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- February 2, 2011 - Pomaika'i Elementary School Cafeteria, 4650 South Kamehameha Avenue in Kahului, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- February 3, 2011 - Mitchell Pau'ole Community Center, 90 'Ainoa Street, Kaunakakai, Moloka'i, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- February 5, 2011 - Lāna'i High & Elementary School Cafeteria, 555 Fraser Avenue, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Both oral and written comments will be considered by DOE and DBEDT. Requests to speak at any of the public scoping meetings should be submitted to Mr. Allen G. Kam, Esq., AICP, HIREP-Wind EIS Manager, on or before January 28, 2011, by any of the following means:

- By e-mail to hirep@dbedt.hawaii.gov
- By submitting electronic comments on the EIS web page at www.hirep-wind.com
- By facsimile (fax) to 808-586-2536, Attention Allen G. Kam.
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Requests to speak may also be made at the meetings; however, requests received by January 28, 2011, will be given priority in the speaking order. Additional project information can be found at the project website: www.hirep-wind.com

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