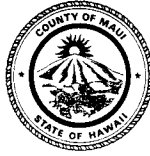


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July 27, 2020

Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair  
Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee  
Council of the County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

Respectfully transmitted are copies of the following communications that were referred to your Committee by the Council of the County of Maui at its meeting of July 24, 2020:

COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS:

- No. 20-384 - Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Councilmember
- No. 20-390 - Rowena M. Dagdag Andaya, Director of Public Works
- No. 20-391 - Riki Hokama, Councilmember
- No. 20-392 - Tamara Paltin, Councilmember

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathy L. KaoHu".

KATHY L. KAOHU  
County Clerk

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Enclosures

cc: Director of Council Services

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The Honorable Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: Clean Energy Investment in Hawaii, Hawaiian Electric

May I request the matter relating to Hawaiian Electric, Clean Energy Investment in Hawaii be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

For more information on this subject, I have attached a copy of the July 1, 2020 press release distributed to the Council by Hawaiian Electric regarding the 29 planned renewable projects planned statewide which represents \$3.5 - \$4 billion clean energy investment in Hawaii. Of these 29 projects, Maui County has 7 projects in progress. WIT willingly will accept this to share with the community the progress Hawaiian Electric is taking to a renewable portfolio standard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA  
Councilmember

Enclosure

cc: Sharon Suzuki, President Hawaiian Electric, Hawaiian Island and Maui, Molokai  
Teena Rasmussen  
Jeanne Skog

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **29 planned renewable projects represent \$3.5-\$4 billion clean energy investment in Hawai'i** *Jobs, revenue can contribute to state's economic recovery*

**HONOLULU, July 1, 2020** – The 29 grid-scale renewable energy projects planned or under construction on four islands represent between \$3.5 billion and \$4 billion in investment in Hawai'i's clean energy economy, according to an estimate by Hawaiian Electric.

In addition, more than 3,000 private rooftop solar projects have been interconnected so far in 2020. On O'ahu, that represents more than \$65 million in businesses' and homeowners' investments in clean energy that will offset their electric bills and contribute to the state's renewable energy goals.

The number of projects in progress – 14 on O'ahu, 8 on Hawai'i Island and 7 in Maui County – is unprecedented in Hawai'i. All but three would be built, owned and operated by independent power producers who will sell their electricity to Hawaiian Electric.

These projects, along with the continued expansion of private rooftop solar, have the potential to move Hawaiian Electric to a renewable portfolio standard of more than 60 percent by the end of 2025, up from about 28 percent today. That would include being nearly 90 percent renewable in Maui County and nearly 100 percent on Hawai'i Island.

In addition to reducing the state's dependence on imported fuels for power generation, these projects also create construction and technical jobs, draw upon goods and services from local businesses, provide lease payments to local landowners and government agencies and generate tax revenue.

The projects are listed on Hawaiian Electric's Renewable Energy Project Status Board. While some are under construction, the majority are awaiting regulatory or governmental approval or are in the final stages of contract negotiations with Hawaiian Electric. The count doesn't include projects already in operation.

"From the installation of one rooftop solar system to building a project that provides power to the grid, the clean energy industry is providing jobs and revenue at a time when Hawai'i is working to get back on its feet economically," said Jim Alberts, senior vice president of business development and strategic planning for Hawaiian Electric. "By maintaining the momentum, we can support economic recovery and make a lot of progress toward our goal of being 100 percent renewable by 2045."

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By working with a broad range of groups representing the solar industry, electrification of transportation, economic development and government agencies including the Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Advocate and the Hawai'i State Energy Office, Hawaiian Electric is committed to maintaining the pace of progress in renewable energy as an important component of the state's economic recovery.

Community involvement is key to the success of these projects. The most recent group of projects announced by developers have started or will soon start community outreach, either in person or virtually, to provide information and accept feedback.

"We hope people will take the time to learn about these projects and participate in the meetings," Alberts said. "If there are questions or concerns, the developers can address them early and stay on the path to completion, which will benefit everyone in the community."

A list of the projects and links for information are available at the Hawai'i State Energy Office <https://energy.hawaii.gov/hawaiian-electric-phase2> and on the Hawaiian Electric Renewable Project Status Board at <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/clean-energy-hawaii/our-clean-energy-portfolio/renewable-project-status-board>

A number of projects are expected to come online this year, though some are still awaiting final regulatory and governmental approvals. They include: Honua Ola, a 21.5-megawatt biomass plant on Hawai'i Island that was formerly known as Hū Honua; Nā Pua Makani, a 24-MW wind project on O'ahu; and, Mauka FIT 1, a 3.5-MW solar project on O'ahu. In addition, the 38-MW Puna Geothermal Venture on Hawai'i Island is expected to return to service this year after completing repairs to damage caused by the 2018 volcanic eruption.

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