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**Cc:** Hakoda, Riley K; Sherry Menor-McNamara  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Chamber of Commerce Letter on Docket No. A92-683 for LUC  
**Attachments:** 2020.10.05 COC Hawaii Letter - Hawaii Land Use Commission RE Ho'ohana.pdf

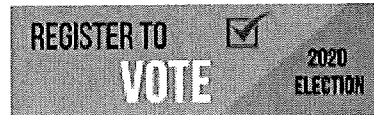
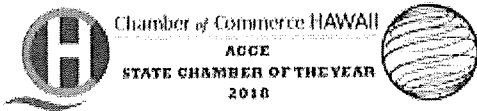
Aloha,

Attached is a letter for submission from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii for the Land Use Commission regarding Docket No. A92-683 for the Ho'ohana Solar Farm project.

Please let me know if there's any additional information that you need.

Mahalo,

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October 5, 2020

Hawaii State Land Use Commission  
State Office Tower, Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building  
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**RE: DOCKET NO. A92-683: HO'OHANA SOLAR 1, LLC'S MOTION FOR  
MODIFICATION AND TIME EXTENSION**

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners,

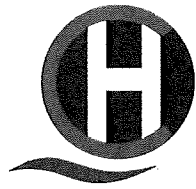
The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Docket Number A91-683, regarding the Ho'ohana Solar Farm in Central Oahu.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Ho'ohana Solar Farm project will employ more than 175 workers at a time when the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has greatly decreased the current workforce across our state, and many are near a new threshold of poverty. The additional jobs created by this project will benefit hundreds of workers and their families as well as contribute to the local farmers, businesses and economy in our community.

Completion of the Ho'ohana Solar Farm will also help achieve the state's renewable energy goal of 100% renewable energy generation by 2045. Ho'ohana's endeavor to provide 100% renewable energy will help to provide an essential piece to complement other renewable operations to end our state's dependency on imported oil. This project will be a sustainable solar facility that will provide stable low-cost energy to our residents and businesses. The potential savings would help to keep money cycling through the local economy, helping to support residents and local businesses, instead of leaving the state.

174 Power Global, the subsidiary in charge of this project, has also made a substantial commitment to the community by working to create a pathway for our children to prepare them for careers in the technology-based renewable energy field and its supporting industries. By providing innovative curriculum and training to the children in the Central Oahu region, and



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Waipahu District, they will help to create a pipeline of a better prepared workforce with motivation to stay in Hawaii, rather than leave for other jobs on the mainland.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimonies in support of this docket.

Sincerely,

Sherry Menor-McNamara  
President and CEO, CCE

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**From:** Samantha Ruiz <sruiz@ulupono.com>  
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**Cc:** Ulupono Management Team  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dkt No. A92-683 - Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC Letter of Support  
**Attachments:** Ulupono Hoohana Letter of Support\_Final (10 05 2020).pdf; Untitled attachment 00013.html; signature.asc

Aloha —

Please find the attached letter in support of the Motion for Reconsideration and Time Extension for the Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC Project on behalf of Ulupono Initiative.

Thank you,

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October 5, 2020

The Honorable Chair and Members of the Commission  
Hawai'i Land Use Commission  
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**RE: Docket No. A92-683 - Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC Motion for  
Modification and Time Extension**

Dear Chair Scheuer and Members of the Land Use Commission:

Ulupono Initiative ("Ulupono") submits this letter in support of approval of the Motion for Modification and Time Extension ("Motion") for the Ho'ohana Solar 1 Project ("Project"). While Ulupono does not have any financial interest in the Project, Ulupono offers this letter of support as the Project benefits are aligned with Ulupono's specific interests to reduce the state's dependence on fossil fuels. As such, Ulupono encourages the Land Use Commission ("LUC") to approve the Motion to provide the Project with a favorable timeframe for completion.

As previously stated, Ulupono is in support of approving the Motion as it will encourage the continued development of renewable energy on O'ahu. The proposed 52 MW Project<sup>1</sup> is estimated to generate up to 114,481 megawatt-hours ("MWh") per year, providing electricity produced by renewable energy to approximately 19,100 homes.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, the Project will also significantly reduce Hawai'i's fossil fuel consumption. As discussed in the Project's application before the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission, it is estimated that the Project would displace approximately 1,555,687 barrels of fuel and 465 tons of coal over the term of the Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA"), contributing roughly 1.8% towards Hawaii's Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") goal.<sup>3</sup> The Project will also contribute to a reduction of 95,400 tons of carbon emissions.<sup>4</sup>

Ulupono is also supportive of the Project, as the site no longer interferes with SLU Agricultural District lands and maintains its commitment to provide support for a waterline for the Kunia Agricultural Ag Park ("Ag Park") irrigation needs.<sup>5</sup> This commitment will allow for 150 acres to become operational and be subdivided into a number of agricultural lots to be farmed by individual farmers.



Given the aforementioned benefits, Ulupono is supportive of approval of the requested Motion. Approval of the requested Motion will allow for the continued development of the Project, which ultimately supports the achievement of Hawai‘i’s broader sustainability and energy goals. Furthermore, Ulupono asks LUC to strongly consider any decisions that may delay, or add new and unanticipated costs to the Project, either of which may endanger the Project and the ability for timely completion.

Ulupono appreciates the opportunity to provide its perspective on this matter. Thank you for consideration of the aforementioned comments.

Respectfully,



Murray Clay  
President

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<sup>1</sup> See Hawaii Public Utilities Commission Docket 2018-0431 (“Docket 2018-0431”), Decision and Order 36236 at 10. “Pursuant to the PPA, Ho’ohana will construct, own, operate and maintain the Project, a 52 MW photovoltaic system paired with a 208 MWh [Battery Energy Storage System] (with a four-hour duration at full capacity) to be located in Kunia, on the island of O’ahu.”

<sup>2</sup> See Docket 2018-0431, Application at 15, filed December 31, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> See Docket 2018-0431, Application at 25-26, filed December 31, 2018.

<sup>4</sup> See Docket A92-683, Ho’ohana Solar 1 Motion for Modification and Time Extension, Memorandum in Support of Motion, filed August 17, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> See Office of Planning’s Response to Successor Petitioner Ho’ohana Solar 1, LLC Motion for Modification and Time Extension at 7, filed September 18, 2020. “To address state cooperation, Ho’ohana committed to helping the State’s Kunia Agriculture Park advance by providing improvements such as the waterline discussed herein at a cost of approximately \$300,000.”

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**Subject:** Support of the Ho'ohana solar farm  
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October 5, 2020

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Re: Docket No. A92-683 – Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC's Motion for Modification and Time Extension

**SUPPORT OF THE HO'OHANA SOLAR FARM**

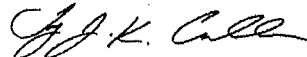
The goals of the state in achieving 100% renewable energy and carbon neutrality by 2045, as well as Act 023 passed this year, retiring a 180 MW coal generation and future generation from coal by 2022, makes this 56 MW renewable solar plus four-hour battery project a valuable asset.

Ho'ohana has been engaged with the community for many years and has adjusted the project to the comments provided by stakeholders. They have been working with the surrounding schools to offer renewable training and curriculum and professional development for teachers, which will help motivate students to aspire in careers in STEM, and assist in creating a pipeline of students to enter the workforce in the field of renewable energy. By supporting this project, it continues Ho'ohana's commitment to education in the community.

The project provides much-needed security and revitalization of the area, benefitting the surrounding community. Mutual agreement to provide water line improvements with the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Agriculture Park shows their understanding of the needs of the community and their commitment to responsible development.

I support that the LUC approve the Motion for Ho'ohana, to ensure the project will fiscally fit within their means.

Aloha,



Ty J.K. Cullen  
Representative, 39th District