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**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 8:54 AM  
**To:** DBEDT LUC; Hakoda, Riley K  
**Cc:** Dayhuff Matsushima, Rebecca; Kesaji, Scott; Alivado, Shannon; Char, Susan  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Docket No. A92-683 - HECO Testimony for Ho'ohana Solar Motion for Modification and Time Extension  
**Attachments:** HECO Testimony for Hoohana LUC App.pdf

To Whom it May Concern,  
Please see the attached testimony from Hawaiian Electric for Docket No. A92-683.  
Regards,

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**Cc:** Mel Silva; Danette Parages  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ho'ohana Solar Farm - Letter in Support  
**Attachments:** Hoohana Solar Letter.pdf

Aloha,

Please find attached testimony in support of the Motion for Reconsideration and Time Extension for the Ho'ohana Solar Farm project, on behalf of Mel Silva, Business Manager of the Bricklayers Union, Local 1.

Mahalo.

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September 29, 2020

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Chair  
State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission  
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### **Support for Docket No. A92-683 – Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC's Motion for Modification and Time Extension**

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners:

The International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Local #1 of Hawai'i writes in support of the proposed Motion for Modification and Time Extension for Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC (Docket No. A92-683).

Currently, Hawai'i is the most petroleum-dependent in the country, and as a result, our people are saddled with high energy costs which are at the whims of the global energy market. Along with many other community stakeholders firmly believe that a better future is possible if we work toward our ambitious clean energy goals.

To achieve 100 percent renewable energy generation by 2045, we must move forward expeditiously with the construction of non-fossil fuel plants and also aggressively pursue new technologies such as smart grids and more efficient storage systems.

As such, we are in staunch support of the Ho'ohana Solar Farm project and urge you to move forward with their Motion for Modification and Time Extension. The Ho'ohana Solar Farm will create 175 jobs during its construction phase and provide clean energy at \$0.1047/kWh for the lifetime of the project. The Ho'ohana Solar Farm project has also agreed to a number of community benefits to take care of its neighbors in the surrounding area.

In closing, we humbly ask for the Commission's favorable action on the Motion for Modification and Time Extension for Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC, Docket No. A92-683.

Mahalo nui,

*/s/ Melvin P. Silva, Jr.*  
Business Manager

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**From:** Jill Baptist <jbaptist@prp-hawaii.com>  
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**To:** DBEDT LUC  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DOCKET NO. A92-683 HALEKUA DEVELOPMENT CORP - HOOHANA SOLAR 1 LLC  
**Attachments:** LUC-Docket No A92-683 Hoohana Solar 1 LLC.pdf

Land Use Commission:

Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters is submitting the attached letter of support for Docket A92-683 - Hoohana Solar Farm application and requested motion for modification and time extension.

Thank you,

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## HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

September 29, 2020

Jonathan Likeke Scheuer, Chair  
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RE: Docket No. A92-683 – Hoohana Solar 1, LLC's  
Motion for Modification and Time Extension

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters writes in support of the Hoohana Solar Farm application and the requested motion for modification and time extension.

We have long been a strong supporter of finding ways for our state to reach its ambitious goal of achieving 100 percent clean energy generation by 2045. We are particularly supportive of this goal because our members and their families are ratepayers subject to Hawaii's high energy costs, and because the construction industry is collectively one of the largest users of energy in the state. We are also concerned about the prospect of climate change disrupting our economy and infrastructure, and thus we believe that steps must be taken to mitigate our state's carbon footprint.

As such, we are supportive of the Hoohana Solar Farm, which will create 175 jobs during its construction phase, and provide clean energy to the people of Hawaii at \$0.1047/kWh, which is much less than the \$0.31/kWh which ratepayers currently pay.

The Hoohana Solar Farm project will also provide extensive community benefits, including a renewable energy curriculum for surrounding schools, benefits for local agricultural production, and more. We note, however, that requiring the Hoohana Solar Farm to pay for all infrastructure for a separate state agricultural park may create legal and financial problems, and thus urge stakeholders to arrive at a reasonable solution that does not saddle the project with additional up-front costs.

In closing, we urge the Commission to move forward with the proposed Motion for Modification and Time Extension for the Hoohana Solar Farm project.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Hoohana Solar Project  
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Please see my attached testimony in support of Ho'ohana Solar Project

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

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE HO'OHANA SOLAR FARM**

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance in strong support of the Ho'ohana Solar Farm application and we encourage the Land Use Commission to approve Ho'ohana Solar I, LLC's (Ho'ohana) Motion for Modification and Time Extension (Motion).

This project provides an opportunity stimulate our economy with much needed jobs, assisting in the economic recovery of our state. Renewable Energy projects and its ancillary industries provide a bright future for careers that will enable us to pivot and recover from the bleak tourism sector.

As an island community overly dependent on imported fossil fuels, Hawai'i needs projects like Ho'ohana. Hawai'i is vulnerable to fuel and energy disruptions, high costs, and the many impacts of climate change. Our members support a development which mitigates these vulnerabilities while also contributing to an economic project that will employ approximately 175 construction workers. The Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission has approved the power purchase agreement to purchase electricity from the Ho'ohana project for \$.1047 per kilowatt hour, which is a pass through cost to consumers. Our members and other residents, who are generally spending \$.31 per kilowatt hour for electricity will benefit.

The direct benefits this project brings to the neighboring community, such as providing renewable energy curriculum and instruction to the surrounding K-12 students, enabling a long-

term, quiet and secure environment and supporting agriculture through its commitment to the same conditions that the Commission required in 2015. While we understand that the Office of Planning is recommending that Ho'ohana pay for the costs of all infrastructure associated with the DOA's agricultural park that has been unable to secure funding for over 20 years, we also know that saddling a shovel-ready project with costs foisted on it by the state will cause a financial burden on the facility that will threaten its existence.

It would be sincerely appreciated by all of us who appreciate the importance of revitalizing the economy while also protecting the environment that this project is approved with the same 2015 conditions.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "N" and "K".

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## TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII LABORERS' UNION; LOCAL 368

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

The Hawaii Laborers' Union; Local 368 is made up of 5000 working and retired men and women across the state of Hawaii, and **we support this project's application (Ho'ohana Solar Farm)** and respectfully requests that the Land Use Commission do the same.

This project provides an opportunity stimulate our economy with much needed jobs, assisting in the economic recovery of our state. Renewable Energy projects and its ancillary industries provide a bright future for careers that will enable us to pivot and recover from the bleak tourism sector.

As an island community overly dependent on imported fossil fuels, Hawai'i needs projects like Ho'ohana. Hawai'i is vulnerable to fuel and energy disruptions, high costs, and the many impacts of climate change. Our members support a development which mitigates these vulnerabilities while also contributing to an economic project that will employ approximately 175 construction workers.

The Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission has approved the power purchase agreement to purchase electricity from the Ho'ohana project for \$.1047 per kilowatt hour, which is a pass through cost to consumers. Local 368 members as well as residents, who are generally spending \$.31 per kilowatt hour for electricity will be the direct beneficiaries of this project.

There are other benefits this project brings to the neighboring community, such as providing renewable energy curriculum and instruction to the surrounding K-12 students, enabling a long-term, quiet and secure environment and supporting agriculture through its commitment to the same conditions that the Commission required in 2015.

The Hawaii Laborers' Union sees this project as win-win benefitting not only our economy by promoting work, but low costs to consumers on completion. It would be sincerely appreciated by all of us who appreciate the importance of revitalizing the economy while also protecting the environment that this project is approved with the same 2015 conditions.

Respectfully,

Ryan Kobayashi

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## Hakoda, Riley K

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**Attachments:** 20-09-30-20.LUC.Ho'ohana solar farm.pdf

Aloha,

Attached please find testimony in support of Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC, Docket No. A92-683.

Mahalo,

Joy Kimura

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF DOCKET NO. A92-683**  
**HO'OHANA SOLAR 1, LLC'S MOTION FOR MODIFICATION AND TIME EXTENSION**

TO THE HONORABLE JONATHAN SCHEUER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE LAND USE COMMISSION:

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' Union, Local 368, its 5000+ members and its 250+unionized contractors. The Laborers' Union is the largest construction union in the Nation.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of Ho'ohana Solar 1, LLC's application and Motion for Modification and Time Extension. In order to keep in compliance with Hawaii's commitment to clean energy, the state's utilities must generate 100 percent of their electricity sales from renewable energy resources by 2045. Projects such as Ho'ohana Solar 1 will help the state meet this goal, as well as the goal of a 100 percent renewable portfolio standard for the electricity sector.

Ho'ohana Solar 1 will also benefit the community by providing much needed jobs which will assist in the economic recovery of the community, as well as produce electricity at a more economical rate. The Hawaii Public Utilities Commission has already approved the power purchase agreement to purchase electricity from Ho'ohana Solar 1, at a rate that is reasonable and at a lower cost than what consumers are currently paying.

Hawaii LECET believes that Ho'ohana Solar 1 has adequately addressed community concerns and therefore supports the approval of its application with the same 2015 conditions. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

## Hakoda, Riley K

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hoohana solar project  
**Attachments:** Dean Okimoto Hoohana Letter of Support.pdf

Hi to whom it may concern,

I would like to submit this letter of support for the Hoohana Project.

Mahalo,  
Dean J. Okimoto

October 1, 2020

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

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE HO'OHANA SOLAR FARM

I am Dean Okimoto, formerly President of Nalo Farms, Inc., and former president of the Farm Bureau. I was farming for 35 years in Waimanalo and shut down my farm in October 2018. I began my farm in 1983, and worked with chefs like Roy Yamaguchi, Alan Wong, Russell Siu and a host of others, at one time servicing about 100 restaurants and outlets. In 2003, along with others, started the first Farmer's Market at KCC and it was sponsored by the Hawaii Farm Bureau. I have always been active in the community helping non-profit causes and many schools with donations of product as well as making salads to raise money for these causes.

I shut down my operations because of being hit by 4 storms since April 2018, which wiped out my crops on four separate occasions. Each time my crops were destroyed, and I was left without income and trying to support my work force as well as cover expenses. I lost in excess of \$800,000. The issue is that with climate change, farming needs to be done differently, and we must embrace technology, whether it be greenhouse growing to protect from the weather, or other things which can control input costs. With Food safety rules coming into play by the federal Food Safety Modernization Act, farmers have to deal with the added costs that come with it, and one of the largest is refrigeration on site. This cost was in excess of \$10,000/month for us, so PV and solar solutions, especially on the electric grid for farmers is absolutely critical to keep prices down, and for them to survive. They cannot even afford to get loans for solar on their farms. This is in addition to rising costs for labor, transportation, fighting pests, and more regulations which farmers must follow, the biggest being food safety.

This is the reason why I am in favor of the Ho'ohana Solar Farm. We must start to aggressively mitigate energy prices for the success of agriculture. When it is a scaled solar project, it provides the ability to lower electricity rates because the PV is renewable, offering a long-term stable rate. This is a huge plus for farmers and the public, as it would be reflected in the cost of the agricultural products also.

This solar farm can be a good example of melding energy cost savings with agriculture as a partner. This is a win-win for agriculture, solar development, and the public in general. We must protect the farmer, the other asset in creating local food production. This project provides for the protection of both farmer and consumer.

To require the project to bear the cost of infrastructure to the DOA Agriculture Park and impose unrealistic milestones prior to permitting the project would ironically nullify the benefits this solar farm could bring to all farmers.

I respectfully request the LUC to expeditiously approve the Motion for Ho'ohana, with the same conditions imposed in the 2015 order.

Dean Okimoto