

## Hakoda, Riley K

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**From:** Maile Edwards <m.edwards@capitol.hawaii.gov> on behalf of Rep. Nicole Lowen <replowen@capitol.hawaii.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:18 AM  
**To:** DBEDT LUC; Hakoda, Riley K  
**Cc:** Representative Nicole E. Lowen  
**Subject:** Support for Ho'ohana Solar Farm  
**Attachments:** Lowen\_Hoohana Solar Support Ltr.pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached for a letter of support for the Ho'ohana Solar Farm project from Representative Lowen.

Mahalo,

**Maile Edwards**

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October 6, 2020

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

Aloha,

As the Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, I ask that as you consider Ho'ohana Solar Farm's motion to extend the time for completion of their 52 megawatts solar energy project, that you take into account the State's renewable energy and climate goals.

The state has policy goals to achieve 100% renewable electricity and a carbon neutral zero-emissions economy by 2045. In order to reach these goals, we need to facilitate the development of renewable energy and storage projects like Ho'ohana Solar. While our regulatory and permitting processes are absolutely essential, some flexibility is needed or we will not be able to deploy renewables at the pace needed to meet these goals.

I support that the LUC approve the Motion to extend the time for completion of the solar farm and allowing 52 megawatts to be constructed on urban zoned lands.

Thank you for your time and consideration on the matter.

Sincerely,

Representative Nicole Lowen  
State of Hawaii, House District 6



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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole E. Lowen".

Representative Nicole Lowen  
State of Hawaii, House District 6

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**From:** Keith Hayashi <keith.hayashi@k12.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 5, 2020 2:34 PM  
**To:** DBEDT LUC  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ho'ohana Solar Project Support Letter  
**Attachments:** Hoohana Solar Farm Support.pdf

Aloha,  
Please find my letter of support for the Ho'ohana Solar Project.  
Thank you,  
Keith Hayashi



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

Waipahu High School was established in 1938. Now, as a College and Career Academy high school, we are focused on helping students to identify their passion and purpose, and providing them with opportunities to attain success. Our student-centered motto is "My Voice · My Choice · My Future." Students at Waipahu High School enroll in one of the five nationally certified career academies – Academy of Arts & Communication, Academy of Health & Sciences, Academy of Industrial & Engineering Technology, Academy of Natural Resources, Academy of Professional and Public Services, or the O'hana of Excellence Academy.

Waipahu High School's vision is to provide student-centered educational programs that challenge all students to perform at their highest potential. We prepare students for success in the 21st century by engaging them with rigorous and relevant learning opportunities that promote academic, physical, and emotional growth.

Ho'ohana Solar has committed to provide professional development training to teachers on renewable energy using an inquiry-based curriculum, which can be integrated across our Academies. The students will be provided hands-on learning experiences, and a library of scaled working solar and wind models to motivate and spur their imagination to the possibilities of renewable technology. This STEM based curriculum will help the state further develop a pipeline of graduates who are college and career bound. Working with a private partner and leveraging real-world experiences through internships in a "lab" setting, such as the solar farm, will also motivate students to commit to a pathway of technology-based careers.

We support the Land Use Commission to grant the Ho'ohana Solar Farm their Motion.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Hayashi".

Keith Hayashi  
Principal



## Hakoda, Riley K

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**From:** Sen. Glenn Wakai <senwakai@capitol.hawaii.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** DBEDT LUC; Hakoda, Riley K  
**Subject:** LOS for Ho'ohana  
**Attachments:** Wakai support for Ho'ohana.pdf

Aloha Land Use Commission,

Attached please find my letter of support for the Ho'ohana Solar Farm.

Mahalo,  
Glenn





## The Senate

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

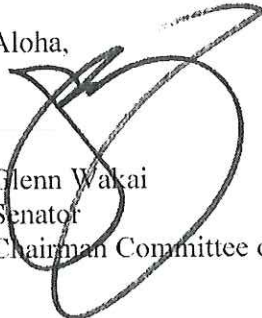
As the Senate Chair of Energy, Economic Development and Tourism, I support Ho'ohana Solar Farm, which will provide 52 megawatts of renewable energy with battery.

Renewable energy projects will provide the state long-term benefits of stable, low energy rates and help consumers by stabilizing a sustainable source of energy. Utility-scale projects on the grid will especially equalize the opportunities for hard-to-reach consumers such as renters and low-income to allow them to participate in the benefits of renewable energy.

With aggressive state policy goals of generating 100% renewable electricity and carbon neutrality by 2045, along with the prohibition of coal generated electricity, projects like Ho'ohana will provide the momentum to achieve these objectives.

I urge the LUC to approve the Motion to extend the time for completion of the solar farm and modification allowing 52 megawatts plus battery storage to be constructed on urban zoned lands.

Aloha,



Glenn Wakai  
Senator  
Chairman Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

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