

Land Use Commission Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism State of Hawaii

Conformance of C&C of Honolulu Important Agricultural Lands Recommendation to Applicable Statutory and Procedural Requirements

WRITTEN COMMENTS
Hearing, April 28 and 29, 2021, 9:00 AM

Chair Scheuer and Members of the Commission,

My name is Jodi Yamamoto, and my firm represents Kahuku Wind Power, LLC ("Kahuku Wind"), which recently received notice from the State of Hawaii's Land Use Commission ("LUC") informing Kahuku Wind that the City and County of Honolulu ("County") has proposed for designation as Important Agricultural Lands ("IAL") certain property owned or leased by Kahuku Wind and on which Kahuku Wind's renewable wind energy project is located in Kahuku. Kahuku Wind has concerns regarding the IAL process and proposed designations but has not had adequate time to fully evaluate the process and compliance or non-compliance with that process. Please note that the City and County real property tax records reflect Kahuku Wind's interests as owner or lessee of lands proposed for IAL designation and ownership is recorded in the Land Court of the State of Hawaii.

Accordingly, Kahuku Wind respectfully requests that the LUC postpone action on this agenda item to provide it and other landowners with adequate time to consider the County's process and comments they may have thereto, especially in light of the potential negative impacts on sustainable and renewable energy in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments regarding the IAL Recommendation.

Very truly yours,

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