

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

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

SP21-411 AES West Oahu Solar, LLC
Thursday, June 9-10, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Dear Land Use Commissioners:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a non-profit market recovery trust fund which represents approximately 7,000 men and women union carpenters and 240 large and small contractors. With our expertise in research, compliance, marketing, and project advocacy, we are committed to building a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs, and enhances the quality of life for all residents of Hawaii.

PRP writes in strong support of AES West Oahu Solar, LLC's Project, and we respectfully request the Commission's favorable decision on the Project's Special Use Permit (SUP) Application.

Hawaii faces an economic crisis without parallel in its history as a state. The AES West Oahu Solar Project provides a valuable opportunity to stimulate our economy, both by creating new jobs and by creating infrastructure which can help lower energy costs to consumers and businesses. Construction of this Project will support approximately 118 jobs in the State of Hawaii and approximately \$11.3 million in labor income, with total economic output of approximately \$20.2 million.

Additionally, this Project will generate and store electricity derived from solar resources providing clean, renewable energy for Oahu. This project is expected to offset the use of approximately 545,794 barrels of fuel and 64 tons of coal, and would decrease greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 244,394 tons over its lifetime. When completed, this newly proposed solar project will be capable of generating enough energy to power approximately 4,600 homes, which will advance the State closer towards achieving its goal to generate 100% clean energy by 2045.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

