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LAND USE COMMISSION
NOTIFICATION OF LAND USE COMMISSION MEETING
June 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
via Zoom Webinar Virtual Meeting

Dear Land Use Commissioners,

The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF) is a labor management fund representing 3000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site work and vertical construction. The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund **submits this letter of support** for the SP21-411 AES West Oahu Solar, LLC (Oahu).

We believe that this project provides numerous benefits to not only the community but also to the State of Hawaii as a whole. As a renewable energy project, this project will help move the state towards its goal of 100% renewable by 2045. It will also help reduce the need for fossil fuel burning power plants such as Campbell and Kahe in the west Oahu region.

This project will also help produce jobs and much needed economic activity as Hawaii economy slowly starts up again due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is estimated that the project will create 118 jobs during a time with high unemployment. This project will also help diversify our economy and will hopefully employ displaced workers from other industries. It is estimated that this project will also spur \$20M in economic activity to the state and the University of Hawaii.

We also feel that this project is the perfect model that combines a sustainable renewable energy project and sustainable agriculture. The integration of honey and beef production into the same property as the project is what all projects of this sort should do. This ensures that the land will be preserved and that it will be used in an efficient manner that will benefit society.

We look forward to your favorable review and passage of this project.

Sincerely,

Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund