



# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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State of Hawaii, Land Use Commission Meeting – June 9, 2021 at 9:00AM

Re: Testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SP21-411 AES West O’ahu Solar, LLC,  
Special Use Permit

Dear Chair Jonathan Likeke Scheur, Vice Chair Edmund Aczon, and Commissioners:

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1186 (IBEW 1186) represents over 3500 members in Electrical Construction, Telecommunication, Spectrum and AT&T, Civil Service Workers, Motor & Marine, and Private School Teachers. We stand in strong **Support** of AES West Oahu Solar Project.

To get to the State’s 2045 100% Renewable Energy goal, we need to move now with these Solar Projects to allow HECO to better serve the public. This 12.5-Megawatt energy generation with a 50-Megawatt battery storage is located on 96.5 acres of cattle pasture and open space. AES is the Developer to construct these type of projects as they have done an excellent job on existing finished projects. This will also play an important economic role with creating 118 jobs at a time when unemployment is at its highest because of the Pandemic.

This will be located on State land which was not being used for agriculture purposes nor was it set aside for agricultural use since sugar production was eliminated in Hawaii. AES also set aside some of the land for honey and beef production. Their redesigned plan considered some of the community’s concerns regarding views.

IBEW 1186 has talked to AES in ensuring that all State Electrical Licenses and Laws will be followed on their project so that a safe product is constructed for the community. These are the reasons why we stand in strong **Support** for issuing of the Special Use Permit to AES.

Respectfully submitted,

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