Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

January 19, 2006 Meeting
State Capitol, Room 224
12 noon-2pm

Final Summary Notes

In Attendance:

Members:
Susan Shintani, Melissa Pavlicek, Carl Freedman, Rick Reed, Riley Saito, John Cole, Mark Glick, John Harrison, Steve Golden, Al Chee, Kyle Datta & Natalie Mims, Paula Helfrich, Mitch Ewan, Jeff Deren, Peter Rosegg, Robbie Alm, Warren Bollmeier, Glenn Sato, Eileen Yoshinaka, Maurice Kaya, Jeff Mikulina, William Kaneko, Sharon Miyashiro (UHM). Guests: Carla Din (Apollo Alliance), Bob Shleser (‘Aina Institute).

Introduction of New Members:

• Paula Helfrich, Hawaii Economic Development Alliance
• Mark Glick, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
• Diane Ley, Hawaii County Energy Coordinator (replacing Ray Carr)

Forum process for legislative proposals:

1. The Forum package of bills that was approved will be supported by Forum members through testimony presented, members will not oppose.
2. If the bill is amended then Working Group Chairs will clarify in light of previous agreements. If there is serious disagreement, we will meet.
3. Members will testify on behalf of their organizations and on Forum supported bills, they can also add that they are testifying as Forum members.
4. Testimony can support the concept of the bill and also language

Vetting proposals:
1. Mitch Ewan introduced the web-based system he created for vetting legislative proposals.
2. The site for viewing and vetting legislative proposals is http://www.hepf.org.
3. Only Forum members can access by using their name (as listed in our directory).
4. An email notice will be sent indicating that vetting of proposal is required. Members should then log on to the <hepf.org> site and indicate their agreement and any other comments.
5. Working Group Chairs will review and work with commenters and will draft testimony that will also be posted on the legislative site.

**Bills that will be vetted by the Forum:**

1. Primary focus is on HEPF legislative package, which is being drafted and introduced.
2. Other bills will be vetted and supported/tracked if they meet the 10 Point Plan framework
   1. Administration package, an omnibus bill over 130 pages in length
   2. House/Senate majority package
   3. House/Senate minority package
   4. Any carry over bills
3. Working Group Chairs will review all bills within the 10 Point Plan context.
4. Legislative deadline for introduction of bills: January 25

**Guest Speaker:**

Tim O’Connell, Rural Energy Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture presented USDA programs and funds available. He encouraged members to contact him for assistance in developing proposals for funding.

**Communication/Outreach Report:**
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HEPF Energy Scorecard and HEPF Energy Challenges are coming along but very slowly.

Vetting New Members:

Legislative briefing discussion brought up the possibility of adding the Department of Land and Natural Resources as a member. Mike Hamnett will follow up with Director Young. Additional representation should include a union representative. Carla Din, Apollo Alliance, indicated that she would send references to us.

Next meeting: January 27, 2005, 11:30am – 1:00pm

On the agenda will be a presentation of the Administration’s energy package and other bills to be vetted by the Forum. Meeting place to be determined.