

Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

General Membership Meeting

Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 309

Friday, May 20, 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

- Rep Denny Coffman, Gregory Gebhardt, Mike Hamnett, Brandon Hayashi, Christy Imata, Kelly King, Lance Lee, Sharon Moriwaki, Ron Nelson, William Rolston, Carlton Saito, Merissa Sakuda, Joelle Simonpietri, H. Ray Starling, Eliza Talbot, Maria Tome, Michelle Daigle, Penn Pantumsinchai

Meeting Summary Notes

I. Feedback from Survey and Steering Committee

- To encourage more member participation and engagement, HEPF work will be conducted more actively through the Working Groups (WG). The WG are now focused on preparing our own legislative bills that we can develop during the interim. The WG will solicit input from members and develop proposals which will be distributed to the general membership (GM) for vetting before the next session begins.
- How can HEPF be more effective? -- educate and foster communication between and among the House and Senate members; and meet with the House and Senate leadership on priority bills
- The following was suggested as followup:
 - Sharon Moriwaki will work closely with the WG Chairs. Sign up sheets will be sent out to recruit more volunteers.
 - There should be one Chair per WG to facilitate communication and follow-through with one person responsible (rather than co-chairs), and, instead, establish a Vice-Chair position (All self-nominated based on interest, availability and commitment to lead and coordinate the WG).

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The Chairs should decide the structure of the WG and be proactive by keeping in constant contact with group members.

- To spur involvement, contact members who have missed 4 meetings in a row to see if they still want to be involved.
- Update on Projects/Activities:
 - *Clean Energy Status Metrics Project*: Metrics Working Group is developing the indicators for clean energy for the state, and examining the potential metrics.
 - *Hawai'i News Now program*—“*Hawai'i: The State of Clean Energy*”. Two episodes have been completed, and in process is Show#3 in June on energy efficient transportation. If you missed the other episodes, you can view them on the HEPF website.
 - *Hawai'i Clean Energy Day*—The event will be held from 1-6pm on July 8 at the YWCA Laniakea. We will be focusing on bringing together capital investment and employment/workforce development to advance the clean energy industry; and, as we do annually, covering public policy issues and outcomes from the legislative session and planning forward. Please attend and help by promoting it among your members and other networks.
- Other comments and suggestions:
 - Is anyone looking at the economics of clean energy on the Big Island? Current clean energy methods may not be viable in the long run and we may be displacing other alternatives.
 - The most crucial part is in planning, i.e. estimating the price of oil in 30 years. At this point, we are too early in the process, so rather than displacing alternatives we should continue to move forward so long as the technology and price are reasonable.
 - More education is needed and leaders must push the citizens of our state to make changes we may not be comfortable with.

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- For the 3rd Annual Clean Energy Day, Kelly King will help put together an exhibit on agriculture, crops, etc. A list of DBEDT projects could also be helpful as an exhibit.

II. Presentation: Legislative Update -- Representative Denny Coffman

- 17 House bills were sent to the Senate ENE Committee, and 15 Senate bills were sent to the House EEP Committee. The following bills were enrolled to the Governor:
 - HB1520, SB146, SB181, SB631, SB704, SB1244, SB1346, SB1347, SB1482
- The House EEP Committee and Senate ENE Committee want to push Senate bills 369 (Cable bill) and 772 (Biofuel tax facility credit) to pass next session.
- HEPF could examine issue of state-wide electricity rate. Company-wide rates may also be a possibility but it depends on how the companies are structured financially.

III. Presentations on Clean Energy in the Defense Sector:

- Strategic Overview of DoD Activities that Impact Hawaii by Joelle Simonpietri, U.S. Pacific Command
- Navy Shore Energy Initiatives in Hawaii by Gregory Gebhardt, Naval Facilities Command Hawaii
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii Sustainability Program by Lance Lee, Marine Corps Base Hawaii