

Tim Bynum

From: maurice kaya [mauricekaya@mac.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2009 9:49 PM
To: Tim Bynum
Subject: Re: Kauai County Proposed Ordinance - SWECS

Dear Councilmember Bynum,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the SWECS proposed ordinance for Kauai County. This appears to be a reasonably sound attempt to develop a policy that will help to encourage customer sited wind energy systems on Kauai. In so doing electricity consumers will be offered a more straightforward policy to utilize small wind energy systems on their property provided they conform to the standards governing their installation and use, as provided in the draft ordinance.

Such an ordinance will give electricity users on Kauai the benefit of more clear cut guidelines to use wind energy, an underutilized resource at the small wind (<100 kw) scale. With advancements in small wind technology these systems are becoming more competitive and may be particularly beneficial in high cost areas like Kauai. It is consistent with state policy to encourage the use of wind as a renewable energy resource, as evidenced by the availability of state tax credits for wind energy.

Proceeding with such a policy is expected to be consistent with the intent of the Kauai Energy Sustainability Plan, currently under development. Besides utility scale renewable energy technology, small scale customer sited renewable energy systems are expected to be an important part of a broad strategy to achieve greater energy independence. Wind energy, just like solar thermal and solar photovoltaic systems, can be encouraged at the customer level as prudent public policy.

Sincerely,

Maurice Kaya

On Jul 19, 2009, at 3:28 PM, Tim Bynum wrote:

Aloha Mr. Kaya,

Thank you for your time today and your willingness to look at the bill which is on the Council Planning Committee agenda for consideration on Wednesday July 29th. Any comments you have would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tim Bynum

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Subject: Re: Kauai County Proposed Ordinance - SWECS

Hi Lani, Tim,

Just wanted to weigh in here real quickly saying that any legislation that promotes clean energy --such as the SWECS does - certainly dovetails with the Kauai`i Energy Sustainability Plan, in my humble opinion. Some of these technologies are fully commercialized (e.g., the little SkyStreams are selling well, I understand and the horizontal axis turbines like Chip's installing seems to reduce the avian conservation concerns) so it makes sense that they come online earlier than, e.g., ocean wave technologies. That's of course on the technical and economic plane - I'll leave it up to you guys/gals to figure out the politics ;-)

Talk soon,

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Hi Jill,

Thanks for taking a look at this. Some concern has been raised regarding whether or not the bill is premature in light of the fact that your group is working on the Kauai Energy Sustainability Plan. Do you think there's anything in the bill that would not be useful after the energy sustainability report comes out? Or is the bill something that could be seen as taking initial steps in advance of the report to move us faster toward energy sustainability?

Thank you for your time. And for sharing with Doug.

Lani

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