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Mr. Theodore A. Peck  
Energy Program Administrator  
Department of Business, Economic  
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250 South Hotel Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attention: Allen Kam

Dear Mr. Peck:


Subject: Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN)  
Hawaii Interisland Renewable Energy Program (HIREP) Wind on the  
Islands of Oahu, Maui, Molokai and Lanai

The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides its following initial comments in response to the announcement of the subject wind energy program and the program's potential projects in the *Environmental Notice* of December 8, 2010 from the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC).

1. The DOT supports the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative and endeavors to cooperate with the placement and transmission of clean and renewable energy.
2. Energy transmission line routes crossing or adjoining any DOT facility (Airports, Harbors and Highways) will need to address effects on and impacts to the facility.
3. Energy generation sites adjacent to or in the navigable spaces or zones associated with a DOT facility, or having an access connection to or through a DOT facility will need to address effects on and impacts to the facility.

The DOT appreciates the opportunity to provide its initial comments to assist your agency where the planning and placement of renewable energy projects could influence or affect DOT's transportation facilities. The DOT remains an interested party to the environmental review of any forthcoming energy project and looks forward to being kept apprised by your agency.

Very truly yours,

  
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Interim Director of Transportation