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Aloha and Good Evening. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony regarding the proposed programmatic Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice as a requirement to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Hawaii Interisland Renewable Energy Program (HIREP) Wind on the Islands of Oahu, Maui, Molokai and Lanai. My name is Victor Reyes and I had the privilege of serving as County of Maui Energy Commissioner. In that capacity, I had the opportunity to observe the development of events leading to this hearing.

As the title suggests a programmatic approach indicates addressing issues impacting a plan or system under which actions may be taken toward a goal. In this regard, I would like to point out areas that might be or have been overlooked for inclusion in the proposed preparation of the EA/EIS.

I agree and support the concept of interisland cable to be able to harness and deliver vast amount of renewable energy in Maui County to where it is needed and would replace the use of fossil fuels, the goal of Hawaii's Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI). Maui County recognizes the same resources and have similarly established the same goal through the Maui County Energy Alliance. The program is looking at the three islands of Maui County and therefore should include not only Lanai- and Molokai-based wind but also Maui-based wind and should consider other forms of renewable energy generation such as PV, geothermal and biomass. Furthermore, proven energy storage and control technologies for integrating various energy generation schemes are available and will be more advanced and capable in the future. Specifically, among the items considered by the proposed action is the socioeconomic impact of project development. For these reasons:

- 1) The program should be called HIREP Wind Plus (+).
- 2) The interisland cable should simultaneously interconnect Oahu, Maui, Lanai, and Molokai.
- 3) The program should establish a broad spectrum consultative council for broader and deeper community inputs.
- 4) The program should consider spreading the economic benefit to the wider segment of the community by allowing participation of smaller generation and/or related projects.

- 5) The program should incorporate a levelized electricity rate for Oahu, Maui, Lanai, and Molokai.

Thank you for your consideration.