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Testimony of  
**MARK B. GLICK, Chief Energy Officer**

before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

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In SUPPORT of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 705**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Public Utilities Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, COLIN YOST, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.**

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Committee, I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Colin Yost as a Commissioner for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Mr. Yost has been an extremely effective Commissioner, providing a measured and strong voice as an experienced attorney and renewable energy industry leader.

Commissioner Yost is highly qualified to continue service as a Public Utilities Commissioner, bringing a wealth of expertise and experience to the position from his highly regarded work in the legal and renewable energy industries for over two decades. Prior to his appointment to the PUC, Commissioner Yost served as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for RevoluSun, a leading renewable energy company in Hawaii. At RevoluSun, Commissioner Yost managed the commercial projects division, directed human resources, legal and regulatory matters, and helped lead the company through a rapidly changing policy landscape to become one of the leading residential photovoltaic installers in the nation.

Commissioner Yost's legal career has also been distinguished, with experience in energy and environmental law, civil litigation, business law, consumer law, civil rights, Native Hawaiian rights, real estate matters and administrative proceedings before the PUC and other administrative agencies. From 1998-2003, Commissioner Yost served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Financial Fraud/Consumer Protection Section of the Oregon Department of Justice, where he led the State of Oregon's investigation and prosecution of western energy companies, including Enron, Duke Energy, and the Williams Energy Companies for matters relating to the west coast electricity crisis of 2000-2001 and secured settlement agreements worth \$32 million to the State of Oregon. Commissioner Yost also led and resolved the state's investigation of telecommunications company MCI, for which he received the Oregon Department of Justice's Outstanding Service Award in 2001.

Commissioner Yost is a graduate of Lewis and Clark Northwestern School of Law, where he earned his juris doctorate, and the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in English and Environmental Studies. His legal and renewable energy experience, combined with his proven leadership and problem-solving abilities, provide essential balance and depth to the Public Utilities Commission.

In my experience in working with Commissioner Yost, I have witnessed and appreciated his good judgement, deep knowledge of energy and particularly the renewable energy industry, and his keen legal acumen, all of which make him an ideal candidate to continue service as a Public Utilities Commissioner. I urge the committee to confirm his appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.