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February 24, 2023

United States Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

RE: Support for Hawaiian Electric's Grant Application – Implementation of Damage Prevention Measures

Dear Directors Robinson & Crane:

I am pleased to voice my support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the **Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant.** The proposed project will support our communities on Hawai'i Island by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events like hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events like wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

The mission of the County of Hawai'i is to foster sustainable communities where everyone thrives. Our partnership with Hawaiian Electric, its president & CEO Shelee Kimura, and the on-island leadership team of Kevin Waltjen and Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter provides great support toward achieving this mission. Indeed, the focus of our primary electric utility on maintaining reliable service for low-to-moderate income (LMI) customers, especially during the recent pandemic, as well as during natural disasters that regularly occur on Hawaii Island, demonstrates the heart for equity that is at the core of the service that Hawaiian Electric provides.

Our Department of Research & Development manages the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Programs for Hawai'i County, including facilitation of the Hawai'i County Workforce Development Board and the Local Area Plan. We support Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and Justice40 initiatives with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on our past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in the utility's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers

benefits in a just and equitable manner. We are aligned with Hawaiian Electric in their approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai'i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.

We encourage your selection of Hawaiian Electric for this grant and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Roth,
Mayor, County of Hawai'i

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February 27, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Friends of Waimānalo, I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events (such as wildfires), and allow for faster restoration times.

Friends of Waimānalo is a non-profit organization that promotes workforce development resources to inspire, educate and train future generations and at-risk community members in the areas of build and trades, multimedia and Hawaiian cultural education. We are dedicated to stepping up our efforts in addressing workplace safety and community emergency response.

Our goal is to promote workforce development opportunities for those in need. With access to the right resources, people can become empowered by their own abilities and gain the confidence to fulfill their potential.

Friends of Waimānalo supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose grid flexibility projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. Friends of Waimānalo is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai'i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scotty Reis-Moniz
President

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February 14, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Hawai'i Energy, I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in the areas of grid resilience and grid flexibility. The proposed grid resilience project includes both preventative and mitigation solutions with a heavy focus on foundational hardening of the transmission and distribution system to benefit the largest number of customers, in an equitable manner, and connected energy supply resources. In addition, the proposed grid flexibility project is designed to provide grid operators with enhanced visibility into grid conditions and control capabilities to enable integration and reliable and resilient operations.

Since 2009, Hawai'i Energy has helped to empower island families and businesses about the many and lasting benefits of energy efficiency and conservation. We encourage and reward smart energy decisions that allow the state of Hawai'i to reach 100% clean energy faster and cheaper, and to date have saved Hawai'i more than a billion dollars in energy costs. Hawai'i Energy recognizes the disproportionate energy burden that vulnerable and low-income communities carry and is committed to ensuring that resources are distributed equitably across geographies and socio-demographics.

Hawai'i Energy supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. Hawai'i Energy is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai'i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Caroline Carl

Caroline Carl
Executive Director
Hawai'i Energy

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February 18, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Hawaiʻi Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA), I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events (such as wildfires), and allow for faster restoration times.

Created by Act 2011, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, HGIA democratizes clean energy for Hawaiʻi's underserved ratepayers. We stimulate private investments and leverage innovative financing tools to mitigate risks and reach new markets through its inclusive Green Energy Money $aver On-Bill Financing (GEM$) Program, expanding access and affordability to disadvantaged communities with non-traditional underwriting that result in immediate electricity bill savings, reducing the energy burden for customers previously locked out of solar.

HGIA supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose grid flexibility projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. HGIA is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi to ensure the proposed project meets the needs of our communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gwen S Yamamoto Lau
Executive Director

Hawaiʻi Island Chamber of Commerce

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February 23, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

The Hawaiʻi Island Chamber of Commerce (HICC) would like to voice support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the **Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant**. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events like hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events like wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

Our Chamber of Commerce brings businesses and professionals together to make Hawaiʻi Island a better place to live and do business. HICC has served as the voice of business of East Hawaiʻi and beyond for over 125 years. Our purpose is to assist businesses and promote the Island of Hawaiʻi by providing leadership via services and advocacy for the business community while promoting the economic well-being of our island as a whole. We accomplish this by initiating and maintaining programs of research, education and community; identifying the issues facing the business community and acting to achieve satisfactory solutions; working with and coordinating activities with other organizations to promote a stable and healthy economy; maintaining communication and rapport between the business community and our governmental decision makers; and providing networking and social opportunities for our members.

Hawaiʻi Island Chamber of Commerce's 2022-2023 legislative priorities include a focus on imminent economic concerns such as energy, inflation, affordable housing, labor shortages, and supply chain impediments. We support Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, the Hawaiʻi Island Chamber of Commerce is confident in the utility's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. We are aligned with Hawaiian Electric in their approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Miles Yoshioka, Executive Officer

Hawaii Island Economic Development Board

24 February 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and
Office of Clean Energy Demonstration
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Hawai`i Island Economic Development Board (HIEDB), I would like to voice support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the **Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant.** The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events like hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events like wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

HIEDB's mission is to provide and promote private sector support and expertise for balanced growth in Hawai`i County in partnership with Federal, State, County and private resources to diversify and strengthen Hawai`i Island's economy. We nurture sustainable growth and development of our place, people, resources, and products of Hawai`i Island in balance with the diverse and unique resources of our island home and always respectful of our native culture. Since 2006, we have also focused on Kamaʻaina Come Home® in partnership with others including and not limited to, High Tech Maui to offer pathways for Hawai`i expatriates to return home.

It is our privilege to support Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, the Hawai`i Island Economic Development Board is confident in the utility's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. We are aligned with Hawaiian Electric in their approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai`i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jacqui L. Hoover

Jacqui L. Hoover
Executive Director and COO

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15 February, 2023

Department of Energy
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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization, we would like to voice support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the **Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant.** The proposed project will support our communities by implementing wildfire mitigation measures that will limit damage to our communities and natural resources from severe events like wildland fires, prevent failures that could lead to severe events like wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization (www.hawaiiwildfire.org) serves as a hub of wildfire prevention, mitigation, and planning activities in the Hawai'i-Pacific region through proactive, collaborative, and forward-thinking projects. We are dedicated to outreach, education and technical assistance, project implementation, and research focused on proactive and collaborative wildfire prevention, mitigation, and post-fire recovery in Hawai'i and the Pacific. Our goals are to prevent wildfires, mitigate wildfire impacts, aid post-fire recovery, and provide a collaborative environment among residents, communities, firefighters, decision makers, and natural resource managers to address wildfire management goals collaboratively and proactively.

We support Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in the utility's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs related to wildfire safety and protection and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. We are aligned with Hawaiian Electric in their approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai'i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Barretto
Co-Executive Director

Elizabeth Pickett
Co-Executive Director

February 27, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To Whom It May Concern,

Since our founding in 1968, the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce has worked to enhance the quality of life for our community through a strong, sustainable economy on Hawai‘i Island. With 450 member businesses and organizations, our mission is to provide leadership and advocacy for a successful business environment in West Hawai‘i.

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce recognizes climate change impacts and supports measures addressing this issue. We support energy efficiency measures; renewable, reliable and affordable energy solutions including geothermal; and the state of Hawai‘i’s Clean Energy goal of 100% clean energy by 2045.

We strongly support Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the **Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program’s Grid Resilience Grant.** The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events like hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events like wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

The Kona-Kohala Chamber is confident in Hawaiian Electric’s ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure will promote the well-being of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy J. Laros, President and CEO
Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce

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February 28, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Kupu, I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events (such as wildfires), and allow for faster restoration times.

Established in 2007 as a Honolulu-based 501(c)3 non-profit, Kupu empowers future generations to create a more sustainable Hawaiʻi. The organization provides hands-on training and national service programs that educate and mentor youth to become stewards of culture and environment. Kupu has trained more than 5,000 youth and adults in conservation, sustainability, and environmental education. These young adults have supported Kupu partners to provide more than 3 million hours of service, which has culminated in planting over 1 million native plants and removing over 100,000 acres of invasive species. For their service, Kupu has presented $6.3 million in education awards to support the continued growth of its members. To date, Kupu has generated more than $153 million in economic benefits to the state of Hawaiʻi.

Kupu supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose grid resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. Kupu is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi to ensure the proposed project meets community needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bauer

Chief Operating Officer, Kupu

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LEI Foundation – Leeward Empowerment Initiatives, a Native Hawaiian Non-profit Phone: (808) 354-2615 Email: leifoundation808@gmail.com

February 21, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Leeward Empowerment Initiatives (L.E.I.) Foundation, I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events (such as wildfires), and allow for faster restoration times.

L.E.I. Foundation was founded to stimulate and create the conditions for the community to flourish by increasing the literacy of its people. Literacy defined and interpreted as, "the competence or knowledge in a specified area." This is carried out by the successful development of purposeful relationships and strategic partnerships across sectors and governmental agencies. L.E.I. Foundation's focus is on bridging community, business and government in successful cross sector collaborations to find common agreements around which to develop solutions.

L.E.I. Foundation brings together the myriad resources needed to elevate community to "thrivability," which surpasses Resiliency and Sustainability; to execute extensive community engagement, outreach, education and awareness activities intended to elevate the quality of life for residents; to empower and increase the capacity of community to become effective advocates and champions of their own causes and efforts; to increase public awareness of activities that would affect our community; and to create learning and engaging spaces encompassing the various developments, technologies, systems, processes, policies, and investments that could impact and affect communities already experiencing environmental, social and economic injustice, including those with significant segments of native Hawaiians, Native Hawaiians, and other disadvantaged peoples.

L.E.I. Foundation's vision is a thriving community with every resource and advantage to serve our people to success from hapai, hanau to ua hala (womb to tomb). Our mission is to participate in bettering the quality of life for residents of the Waianae Moku through literacy; and our Value Statement is "Empowering Communities through literacy, meaningful engagement, and experiential learning."

LEI Foundation – Leeward Empowerment Initiatives, a Native Hawaiian Non-profit Phone: (808) 354-2615 Email: leifoundation808@gmail.com

L.E.I. Foundation supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose grid resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. L.E.I. Foundation is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi to ensure the proposed project meets community needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharlette Poe, President

OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR &
DEPUTY CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER

February 24, 2023

Dylan Reed
Grid Deployment Office
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington DC 20585

SUBJECT: Support Letter for Hawaiian Electric's Proposal for the Grid Resilience Grant as part of the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program

Dear Mr. Reed:

On behalf of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR), City and County of Honolulu (City), I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events, such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events, such as wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

CCSR is tasked with tracking climate change science and potential impacts on City facilities, coordinating actions and policies of departments within the City to increase community preparedness, developing resilient infrastructure in response to the effects from climate change, and integrating sustainable and environmental values into City plans, programs, and policies. CCSR recognizes the negative impacts of climate change are disproportionately borne by vulnerable communities and is committed to engaging these communities to ensure that our work considers all voices island-wide and addresses the needs of O'ahu's most under-represented and vulnerable residents.

CCSR supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose grid flexibility projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 outcomes with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. CCSR is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai‘i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (808) 768-2277 or resilientoahu@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

Matthew Gonser
Executive Director and
Chief Resilience Officer

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February 24, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Sustainable Energy Hawai‘i, I would like to voice support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program’s Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events like hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events like wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

Sustainable Energy Hawai‘i is a grassroots non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life and security of life for Hawai‘i Island residents. We are an action-oriented advocacy group dedicated to raising public awareness and stimulating the political will to enable change. We understand that the price of energy is the common factor affecting the cost of everything in our state. Through that lens, our vision is a future of affordable energy for Hawai‘i, produced using only local renewable resources. This will keep money in our local economy, producing economic equity, energy independence, and prosperity. We believe that we can create sustained economic opportunities, enable increased social justice, and heal our environment by attaining sustainable energy independence for all our people. Through thoughtful planning, collaboration, and hard work to bring stable, affordable energy prices, we are convinced it can be achieved in a manner that strengthens our community, top to bottom while improving our environment.

Sustainable Energy Hawai‘i supports Hawaiian Electric’s efforts to propose resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, Sustainable Energy Hawai‘i is confident in the utility’s ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. We are aligned with Hawaiian Electric in their approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai‘i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Noel Morin
President, Sustainable Energy Hawai‘i

February 21, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Vibrant Hawaiʻi, I strongly support Hawaiian Electric's **Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant** application to implement mitigation activities that prevent damage to our island's power infrastructure and power disruption to our community members.

We believe that climate change, income gaps, and inequitable access to information and resources leave many residents vulnerable. In response, Vibrant Hawaiʻi has led a collaborative approach through a network of over 40 Resilience Hubs to dismantle silos and build knowledge, skills, abilities, and confidence in residents to recognize, understand, and take action to address vulnerabilities and increase resilience in their homes and communities.

Resilience Hubs provide services and programs that promote full family engagement, build social connections, increase individual and household resilience, and improve residents' health and wellbeing. Hubs are equipped with facilities and places that are able to provide charging stations, WiFi and broadband internet, storage and cold storage, and open spaces for communities to gather for workshops, celebrations, resource fairs, and cultivating community gardens and food forests. Our end goal is to see that communities are more self-determining and implement hyper-local solutions that support residents before, during, and after disruptions to their essential needs and quality of life. By implementing a networked approach to building islandwide resilience, neighboring communities build relationships, share resources, and are able to respond to one another's needs.

Vibrant Hawaiʻi supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose resilience projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, Vibrant Hawaiʻi is confident in the utility's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. We are aligned with Hawaiian Electric in their approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janice Ikeda
Executive Director

Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
Since 1850

March 10, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i, I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support our communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events (such as wildfires), and allow for faster restoration times.

The Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i is a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve as the advocate for business in Hawaii. The Chamber works on behalf of its 2,000+ member organizations to advance the state's economic climate and help the business community to thrive locally, nationally and globally. Additionally, the Chamber leads engagement between Hawai'i's business community and educational institutions to ensure that Hawai'i residents find meaningful careers here at home. We are responsible for leading the "Hawai'i Is Hiring" program, Sector Partnerships, Career Pathways Programs and work-based learning.

The Chamber supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose grid flexibility projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

It is our expectation that Hawaiian Electric will deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. The Chamber is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai'i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sherry Menor-McNamara
President and CEO

School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology
Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute

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February 27, 2023

Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

Dear Recipient,

On behalf of the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute (HNEI), I would like to voice support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support Hawai'i communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events such as wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

A research unit of the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, HNEI conducts research of state and national importance to develop, test, and evaluate novel renewable energy technologies. The Institute leverages its in-house work with public-private partnerships to demonstrate real-world operations and enable integration of emerging technologies into the energy mix. Founded in 1974, HNEI was established to stimulate the development of natural energy resources and reduce fossil fuel use in Hawai'i and has emerged as a leader for sustainable energy deployment and demonstration projects in the state. HNEI supports Hawaiian Electric's proposal of grid resilience initiatives that will result in quality jobs, workforce development, and community and workforce engagement, and advancement in diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) and/or Justice40 interests, with intent to create actionable community benefits.

We are confident in Hawaiian Electric's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meet community needs and deliver benefits in a just and equitable manner. HNEI is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai'i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Rocheleau
Director

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March 2, 2023

Ms. Maria Robinson
Director, Grid Deployment Office,
U.S. Department of Energy

Mr. David Crane
Director, Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, U.S. Department of Energy

Dear Ms. Robinson and Mr. Crane,

On behalf of the Oʻahu Economic Development Board (OEDB), I write to voice support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support Hawaiʻi communities by implementing damage prevention measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes, prevent failures that could lead to severe events such as wildfires, and allow for faster restoration times.

OEDB is a non-profit organization, funded primarily by the private sector, contracts and the asset management of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC). The NMTC program benefits low-income communities in Hawaiʻi and OEDB has been awarded $170 million in NMTC program allocation to date. Our organization's efforts support a healthy economy on Oʻahu by being a leading agent in the growth, retention and recruitment of businesses that support appropriate jobs for the people of Hawaiʻi. OEDB is actively involved in infrastructure, planning and workforce development as a significant part of the foundation for a thriving economy.

OEDB supports Hawaiian Electric's proposal of grid resilience initiatives that will result in quality jobs, workforce development, and community and workforce engagement, and advancement in diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) and/or Justice40 interests, with intent to create actionable community benefits.

We are confident in Hawaiian Electric's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meet community needs and deliver benefits in a just and equitable

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manner. OEDB is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi to ensure the proposed project meets community needs.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine P. Awakuni Colón
President and CEO

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U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office and
Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

March 23, 2023

Aloha US DOE,

On behalf of the Sustainable Science Management (SSM) program at the University of Hawai'i Maui College, I would like to voice support to Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the **Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant**. We believe the project will accelerate the implementation of upgrades that will help to ensure the reliability of Maui County's electric grid network, so all communities have greater access to clean, safe and reliable electric service. This is a critical consideration for us as an isolated community grid, with no external redundancies, and the enhanced system visibility and controls for operators from the project will advance grid capabilities to equitably distribute safe and reliable energy from all types of resources, including customer resources.

A Bachelor of Applied Science program at the University of Hawai'i Maui Campus, Sustainable Science Management focuses on applying a holistic view that combines scientific method and advanced system approaches when designing sustainable, long-terms solutions to complex challenges. SSM graduates pursue a wide range of careers and have obtained jobs as teachers, resource managers, sustainability coordinators, and other sustainability-related positions.

SSM supports Hawaiian Electric's efforts to propose grid flexibility projects that result in quality jobs, workforce development, community and workforce engagement, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), and/or Justice40 with the intent of creating actionable community benefits.

Based on past collaboration with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meets community needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner. Our SSM program is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to collaborating with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawai'i to ensure the proposed project meets community needs. Mahalo for your consideration. Sincerely,

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February 23, 2023

David Crane
Director
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Re: Grant application by Hawaiian Electric

Dear Director Crane:

On behalf of the Ulupono Initiative, I would like to express support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership program's Grid Resilience Grant. The proposed project will support Hawaiʻi communities by implementing resiliency measures that will limit damage from severe events such as hurricanes and major storms, prevent failures that could lead to severe events such as wildfires, and allow for faster power restoration times.

Ulupono Initiative was founded in 2009 and strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawaiʻi by working toward sustainable solutions that support and promote locally produced food, renewable energy, clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources. Our work focuses on what we can do to help positively transform our community and the lives of our neighbors. We work collaboratively with communities and key stakeholders by engaging and listening to foster understanding, trust and behavior change. We are an advocate for use of a participatory budgeting framework that enables more inclusive conversations and decision-making around community benefits offered alongside renewable energy projects, as described in a new report, *Let communities decide: Using participatory budgeting for renewable energy community benefits packages*, released this year in partnership with the Participatory Budget Project.

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Ulupono Initiative supports Hawaiian Electric's proposal to pursue grid resilience initiatives that will result in quality jobs; workforce development; community and workforce engagement; and advancement in diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) and/or Justice40 interests. To that end, we commit to partnering with Hawaiian Electric in creating actionable benefits for ratepayers.

We are confident in Hawaiian Electric's ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution and operation of the infrastructure meet community needs and deliver benefits in a just and equitable manner. Ulupono Initiative is aligned with Hawaiian Electric in its approach to working with communities through careful listening, thoughtful responsiveness, and a commitment to embracing the environmental and cultural values of Hawaiʻi to ensure the proposed project meets both program intent and community needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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March 22, 2023

US Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Office of Clean Energy Demonstration

Via Email

Subject: Letter of support for Hawaiian Electric's grant application for Grid Resilience Grant

Dear Review Committee:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources – Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Maui District is pleased to provide this letter of support for Hawaiian Electric and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program's Grid Resilience Grant. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is responsible for the management of natural and cultural resources and collaborates with partners to manage those resources. The proposed grant will contribute to that mission by implementing damage preventive measures by reducing the impacts of wildland fires. The impacts of wildland fires in Hawaii are far reaching, including, but not limited to, loss of wildlife habitat, disruption to hiking trail activities and public access, stormwater runoff and erosion that impacts coral reef ecosystems, and ecosystem modification.

Based on past collaborations with Hawaiian Electric, we are confident in their ability to deliver the proposed project in a way that ensures that the project planning, execution, and operation of the infrastructure meets DOFAW's needs and delivers benefits in a just and equitable manner.

If you require additional information, please contact Lance DeSilva at Lance.K.DeSilva@Hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

James Fretz
Maui DOFAW District Manager