Informational Briefing
for

Senate Committee on Education
House Committee on Education
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

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Hawaii Natural Energy Institute

- Organized Research Unit in the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology
- Established by the Legislature in 2007
- Since 2007, funded by:
  - $7M Barrel Tax (2010-2013)
  - $100M+ Federal awards

- Alternate fuels
- Renewable generation
- Fuel cells & batteries
- Energy efficiency
- Grid management & enabling technologies
Select Projects and Programs

- **Hawaii Clean Energy Programmatic EIS ($1.7M) - statewide**
  - To help streamline project specific permitting and environmental reviews

- **Wave Energy Test Site ($12M) – MCBH Oahu**
  - Partnering with Navy and USDOE for a plug-and-play testing facility

- **Battery Energy Storage Systems (>6M) – Big Island, Molokai, Oahu**
  - Support grid resiliency, PV and wind management, distribution stability

- **Grid Integration (>30M)**
  - Maui Smart Grid project
  - Smart Inverter project - Maui
  - Grid analysis studies (GE) – statewide
  - Molokai microgrid

- **PV Test Sites ($2M) – Kauai, Big Island, Maui, Oahu**
  - Evaluate performance and lifetime of PV technologies in various environments

- **Energy Efficiency in Buildings – Kauai, Oahu**
HNEI Energy Efficiency Research

Net Zero Energy buildings installed

• One at Ilima Intermediate, (Ewa)
• Two at Kawaikini Charter, (Kauai)

Designed to optimize human performance using:

• Efficient lighting and daylighting
• Natural cooling and ventilation
• Advanced energy controls
• Rooftop photovoltaics

• Comparing performance of net-zero structures to other conventional DoE classrooms in Ewa.
• Developing simulation and design tools to inform the design of comfortable, efficient classrooms in different environments
• Monitoring several classrooms in DoE Campbell complex to evaluate comfort/energy/environment
Dept of Education: Facilities Assessment

Objective: To develop a facility assessment protocol to guide design of comfortable learning environments with reduced energy consumption.

- Partnership of HNEI, UH School of Architecture, and MKThink
- Using DoE Campbell complex as test site.
- Comparing performance of different classroom types using measured energy and environmental data
- Comparing Campbell and select other sites to validate models/protocols for applicability to other facilities.
- Develop design guidelines applicable to DoE facilities statewide in future.
About Hawaii Natural Energy Institute

An organized research unit of the University of Hawai`i at Manoa’s School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST); HNEI is a nationally acknowledged leader in energy research with active programs in alternative fuels, energy efficiency, systems integration/energy security, renewable energy generation, and electrochemical power systems. HNEI has undertaken a pivotal role within the State, working closely with DBEDT, the HPUC, and the utilities to reduce the state’s dependence on fossil fuels. HNEI is leading several major public/private partnerships to deploy and demonstrate grid-scale energy systems to address the technical issues associated with high penetration of renewable energy technologies onto the grid. For more information, please visit www.hnei.hawaii.edu/.