



## THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN HAWAII: FOCUS ON INVESTMENTS IN PEOPLE AND PROJECTS

There are many ways to invest in the future of energy in Hawaii. It will take creativity and hard work from project developers; the community, including indigenous groups; regulators; and energy service providers to come up with projects that are acceptable for all concerned. Building trust and respect between stakeholders within the context of equitable community development will be a key metric of success. Any viable project will require substantial amounts of financial capital and an adequate return on investment. The skill development and job creation that results must take us towards a new energy economy. Every community faces similar challenges – how can we invest in people while designing energy projects that are financially viable, resilient, and enhance job skills? [Join us for the 8th Annual Hawaii Energy Conference](#) as we explore how to invest with knowledge and respect in Hawaii.

### TUESDAY 22 JUNE

- 7:45 AM HST COFFEE WITH THE EXHIBITORS AND MORNING ENERGIZER
- 8:00 E KOMO MAI (WELCOME)
- 8:15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Suleman Kahn**, CEO, Swell Energy
- 8:45 **PANEL | INVESTING RESPECTFULLY IN HAWAII**  
*Project Development must balance several factors - social, cultural, and financial. This discussion will employ a cultural lens to focus on the dos and don'ts of developing energy projects in Hawaii.*  
  
Moderated by **Frank De Rego**, Vice Chair, Conference Program Committee; Director of Business Development Projects, Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.
- 9:30 NETWORKING BREAK (15 MIN)
- 9:45 **PANEL | USING DER FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSES – THE REAL MEANING OF LOCAL ENERGY**  
Moderated by **Robert “Rocky” Mould**, Executive Director, Hawaii Solar Energy Association
- 10:30 **PANEL | HOW WILL ESG AFFECT ENERGY INVESTMENT IN HAWAII?**  
*An insightful discussion on how companies’ commitments to environmental impacts, social aspects and governance are impacting investment decisions and how that may shape Hawaii’s energy future.*  
  
Moderated by **Tricia Rohlfing**, Vice President of Finance, Hawaii Pacific Solar
- 11:15 MEET THE EXHIBITORS AND REFRESHMENT BREAK (30 MIN)
- 11:45 **INTERVIEW | PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER JENNIFER POTTER**  
*Discussion with Hawaii Public Utilities Commissioner Jennifer Potter on Performance Based Regulation*

Interviewed by **Joshua W. Porter**, Founder & Co-host, Solar Coaster

12:05 PM

**PANEL | MAJOR REGULATORY PROGRAMS DRIVING CHANGE IN HAWAII**

*Sometimes it is difficult to keep track of the alphabet soup of regulatory programs. Join as we try to explain the most important new programs.*

Moderated by **Colton Ching**, Senior Vice President, Planning & Technology, Hawaiian Electric

12:50

**FINAL STRETCH (10 MIN)**

Stretch activity geared towards common ailments of WFH/ergonomically challenged environments.

1:00

**SPOTLIGHT TALK | INVESTING IN EVs**

*This featured presentation by Uluono Initiative will highlight some of the important initiatives in Electric Vehicles and Transportation.*

1:15

**END OF DAY ONE**

**THURSDAY 24 JUNE**

7:45 AM HST

**COFFEE WITH THE EXHIBITORS AND MORNING ENERGIZER**

8:00

**WELCOME TO DAY TWO**

8:10

**INVITED TALK**

**Mark Toney**, Executive Director, The Utility Reform Network (TURN)

8:30

**PANEL | HAWAII'S INCLUSIVE ENERGY TRANSITION**

Moderated by **Scott Glenn**, Chief Energy Officer, Hawaii State Energy Office

9:15

**NETWORKING BREAK (15 MIN)**

9:30

**PANEL | BENEFICIAL USE AND TYPES OF ELECTRICITY – A COMPARISON**

Moderated by **Jonathan Koehn**, Chief Sustainability & Resilience Officer, City of Boulder

10:15

**SPOTLIGHT TALK | HYDROGEN**

Facilitated by **Joshua W. Porter**, Founder & Co-host, Solar Coaster

**Chuck Collins**, Energy Projects Manager, Dorvin D Leis Company, Inc.

**Michelle Detwiler**, Executive Director, Renewable Hydrogen Alliance

10:30

**PANEL | CARBON PRICING**

Moderated by **Maria Tome**, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Hawaii State Energy Office

11:15

**MEET THE EXHIBITORS AND REFRESHMENT BREAK (30 MIN)**

11:45

**INTERVIEW WITH TBA**

- 12:05 PM **PANEL | HOW TO MEASURE THE ENERGY BURDEN AND DESIGNING PROGRAMS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY POST-COVID**  
Moderated by **Caroline Carl**, Deputy Director, Hawaii Energy
- 12:50 **FINAL STRETCH (10 MIN)**
- 1:00 **PANEL | COMPARISONS AMONG THE ISLANDS**  
Moderated by **Alex DeRoode**, Energy Commissioner, Office of Economic Development, County of Maui
- 1:45 **CONFERENCE CLOSING**
- 2:00 **END OF DAY TWO**