

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

The 8th annual Hawaii Energy Conference explored the theme Energy Transition in Hawaii: Focus on Investments in People and Projects. Presented by Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) and supported by the County of Maui Office of Economic Development, the online two-day conference June 22 and 24 featured keynotes, panel discussions, interviews, networking, and exhibits.

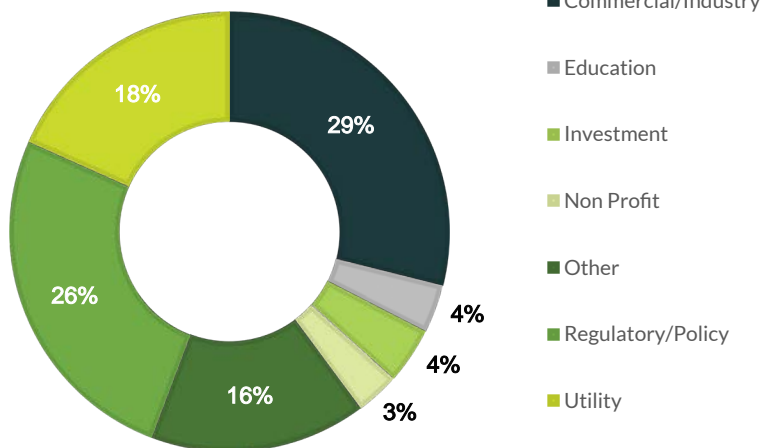
With in-person gatherings still limited due to Covid-19, the virtual presentation allowed the energy industry leaders from Hawaii, the continental U.S. and beyond to continue to exchange ideas on how to serve the community better in today's rapidly changing power generation and delivery environment.

Leslie Wilkins, MEDB President and CEO, reflected, "As we explored our theme, the word 'investment' was used in its broadest sense. Besides financial capital, it includes our cultural, social, and human capital. We all know that every community in the U.S. and throughout the world must invest in and draw upon the knowledge, understanding, and skills of the people to develop a clean, secure, resilient, and sustainable energy future."

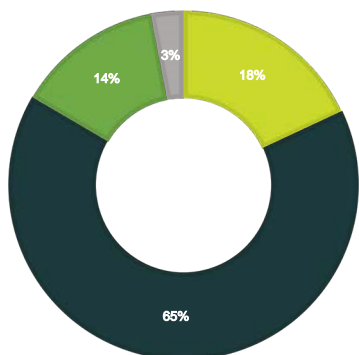
Participants were able to view all the presentations live as well as connect and network with each other and sponsors through the virtual platform. Participating sponsors and exhibitors were: Hawaiian Electric; Hawaii Natural Energy Institute; Ulupono Initiative; Elemental Excelerator; Kauai Island Utility Cooperative; Progression Hawaii Offshore Wind; Swell Energy; Burns & McDonnell; and Generac Power Systems.

372 PARTICIPANTS

ATTENDEES BY INDUSTRY



ATTENDEES BY LOCALE



■ Maui Island ■ Neighbor Islands ■ Continental U.S. ■ International



"Informative and thought-provoking - miss the one-to-one opportunities for deeper dive discussions that we traditionally have with in-person conference but this virtual conference was done spectacularly."



TUESDAY | DAY 1

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | CREATING TRANSFORMATIVE & INCLUSIVE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH VIRTUAL POWER PLANTS,

Suleman Khan, CEO, Swell Energy

PANEL | INVESTING RESPECTFULLY IN HAWAII

Moderated by: **Frank De Rego Jr.**, Vice Chair, Conference Program Committee; Director of Business Development Projects, Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.

Carol-Marie Ka'onohe Lee, Po'o, 'Aha Moku tO Honua'ula Council
Suzanne Singer, Founder/Executive Director, Native Renewables
Wren Wescoatt, Director of Development, Hawaii, Longroad Energy

PANEL | DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES: CLEAN, AFFORDABLE, AND RESILIENT POWER FOR A CARBON-FREE ENERGY FUTURE

Moderated by: **Clarice Schafer**, Supervising Utility Analyst, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission

Jon Fortune, VP, Grid Services Market Development, Swell Energy
Robert "Rocky" Mould, Executive Director, HSEA
Kylie Wager Cruz, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice

PANEL | HOW WILL ESG AFFECT ENERGY INVESTMENT IN HAWAII?

Moderated by: **Lorraine Akiba**, President/CEO, LHA Ventures

Jon Powers, Co-founder and President, Clean Capital
Dana Sato, Director, Leasing & Transactions, Community & 'Aina Resiliency Group, Kamehameha Schools
Scott Valentino, President, Pacific Current

INTERVIEW | PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER JENNIFER POTTER

PANEL | POSSIBLE FEDERAL DECARBONIZATION STANDARDS – HOW COULD THAT CHANGE POLICIES, PLANS, RULES, AND REGULATION IN HAWAII?

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

Murray Clay, President, Ulu pono Initiative
Scott Glenn, Chief Energy Officer, Hawaii State Energy Office
Josh Sawislak, Senior Advisor, Hawaii Green Growth
Ed Sniffen, Deputy Director for Highways, Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii

SPOTLIGHT TALK | INVESTING IN EVS

END OF DAY ONE

"We are not in the energy sector and rather a family owned business trying to stay informed and ahead of the curve. It was good to hear about some initiatives that we may be able to participate in."



THURSDAY | DAY 2

INVITED TALK | STOP OVERPAYING FOR SOLAR: AND OTHER PATHWAYS TO AFFORDABLE BILLS

Mark Toney, Executive Director, The Utility Reform Network

HAWAII'S INCLUSIVE ENERGY TRANSITION

A conversation, between Chief Energy Officer **Scott Glenn** of the Hawaii State Energy Office and Community Leader **Sunny Unga**

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS: DIFFERENT VIEWS, SIMILAR GOALS

A series of interviews showcasing the energy innovations, challenges, and goals within our community. Featuring **Leilani Chow**, Project Manager for Molokai Clean Energy Hui; **Henry Curtis**, Executive Director and Vice President of Life of the Land; **Bob King**, President and Founder of Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, LLC. Interviews conducted by Solar Coaster's **Josh Porter** and Conference Chair **Doug McLeod**.

SPOTLIGHT TALK | HYDROGEN

Chuck Collins, Board Member, Hawaii Hydrogen Alliance
Michelle Detwiler, Executive Director, Renewable Hydrogen Alliance

PANEL | CARBON PRICING

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

Makena Coffman, Director, Institute for Sustainability and Resilience, University of Hawaii Mānoa
Neil Dobson, Executive Director, CleanBC Implementation
Representative Nicole Lowen, Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, State of Hawaii

INTERVIEW | ELEMENTAL EXCELERATOR'S DAWN LIPPERT

PANEL | ENERGY BURDEN AND EQUITY – DESIGNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS POST COVID

Moderated by: **Caroline Carl**, Deputy Director, Hawaii Energy

Ariel Dreho, Local Policy Manager, Energy Equity, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
Rebecca Foster, CEO, VEIC
Laurien (Lala) Nuss, Climate Resilience and Equity Manager, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, City and County of Honolulu

PANEL | DEPLOYING UTILITY-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS ACROSS THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS: HIGHLIGHTS AND COMPARISONS FROM INDIVIDUAL ISLANDS

Moderated by: **Alex DeRoode**, Energy Commissioner, Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resilience, County of Maui

David Bissell, President and CEO, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative
Mike Kaleikini, Senior Director for Hawaiian Affairs, Ormat
Matthew Shields, Offshore Wind Engineer, National Wind Technology Center, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
Todd Yamashita, President, Ho'āhu Energy Cooperative Molokai

END OF DAY TWO AND CONFERENCE CLOSING