

WELCOME! Thanks for joining us to learn about our

***ENERGY JUSTICE POLICY
LAUNCH***

We will begin shortly...

WELCOME EVERYONE!



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WHAT TO EXPECT

Justice and Equity Core Values

Energy Justice Policy Walk Through

Key Principles Takeaways

Talk Story

Next Steps for Our Advocacy

CREATING JUSTICE CENTERED POLICY **2021**

CHAPTER EXCOM MOTION

On May 22, 2021, Chapter discussed updating our energy policy from 1983, focusing on justice and equity. A committee was formed to collaborate on the new energy justice policy, which we will discuss today.

GUIDANCE FROM NATIONAL

- Equal priority to the deployment of clean energy:
 - prevent avoidable negative impacts
 - protect + restore wild spaces
 - build resilient habitats and ecosystems against climate change
 - identify, defend + protect areas unsuitable for development by (non)commercial renewable energy projects
 - Wind Siting Advisory also has guidance

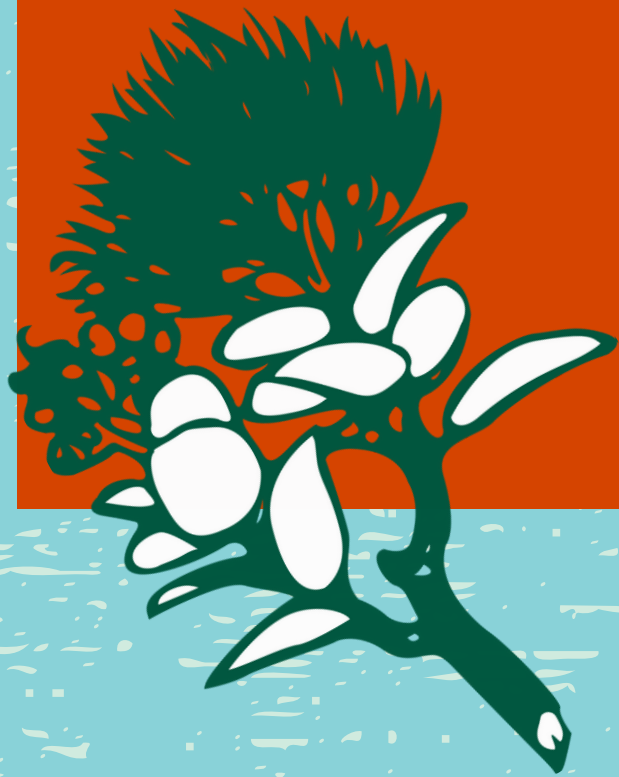
The Sierra Club believes that working toward a just, equitable and transparent society is not only morally necessary, but also exactly what we need to confront the unprecedented environmental challenges we face.

-Washington Chapter, Equity Commitment (2018)



If climate change and environmental injustice are the result of a society that values some lives and not others, then none of us are safe from pollution until all of us are safe from pollution.

**-Hop Hopkins,
Sierra Club Director of Organizational Transformation**

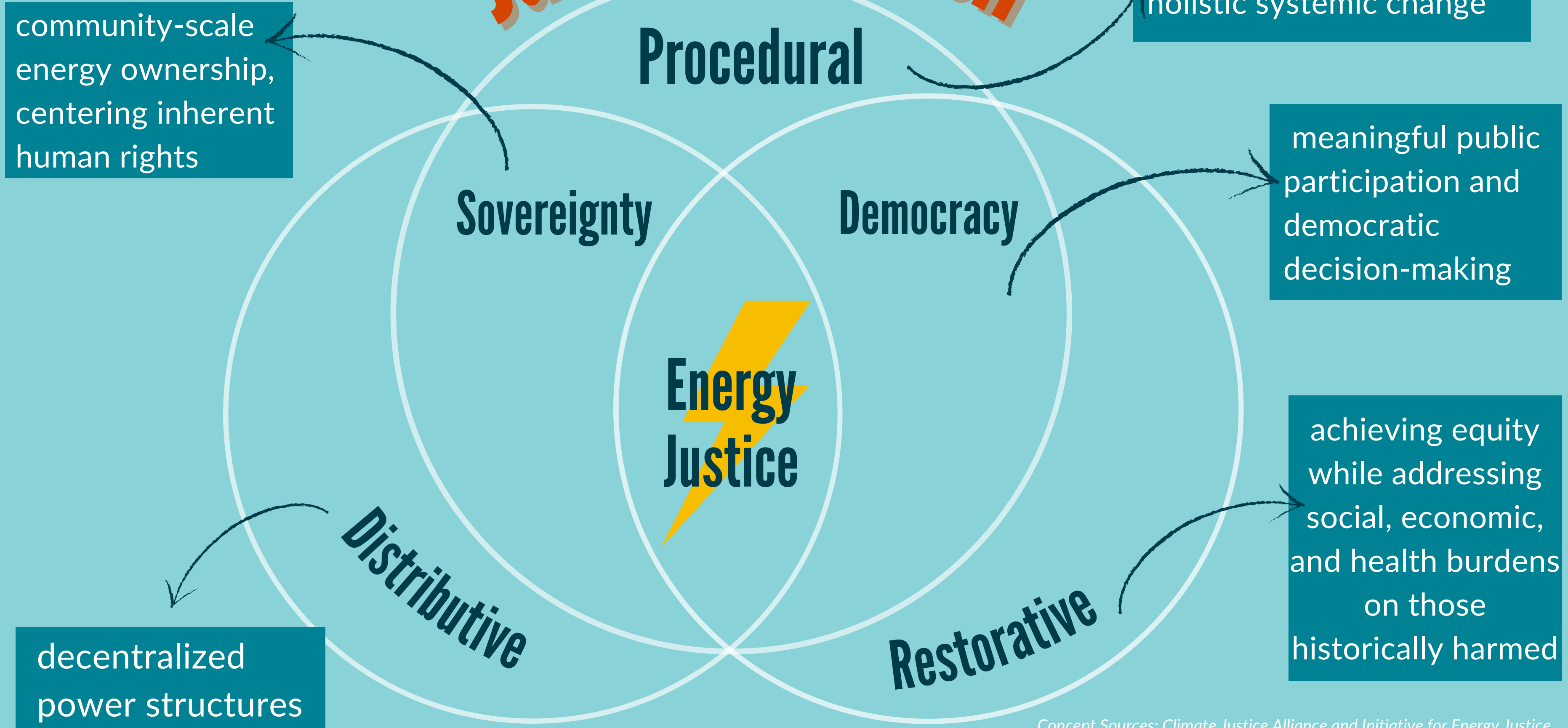


WHAT IS ENERGY JUSTICE?



An energy system that has moved *away* from a fossil fuel, profit-driven model *to* a system that is based in clean, renewable energy that works in the public's best interest—including the health and well-being of the community and environment.

Just Transition



community-scale energy ownership, centering inherent human rights

inclusive, transparent, and holistic systemic change

meaningful public participation and democratic decision-making

achieving equity while addressing social, economic, and health burdens on those historically harmed

decentralized power structures

WE SUPPORT ENERGY AS A HUMAN RIGHT

Article 11 of Hawai'i State Constitution

For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawai'i's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources.

This means energy sources are a public trust resource to be guarded from for-profit exploitation and implemented to serve the public good.

WE SUPPORT ECONOMIC FAIRNESS + JUST TRANSITION

OUR ENERGY SYSTEM IS UNJUST



95% CORPORATE OWNED

Hawaiian Electric Industries owns Hawaiian Electric Company, its sisters on Hawai'i Island and Maui, as well as American Savings Bank.



EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE

Hawai'i has the highest electricity rate in the nation, approximately 214% higher than the national average.

KAUA'I'S ELECTRIC CO-OP

Kauai Island Utility Cooperative was formed when a group of local businesspeople purchased Kauai Electric from a Connect-based org. in November of 2002.



LIVING WAGE JOBS

Over the last year, 25.9% of energy related employers in Hawaii hired new employees. The transition must prioritize long-term job creation, local hires, and contractual guarantees to unionized labor.



WE SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE + ENDING ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM



ENTRENCHED UTILITY



Incorporated in 1891, Hawaiian Electric played a role in the illegal overthrow of the kingdom and remains deeply intertwined in our economic, political, and social landscapes.

The legacy of injustice is built into the energy system.

ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM + INJUSTICE IN HAWAII



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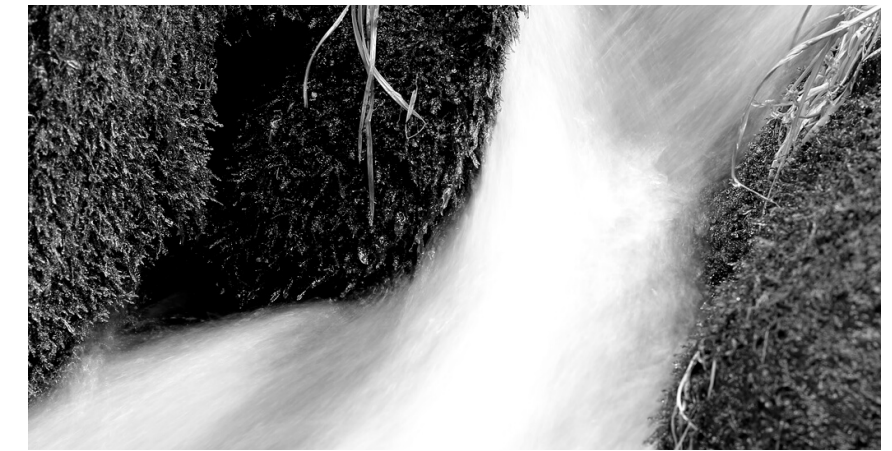
AES transports its toxic coal ash to the PVT landfill in Nānākuli to blanket the day's trash—harming the workers' and surrounding communities' health and air quality.



AES WINDFARM

Largest turbines in the nation, placed in a rural working class community and near native bat habitats and a bird sanctuary.

PC: Ka Wai Ola



CURRENT PROJECTS

Utility-scale project hydro and solar planned in communities of color, on agricultural lands, and/or raise environmental concerns-like stream diversion and land loss.

WE SUPPORT CULTURALLY CONSCIOUS ENERGY



VALUES BASED DESIGN

Project design that respects the cultural significance + socio-ecological integrity of given area



TRANSPARENCY

On-going collaboration with cultural practitioners, community leaders, and residents impacted by project



REGENERATION

Reciprocal + regenerative benefits to land, water, and the health, well-being, and quality of life for residents

WE SUPPORT COMMUNITY CONSENT

CONSULTATION

COMMUNITY HOSTING A PROJECT IS APPROACHED AFTER CONTRACTS, PERMITS, AND FUNDING ARE OBTAINED.

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CONSENT

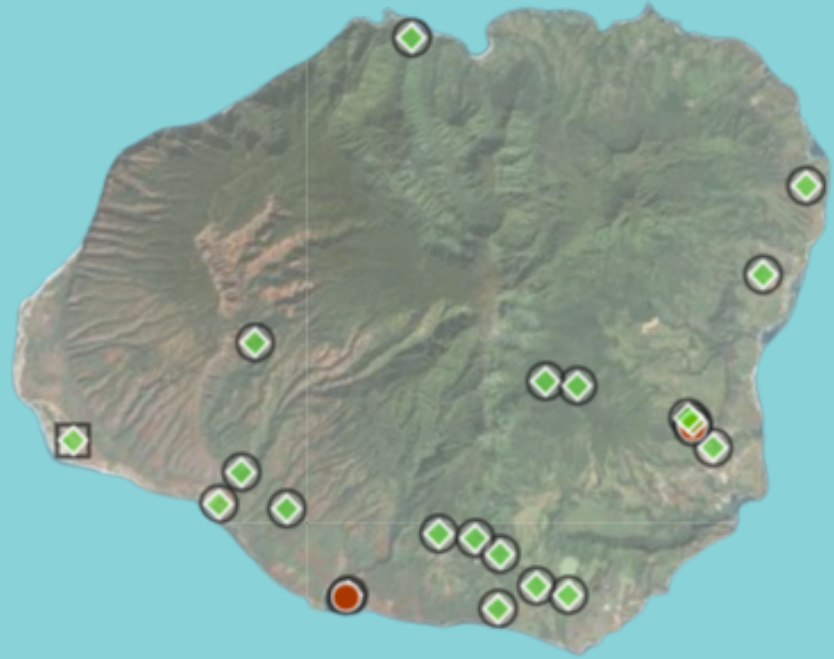
DEVELOPERS REQUIRED TO HAVE FORMAL PERMISSION—APPROVAL—FROM COMMUNITIES AT EVERY STAGE OF A PROJECT TO OBTAIN CONTRACTS AND PERMIT APPROVAL.

what we have

what we want

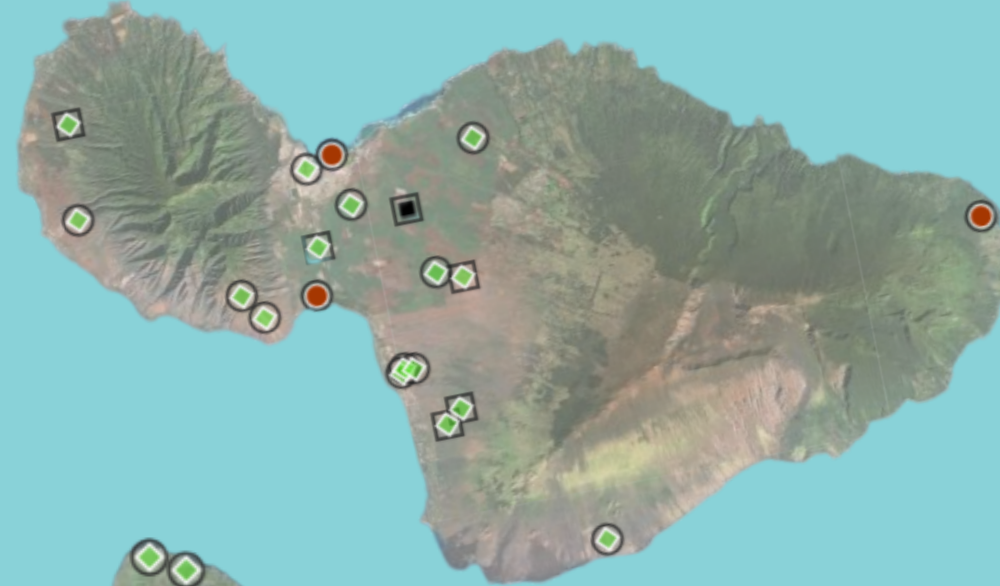


WE SUPPORT DISTRIBUTED + COMMUNITY SCALE ENERGY PRODUCTION



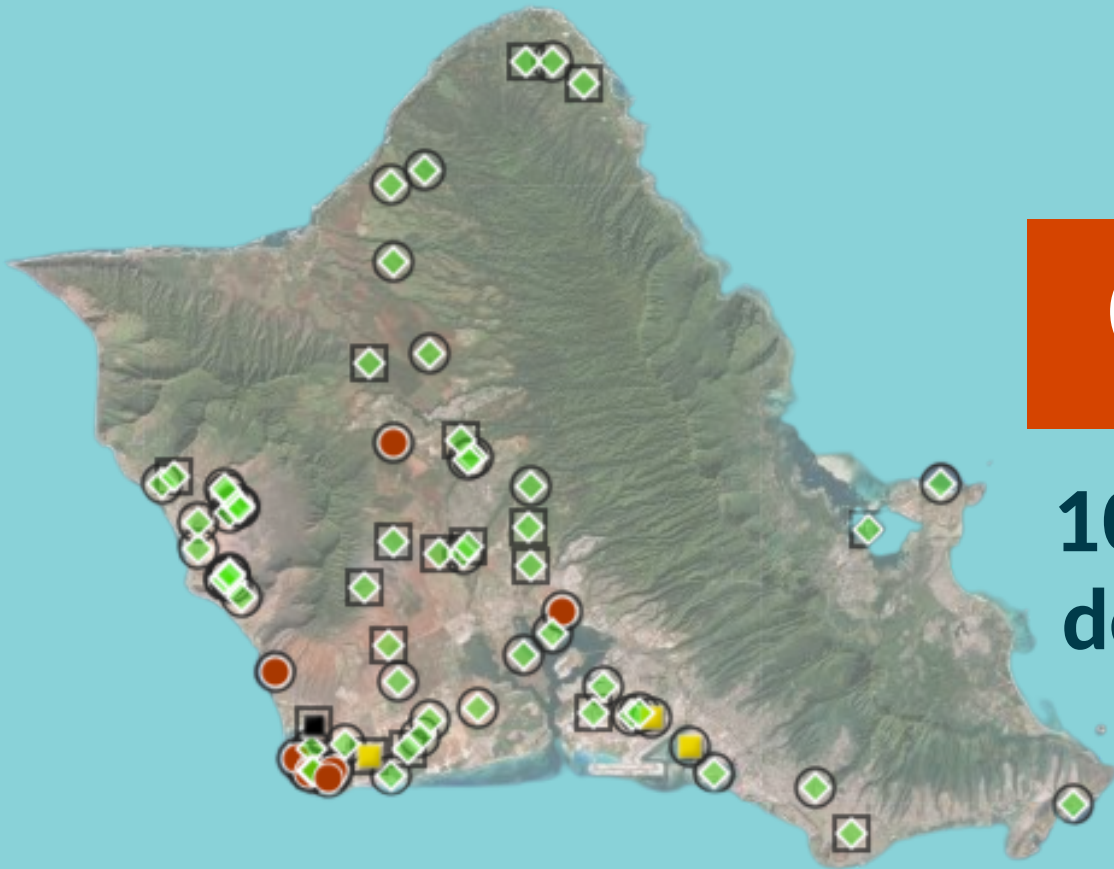
Kaua'i

1 project in development



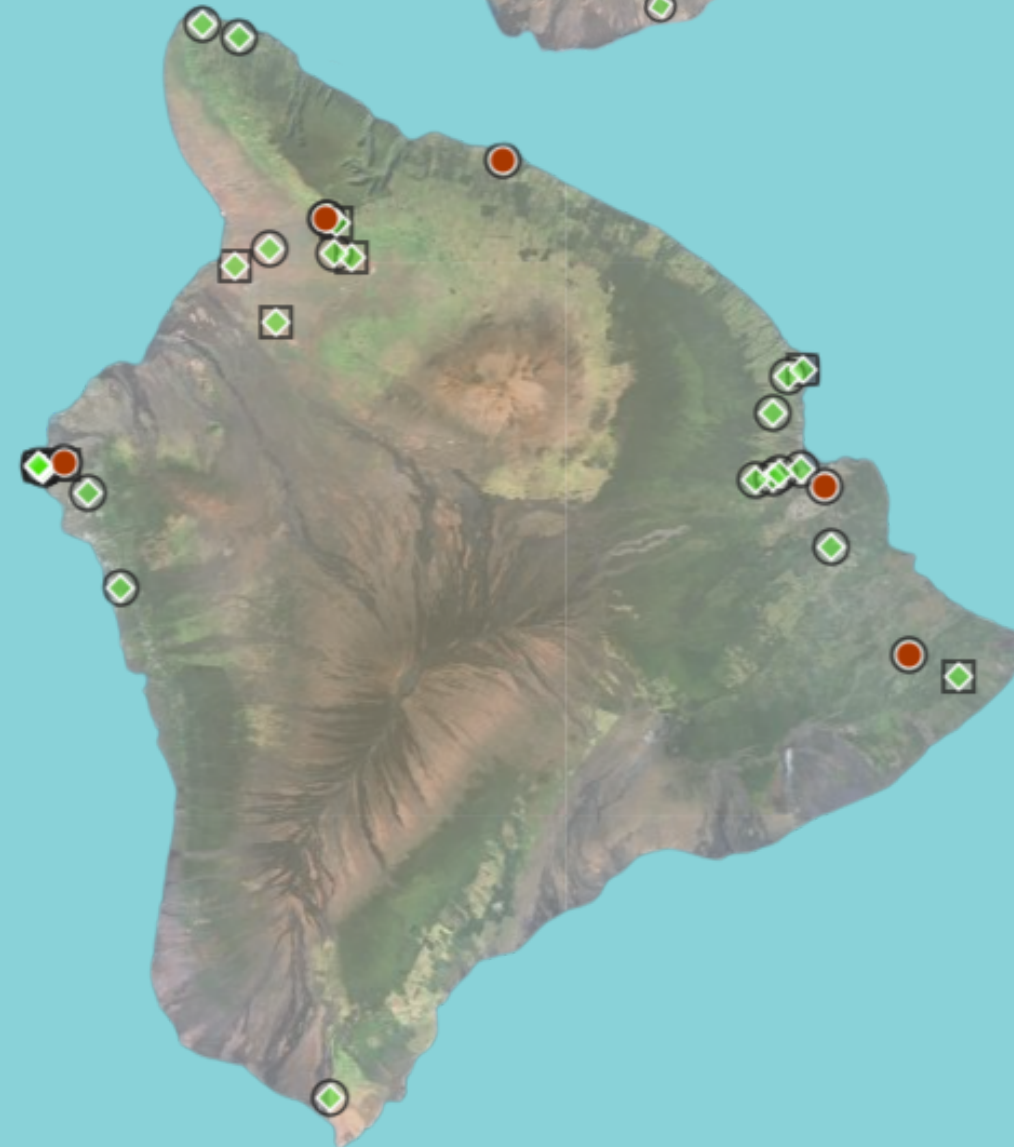
Maui

7 projects in development



O'ahu

10 projects in development



Hawai'i Island

6 projects in development

WE SUPPORT ADEQUATE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS

CLEAN

FROM ZERO OR MINIMAL EMISSIONS SOURCES
LIKE SOLAR, HYDRO, AND WIND POWER

VS

RENEWABLE

FROM SOURCES THAT ARE NATURALLY
REPLENISHING BUT FLOW-LIMITED

A small wording issue can have wide-ranging consequences for the policies and ultimately the success of our decarbonization efforts

***THE TRANSITION IS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OUR
POWER BACK***



ENERGY DEMOCRACY FOR ALL

***BUILDING
AN ENERGY
DEMOCRACY
MOVEMENT***

JEMEZ PRINCIPLES

- Be inclusive
- Emphasis on bottom-up organizing
- Let people speak for themselves
- Work together in solidarity and mutuality
- Build just relationships amongst ourselves
- Commitment to self-transformation

WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

- **Statewide Local Power Hui**
- **Quarterly panels uplifting grassroots leaders**
- **Monthly Energy Justice Colloquiums with HYCC**
- **Partnerships in culturally based learning with youth**
- **Citizen's Guide and Energy Project Scorecard**
- **Energy Justice Resolution**
- **Community Consent advocacy**

JOIN US IN BUILDING POWER

FOR ENERGY JUSTICE + DEMOCRACY FOR ALL

Check us out: sierraclubhawaii.org

