

Ka Mana

Hawaii's Interfaith Energy & Climate Connection

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Welcome

Welcome to *Ka Mana: Hawaii's Interfaith Energy & Climate Connection*, a project of [Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light](https://hipl.org) (HIPL). *Ka Mana* connects our interfaith, decision-making, and advocacy communities in Hawaii's historic transition to 100% renewable energy and a carbon-neutral economy. Inspired by shared values, effective action, a sense of urgency for fossil-fuel-free Hawaii futures ASAP, and a vision of social, economic, and environmental equity for all, together we can do this! Welcome to this Historic Moment.

Which is More Important?

Consider bicycles. Which wheel is more important to a bicycle, the rear wheel by which we power it, or the front wheel by which we steer it? In fact, a bicycle needs both wheels working together.

Consider trees. Which is more important to a tree, the roots that gather water, or the leaves that gather sunlight? In fact, a healthy tree needs both its roots and its leaves working together.

Consider communities. Which is more important to a community, its economy or its environment? In fact, a healthy community needs both economy and environment working sustainably together.

Can We Afford This Transition?

I.e., can our economy afford our environment? If both economy and environment are critical to our health, then the short answer is, likewise, can our environment afford our economy? Can we afford to wall off economy from environment to dismiss either to privilege the other?

In fact, there are two ways in which we cannot afford this transition to 100% renewable energy. First, we cannot afford this transition if we delay until the increasing costs of fossil fuels overwhelm both our economy and our environment and we are transitioned, unwilling and unprepared.

Second, we cannot afford this transition if we cling to piecemeal solutions that push natural systems ever farther out of equilibrium. Either extreme, acting too slowly or in continual discord with the Earth and each other, will soon cost us all that we value, both economically and environmentally.



Yes, We Can Afford This Transition!

Consider renewable energy. Which is more important for renewable energy, an economy in transition to it, or the environment that provides it in such abundance? In fact, a transition to 100% renewable energy will arise when our economy and our environment work together in harmony, and together in good faith, we can do this!

For Example, . . .

Please click on this link, [\(VIDEO\) Sustainability & Resilience at University of Hawai'i](#), or copy/paste it into your browser to enjoy this 5-minute video. Yes, we can collaborate effectively over complex social/economic/environmental challenges!

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