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Kapono to play energy rally

Clean energy rally at State Capitol on Monday, April 27, features Henry Kapono powered by clean energy

STATE CAPITOL— Henry Kapono will be plugging into the sun when he entertains the crowd at the Blue Planet Foundation’s Clean Energy Rally at the Hawai’i State Capitol at noon this Monday. The sound system will be powered by a photovoltaic system built by Sunetric, a Kailua-based renewable energy firm. The rally is being organized to demonstrate broad-based support for pending clean energy legislation—particularly a bill to prohibit future coal and oil-based power plants in the islands.

The “no new fossil fuel” policy was a product of the partnership between the State of Hawai’i and U.S. Department of Energy’s “Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative.” Analysis conducted by global energy experts Booz Allen Hamilton suggested that future clean energy scenarios for Hawai’i do not require new fossil fuel generating units and a ban on such facilities would keep the utilities on track to transition to clean energy. Currently, over 92% of Hawaii’s electricity is generated from imported coal or oil. The vast majority (97%) of Hawaii’s oil imports originate in foreign sources, with over 25% coming from the Middle East.

“Today, one of every four barrels of oil burned in Hawai’i originated in Saudi Arabia or Libya,” said Henk Rogers, software entrepreneur and Founder and Chairman of the Blue Planet Foundation. “We are choosing to send billions of our island dollars to those countries every year instead of keeping them at home by using indigenous, clean energy sources.”

In an effort to push critical clean energy legislation during the final week of conference committee at the state legislature, Blue Planet has launched a campaign that includes a lawmaker hotline (808-954-6148), a website (www.blueplanetfoundation.org), print and radio advertisements, and a public rally at the State Capitol. Details below.

WHO: Blue Planet Foundation, Henry Kapono, and clean energy supporters
WHAT: Clean Energy Rally to demonstrate support for pending clean energy bills
WHERE: Hawai’i State Capitol Rotunda
WHEN: Monday, April 27, noon – 1pm
INFO: www.blueplanetfoundation.org

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