

# OFFICE OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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## 1. Electric Power Authority:

**Ballot Language:** Shall the Charter be amended to remove Article 30 which allows the County Council to create an electric power corporation?

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to remove ~~provisions in the Charter~~ Charter provisions that allow the Council to create an electric power corporation like ~~the KIUC~~ Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC). This would ~~and to~~ avoid any duplication of services and limit the unnecessary growth of government.

**Background:** In 2002, voters approved an amendment that added Article 30 to the County's Charter in response to the proposed sale of the Kauai Electric Company to the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC). If the sale of Kauai Electric to KIUC failed, or if KIUC was not able to provide adequate electrical services, Article 30 allowed the County Council to establish an electric power authority corporation. In September 2003, however, the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission approved the sale of Kauai Electric to KIUC. KIUC has since adequately managed and operated Kauai's electrical power system and has become a national leader in renewable energy.

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