

You are invited!

Green Brewery & Distillery Forum

Register



Kona Brewing Co.

The forum will feature presentations from Green Breweries (Kona, Lanikai, and Maui) and Distilleries (Kō Hana Rum), along with an overview of the U.S. DOE's no-cost energy technical assistance programs, projects, and Hawai'i Energy rebates and incentives.

The event is hosted by the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO), Hawai'i Energy, and the U.S. Department of Energy's Western Region Onsite Energy Technical Assistance Partnership (TAP) and Industrial Training and Assessment Centers (ITAC) teams.

Agenda:

- 2:00 pm Welcome and Introduction - HSEO
- 2:05 pm Western Region Onsite Energy Technical Assistance Partnership (TAP)
- 2:15 pm Industrial Training and Assessment Centers (ITAC) teams
- 2:25 pm Hawai'i Energy Incentives/Rebates
- 2:35 pm Local case studies
- 2:55 pm Panel with local businesses*
- 3:05 pm Updated Checklist
- 3:15 pm Q&A / Open Discussion
- 3:30 pm Site tour

*Local panelists from Kona Brewing Co., Lanikai Brewing Co., Maui Brewing Co., and Kō Hana Rum

Date: **Thursday, October 23, 2025**

Time: **2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Location: **Honolulu (with hybrid option)**

RSVP requested by October 21

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Presenters:

Jonathan Whelan is the Director of the Western Region for the U.S. Department of Energy's Onsite Energy Technical Assistance Partnership (TAP), where he leads efforts to deliver no-cost onsite energy feasibility analysis and renewable energy procurement for breweries and distilleries alongside other industrial facilities and large energy users in Hawaii, California, Nevada, and Arizona.

Farzan Kazemifar, Ph.D., P.E., is an Associate Professor and the Associate Chair in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at SJSU. He is the Founding Director of SJSU Industrial Assessment Center (ITAC) and an Associate Director of the Western Regional Center of Excellence ITAC. His activities are focused on energy systems, sustainability and energy efficiency in industrial and commercial buildings, as well as education, and training programs.

Melissa Onishi is an Energy Advisor with Hawai'i Energy with a B.S. and an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She provides consultation on energy efficiency and conservation initiatives for restaurants, grocery, agriculture, and food production and distribution to identify opportunities for energy savings, develop tailored solutions, and secure financial incentives.

