

Bank (ASB), and Pacific Current. HECO & its subs., Maui Electric Co. (MECO) & Hawaii Electric Light Co. (HELCO), supply electricity to 469,668 customers on Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, & Hawaii. Operating companies' systems are not interconnected. Elec. rev.

48%. Fuel costs: 50%+ of revs. '22 reported deprec. rate: 3.3%. Has 3,756 employees. Chairman: Tom Fargo. Pres. & CEO: Scott Seu. Inc.: Hl. Address: 1001 Bishop St., Suite 2900, Honolulu, Hl 96808-0730. Telephone: 808-543-5662. Internet: www.hei.com.

337 356 Fixed Charge Cov. (%) 393 ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '20-'22 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs to '26-'28 Revenues -1.5% 4.0% 4.5% 5.0% 3.0% 2.0% 2.5% 'Cash Flow' 4.5% 4.5% 4.5% 4.0% Earnings 1.0% 3.0% 3.5% 3.0% Dividends Book Value

Annual Load Factor (%) % Change Customers (yr-end)

1471

+.6

1471

67.2

+.5

1467

68.2

-.2

Cal-	QUAR	TERLY RE	VENUES (\$ mill.)	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	677.2	609.0	641.4	652.2	2579.8
2021	642.9	680.3	756.9	770.3	2850.4
2022	785.1	895.6	1042	1019	3742.0
2023	928.2	921	1000	1000.8	3850
2024	945	955	1035	1015	3950
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2020 2021 2022 2023 2024	.31 .59 .63 .50	.45 .58 .48 .55	.59 .58 .57 .65 .70	.46 .50 .52 .50	1.81 2.25 2.20 2.20 2.35
Cal- endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31				Full Year
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023	.32 .33 .34 .35 .36	.32 .33 .34 .35 .36	.32 .33 .34 .35	.32 .33 .34 .35	1.28 1.32 1.36 1.40

Weakness at the savings bank will likely mean a flat bottom-line performance for Hawaiian Electric Industries this year. The holding company was off to an inauspicious start to 2023. This was partially due to higher year-overyear operating and maintenance expense at the electric utility, resulting from heavy storm damage during the island chain's rainy season. It should be noted that the first quarter of 2022 included a \$0.06 gain on the sale of an asset, making for a difficult consolidated quarterly comparison. Leadership still expects a decent year from the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). The outlook for \$1.75-\$1.85 per share of annual utility earnings has not changed. The same can not be said for American Savings Bank (ASB). Management is targeting ASB's earnings per share to come in at the low end of the \$0.75-\$0.85 range of expectations it initially provided to the investment community. Higher funding costs are squeezing net interest margin. Meanwhile, holding company and other segment losses are likely to be in the \$0.35-\$0.36 range. The tally of all the parts is about \$2.20 a share.

We expect annual growth to resume in 2024. Overall, the banking arm appears to be in much better shape than comparably sized peers. ASB's depositor base, 86% of which are FDIC-insured retail clients, has remained a steady source of funding with no unusual changes to customer behavior despite the challenges across the banking sector. Hawaii has its own unique banking industry, characterized by loyal long-term customers and a generally even-keeled economy and stable housing market. Pressures on funding costs should taper next year assuming the Federal Reserve remains less aggressive regarding interest rate hikes. Meanwhile, HECO ought to benefit from a steady stream of solar projects, which have been green-lighted by regulators. A reduction in expensive hydrocarbon fuel costs and purchased power should be coupled with solid rate-base growth for years. This issue, however, is untimely. Although the stock has traded down this

year, HE looks like a middle-of-the-pack

performer in terms of annual total return prospects amongst electric utility peers.

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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrec. losses: '07, 9¢; '12, 25¢; '17, 12¢. EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due early August. (B) Div'ds paid early March, June, Sept.,

cost. Rate allowed on com. eq. in '18: HECO,

& Dec. Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. deferred cahrges. In '22: \$272.4 mill., \$2.49/sh. (D) In mill., adj. for split. (E) Rate base: Orig. div'ds paid through reinv. plan.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 85 Price Growth Persistence 50 **Earnings Predictability** 80

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