

BILL051(22)
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 459

ZONING AND PLANNING

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Meeting Date: Oct 20, 2022 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 4

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Rocky Mould	Email: rmould@hsea.org	Zip: 96816
Representing: Hawaii Solar Energy Association (HSEA)	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 09:52 AM
Name: Kevin Landers	Email: kvnplndrs@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 01:40 PM
Testimony: DPP is an utter embarrassment. Requiring a notary requirement will create an unnecessary burden for residents trying to get permitting. Having this replaced with a simple signature will be much easier for permittees to accomplish. E-plans residents have already been waiting months for permitting to come back to them so adding additional work is insulting. Shame on DPP		
Name: Katherine Lee	Email: katherine.lee@sunrun.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 02:04 PM
Testimony: Please pass this bill so that we can help best serve the greater community of Hawai'i		
Name: Ryan Quesenberry	Email: riffe100@yahoo.com	Zip: 96720
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 02:09 PM
Testimony: Please pass this bill to help the support the general public!		



Hawaii Solar Energy Association
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Testimony Supporting Bill 51 (2022) CD1 Relating to Building Permit Applications

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Dear Chair Elefante and committee members:

HSEA **supports** Bill 51 (2022) Conference Draft 1 Relating to Building Permit Applications.

HSEA includes the majority of locally owned and operated solar and renewable energy companies in the State of Hawaii, employing thousands of residents in well-paying jobs including, but not limited to, contractors, designers, electricians, engineers, financiers, installers, salespeople, and service technicians.

Since 1977, HSEA's member companies and their customers have led investment in Hawaii's renewable energy transition installing over 94,000 residential and commercial solar systems representing over a gigawatt of renewable production capacity. Rooftop solar systems are the largest contributor to Hawaii's renewable energy portfolio at 44.7%. In the City and County of Honolulu alone, we've installed over 64,000 systems representing 774 megawatts of capacity.¹ These systems have not only produced clean and cost-effective energy for our island, but they have also acted as a buffer against high and volatile global energy prices. Going forward with the right set of policies, solar and storage installations will become increasingly accessible to lower income customer segments, create jobs in the new green economy, and become a foundation for strong and healthy economic growth.

Bill 51 is a commonsense measure that removes an overly burdensome and costly requirement for permit applicants and owners to sign a notarized affidavit when a simple signature will suffice.

We appreciate the Council's rapid response to constituent concerns. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

¹ See HECO PV and renewable energy statistics here

(https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/documents/clean_energy_hawaii/clean_energy_facts/pv_summary_2Q_2022.pdf) and here (<https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/clean-energy-hawaii/our-clean-energy-portfolio>)



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Sincerely,

/s/ Rocky Mould

Rocky Mould

Executive Director