

**BILL051(22)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 479**

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## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Nov 2, 2022 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Testimony: Hope this helps get permits through faster for home improvements!		



**Hawaii Solar Energy Association**  
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**Testimony in Support of Bill 51 (2022) CD1 Relating to Building Permit Applications**

**Thursday, November 2, 2022**

Dear Chair Waters and Council Members:

HSEA **supports Bill 51 (2022) CD 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.<sup>1</sup> 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 suffices.

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

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<sup>1</sup> See HECO PV and renewable energy statistics here

([https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/documents/clean\\_energy\\_hawaii/clean\\_energy\\_facts/pv\\_summary\\_2Q\\_2022.pdf](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