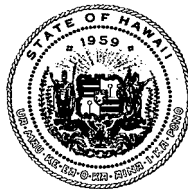


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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

We support the intent of this bill, but believe the bill is unnecessary. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently advertising a request for proposals for a company to install solar panels to provide electricity at our Oahu and Kauai base yards. The DOT also had discussions with Hawaiian Electric Company regarding the land area required and has determined that the only area suitable would be our base yard facilities. Other locations were determined to be unsuitable due to the lack of adequate space requirements and security concerns about theft.