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From: waileagirl@gmail.com on behalf of Donna Butterfield [donna@yoga-girl.com]
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To: ENETestimony
Subject: HB 2643 HD2, PACE bill

This is a great idea to give homeowners the ability to make use of solar energy while not having to take a bank loan for the project. Paying for it through taxes, is a brilliant idea and one that will propel Hawaii forward in the pursuit of clean energy! I am in support of this bill. Please pass it as soon as you can so we can build a greener future together!

Sincerely,
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From: Mimi Sroat [sroat@hawaii.edu]
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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 2643

The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) concept was justifiably described as one of "10 Breakthrough Ideas for 2010." It could fund clean energy projects -- like photovoltaic and solar water heaters -- for every-day residents and small businesses. This program allows average citizens to save a few bucks on their electric bill while moving Hawai'i towards its renewable energy goals.

While we understand it's hard to undertake new programs during an economic downturn, the PACE program is needed to help create new jobs. In Sonoma, construction jobs increased by 8.4% after the implementation of a \$100 million PACE program during a period when neighboring counties experienced sharp drops in construction employment.

I would ask that you strongly support this bill and ensure that it is properly funded with a general obligation bond (not from the State coffers) that residents can pay back over time.