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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, and Members of the Committee:

This is an important measure that will bring much needed funding to Hawaii's efforts to create an energy efficient economy without directly using public funds for this purpose. HSEA supports the concept in general and the work of the Public Benefits Fee Administrator in particular. HSEA does suggest, however, an amendment designed to preserve a share of the program's funds for solar water heating systems. These systems are the most effective long-term source of demand reduction undertaken by the program. However, existing rules incentivize the PBFA to pursue other options. Legislative direction will ensure that solar water heating continues to receive appropriate treatment within the program and perpetuate our position as a global leader in solar water heating.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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About Hawaii Solar Energy Association

Hawaii Solar Energy Association (HSEA) is comprised of installers, distributors, manufacturers and financiers of solar energy systems, both hot water and PV, most of which are Hawaii based, owned and operated. Our primary goals are: (1) to further solar energy and related arts, sciences and technologies with concern for the ecologic, social and economic fabric of the area; (2) to encourage the widespread utilization of solar equipment as a means of lowering the cost of energy to the American public, to help stabilize our economy, to develop independence from fossil fuel and thereby reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change; (3) to establish, foster and advance the usefulness of the members, and their various products and services related to the economic applications of the conversion of solar energy for various useful purposes; and (4) to cooperate in, and contribute toward, the enhancement of widespread understanding of the various applications of solar energy conversion in order to increase their usefulness to society.