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Statement of
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**
Monday, March 30, 2009
2:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
SB606 SD2
RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of SB606 SD2, which would allow condominium boards of directors to install or permit installation of solar or wind energy devices in common element areas of condominiums.

Putting rooftop spaces to work collecting solar or wind energy could be a significant source of clean, renewable electrical energy while benefiting condominiums economically. We understand that companies are asking associations to lease the roofs of condominium projects to install solar energy devices. The proposals from companies usually compensate associations for the use of the project roofs or provide them with electricity at lower rates. Most condominiums are located in areas receiving high amounts of sunshine.

Installation of energy devices will result in reduced dependence on imported fossil fuel, increase the use of renewable energy resources, and bring Hawaii a step closer to

realizing the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative's goal of achieving a 70% clean energy economy. Using every resource will be critical for gaining energy independence.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.



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Rep. Robert Herkes, Chair
Rep. Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce


RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB606, SD2 RE CONDOMINIUMS
Hearing: Monday, Mar. 30, 2009, 2:15 p.m. Conf. Rm. #325

Chair Herkes, Vice-Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

I am Jane Sugimura, President of the Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners (HCAAO).

HCAAO joins in the testimony of Community Association Institute (CAI) in support of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.


Jane Sugimura
President

Wakai
SB6:6221

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**COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL
2:15 P M - CONFERENCE RM. 325**

RE: S. B. 606, SD2 RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS

Chair Rep. Robert Herkes, V. C. Rep. Glenn Wakai and Committee Members:

Good Afternoon. My name is Dante K. Carpenter and I am the President of the condominium association known as COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE, PHASE 2, ASSOCIATION OF APARTMENT OWNERS located in the Salt Lake Area. CCV, Phase 2 is comprised of 2-21 story HI-Rise Buildings with 469 residential units and a large 5-story garage facility which houses nearly 900 automobiles.

Our Association is presently having a study of it premises conducted to accommodate photo-voltaic panels for the production of electricity to offset power costs to its homeowners. We therefore, would like to go on record in support of the above cited measure.

We believe our buildings are situated in such a way as to accommodate both solar as well as wind energy devices on its common areas. This will in turn both reduce operating costs as well as contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gasses generated by present methods of electrical generation as well as decrease Hawaii's dependence on fossil fuels.

Further, we recommend that the present limit of 100 kilowatts imposed by the power company be removed to improve the economic feasibility of installations. (Amortize costs)

We commend your committee's action in these and other measures which will benefit our statewide community efforts to improve the environment and reduce the costs of power and strongly urge passage of S. B. 606, SD2.

Thank you very much.

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