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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
SB606 SD2
RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

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Chair Morita, Vice Chair Coffman, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of SB 606 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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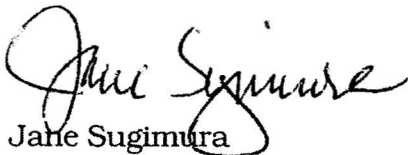
RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB606, SD2 RE CONDOMINIUMS
Hearing: Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2009, 8:30 a.m. Conf. Rm. #325

Chair Morita, Vice-Chair Coffman 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