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**&**  
**COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING**  
**HB122 HD1**

**Mark Duda**  
**President**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon, and Members of the Committees:

HSEA supports this measure as it extends the repeal date of Act 173 of the 2009 legislative session.

The purpose of Act 173 was to “facilitate the financing and development of renewable energy projects by allowing leases and easements pertaining to renewable energy projects, together with mortgages and other conveyances as security for finance, to be created, enforced, and recorded, without requiring the landowner to obtain formal subdivision approval, and instead requiring approval for exemption from subdivision requirements, from the applicable county or other approving agency.”

HB 122 is a common sense measure, as was Act 173, that makes it easier for renewable energy developers and investors to participate in the advancement of the State of Hawaii's ambitious energy goals, as embodied in the Renewable Portfolio Standard and various other statutory and regulatory requirements. As such it should be extended as envisioned in this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure

Mark Duda  
President, Hawaii Solar Energy Association

**About Hawaii Solar Energy Association**

*Hawaii Solar Energy Association (HSEA) is comprised of installers, distributors, manufacturers and financers 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.*