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Statement of  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
Thursday, March 3, 2011  
3:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of  
**HB 566, HD1**

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) defers to the Department of Taxation on matters relating to HB 566 HD 1 due to its potential impact on the priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget.

DBEDT has concerns about the reporting requirements outlined in section 2, page 5 of the bill in that information relating to the total number of systems claiming the tax credit by year and technology hasn't been tracked by the Dept of Taxation beginning with tax year 2003 to the present.

It is DBEDT's understanding through the Dept of Taxation that the renewable energy tax credit data has been sorted by industry type to include solar, wind and photovoltaic along with the aggregated number of returns filed, however, DBEDT and DOTAX respectfully submit that data on specific systems installed by year and technology has not been tracked and does not exist.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



**Hawaii Solar Energy Association**  
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**Mark Duda**

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Solar Energy Association supports HB566 HD1 as it represents a compromise between what is currently needed in the State with respect to the budget, and the importance of establishing a solar industry, which is critical to the State's clean energy future.

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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 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.*

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