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TESTIMONY OF WARREN BOLLMEIER ON BEHALF OF THE  
HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

SB 2787 SD2 HD1, RELATING TO ELECTRICITY

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Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and members of the Committee I am Warren Bollmeier, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance (HREA). HREA is an industry-based, nonprofit corporation in Hawaii established in 1995. Our mission is to support, through education and advocacy, the use of renewables for a sustainable, energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly, economically-sound future for Hawaii. One of our goals is to support appropriate policy changes in state and local government, the Public Utilities Commission and the electric utilities to encourage increased use of renewables in Hawaii.

The purposes of SB 2787 SD2 HD1 are to authorize: (i) the Public Utilities Commission to develop, adopt, and enforce reliability standards and interconnection requirements, (ii) the Public Utilities Commission to contract for the performance of related duties with a party to be named the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator, and (iii) the collection of a Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge to be collected by Hawaii's electric utilities.

HREA **strongly supports** this measure as it supports the state's overall clean energy objectives, and we offer the following comments in support:

- 1) The Commission has already started the development of reliability standards on its Docket No. 2011-0206, and HREA is proud to be an Intervenor in the docket
- 2) This measure will strengthen the process in three ways:
  - a) First, the measure requires the adoption and enforcement of the reliability standards. It is our belief that this process will allow the integration of more renewables on our island grids, but also improve the reliability of our grids,
  - b) Second, the measure provides the Commission with the additional resources to oversee and enforce the reliability standards, and
  - c) Third, the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Administrator will be an independent entity that reports directly to the Commission.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.