

HB2165

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Concerning House Bill HB2165

As a concerned citizen and solar advocate, I urge the Hawaii Legislature to move forward on this bill.

Many municipalities across the United States have already adopted solar rights and solar access legislation. If Hawaii truly wants to count themselves as a leader in alternative energy use rather than simply pay lip service to the idea, this bill must go forward.

This bill is merely a starting point to enable the counties to expand and develop their own local statutes.

At least allow the counties to go forward.

If you walk around neighborhoods that have homes with solar panels already installed for any length of time, you will see that since the panels were installed, many will have vegetation from neighboring properties beginning to block their sun access.

With the existing mandate to have Hawaii increase reliance on non-fossil fuels and the eventual loss of state and federal tax credits, the incentive to purchase and install PV is diminished.

Consider also that this bill addresses only vegetation blocking solar access. Many municipalities across the United States also prohibit building in front of solar panels.

Hawaii must, at the very least, adopt this measure.

Thank you,
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