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Testimony in **support** of SB1087 SD1  
Relating to Green Infrastructure

Committee on Ways and Means

Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

February 21, 2013  
9:00 am Room 211

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The Office of the Governor **supports** Senate Bill 1087, Senate Draft 1, Relating to Green Infrastructure. This measure would establish a regulatory financing structure to authorize the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to provide low-interest loans for green infrastructure equipment which will help to achieve measurable cost savings to consumers and utility customers and move us towards Hawaii's clean energy goals.

DBEDT and the PUC have worked with Budget and Finance and the Consumer Advocate and have amendments that the Office of the Governor supports. The PUC and DBEDT are available to answer any technical questions you may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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S.B. 1087, SD1 RELATING TO GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

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Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Hee, and I represent Hawaiian Electric Company, and its subsidiary utilities Hawaii Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company. I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony on S.B. 1087, SD1.

The Companies support the intent of S.B. 1087, SD1 to provide low cost clean energy financing to underserved markets. The Companies have also supported on-bill financing during the on-going proceeding at the Commission (Docket No. 2011-0186) in which the Companies indicated their willingness to assist with billing, collecting, and transmitting customer payments related to on-bill financing.

The Companies have been working with DBEDT and the PUC on amending the companion H.B. 856. That collaborative effort has resulted in language which the Companies strongly support. Therefore, we request that the Senate amend S.B. 1087, SD1 to match the version of H.B. 856 that includes DBEDT's and the PUC's amendments, or hold S.B. 1087, SD1 so that the amended H.B. 856 can advance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1087 SD1

Aloha Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with 10,000 dues-paying members and supporters, ***strongly supports*** SB 1087 SD1. This measure creates a structure for a clean energy financing program, which would help many Hawaii residents reduce their electric bill through clean energy and energy efficiency investments.

Until we solve the problem of upfront cost, it will be difficult to provide clean energy to renters and low income residents. Our society has evolved into a pay-as-you-go system. No one would consider paying \$19,200 for twenty years of cell phone service, although that is the approximate cost of a modern iPhone (\$80 per month x 12 months x 20 years). Similarly, too few people are willing to pay \$42,000 for a clean energy system that locks in today's energy rates (average bill of \$175 x 12 months x 20 years).

SB 1087 could establish a national precedent. Creating a pay-as-you-save program would lead to the development of a stronger renewable energy market, wean Hawai'i off of fossil fuels, and put more money into the pocket of Hawai'i residents.

Analogous financing systems have led to demonstrable increases in employment and overwhelming public support. The small County of Sonoma, for example, has already funded 1750 residential and 57 commercial systems (a total of \$59,756,859 invested in stimulating the economy and reducing electric bills). 86% of these jobs were completed by local contractors.

The Sierra Club respectfully asks that this committee advance this measure. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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we think it is a good bill and support it. please pass. bernard & fe schwind , molokai