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TESTIMONY OF WARREN BOLLMEIER ON BEHALF OF THE
HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

SB 19, RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

February 5, 2013

Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Ruderman, 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 purpose of SB 612 is to exempt landlords and lessors who install renewable energy systems to their property from the definition of "public utility".

HREA **supports this measure** for the following reasons:

- 1) Nature of the Proposal. We believe this measure proposes to allow entities to provide electricity to a limited number of easily identified customers, and can be characterized as "private utility," and therefore does not need to be regulated as is the "public utility" which has a franchise to provide electricity to the general public, including the "obligation to serve" all consumers,
- 2) Clean Energy Goals. This measure will support attainment of our clean energy goals, and
- 3) Customer Choice. This measure will increase the number of energy savings options for customers, and specifically open up opportunities for some customers that do not currently exist.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



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Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
415 South Beretenia Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Written Testimony - **SB19: Relating to Renewable Energy**
Tuesday, February 05, 2013 at 2:45 p.m.

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Committee Members:

The Michaels Development Company **supports** Senate Bill 19, the bill that exempts landlords and lessors from the definition of "public utility" for the installation of renewable energy systems to our properties. Not only does renewable energy systems help offset the high cost of energy in Hawaii for the owner and the residents, it is globally conscience to utilize "green" technologies in which it would decrease the state's dependence on fossil fuels. The statue as written is a deterrent for landlords to develop renewable energy systems for tenants who would aid in lower utility costs resulting in cost savings to tenants and lower costs of operations for the owner. Approving SB19 would provide the necessary exemption to the landlord or lessor so that owners could invest in renewable solutions for lessees.

The Michaels Development Company is a private sector firm with over 35 years of experience in producing top quality, affordable housing. Since 1973, Michaels has developed and rehabilitated over 45,000 units in 33 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Michaels has overseen over \$2.5 billion of new construction and substantial rehabilitation with a portfolio that includes over 100 communities affordable to lower income households and seniors through project based Section 8 and the leveraging of other federal assistance programs, as well as over 70 communities affordable to working families through the use of low income housing tax credits.

As Master Developer for the Kuhio Park Community, we are highly interested in installing renewal energy systems as we develop the next 10 phases of affordable housing and therefore support Senate Bill 19.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

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VP, Development