SB 3049

LATE TESTIMONY



SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 3049

Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Sunrun appreciates the opportunity to comment on SB 3049, relating to energy. Sunrun is the largest residential solar provider operating in Hawaii. Sunrun respectfully opposes this measure.

This bill, while well-intentioned, does not help Hawaii's customers. Many of the provisions contained therein are already found in analogous federal laws. The passage of this bill will only add duplication and unnecessary administrative expense that will ultimately be passed onto the Hawaii customer.

The PUC's recent changes to Hawaii's solar market makes this a particularly poor time to increase the regulatory complexity in the solar market. Increasing the length and cost of lease agreements without bolstering consumer protection does not advance the public good. If passed, this measure would increase consumer confusion and achieve the opposite of the intent of this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit these comments.