

**HR-126**

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To: The House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection  
From: Brodie Lockard, Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action  
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 9:30 am

**Opposing HCR 137 / HR 126**

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Dear EEP Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Committee Members—

Organizing for Action opposes HCR 137 / HR 126.

Though we recognize the value of a glass and solar panel recycling plant, a fee on each solar panel sold is *not* the way to fund such a plant.

Hawaii and the planet are in a climate crisis, heading directly toward climate catastrophe. Last year's IPCC and NCA reports made it crystal clear that we need "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" to avoid disastrous levels of global warming.

The reports say that reaching the crucial threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels—by as early as 2030—will precipitate the risk of extreme drought, wildfires, floods and food shortages for hundreds of millions of people.

This is not the time to be adding fees to solar panels, for *any* purpose. We need to be incentivizing zero-emission energy in every way we can think of.

Please defer this short-sighted resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brodie Lockard  
Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action

## O'AHU ISLAND PARKS CONSERVANCY

House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

House Conference Room 325

9:55 AM

**Senate Bill 126, SD1**  
**Relating to the State Budget**



Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger and Committee Members:

This is an urgent request for assistance in completion of the Aloha Tower Complex repair, rehabilitation and restoration of Irwin Memorial Park, including its full irrigation infrastructure system and replacement of historic shade canopy and palm trees destroyed by neglect and cutting to the ground, respectively. Full restoration of the Park's historic landscape must be ensured in the greater public interest without further delay by DOT Harbors in accordance with HRS 206J-6 (c):

**Irwin Memorial Park shall be retained as a public park subject to the reservations and conditions set forth in the deed of Helene Irwin Fagan to the Territory of Hawaii.**

The Irwin Memorial Park rehabilitation and restoration plans have been completed to ensure the safety, health and restoration of this historic Park landscape:

Site improvements (demolition, water and drainage system)	\$442,800
Electrical system	404,500
Landscape and irrigation	461,750

Following three (3) years of delay by the former DOT Harbors Deputy Director, we find we must now appeal to you to restore the funding to see this through. Please add the necessary sum of \$1,309,050 to the Honolulu Harbors budget to complete this important restoration project.

With gratitude,

Michelle Spalding Matson  
President, O'ahu Island Parks Conservancy

Cc: William L. Olds, Irwin Foundation  
OIPC Board of Directors  
Winston Welch, The Outdoor Circle  
Tom Dinell, FAICP, UHDURP Professor Emeritus  
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