HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII H.R. NO. 44

HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE STATE, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, AND HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY TO MAKE ALL FUTURE SOLAR PROJECTS IN THE STATE COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECTS.

1 WHEREAS, as a clean energy source, solar power helps to 2 reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change; and 3

WHEREAS, however, according to the National Renewable
Energy Laboratory, approximately fifty percent of households and
businesses are unable to have solar arrays installed on their
respective rooftops; and

9 WHEREAS, community solar projects are solar projects in 10 which households and businesses subscribe to or own a portion of 11 the energy generated by a typically offsite solar array and 12 receive an electric bill credit for the share of the solar 13 energy generated by the household or business project; and 14

WHEREAS, community solar projects expand access to solar power to households and businesses that are unable to host onsite solar arrays, and help to provide these households and businesses with reduced monthly electric bills and increased resilience during blackouts and weather events; now, therefore, 20

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the State, Public Utilities Commission, and Hawaiian Electric Company are encouraged to make all future solar projects in the State community solar projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
Public Utilities Commission, and President and Chief Executive
Officer of the Hawaiian Electric Company.

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