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February 21, 2023

TESTIMONY OF ADDISON BULOSAN
COUNCIL VICE CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
HB 419, HD 1, RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY
GENERATING SYSTEMS
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 329
Via Videoconference

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong SUPPORT of HB 419, HD 1, Relating to Residential Photovoltaic Energy Generating Systems. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

HB 419, HD 1 seeks to require the counties to exempt from county permitting requirements the installation of off-grid residential photovoltaic energy generating systems on the rooftops of residential properties.

I wholeheartedly support HB 419, HD 1 as it will help our community and taking advantage of available rooftop space for solar photovoltaic will also help the State achieve its one hundred percent renewable energy target.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HB 419, HD 1. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via email to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

ADDISON BULOSAN
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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HB-419-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2023 4:29:12 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephanie Bath	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo!!!

this is a huge and positive step in forwarding progress with climate change!!

yes yes yes

Folks should not be breaking laws because of economic inability to jump they silly permitting

Stephanie Bath

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
Hearing on Feb. 22, 2023 at 2:00 pm

SUPPORTING HB 419 HD1

My name is John Kawamoto, and I support HB 419 HD 1 because it encourages the decentralization of electricity generation and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Centralized energy grids are often the first to fail when a disaster hits because they are vulnerable to breaks in a chain that transmits large amounts of power across a wide area. If a transmission line goes down, for example, many homes in a wide area may lose electricity.

The vulnerability of centralized systems is evident when Hurricane Fiona hit Puerto Rico and Hurricane Ian hit Florida last year. Many of those who were connected to the centralized electricity grid found themselves without power. However, those who had rooftop solar generally continued to have access to electricity.

Rooftop solar not only increases resilience to disasters, but it also reduces greenhouse gas emissions that are warming the Earth and making it increasingly unlivable.

HB-419-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2023 9:13:12 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB419 should help break the gridlock that is impacting solar energy installations. It will help citizens save money on their energy bills and will help the state meet its climate and clean air goals.

HB-419-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/20/2023 11:04:42 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/22/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support HB419 HD1.