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Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
Rep. Elle Cochran, Vice Chair
Comm. on Energy & Environmental Protection

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
9:00 am
Conference Room 325 or via Zoom

RE: HB1687 RETAIL RATE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran & Committee Members,

The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce represents over 100 small businesses across the State of Hawaii that strive for a triple bottom line: people, planet and prosperity; we know we can strengthen our economy without hurting workers, consumers, communities or the environment. This is why we support HB1687, which would allow customers to be fairly compensated for using their solar and battery systems to support the utility grid.

In doing so, these systems offer a relatively cost-effective option for building resiliency not just for individual families, but the energy grid as a whole.

Rooftop solar has been a driver of Hawaii's clean energy progress over the years. Providing incentives to families to purchase solar plus storage systems helps save the planet from climate-destroying greenhouse gases. This is an important step to help Hawaii meet its climate goals, reduce costs for residents, and help our grid become more resilient.