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To: Chair Martin, Vice-Chair Anderson, and members of the Council

Re: Bill 11: Relating to the operating budget and program for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

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Hawaii Energy Connection, LLC (HEC) is an Oahu based photovoltaic (PV) installation company with over 90 full time employees. HEC has already pulled over 450 building permits for PV in the first quarter of 2013. The need for more electrical inspectors is critical.

HEC **supports** the provisions in Bill 11 which provides funding for an additional six (6) full time electrical inspectors for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

We currently have well over 600 open permits waiting for inspection. These permits represent tax payers that have been waiting to utilize the full benefits of their PV systems. Many of these tax payers have been waiting since the last quarter of 2012. Utilizing the new permit fee structure to add inspectors is essential to supporting these tax payers and our growing industry. HEC is therefore very supportive of the proposal to provide more funding for electrical inspectors and thus ensure that inspections can be completed in a timely manner.

Mahalo,
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