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OPPOSE **HB 1912** BlueEarth Special Purpose Revenue Bonds

Aloha Chair Menor, Vice Chair Hooser, Chair English, Vice Chair Inouye and Committee members:

My name is Sarah Preble. I am a concerned citizen.

I am not a paid lobbyist.

I am not an energy company stockholder or an executive who must answer to stockholders.

I am not part of a special interest group -- unless you consider those who seek to preserve the global environment for future generations a special interest group.

I do read newspapers and I am dismayed by the implications of the connection between HECO and BlueEarth.

I enjoy electricity in my home and I drive a car. However, I am concerned about the sources of the energy I use and the local and worldwide impact of the creation and use of this energy. I don't want my household energy to come from imported biofuels because I am aware that there are negative impacts of such energy sources.

- Most palm oil and other biofuels come from Brazil or Indonesia where rainforests are being decimated and small farmers are displaced and their livelihoods and ways of life are often destroyed.
- Crops for biofuel often compete with crops for food.
- The transportation of any fuel incurs huge costs and fossil fuel emissions. Between 3 ½ and 4 tons of petroleum fuel per hour are burned on tanker ships. No matter what the cargo, ships burn petroleum. That such transportation adds 5 - 10% to the cost of energy is irrelevant; it is the larger issues with which we should be concerned.

I don't have a vote on this bill but my conscience demands that I do what I can. My husband and I have put 26 photovoltaic panels on our house.

Please do not pass this bill. There are better ways to provide electricity for Hawaii.

Thank you.

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