SB 1766 S.D.1
RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY

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SB 1766 S.D.1 would add a new section to the Hawaii Revised Statutes to require the installation of solar water heating equipment for water heating in residential development projects using state lands, state funds, or otherwise subsidized by the state. An exception to the requirements is provided for sites with special conditions that make solar systems ineffective or impracticable.

Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We concur with the intent of this bill and are pleased to note the amendments that provide for a waiver of the solar heating requirements in those cases where it is simply not practicable or effective. We would urge one more amendment and that is to require the use of heat pumps or gas water heaters in those installations that receive a waiver from solar systems.