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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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#### TESTIMONY SUPPORTING INTENT OF SB 3039, SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Chair Ige and members of the committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with over 5000 dues paying members statewide, supports the intent of SB 3039, requiring the counties to adopt zoning ordinance to require a minimum per cent of all roof tops on structures in multi-family, hotel, and industrial districts to be landscaped and providing a tax credit for added cost of roof top landscaping for taxable years beginning after 12/31/07.

Landscaped rooftops both help beautify our "built" environment while providing a cooling effect on buildings by insulating them from the sun's rays.

The Sierra Club believes, however, that the best use of some rooftop space is for renewable energy devices, such as solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, or small wind energy devices. This measure should be amended to exempt building owners with such devices from the landscaping requirement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.