LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Public Hearing

Pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., 235 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 204; Honolulu, Hawaii 96813; to hear all persons interested in the proposed rule pertaining to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 15, Chapter 37, entitled, "Solar Water Heater Variance."

The main purposes of the proposed rule are for DBEDT to provide a website for solar water heater variance submissions and to charge a fee for each variance request.

A copy of the proposed rule will be made available for public viewing from the first working day that the legal notice appears in the <u>Honolulu Star-Advertiser</u>, <u>Hawaii Tribune-Herald</u>, <u>West</u> <u>Hawaii Today</u>, <u>The Maui News</u>, and <u>The Garden Island</u>, through the day the public hearing is held, from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the following locations:

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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism State Energy Office 235 South Beretania Street, Room 506 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

City and County of Honolulu Permit Center 650 South King Street, 1st Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

COUNTY OF HAWAII

County of Hawaii Planning Department 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3 Hilo, Hawaii 96720

County of Hawaii Planning Department 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

COUNTY OF KAUAI

Department of Public Works Building Division Code Enforcement Officer 4444 Rice Street #175 Lihue, Hawaii 96766

COUNTY OF MAUI

Building Permit Office 250 South High Street, 1st Floor Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

The proposed rule also may be viewed on the internet at: <u>http://energy.hawaii.gov/resources/solar-water-heater-variance</u> A copy of the proposed rules also can be mailed at no cost to any interested party, upon written request to: SWH Variance Admin Rule, DBEDT State Energy Office, P.O. Box 2359; Honolulu, HI 96804-2359.

Interested persons may present written or oral testimony at the time of the public hearing. All persons wishing to submit written testimony are requested to submit 5 copies of their written testimony before the public hearing date to SWH Variance Admin Rule, DBEDT State Energy Office, P.O. Box 2359; Honolulu, HI 96804-2359; or 5 copies may be submitted to the presiding officer at the public hearing.

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing shall submit 5 copies of their written testimony concerning the proposals to: SWH Variance Admin Rule, DBEDT State Energy Office, P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804-2359. All such submissions must be received prior to the scheduled public hearing date or submitted to the presiding officer at the public hearing.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request. Call the DBEDT State Energy Office, Energy Efficiency Branch at (808) 587-3808. A request for reasonable accommodations should be made no later than 10 working days prior to the needed accommodations.

Luis P. Salaveria, Director Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism State of Hawaii Dated: September 18, 2017