

RE: In Favor Portable Solar Generation Devices. H 7269

My name is Jessie Kingston, retired. I live in Providence.

I echo Hans Scholl's written testimony on this bill.

These relatively inexpensive devices are being sold in local hardware stores in Utah and Germany, generating free, clean energy **safely** to their owners and without incident to utility workers.

I saw quite a few already in use when we vacationed last summer in Block Island. I am not condoning this, but I have also read about other communities of homeowners or renters who have openly (they are visible) used them before they are technically "legal", for some time with no argument or action against from their public utility.

I can only surmise that is true because there actually is no safety concern on properly constructed units with the safety shut off, plus the amount of energy in question is quite small. Perhaps the real reason for objections by utilities on the specious grounds of safety is actually due to the amount of electricity revenue the company is losing —while negligible on each individual unit, the total could add up as the number of units increases..