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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, April 1, 2022
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

**SUPPORT
HB 2255, SD1
RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 2255, SD1, which requires that public benefit fee administrator (PBFA) and utility rebates be used where available for state buildings and facilities and prioritizes building and facility appliances that meet the required standards to qualify for PBFA rebates.

The provisions proposed in HB 2255, SD1, support Hawaii's Energy Efficiency for State Buildings project that prioritizes energy efficiency in state facilities through a focused collaboration between state agencies, HSEO, and the PBFA. To achieve the State's clean energy goals and to lead by example, existing as well as new state facilities must prioritize purchasing energy-efficient products, and utilize incentives and rebates to reduce energy consumption and manage utility bills.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agency for comment on the implementation of the requirements of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, April 1, 2022 at 10:30a.m.

Testimony in Support of HB2255 HD1 SD1: Relating to Energy Efficiency

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2255 HD1 SD1.

Hawai'i Energy works to empower island families and businesses as the public benefits fee administrator (PBFA) on behalf of the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to make smart energy choices to reduce energy consumption, save money, and pursue a 100% clean energy future. Energy efficiency is the cheapest option to help us achieve our 100% clean energy goal by eliminating waste and being more efficient.

Hawai'i Energy applauds the legislature's efforts to support energy efficiency for state facilities. The State will demonstrate its commitment to clean energy by prioritizing appliances that meet the required standards of the PBFA rebate program to reduce the state's electricity demand in its own buildings. So far, state agencies saw a 20.1% reduction in electricity usage for State buildings over a 2005 baseline,¹ and we are working with the Hawai'i State Energy Office on a strategic energy management approach for state agencies to decrease their energy usage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2255 HD1 SD1.

Sincerely,
Brian Kealoha
Executive Director
Hawai'i Energy

¹ [Hawai'i State Energy Office 2021 Annual Report](#), pg. 30.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2022 8:58:14 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Bowers	Testifying for Green Building Initiative	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Emily Bowers, and I am the Director of State and Local Engagement at the Green Building Initiative (GBI). The Green Building Initiative is a nonprofit organization and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Developer dedicated to improving building performance and reducing climate impacts, and administrator of the Green Globes® environmental assessment and rating tool.

I am writing to express our support for HB 2255, specifically, requiring that state buildings be designed and constructed to meet two Green Globes.

Green Globes is uniquely applicable to a variety of building types, and at present, GBI has certified nearly a half a billion square feet globally. By listing Green Globes in HB 2255, you are ensuring that energy efficiency, indoor environmental air quality, and relevant climate mitigation practices such as commissioning and waste reduction, are implemented in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2022 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew K Lynch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Matthew K Lynch and, I currently serve as the Director of Sustainability Initiatives for the University of Hawai‘i System, which has given me experience and subject matter experience in this matter. I am submitting testimony as a private individual in SUPPORT of this bill, with a suggested amendment.

I would like to recommend adding the word “GOLD” to Section (1) on page 1, starting on line 6:

Section 1) “Design and construct buildings meeting the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design GOLD or two green globes rating system...”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Mahalo,

Matthew K Lynch