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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON  
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,  
HOUSING, and  
WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES**  
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State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of

**HB284  
RELATING TO ENERGY**

Chairs Morita, Cabanilla, and Ito, Vice Chairs Coffman, Chong, and Har, and  
Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) does not support HB284 which establishes specific performance standards and mandates the use of cool roofs on all new residential and commercial construction in Hawaii beginning in 2011. HB284 also directs the Energy Resources Coordinator with granting variances to the proposed requirement and directs all counties to adopt and enforce rules, ordinances, and guidelines to take all reasonable actions to implement and enforce this new provision.

While DBEDT supports the use of cool roofs, we have strong reservations about such a sweeping mandate affecting "all residential construction, including single family and multi-family residential properties, and all commercial construction, including construction for businesses of any kind and all government buildings." We support the cool roof provisions

in HB1053, our omnibus Administration measure developed in support of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, which proposes that the Public Benefits Fee Administrator consider costs and benefits of requiring cool roof standards. Therefore, we propose that the analysis and evaluation by the Public Benefits Fee Administrator be allowed to take place before any mandatory measures are imposed.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.