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in consideration of

SB811
RELATING TO ENERGY.

Chair Gabbard, Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair English, Vice Chair Takamine, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of SB811 which requires that all new state building and facilities have no less than 10%of electricity usage supplied by renewable energy. We note, however, that in some high-rise structures, there may be insufficient space to site enough panels to generate 10% of the facility's requirements. It may not be feasible or economical, in all cases, to accommodate no less that 10% of electricity usage from renewable energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.