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and

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Chair Morita, Vice Chair Coffman; Chair Cabanilla, Vice Chair Chong and
Members of the Energy and Environmental Protection and Housing Committees.

I am Harry Saunders, President of Castle & Cooke Hawai'i. While we support
efforts to reduce our reliance on foreign oil, we are opposed to unfunded or non-
incentivized mandates as they are not a fair and reasonable approach to
achieving an intended purpose.

These two proposals intended as energy efficiency mandates unfairly target a limited group of new single family home buyers who will be burdened with increased design and housing costs. And the intended result will be a limited scale of home energy efficiencies at the cost of driving up the price of new single family homes, and creating dis-incentives to a new home construction.

Castle & Cooke is involved in various renewable energy initiatives and believes that photovoltaic and net zero home application will have merit and need to be considered at some point in the future. But at this time, when we are hoping for measures that stimulate home construction to create jobs and create new housing inventory, HB 2520 and HB 2521 will increase construction costs and create additional burdens on construction.

Government mandates and policies must be balanced to ensure that they do not negatively impact other critical issues. While it is important to reduce our reliance on foreign oil, we must also address the lack of new housing stock and provide homeownership opportunities for Hawai'i families.

On behalf of Castle & Cooke, thank you for your consideration of our testimony. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us:

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