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S.B. 1173, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Chair Herkes and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 1173, S.D. 2, H.D.1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports S.B. 1173, S.D. 2, H.D.1's provisions which incorporate the measures of S.B. 871, which was submitted by the Administration. DAGS defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism on the effective establishment, maintenance and achievement of energy efficiency portfolio standards. DAGS supports this bill's requirement that buildings and facilities be bench-marked, that State departments be allowed to employ energy saving performance contracts, and that public buildings be retro-commissioned regularly. DAGS also supports, subject to effective public education, the required disclosure of energy consumption by sellers or lessors of real property, and

tax credits for owners of net-zero energy buildings. This bill, if implemented properly, will help achieve most of the State's energy efficiency goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.