

SB 1365

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

The committee(s) on ENE/PGM has scheduled a public hearing on 02-10-11 3:30PM in conference room 225.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 1365

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Chair Espero, and Members of the Committee:

I would like to submit my testimony in strong support of SB 1365, which would require all new residential and commercial buildings to have cool roofs, which reflect more light and heat from the sun. This can lower electricity bills by as much as 15% and combat the heat-island effect in urban areas where as much as 8% of energy is spent fighting it.

There is an excellent reason why ancient buildings in warm places like Greece were painted white - they knew something about the way heat works that we seem to be ignoring in our building practices. Rarely does such a bill come along that makes perfect sense that pays back so many dividends for so little invested.

Please pass this bill!

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Best,

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