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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND BUSINESS
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
10:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 312
in consideration of
SB 745 SD2

RELATING TO SEAWATER AIR CONDITIONING.

Chairs McKelvey and Coffman, Vice Chair Choy, and Members of the Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of Senate Bill 745 SD2, which adds Seawater Air Conditioning (SWAC) District Cooling Systems to the list of businesses eligible for the Enterprise Zone GET exemption and income tax credits for seven years as the technology is in alignment with Hawaii's Clean Energy Initiative which supports renewable energy activities.

DBEDT would like to mention that SB1164 SD2, includes the ownership, control, operation, or management of any seawater air conditioning district cooling project as and eligible business activity in the Hawaii Enterprise Zones Partnership program. The department strongly supports the language included in SB1164 SD2 related to this activity. Proposed language in SB1164 SD2 is the preferable bill to support this industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.