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Statement of
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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE**

Monday, March 31, 2014
2:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
HCR 8 / HR 4

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM TO WORK WITH CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES
TO REVIEW THE PREREQUISITES FOR OBTAINING PERMIT APPROVAL FOR
DEVELOPMENTS AT THE STATE AND COUNTY LEVELS.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers comments on HCR 8 / HR 4, which requests DBEDT to work with construction industry representatives to make existing State and County permitting processes more efficient, timely and uniform.

Improvement of the permit approval process for clean energy projects is a DBEDT priority and a portion of the State Energy Office's Executive Budget is dedicated to such improvements. DBEDT notes such an effort would need to include surveys of construction firms in the State, which could cost the State about \$100,000. Because HCR 8 / HR 4 does not provide resources to DBEDT, or to the affected State and County agencies that review the various permitting processes, DBEDT's ability to respond to the broad scope of HCR 8 / HR 4 will be limited to what can be done within current budget parameters.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments on HCR 8 / HR 4.