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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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in consideration of
SB 101
RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION.

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supports SB 101 which eliminates language regarding increases to an agency's budget for the agency's implementation of energy efficiency retrofitting through performance contracting. We consider this a housekeeping measure to ensure that agencies are allowed to implement performance contracting even if their budgets do not increase.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 101

February 22, 2013

RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION

Senate Bill No. 101 proposes to amend Section 36-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delete the requirement that agencies, that perform energy efficiency retrofitting, receive a required increase to their energy budget proportionate to any increase in their overall budget.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this bill. Section 36-41 already allows these agencies to continue to receive their pre-retrofit energy budget, without regard to their projected energy costs, which should be less barring any increases in fuel costs. As agencies normally submit justifiable budget requests for increased fuel costs which they cannot support within their existing energy budget, providing unrelated increases to their energy budget without regard to need is unnecessary.