



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE INTENT OF HB 2029 WITH PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS**

Aloha Chair Lee and Members of the Committees:

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, with over 12,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, *supports the intent of* HB 1584. This measure allows individuals to use an energy star product as a cool roof.

We believe the language of this measure may create some ambiguity, specifically “[a] private entity may adopt standards that reasonably restrict the placement” We suggest instead:

A private entity may adopt standards that facilitate the placement of ENERGY STAR products and shall not impose conditions or restrictions that render the products more than twenty-five per cent less efficient or increase the cost of installation, maintenance, and removal of the products by more than fifteen per cent. No private entity shall assess or charge any homeowner any fees or require an encumbrance on title for the placement of any ENERGY STAR product.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony to the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

8:15 a.m.

State Capitol - Room 325

SUBJECT: H.B. 2029, Relating to Energy Star Products

Good morning Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Thielen, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **supports the intent** of H.B. 2029, which would prohibit entities such as homeowners associations from denying a person the right to purchase and install ENERGY STAR products on or within a single family residential dwelling or townhouse the person owns.

While we acknowledge that homeowners associations, as governed by HRS 421J, are privately formed and abide by their own rules, we also believe that allowing the use of products that assist the homeowner reduce overall utility expenses are in the best interest of the community and the State.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our views.

Representative Chris Lee, Chair

Representative Cynthia Thielen, Vice Chair

Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

Hearing: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 House Conference Room 325 8:15 a.m.

Re: Support for H.B. 2029, Relating to ENERGY STAR Products

Melvin Oshiro, Individual

I am a homeowner in Mililani, Hawaii 96789. I support H.B. 2029, Relating to ENERGY STAR products which will ensure that no person shall be denied the right to install ENERGY STAR products on their home by private entities.

All products that carry the ENERGY STAR label have met the energy efficiency requirements set forth in ENERGY STAR product specifications as established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Within the same product line, however, there may be different degrees of efficiency.

I am a member of a homeowners association that presently permits the installation of other ENERGY STAR rated roofing shingles. However, they have denied my application to install a particular ENERGY STAR rated shingle simply because of its color. The roofing shingle is lighter in color because it has a higher solar reflectance index (SRI). The SRI is a measure of the roof's ability to reject solar heat and this index was established by the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) which is a globally recognized leader in the development of consensus standards for a wide range of materials, products, systems and services. Roofing shingles with the highest SRI provide the coolest choice for roofing as less heat permeates the roof into the home. A cooler home reduces the need to consume energy for other cooling devices such as air conditioning and fans.

Oil accounts for a majority of the energy generated in Hawaii and we should be able to use the most efficient energy technology available to reduce our reliance on oil. When it comes to energy conservation, a product's purpose should be considered over its aesthetics.

It is for this reason that I urge this committee to pass H.B. 2029. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

HB2029

Submitted on: 2/8/2014

Testimony for EEP on Feb 11, 2014 08:15AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/10/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joanne Taylor	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The bill as written needs revisions to protect the architectural integrity of the community and take into consideration the limitations of older communities existing plumbing and electrical systems.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Walkey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As written, the bill includes washers, dishwashers, and air conditioners - all of which may be precluded in older condominiums due to the infrastructure, such as waste water capacity or electrical distribution, of the building. Further, attention should be given to the negative impact of reflective roofs on the community.

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