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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE**  
Monday, February 24, 2014  
2:10 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325  
in consideration of  
**HB2252**  
**RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF GAS TANKLESS WATER HEATERS.**

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

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports this Administration measure to delete reference to the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., and insert references to a North American certification organization, such as the Canadian Standards Association International; the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute; or the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association Certification Program. This amendment more accurately assures that gas-tankless water heaters still meet performance requirements recognized by a third party, certification organization. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., lists manufacturers but not the specific product or model numbers of the gas-tankless water heaters. The organizations above test and evaluate gas-tankless water heaters and list which products and models are certified.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.