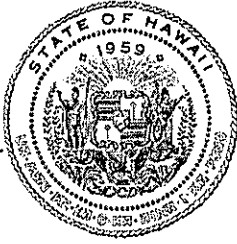


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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND HOUSING
And
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**
Monday, February 03, 2014
2:50 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016
in consideration of
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Chairs Dela Cruz and Espero, Vice Chairs Slom and Baker, and Members of the
Committees.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers
comments on SCR 5/SR 5, which requests DBEDT to work with construction industry
representatives to make existing State and County permitting processes more efficient, timely
and uniform.

While 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 that conducting such an effort for construction in general would
need to include surveys of construction firms in the State, which could cost the State about
\$100,000. Because SCR 5/SR 5 does not provide resources to DBEDT, or to the affected State
and County agencies that review the various permitting processes, and DBEDT does not have a

program that focuses on general construction, DBEDT's ability to respond to the broad scope of SCR 5/SR 5 will be limited to what can be done within current budget parameters.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments on SCR 5/SR 5.