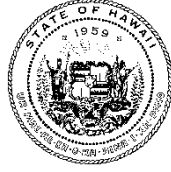


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CONFERENCE ROOM 308

H.B. 1508, H.D. 1

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 1508, H.D. 1.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) appreciates the intent of the measure, but offers the following comments for the committee's consideration.

1. DAGS has concerns regarding the staff resources that will be needed to implement. Although a pilot program should be useful, DAGS does not currently possess the requisite subject matter expertise in net zero emission technologies and programs, nor the ready resources to research new technologies, implement the project, and undertake the subsequent tracking required for the net zero emission project.
2. DAGS does not have any authority or jurisdiction over the development of private residential units and only has purview over State buildings and facilities. Moreover,

although incorporating energy efficiency standards into the State's building codes is beneficial, the building codes are developed by the State Building Code Council, which is a separate and distinct entity that is administratively attached to DAGS, to which DAGS has no operational or decisional control over. As a result, DAGS may not be able to meet the requirements of the measure with respect to the proposed pilot program for residential units.

3. In light of the existing energy efficiency programs within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the interest of the Department of Transportation to undertake the pilot project, DAGS believes that these departments working together may be better suited to achieve the overall objectives of the proposed pilot program in developing energy efficiency standards for buildings that will reach net zero emissions.
4. The 2020 deadline to report on the pilot project may not be feasible.
5. This program could be expensive and it is unknown whether \$500,000 would be sufficient.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

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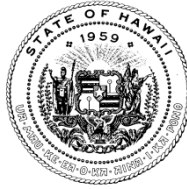
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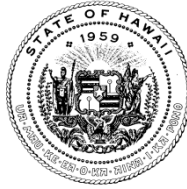
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