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Testimony of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Thursday, February 10, 2022
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325, and Videoconference

**SUPPORT
HB 2255
RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.**

Chairs Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) support HB 2255, which requires that public benefit fee administrator and utility rebates be used where available for state buildings and facilities. It prioritizes building and facility appliances that meet the required standards to qualify for public benefits fee administrator (PBFA) rebates.

HSEO's comments are guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient, clean energy, decarbonized economy.

The provisions proposed in HB 2255 support Hawaii's Energy Efficiency for State Buildings project that prioritizes energy efficiency in state facilities through a focused collaboration with state agencies, the Hawaii State Energy Office, and the PBFA. To achieve a decarbonized economy and to lead by example, existing as well as new state facilities must prioritize purchasing energy efficient products, and utilize incentives and rebates to reduce energy consumption and manage utility bills. This will contribute to Hawaii's energy efficiency goals and support the state's clean energy transformation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Before the House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 9:00a.m.

Testimony in Support of HB2255: Relating to Energy Efficiency

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2255.

Hawai'i Energy works to empower island families and businesses as the public benefits fee administrator (PBFA) on behalf of the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to make smart energy choices to reduce energy consumption, save money, and pursue a 100% clean energy future. Energy efficiency is the cheapest option to help us achieve our 100% clean energy goal by eliminating waste and being more efficient.

Hawai'i Energy applauds the legislature's efforts to support energy efficiency for state facilities. The State will demonstrate its commitment to clean energy by prioritizing appliances that meet the required standards of the PBFA rebate program to reduce the state's electricity demand in its own buildings. So far, state agencies saw a 20.1% reduction in electricity usage for State buildings over a 2005 baseline,¹ and we are working with the Hawai'i State Energy Office on a strategic energy management approach for state agencies to decrease their energy usage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2255.

Sincerely,
Brian Kealoha
Executive Director
Hawai'i Energy

¹ [Hawai'i State Energy Office 2021 Annual Report](#), pg. 30.

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 8:06:47 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/10/2022 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ted Bohlen	Climate Protectors Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Honorable Nicole Lowen, Chair, the Honorable Lisa Marten, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

From: Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing HB2255 RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Thursday February 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m., by videoconference

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection!

Position: **Climate Protectors Hawai'i Supports HB2255**

Building energy efficiency is an important tool in reducing energy consumption, which helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Installing energy efficiency measures in State buildings can save taxpayers money. State buildings should utilize public benefits fee administrator and utility rebates, as this bill would require.

Please pass this bill!

Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

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Submitted on: 2/7/2022 7:58:49 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/10/2022 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is all a Wast of time and Money!!!

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Submitted on: 2/7/2022 8:10:13 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/10/2022 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2255

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 8:22:27 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/10/2022 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Paul Bernstein	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection:

I'm writing in support of HB2255. Building energy efficiency is an important tool in reducing energy consumption, which helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The value of which is often not correctly calculated because of a focus on initial capital costs and overly discounting of future reductions in operating costs as well as future environmental benefits. Installing energy efficiency measures in State buildings can save taxpayers money. State buildings should utilize public benefits fee administrator and utility rebates, as this bill would require.

Please pass this bill!

Mahalo,

Paul Bernstein

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 10:04:18 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/10/2022 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dylan Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and EEP Committee Members,

As a resident of Hawaii, I strongly support HB2255 and its bolstering of State energy efficiency measures.

If we purport to value sustainability and climate action, then the public sector should reflect those values and set the example for efforts across Hawaii. Not only does this bill prompt the State to make good on its commitments to clean energy and decarbonization, but it does so by requiring the State to utilize rebates, showing the fiscal advantages of energy efficiency as well.

Mahalo,

Dylan Ramos