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Testimony of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 25, 2022
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308 & Videoconference

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

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 2255, which requires that public benefit fee administrator and utility rebates be used where available for state buildings and facilities and 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.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agency for comment on the implementation of the requirements of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-2255

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

Comments:

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair and Members of the House Committee on Finance

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

Re: Hearing **HB2255 RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.**

Hearing: Friday, February 25, 2022, 1:30 p.m., CR 308 and by videoconference

Aloha Chair Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i is a group focused on reversing the climate crisis and encouraging Hawai'i to lead the world towards a safe and sustainable climate and future.
The 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 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. State buildings should maximize their efficiency measures, emission reductions, and accompanying savings to tax payers by utilizing public benefits fee administrator and utility rebates, as this bill would require.

Please pass this bill!

Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)



Before the House Committee on Finance
Friday, February 25, 2022 at 1:30p.m.

Testimony in Support of HB2255: Relating to Energy Efficiency

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, 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.