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Testimony of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Tuesday, February 9, 2021
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

In Support of
HB 328 HD1
RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports, with revisions, HB 328, HD1, which prohibits restrictions on the installation of certain energy-efficient technologies on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or townhouse.

HB 328, HD1, is in line with HSEO's mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy resiliency, and clean transportation to help achieve a decarbonized economy. Energy efficiency is the first and most cost-effective step in smart energy management and should be prioritized and made available to every homeowner, regardless of housing structure or organization.

Requiring community and condominium associations to permit homeowners to install energy-efficient technologies will help the state to accelerate energy efficiency and assist the state in reaching its clean energy goals. However, a legally-enforceable requirement needs to include clear and consistent definitions. The term "includes" is potentially broad and unclear as to what other technologies beyond those listed, if any, may be considered "energy-efficient technologies"; this could make it difficult for affected parties to interpret the scope of the requirement. HSEO recommends that this be clarified.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 6, 2021
VIA WEB TRANSMITTAL

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 423

Committee on Housing
House of Representatives, the 31st Legislature
Regular Session of 2021

Re: **HB 328: Comments for Proposed Amendments**

Dear Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto and Members of the Committee:

I am the Chair of the Hawaii Chapter of the Community Associations Institute, Legislative Action Committee (“CAI-LAC”), we represent the condominium and community association industry, and on behalf of CAI-LAC, I submit this testimony providing comments for proposed amendments to HB 328.

The purpose of the Act is to allow for the installation of certain energy-efficient technologies on any privately owned single-family residential dwelling or townhouse, with limited restrictions and requires private entities to adopt rules regarding the placement of those technologies.

Upon review of the language of the Bill, it tracks the language stated in HRS 196-7 (a)-(d) with the exception that it replaces the term “solar energy device(s)” with the term “energy-efficient technologies.” We suggest that instead of creating another new section of Chapter 196, that you merely amend HRS 196-7 (a)-(d) by placing both terms in the same section. Currently, HRS 514B-140(c) addresses the installation of solar energy devices in condominiums and townhomes pursuant to HRS 196-7 and mandates that the installation of solar energy devices shall be allowed on single-family residential dwellings or townhouses pursuant to section 196-7.

Based on the foregoing, we respectfully submit that HB 328 should be amended as addressed above. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ R.Laree McGuire
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Before the House Committee on Housing
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 10:00am

Testimony in Support of HB328 HD1: Relating to Energy Efficiency

Chair Nakamura, Vice-Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 328 HD1.

Hawai'i Energy works to empower island families and businesses 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. The benefits of energy efficiency have never been greater, while at the same time the ability to buy energy-saving equipment has become much more difficult because of widespread financial hardships. During these tough economic times, it is critical to clear barriers that will allow Hawai'i residents to adopt energy-efficient, cost-saving measures. When paired with our residential rebates, certain energy efficiency technologies have the potential to help our friends and neighbors save money and use it for other critical needs, thus spurring much-needed economic growth for our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB328 HD1.

Sincerely,
Brian Kealoha
Executive Director
Hawai'i Energy

HB-328-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:54:01 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/9/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Mulinix	Our Revolution Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

On behalf of Our Revolution Hawaii's 7,000 members and supporters, we are in full support of the passage of HD328.

Mahalo for your kind attention,

Dave Mulini

Statewide Community Organizer

Our Revolution Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/5/2021 10:15:57 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/9/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee on Housing,

Please support HB328. We need to have laws written in a way so that privately owned single-family residential dwellings or townhomes can install energy efficient technologies while following specific guidelines.

Roadblocks preventing families from benefiting from the installation of energy-efficient technologies need to be removed and revised to maximize energy efficient solutions for individuals.

As more and more people realize the urgency of the climate crisis, people will demand lower energy solutions that they can exercise as individuals.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

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Submitted on: 2/6/2021 1:10:00 PM

Testimony for HSG on 2/9/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Climate Protectors of Hawaii	Climate Protectors of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Support.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2021 9:48:45 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/9/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	350Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

350Hawaii.org strongly supports HB328. Energy efficiency is a key strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Roadblocks preventing families from benefiting from the installation of energy-efficient technologies should be removed. Technologies that help reduce energy use both save families money while reducing their impact on the environment, which is a win:win for all of us. Please support this smart legislation.