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Providing COMMENTS on
SB 691, SD2

RELATING TO EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) respectfully submits comments on SB 691, SD2, which allows the Chief Energy Officer of HSEO to enforce minimum efficiency standards and adopt or amend efficiency standards. This bill is similar to its companion, heard and passed by this Committee as HB 194, HD1. This bill includes air purifiers, modifies the limits for wall-mounted urinals, removes a section on labeling, and refines definitions. HSEO concurs with the changes contained in SB 691, SD2.

Adoption of this bill would accelerate the attainment of Hawai'i's decarbonization goals by substantially reducing electricity use, consumers' electricity bills, and the production of CO₂. With the passage of this bill, Hawai'i will join forces with twelve other states with similar provisions. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project fact sheet describes the power of efficiency standards to move Hawai'i closer to lower utility bills and to a decarbonized economy.

HSEO is not an enforcement agency and would require dedicated staffing and resources to enforce appliance efficiency standards under this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.