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**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2013**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013
8:30 A.M.**

**TESTIMONY OF JEFFREY T. ONO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF
CONSUMER ADVOCACY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L. K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1149, H.D. 1- RELATING TO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to require the owner of a wind energy facility to be responsible for decommissioning of the facility and to provide evidence of financial security and outlines the elements of proper decommissioning.

POSITION:

The Division of Consumer Advocacy (Consumer Advocate) supports H.B. No. 1149 HD 1.

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COMMENTS:

The Consumer Advocate has expressed the concerns that this bill addresses in a number of Public Utility Commission dockets for the application of approval of power purchase agreements (PPA) between the electric utility and wind energy developers. It has been, and will continue to be, the position of the Consumer Advocate that PPAs for wind energy must contain safeguards against wind turbines being abandoned in the field after they have run their useful life. H.B. No. 1149, H.D. 1 is consistent with this position; therefore, the Consumer Advocate supports H.B. No. 1149, H.D. 1.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.