

SB 2147



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2147

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i Chapter of the Sierra Club supports SB 2147, which prohibits a commercial building from keeping an exterior door open while an air conditioner or central cooling system is in use.

We believe this measure is a smart policy that could help reduce Hawai'i's energy consumption and greenhouse gas production. The building sector currently accounts for 72% of electricity use¹ and over 36% of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S.² We need to take strong steps to encourage people to do the right thing and ensure we have a clean energy future.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

¹ Buildings Energy Data Book September 2007: 1.1 Buildings Sector Energy Consumption.

² EIA 2006: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States.