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**R.B. No. 1135 AAC ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS IN UNDERSERVED  
COMMUNITIES.**

The proposed bill would require that a program for energy efficiency be developed for underserved communities. We support this program, especially in that it calls for the use of federal funds made available from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. We also support the concept of job training and minority business development as contemplated in this proposal.

We offer two suggestions that may improve this bill as drafted. First, we are concerned with establishing a pre-determined funding level without receiving the input of the ECMB or the approval of the DPUC if funds cannot be derived from the federal stimulus law. It may be appropriate to require the DPUC to establish a funding level based on the level of funds collected from such underserved communities and the current level of energy efficiency funding already provided to these communities.

Second, it may be appropriate for this program to be implemented as a pilot for one year to determine whether or not the program is cost effective and passes a benefit/cost test, with a subsequent review and report to consider continuation of the program. Perhaps the duration and funding of the pilot could be established in consideration of availability of federal funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.