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S.B. No. 1135, AAC ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

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OCC has carefully reviewed S.B. 1135 and is supportive of the concept underlying this bill. OCC notes that the Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB) already has programs for limited-income families for which Conservation and Load Management (C&LM) funds are allotted on an equitable basis. However, OCC recognizes that limited-income ratepayers are struggling more than ever due to the current economic situation. OCC suggests that the language of this bill be amended to allow for funding from any future federal stimulus funding that may become available.