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Testimony In Favor of
HB 5164 AC Implementing the Recommendation of the PRI Committee Concerning the
Alignment of Postsecondary Education and Employment in the Green Industry

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There is a consensus that job preservation and creation is a top priority for the state now and in the coming years. Our economic prosperity, and our ability to provide for a healthy environment and a high quality of life, depend on a robust workforce.

The new concept of "green" jobs will be an important component of the state's workforce. These are jobs which will strengthen the state's infrastructure. They will help provide a building stock which is energy efficient. They will help move us from our dependence on fossil fuels to an economy based on renewable energy. And, these are jobs which, by definition, must remain with the state. They cannot be outsourced or offshored.

HB 5164 is one of several bills introduced this session which will help to provide substantial training and education for this green workforce.

Sierra strongly recommends passage of the bill.