



Consumer Federation of America

Via email

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Honorable Reuven Carlyle
Chair, Washington Senate Energy, Environment, and Technology Committee
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Honorable Guy Palumbo
Vice Chair, Washington Senate Energy, Environment, and Technology Committee
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RE: Support of HB 2327, An Act Relating to appliance efficiency standards

Dear Senators Carlyle, Palumbo and Honorable Members of the Committee:

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is writing in support of HB 2327. CFA is an association of more than 250 nonprofit consumer organizations that was established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy, and education. It has long advocated on the federal and state levels for cost-effective energy and water efficiency standards as they benefit consumers through lower utility bills.

We strongly support HB 2327, which would adopt energy and water efficiency standards that protect consumers. The bill, which includes standards for common household products such as computers, monitors, faucets, and showerheads is an excellent opportunity to reduce energy and water waste, lower consumer utility bills, and cut emissions.

According to a July 2017 report by the Appliance Standards Awareness Project, if HB 2327 is adopted:

- Washington consumers and businesses will save \$206 million per year on utility bills.
- CO₂ emissions will be cut by 305,000 metric tons of CO₂ in 2025, equivalent to the emissions from 65,000 cars for a year.
- By 2025, savings from new standards could equal nearly 3% of all the electricity used by Washington residents.
- Washington will save 9.2 billion gallons of water or about 3% of public water supply.

As more and more consumers purchase the efficient products compliant with state standards, annual savings would grow, reaching nearly \$364 million and 17 billion gallons of water annually in 2035.

Passing this legislation is a win-win-win for Washington. HB 2327 will cut energy and water waste, save consumers and businesses money, and reduce greenhouse gases. CFA urges you to adopt this highly cost-effective pro-consumer bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mel Hall-Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mel Hall-Crawford
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cc: Representative Jeff Morris, Chair, House Technology and Economic Development Committee
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