



Consumer Federation of America

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Rep. Nicole Lowen, Chair
House Committee on Energy and
Environmental Protection
Hawaii State Legislature

Rep. Lisa Marten, Vice Chair
House Committee on Energy and
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Submitted via: <https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx>

RE: Support for HB 116, a bill relating to energy efficiency

Dear Chair Lowen and Vice Chair Marten, and members of the Committee:

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is writing in support of HB 116, appliance efficiency standards legislation. We are pleased your committee is holding a hearing on this bill which will benefit consumers and help protect them from higher utility bills.

By way of background, 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. We have long advocated for cost-effective energy (and water) efficiency standards at the state and federal levels as they benefit consumers through lower utility bills.

We support HB 116 which would adopt energy efficiency standards for air purifiers and portable electric spas. According to a recent analysis by the Appliance Standards Awareness Project, this legislation could save Hawaiians up to \$3.4 million on utility bills in 2025, and annual savings would grow to over \$12 million in 2035. With Hawaii's high electricity rates, HB 116 is a great opportunity to reduce energy waste, lower consumer utility bills and help reduce greenhouse gases.

CFA urges you to adopt this cost-effective, pro-consumer bill—it's a win-win-win for Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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