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**TO:** Members, House Ways & Means Committee  
**FROM:** Mary Beth Tung – Director, MEA  
**SUBJECT:** HB0060 – Income Tax - Green Buildings Tax Credit - Multifamily Housing  
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**MEA POSITION: Letter of Information**

MEA will incur administrative burdens as a result of this bill. These burdens are not unworkable, but they would require additional staff.

Energy efficiency measures are quite popular, and MEA would anticipate a large number of applications each year. Additionally, the multifamily housing green buildings tax credit would be a permanent program administered within MEA.

For these reasons, MEA has estimated that program administration would require at least one Energy Specialist (FKA a Grants Administrator) to adopt the workload associated with HB 60. It may be necessary that MEA employ a full time Program Manager having more substantial experience with, and more intimate knowledge of, the various certifications used to determine eligibility for the proposed tax credit. This expertise would come at a marginally greater expense in comparison to an Energy Specialist.

Lastly, MEA generally supports the policy of promoting energy efficiency, but would welcome the justification of the inclusion of building standards outside of the ENERGY STAR and LEED Programs.