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Cosponsor: Senator Schaffer**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge, for Ohio state agencies and other government 1  
entities, the use of green building rating 2  
systems, codes, or standards that are consistent 3  
with state energy efficiency and environmental 4  
performance objectives and policies and that meet 5  
American National Standards Institute voluntary 6  
consensus standard procedures. 7

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio is dedicated both to economic 8  
growth and to the objectives of achieving energy efficiency and 9  
environmental performance in state agency and other government 10  
buildings; and 11

WHEREAS, The selection of building materials and products for 12  
new construction and renovation can significantly contribute to 13  
achieving these objectives; and 14

WHEREAS, Many building materials and products that are 15  
capable of contributing to the state's energy efficiency and 16  
environmental performance objectives are manufactured or harvested 17  
in Ohio, and their manufacture and harvest support Ohio jobs and 18

contribute to the state's economic growth; and 19

WHEREAS, Energy efficient buildings further contribute to 20  
economic growth by reducing long-term operating and maintenance 21  
costs of state agency and other government buildings; and 22

WHEREAS, To ensure long-term energy conservation and realize 23  
cost savings, buildings must be designed and constructed to exceed 24  
the highest energy standards; and 25

WHEREAS, Private sector green building rating systems, codes, 26  
and other standards can be useful tools that, when implemented, 27  
can result in buildings that exceed the energy standards for 28  
energy efficiency and environmental performance; and 29

WHEREAS, The U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED v4 30  
green building system fails to conform to recognized voluntary 31  
standard development procedures, including but not limited to 32  
American National Standards Institute (ANSI) procedures, and fails 33  
to base environmental and health criteria on risk assessment 34  
methodology; now therefore be it 35

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly 36  
of the State of Ohio, urge Ohio state agencies and other 37  
government entities to use green building rating systems, codes, 38  
or standards that are consistent with state energy efficiency and 39  
environmental performance objectives and policies; and be it 40  
further 41

RESOLVED, That the only systems, codes, and standards used in 42  
state agency and other government buildings be those that have 43  
been developed in an open and transparent way with the input of 44  
Ohio building materials and products manufacturers and harvesters 45  
to ensure that the use of green building rating systems, codes, 46  
and other standards from the private sector are consistent with 47  
Ohio objectives and policies; and be it further 48

RESOLVED, That the State of Ohio use private sector green 49

building rating systems, codes, and other standards to implement 50  
state energy efficiency and environmental performance objectives 51  
provided that they are voluntary consensus standards that are 52  
properly grounded in science and include the use of environmental 53  
and health criteria that are based on risk assessment methodology 54  
generally accepted by applicable scientific disciplines; and be it 55  
further 56

RESOLVED, That the use of green building rating systems, 57  
codes, and other standards that have been developed pursuant to 58  
ANSI procedures be presumptively deemed to be open, transparent, 59  
and voluntary consensus standards suitable for Ohio government 60  
use; and be it further 61

RESOLVED, That the LEED v4 green building rating system no 62  
longer be used by Ohio's state agencies and government entities 63  
until the USGBC conforms its system development to the ANSI 64  
voluntary consensus standard procedures as confirmed by ANSI or 65  
until the state, after an opportunity for public comment and 66  
participation, incorporates the LEED v4 system by reference, in 67  
whole or in part, into the administrative rules for state agency 68  
or government entity building standards; and be it further 69

RESOLVED, That the Office of Energy Services within the Ohio 70  
Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) immediately review, 71  
while taking economic growth and long-term operating and 72  
maintenance costs into account, the availability and suitability 73  
of alternative private sector green building rating systems, 74  
codes, and other standards that advance state energy efficiency 75  
and environmental performance objectives; and be it further 76

RESOLVED, That the OFCC continue to incorporate energy 77  
efficiency and sustainable design features into approved school 78  
projects through the use of alternative green building rating 79  
systems, codes, and standards other than LEED v4; and be it 80  
further 81

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 82  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the USGBC. 83