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SUPPORT HB 2054 RELATING TO ENERGY.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 2054, which authorizes the High Technology Development Corporation to temporarily re-establish the Hawaii Office of Naval Research Grant Program to provide fifty per cent matching grants to Hawaii awardees of alternative energy research grants from the United States Office of Naval Research; establishes the alternative energy research and development revolving fund; and makes appropriations.

HSEO's testimony is guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient, clean energy, decarbonized economy.

In addition to the topic areas currently listed in the bill, HSEO recommends adding "alternative fuels, hydrogen, batteries, or energy storage," as these are also areas of interest to Hawaii.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agency for comment on the management of the program.

HSEO supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.