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**SUPPORT  
SB 2720 SD1  
RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chairs Baker and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Chang and Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committees, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2720 SD1, which allows for new electric vehicle charging stations and certain upgrades having a single port to qualify for a rebate, increases flexibility of the Public Utilities Commission to administer the electric vehicle charging station rebate program, and allows for marketing and outreach expenses to be included within allowable administration costs of the electric vehicle charging station rebate program.

The decarbonization of the ground transportation sector is essential to achieving a net-negative carbon economy as soon as practicable but no later than 2045. A foundational strategy to decarbonize the transportation sector is the adoption of zero-emission vehicles and a material barrier to the adoption of zero-emission vehicles is fueling stations. In general, increasing the flexibility and reach of incentives for zero-emission vehicles charging stations supports the ultimate elimination of fossil fuel for ground transportation. HSEO supports the amendments provided by the Committee on Transportation which expand the program to include single port systems as well as providing the Public Utility Commission flexibility to set different incentive levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.