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**SUPPORT
SB 3205
RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 3205, which authorizes the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to temporarily re-establish the Hawaii Office of Naval Research Grant Program to provide fifty per cent matching grants to Hawai'i 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.

In addition to the topic areas currently listed in the bill, HSEO recommends adding alternative fuels, hydrogen, batteries, and energy storage, as these are also areas of interest to Hawaii. The recommended change would be to add these to paragraph (b)(1) on page 2, starting on line 16:

- (1) Has been awarded a competitive contract from the Department of Defense Office of Naval Research related to the research of alternative energy and energy efficiency technologies in the fields of geothermal, solar, wind, ocean power, hydrodynamics, bioenergy, biomass, solid waste, smart grids, transportation, alternative fuels,

hydrogen, batteries, energy storage or
demand response;

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.