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**SUPPORT
SB 3363
RELATING TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
COUNTY OF HAWAII.**

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 3363, which authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds for replacements to the water capturing system in the Hilo Water Treatment Plant to capture recycled water, natural gases, and fertilizer for agricultural purposes.

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.

An energy assessment report prepared over ten years ago by the United States Environmental Protection Agency determined that a variety of measures had the potential for significant annual savings of energy, water, and operational costs.¹ Additional studies since that time have identified additional pollution abatement needs. HSEO supports the energy savings and pollution reduction potential from this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, [*Energy Assessment Report for County of Hawai'i Hilo Wastewater Treatment Plant*](#). 2010.