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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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**SUPPORT  
HB 1800 HD1  
RELATING TO CLIMATE MITIGATION.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 1800, HD1, which establishes a goal for the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit to be at least seventy per cent below 2005 levels by 2030; requires HSEO to conduct a study to determine Hawaii's pathway to decarbonization and identify challenges, opportunities, and actions that will be needed to achieve those goals; and appropriates funds out of the energy security special fund for the study.

HSEO believes that setting an interim target, including all emissions, measuring progress (Part II of the bill), and identifying pathways to decarbonization (Part III of the bill) will build on the success of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2007, and ensure progress towards Hawai'i's clean economy target set forth in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 225P-5.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agencies for comment on matters specific to them. HSEO notes that the Department of Health's Greenhouse Gas Inventory has been a critical tool for decarbonizing the economy and appreciates the Department's continual improvement of it.

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.