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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
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AND
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

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**SUPPORT
HB 2120, HD1
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANGEMENT.**

Chairs Gabbard and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Nishihara and DeCoite and Members of the Committees, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 2120, HD1, which clarifies current practices, policies, and procedures of the state emergency management program and updates it with the prevailing emergency management best practices; and highlights the intent of the State, governor, and emergency management agencies to address environmental and climate impacts on emergency management. updates several sections under Section127A—1, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Ensuring that Section127A—1 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that specifies the responsibilities and authorities of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is up to date with current practices and updated threats and hazards is important. It will have a positive impact on government and private sector infrastructure preparedness planning; and it will streamline the response following a disaster that impacts essential community lifelines, including energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.