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COMMENTS
HB 2256, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on HB 2256, HD1, SD1 which establishes a department of environmental protection by July 1, 2026; creates a department of environmental protection working group to address the logistics required for the State to establish a department of environmental protection; and requires the working group to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2025 regular session; and names the Chief Energy Officer or the Chief Energy Officer's designee as a participant in the working group.

HSEO offers comments concerning the bill's potential to replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

HSEO appreciates the addition in HB2256, HD1, SD1 of the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, or the Director's designee to the department of environmental protection working group. If this bill moves forward, HSEO is willing to participate in such a working group.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agency concerning the implementation of the bill's requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.