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**COMMENTS
SB 2483, SD2
RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SB 2483, SD2, which includes as an objective in energy-related planning for the State's facility systems that all new utility scale electricity generation projects be renewable; includes state policies that ensure short- and long-term provision of adequate, reasonably priced, and dependable renewable energy services, prioritizing the dispatch of renewable energy generation; updates the State's policies to ensure that all new utility scale electricity generation projects are renewable, prioritize renewable energy generation, and include the use of non-fossil fuel sources in the development or expansion of energy systems.

HSEO appreciates the changes made to the bill that addressed HSEO's concerns about inadvertently narrowing the scope of existing statutory language. With these changes, HSEO believes SB 2483, SD2 would be a welcome update to section 226-18, HRS.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agencies regarding Section 3 and the fiscal and administrative impacts of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.