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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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**SUPPORT  
SB 2720 SD2  
RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2720 SD2, which allows for new electric vehicle charging stations and certain upgrades having a single port to qualify for a rebate, removes the \$500,000 cap on the electric vehicle charging station rebate program, specifies that no rebates shall be approved after available funds are exhausted for the fiscal year, increases the percentage of funds that the Public Utilities Commission may use for administration to fifteen per cent, increases flexibility of the Public Utilities Commission to administer the electric vehicle charging station rebate program, and allows for marketing and outreach expenses to be included within allowable administration costs of the electric vehicle charging station rebate program.

The decarbonization of the ground transportation sector is essential to achieving a net-negative carbon economy as soon as practicable but no later than 2045. A foundational strategy to decarbonize the transportation sector is the adoption of zero-emission vehicles and a material barrier to the adoption of zero-emission vehicles is fueling stations. In general, increasing the flexibility and reach of incentives for zero-emission vehicles charging stations supports the ultimate elimination of fossil fuel for ground transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.