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SUPPORT
HB 2399, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 2399, HD1, SD1, which establishes an Extended Producer Responsibility Program; requires certain producers of fast-moving consumer goods to register with the Department of Health and pay an annual fee based on the amount of packaging volume the covered producer places on the market each calendar year; provides for the deposit of fees into an Extended Producer Responsibility Special Fund; provides for the expenditure of moneys from the Extended Producer Responsibility Special Fund for the creation of a report that assesses the resources needed to reduce the volume of packaging waste sent to landfills or power plants that burn municipal solid waste as a fuel by fifty per cent and eighty per cent by a date to be determined by rule; and appropriates moneys.

HSEO's testimony is guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient, clean energy, decarbonized economy. HSEO is also mandated to support the state's zero emission clean economy target set forth in Chapter 225P, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). Section 196-72, HRS, directs the Chief Energy Officer to "... review proposed state actions that may have a significant effect on the State's energy and decarbonization

goals, ...to advocate for the State's decarbonization goals... and to support economic development and innovation initiatives.”

Requiring corporations that generate more than 10,000 metric tons of packaging waste, and sell more than \$500,000,000 worth of fast-moving consumer goods worldwide, to pay into a special Hawai'i Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fund will incentivize the reduction of packaging waste and the resulting greenhouse gas emissions from transporting them and burning them; and will incentivize innovative packaging alternatives. It will also reassign the disposal cost burden from local consumers to the packaging originators, while reducing pressure on Hawai'i's landfills and threats to ground water and other natural resources.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agencies for comment on the implementation and fiscal implications of the requirements of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.