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Testimony of
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SENATE Committee on ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

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in CONSIDERATION of
SB 2474
RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on Senate Bill 2474, which establishes reliability standards and interconnection requirements of public electric utilities for renewable energy projects, and requires the implementation of the Hawaii Electric Reliability Administrator Law.

HSEO's comments are guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient, clean energy, decarbonized economy.

HSEO has heard frustration expressed by developers of both large and small projects regarding the amount of time it takes for both approvals and interconnection.

HSEO is aware of several improvements to the various processes, and is supportive of the Public Utilities Commission's investigation of the establishment of a Hawai'i Electricity Reliability Administrator.

HSEO appreciates the importance of system stability and reliability, as well as the urgency of interconnection approvals and the necessity of cost control.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agency for comment on this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.