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Testimony of SCOTT J. GLENN, Chief Energy Officer

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in SUPPORT of SB 2570 RELATING TO ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE FUELING REBATES.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2570, which renames Hawaii's Electric Vehicle Charging System Rebate Program to the Zero-Emission Vehicle Fueling System Rebate Program and adds the installation and upgrade of hydrogen refueling stations to the Zero-Emission Vehicle Fueling System Rebate Program.

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.

Broadening the scope of the existing rebate program to explicitly incorporate hydrogen refueling stations supports the State's energy policy objectives to achieve a net-negative carbon economy as soon as practicable but no later than 2045. Incentivizing a broader set of zero emission transportation technologies provides greater flexibility in the decarbonization of ground transportation. A significant barrier to the adoption of zero emission vehicles is access to fueling stations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.