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COMMENTS in consideration of
SB 2622
RELATING TO BIOFUELS.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SB 2622, which establishes and appropriates moneys to the Department of Agriculture for a 2-year pilot project to grow biodiesel crops on the island of Moloka'i and requires a report to the Legislature.

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.

Although HSEO is not named in the bill, HSEO is supportive of efforts for Moloka'i communities to identify energy opportunities that could provide local jobs and economic benefits in both the energy and agricultural sectors. The bill notes that a variety of crops can provide both fuel and other products, including food, animal feed, and inputs to cosmetics and health products. HSEO has been impressed with the efforts on Moloka'i, including those of the Moloka'i Clean Energy Hui, to identify, understand and develop a variety of energy options and economics for the island. HSEO believes that projects such as this can provide useful information and contribute to those efforts and would recommend a more flexible timeline to allow for planning, implementation, growing of the crops and reporting.

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

HSEO supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.