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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

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**SUPPORT  
HB 1800 HD1  
RELATING TO CLIMATE MITIGATION.**

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 1800, HD1, which establishes a goal for the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit to be at least seventy per cent below 2005 levels by 2030; requires the Hawaii state energy office to conduct a study to determine Hawaii's pathway to decarbonization and identify challenges, opportunities, and actions that will be needed to achieve those goals; and appropriates funds out of the energy security special fund for the study.

HSEO also supports Part III of the bill to have the HSEO analyze pathways and develop recommendations for achieving the State's economy-wide decarbonization goals, including the proposed 2030 limit and the zero emissions clean economy target set forth in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) § 225P-5.

HSEO appreciates setting an economy-wide GHG limit to ensure progress toward decarbonizing the economy. Setting an achievable goal and identifying the means to reach it with a decarbonization plan as proposed in Part III of the bill would build on the success of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2007, and provide a near-term marker for achieving the zero emissions clean economy target.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agencies for comment on matters specific to them. HSEO notes that the Department of Health's Greenhouse Gas Inventory has

been a critical tool for decarbonizing the economy and appreciates the Department's continual improvement of it.

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.