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**SUPPORT
HB 1811 HD1
RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB1811 HD1, which allows for new and upgraded electric vehicle charging stations having a single port to qualify for a rebate, eliminates the annual cap on rebates, increases flexibility of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to administer the electric vehicle charging station rebate program, and increases maximum percentage of rebate program appropriations that may be expended for administrative costs and allows for marketing and outreach expenses to be included within allowable administration costs of the rebate program.

The decarbonization of the ground transportation sector is essential to achieving a net-negative carbon economy as soon as practicable but no later than 2045. A foundational strategy is the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and a barrier to their adoption is charging infrastructure. In general, increasing the flexibility and reach of incentives for ZEV charging stations supports decarbonizing ground transportation.

HSEO supports the amendments provided by the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, which expand the program to include the referenced single port systems as well as providing the PUC flexibility to set different incentive levels. Building in flexibility allows the rebate program to be adjusted to adapt to changes in technology and market conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.