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SUPPORT HB 1936 RELATING TO ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE FUELING REBATES.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 1936, 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.

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.

HSEO suggests a minor amendment to rename the Hawaii's Electric Vehicle Charging System Rebate Program to the Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program as opposed to Zero-Emission Vehicle Fueling System Rebate Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.