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**SUPPORT  
HB 2002  
RELATING TO TAXATION.**

Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Holt, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports House Bill 2002, which reinstates the renewable fuels production tax credit.

HSEO's testimony is guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient, clean energy, decarbonized economy.

Renewable fuels provide local jobs and economic benefits in both the energy and agricultural sectors and can also provide value added products including food and cosmetics, among others that support economic diversification for Hawaii. HSEO managed the certification of the previous renewable fuels production tax credit ([Act 202, session Laws of Hawai'i 2016](#), amended by [Act 142, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017](#) and further amended by [Act 143, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018](#)), which recently expired at the end of December 2021.

House Bill 2002 establishes the same provisions as the previous legislation. Since Act 122 in 2019 made the Hawaii State Energy Office an attached agency to DBEDT, it may be helpful to replace the references to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism with the Hawaii State Energy Office as the agency responsible for the certification of the renewable energy tax credit.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agencies on matters relating to tax administration and budget concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.