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Testimony of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PANDEMIC & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**  
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**SUPPORT  
HB 2120  
RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANGEMENT.**

Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Eli and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) **supports** HB 2120, which updates several sections under 127A to reflect current practices, policies, and procedures of the State Emergency Management Program and prevailing emergency management best practices and adds wording that highlights the intent of the State, Governor, and emergency management agencies to address environmental and climate impacts on emergency management.

Ensuring that the chapter of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that specifies the responsibilities and authorities of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is up to date with current practices and updated threats and hazards is important as it will have a positive impact on government and private sector infrastructure preparedness planning, and streamline the response following a disaster impacting essential community lifelines, including energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.