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SUPPORT HB 2255 RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 2255, which requires that public benefit fee administrator and utility rebates be used where available for state buildings and facilities and prioritizes building and facility appliances that meet the required standards to qualify for public benefits fee administrator (PBFA) rebates.

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

The provisions proposed in HB 2255 support Hawaii's Energy Efficiency for State Buildings project that prioritizes energy efficiency in state facilities through a focused collaboration with state agencies, the Hawaii State Energy Office, and the PBFA. To achieve a decarbonized economy and to lead by example, existing as well as new state facilities must prioritize purchasing energy efficient products, and utilize incentives and rebates to reduce energy consumption and manage utility bills. This will contribute to Hawaii's energy efficiency goals and support the state's clean energy transformation.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agency for comment on the implementation of the requirements of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.