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**COMMENTS  
SB 2584  
RELATING TO ENERGY INTERCONNECTION.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SB 2584, which directs the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to adopt guidelines for interconnection applications that would trigger distribution, transmission, or other utility infrastructure upgrade costs in excess of a threshold determined by the Commission.

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.

HSEO notes that the use of non-wires alternatives is frequently discussed and included in proceedings of the Hawai'i PUC, and is required of Hawai'i's electric utilities. Non-wires alternatives are acknowledged components of cost control strategies, and Hawai'i continues to receive recognition for progress in this area.

Allowing the PUC to continue to incorporate these requirements in all appropriate situations would provide flexibility as needs, conditions, and technologies change.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.