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Testimony of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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COMMENTS
HCR 177 / HR 177
**REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO EXPLORE, THROUGH ITS
DOCKET PROCESS, THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING ABOVE-GROUND
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES AND DISTRIBUTION LINES UNDERGROUND IN
HIGH-RISK AREAS ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI.**

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on HCR 177, requesting the public utilities commission to explore, through its docket process, the feasibility of relocating above-ground electric transmission lines and distribution lines underground in high-risk areas on the island of Maui.

The HSEO is guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient clean energy economy. As part of this responsibility the HSEO provides analysis and planning to actively develop and inform relevant policies with the legislature, public utilities commission, state agencies, and other relevant stakeholders.

The HSEO also has responsibilities for resiliency and energy security in both the planning and response functions and is ready to support the Public Utilities Commission in studying the feasibility of relocating above-ground electric transmission lines and distribution lines underground in high-risk areas on the island of Maui.

The HSEO defers to the relevant agencies regarding the administrative and fiscal impacts of this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.