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**SUPPORT
SB 2622 SD1
RELATING TO BIOFUELS.**

Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2622, SD1, which establishes and appropriates moneys for a 2-year pilot project to grow biodiesel crops on the island of Moloka'i and requires a report to the Legislature.

Biofuels can have an important role in energy resilience and security by being readily available during emergencies and a "drop in" fuel for power plants on neighbor islands and medium- and heavy-duty vehicles needed to help clear roads and waters of debris and transport emergency equipment.

HSEO is supportive of efforts by Moloka'i communities to identify energy opportunities that could provide local jobs and economic benefits, as well as increased energy resilience. HSEO has been impressed with the efforts on Moloka'i, including those of the Moloka'i Clean Energy Hui, to identify, understand and develop a variety of energy options for the island. HSEO believes that projects such as this can further Moloka'i energy transformation. HSEO recommends a more flexible timeline to allow for planning, implementation, growing of the crops and reporting.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agency for comment on budget and implementation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.