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**SUPPORT
SB 2720, SD2, HD1
RELATING TO ENERGY.**

Chair Johanson, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2720, SD2, HD1, which allows new electric vehicle charging stations and certain upgrades having a single port to qualify for a rebate, removes the \$500,000 cap on the electric vehicle charging station rebate program, specifies that no rebates shall be approved after available funds are exhausted for the fiscal year, increases flexibility of the Public Utilities Commission to administer the electric vehicle charging station rebate program, increases the percentage of funds that the Public Utilities Commission may use for administration of the rebate program from ten per cent to fifteen per cent, allows for marketing and outreach expenses to be included within allowable administration costs of the electric vehicle charging station rebate program, and appropriates funds out of the electric vehicle charging system subaccount for the electric vehicle charging system rebate program.

The decarbonization of the ground transportation sector is essential to achieving a net-negative carbon economy as soon as practicable but no later than 2045. A foundational strategy to decarbonize the transportation sector is the adoption of zero-emission vehicles and a material barrier to the adoption of zero-emission vehicles is fueling stations. In general, increasing the flexibility and reach of incentives for zero-

emission vehicles charging stations supports the ultimate elimination of fossil fuel for ground transportation.

The HSEO supports the amendments made by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means that inserted language to appropriate \$500,000 out of the electric vehicle charging system subaccount for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the Electric Vehicle Charging System Rebate Program and inserted language to appropriate \$1,000,000 out of the electric vehicle charging system subaccount for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the Electric Vehicle Charging System Rebate Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.