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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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SUPPORT
SCR 148 / SR 132
**CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADDRESS RAPIDLY ESCALATING COSTS
OF TRANSPORTATION IN HAWAII.**

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers testimony in support of SCR148 / SR 132, calling for immediate action to address rapidly escalating costs of transportation in Hawaii.

HSEO is willing to participate on a task force to evaluate how the State can lower the cost of transportation. HSEO is guided by its statutory mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient clean energy economy. As part of that responsibility, 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 works with a broad range of state and federal agencies, industry stakeholders, and non-profit organizations on the decarbonization of ground transportation through the electrification of transportation covering both battery electric and hydrogen vehicles, as well as active transportation and reduction in vehicle miles traveled. HSEO suggests changing the HSEO representative from the "Director" of the State Energy Office to the "Chief Energy Officer" of the Hawaii State Energy Office, as the position is defined under Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 196-72.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.