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SUPPORT HB 2255, SD1 RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 2255, SD1, which requires that public benefit fee administrator (PBFA) and utility rebates be used where available for state buildings and facilities and prioritizes building and facility appliances that meet the required standards to qualify for PBFA rebates.

The provisions proposed in HB 2255, SD1, support Hawaii's Energy Efficiency for State Buildings project that prioritizes energy efficiency in state facilities through a focused collaboration between state agencies, HSEO, and the PBFA. To achieve the State's clean energy goals and to lead by example, existing as well as new state facilities must prioritize purchasing energy-efficient products, and utilize incentives and rebates to reduce energy consumption and manage utility bills.

HSEO defers to the appropriate agency for comment on the implementation of the requirements of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.