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Testimony of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION  
AND  
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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Providing COMMENTS on  
**HB 189**

**RELATING TO MOPEDS.**

Chairs Todd and Lowen, Vice Chairs Kila and Cochran, and Members of the Committees, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on HB 189, which prohibits a retailer from selling or offering for sale combustion engine-powered mopeds beginning January 1, 2030.

HSEO supports the intent of the bill which is to speed up the decarbonization of ground transportation. Ground transportation accounts for about 20 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in the state.<sup>1</sup> For Hawaii to meet its statutory target “to sequester more greenhouse gases than emitted as soon as practicable but no later than 2045”, programs that support the adoption of cleaner transportation options – including zero-emission micro-mobility alternatives such as mopeds - are necessary and tremendously important. The importance of zero-emission micro-mobility is underscored by the bills introduced in this legislative session to encourage and promote their use.

HSEO stands ready to work with the legislature, government agencies and other stakeholders to help achieve the objectives of HB 189. HSEO also recommends

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<sup>1</sup> [https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/files/2021/04/2017-Inventory\\_Final-Report\\_April-2021.pdf](https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/files/2021/04/2017-Inventory_Final-Report_April-2021.pdf)

consultation with the Attorney General's Office to ensure the requirements of the bill are not implicitly preempted by the Clean Air Act. HSEO stands ready to work with interested stakeholders to achieve the objectives of HB189.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.