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In Support of HB 193, HD1

RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS.

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 193, HD1, which extends the State's energy-efficiency portfolio standards (EEPS) from 2030 to 2045 and authorizes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish interim goals.

HSEO is part of the PUC's Technical Working Group of energy stakeholders that review and assess the state's progress to meeting the goals. This bill proposes that the PUC may adjust the interim goals by rule or order to maximize cost-effective energyefficiency programs and technologies. Aligning the dates of the standards to have the same end goal date of 2045 would be consistent with other end dates of the clean energy and carbon-negative economy by 2045.

HSEO concurs that the proposed amendments are reasonable, consistent with, and in support of existing goals and strategies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.