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Comments in consideration of
HB 197
RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) respectfully offers comments on HB 197, which requires the department of health to establish a refrigerant management program of high global warming potential refrigerants. HSEO's testimony is guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient, clean energy, decarbonized economy.

HB 197 requires the state building code council (SBCC), when adopting, amending or updating the codes and standards identified in HRS section 107-25, to establish codes and standards that are consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons. The SBCC chair has informed the Department of Health that the matter will be placed on the agenda of the next SBCC meeting on February 21, 2023, for its consideration and recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.