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In Support of **HB 852**

RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES.

Chair Gates, Vice Chair Kahaloa, and Members of the Committee, the Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 852, which amends the definition of "eligible business activity" in an enterprise zone to include the development or production of renewable energy. HSEO defers to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism on implementation.

The addition of renewable energy to the statute will broaden the potential for energy projects in enterprise zones.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.