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In SUPPORT of SB 87

RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS.

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 87 which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and its partner, or partners, for the continuation of benefits of the Green Jobs Youth Corps.

HSEO believes that DLNR is well-suited to oversee the corps and to provide training and job experience for the workforce of the future. This program helps advance Hawai'i's clean energy and decarbonization goals, expands the green workforce, and launches a new generation of clean energy leaders. As a host site for Kupu 'Āina Corps program, HSEO supports this and other green workforce development efforts, working together toward achieving 100% clean energy by or before 2045.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.