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**SENATE COMMITTEES ON  
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AND  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

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Providing **COMMENTS** on  
**SB 458**

## **RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES.**

Chairs DeCoite, Wakai, and Kim; Vice Chairs Wakai, Elefante, and Kidani, and Members of the Committees, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SB 458 and defers to DLNR on the impacts of this measure on its regulatory oversight capabilities.

Royalties from geothermal development play an important role in the appropriate development, management and regulatory oversight of Hawai'i's geothermal resources. HSEO supports funding for geothermal exploration by the Hawai'i Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center (HGGRC) provided such funds are not diverted from the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) programs needed for regulatory oversight to develop and manage geothermal and other essential forms of Hawai'i's diversified renewable energy portfolio under the Land Division, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, Dam Safety Program, and Mineral Resources Program. HSEO supports efforts by HGGRC and other entities to seek federal and other funding for geothermal research and to engage with affected communities on the results of such

research and support associated geothermal development that is widely recognized to be in the public interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.