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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

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In SUPPORT of  
**SB 1520, SD1**

## **RELATING TO THE HAWAII PACIFIC HYDROGEN HUB.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 1520, SD1, which requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to work with the University of Hawai'i on workforce development in support of hydrogen energy, provided that the bill's passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.

The Full Application for the Hawai'i Pacific Hydrogen Hub proposal is due to the United States Department of Energy by April 7, 2023, with preselection interviews through summer and selection notifications anticipated during the autumn of 2023.

The HSEO is working with the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges in the [Good Jobs Hawai'i](#) program funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Clean energy – including the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub and other related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry – is one of the focus areas of the Good Jobs Hawai'i initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.