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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

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In SUPPORT of  
**SB 1520**

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

Chairs DeCoite and Kim, Vice Chairs Wakai and Kidani, and Members of the Committees, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 1520, which requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawai'i on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawai'i Pacific Hydrogen Hub and other related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry and appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Hawai'i Pacific Hydrogen Hub, provided that its 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.

In a related effort, HSEO is the lead organization for the Clean Energy and Skilled Trades sector of the [Good Jobs Hawai'i](#) program led by the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges and funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

With clean energy as one of four sector focus areas, the Good Jobs Hawai'i initiative seeks to identify and meet current and future needs of Hawai'i's clean energy workforce.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.