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In SUPPORT of
SB 1521, SD1

RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE LAND USE.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 1521, SD1, which requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) to create an integrated land use plan for the use of agricultural districts. The measure also requires HSEO, Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, and Hawaii Tourism Authority to update various state functional plans and requires the counties to update their general plans.

HSEO agrees that there is a need to coordinate and plan for the many state and county level goals and stands ready to collaborate with state and county agencies, the private sector, and other stakeholders to support the effort. HRS 225P-5 (a) sets a target "...to sequester more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases than emitted within the State as quickly as practicable, but no later than 2045." Per HRS 196-72 (d)(1), the Chief Energy Officer shall formulate, analyze, recommend, and implement specific policies, strategies, and plans, in coordination with public and private sector stakeholders, to cost-effectively and equitably achieve the State's energy goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.