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Providing COMMENTS on
SB 1534

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SB 1534, which replaces the \$50 annual vehicle registration surcharge for electric vehicles with a capped mileage-based road user fee for electric vehicles and establishes the Hawai'i Highway Safety and Modernization Council effective 7/1/2023.

HSEO's comments are guided by its mission to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient, clean energy, decarbonized economy. Sustainable funding for Hawai'i's roadway maintenance costs needs to be addressed to ensure a smooth transition as Hawai'i decarbonizes ground transportation. HSEO is currently engaging with State agencies and stakeholders to discuss the issues raised from this measure. HSEO regularly collaborates with the Hawai'i Department of Transportation on efforts including the designation of Alternative Fuel Corridors by the Federal Highway Administration and the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Hawai'i State Plan to build out infrastructure on those corridors and will continue that collaboration.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.