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Testimony of **MARK B. GLICK, Chief Energy Officer**

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

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In SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 534, DANE WICKER

**AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in strong support of the appointment of Mr. Dane Wicker to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).

Mr. Wicker's wide range of prior experience in state and county government, as well as the East-West Center gives him the policy and economic development skills and background to building a stronger economy for Hawai'i.

At the City and County of Honolulu, he excelled in a senior administrative position coordinating special projects and gained executive level management experience by carrying out decisions and recommended actions on matters supporting the Mayor and Administration.

As Chief of Staff/Committee Clerk to the Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee and in his overall service to Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Mr. Wicker became adept at understanding the operations, processes, policies, procedures, and systems of 17 State departments. In that role, he directed the operating and capital improvement projects' supervisors and staff to review the Governor's \$16 billion executive operating budget and \$2 - \$3 billion capital improvement budget, with more than \$200 million earmarked for housing and economic development.

At the East-West Center, Mr. Wicker pursued federal grants and supported the creation of programs in schools to spread awareness of climate change. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated leadership, innovation, and commitment to making positive change. These qualities will serve him well in his role as Deputy Director of DBEDT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.