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In SUPPORT of
HB 1033, HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 1033, HD1, which adds to the State Building Code Council (SBCC) one member who represents the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA).

The expertise provided by a representative of HI-EMA would add a valuable and important perspective. Also, the addition of HI-EMA to the council could assist the State in obtaining disaster mitigation funding, possibly including funding to support the timely adoption of building codes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency uses timely code adoption as a criterion in its funding for disaster mitigation, resilience, and recovery projects.

The SBCC was established in 2007 by Act 82 and codified as Part II, *State Building Code and Design Standards*, in Chapter 107 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). HRS 107-23 reads in part, "The council shall appoint... an executive director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the council, and who shall have administrative abilities and experience with the building industry. The council shall also appoint... an executive assistant, who shall have experience in statutory and administrative

rulemaking..." However, repeated attempts to secure funding for these positions or to support the work of the SBCC have not been successful.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.