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

## before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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Providing COMMENTS on SB 691, SD2, HD1

## RELATING TO EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) respectfully submits comments on SB 691, SD2, HD1, which allows the Chief Energy Officer of HSEO to enforce minimum efficiency standards and adopt or amend efficiency standards.

Adoption of this bill would accelerate the attainment of Hawai'i's decarbonization goals by substantially reducing electricity use, consumers' electricity bills, and the production of CO<sub>2</sub>. With the passage of this bill, Hawai'i will join forces with twelve other states with similar provisions. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project fact sheet describes the power of efficiency standards to move Hawai'i closer to lower utility bills and to a decarbonized economy.

HSEO is not an enforcement agency and would require dedicated staffing and resources to enforce appliance efficiency standards under this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.