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

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

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 1:05 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

In SUPPORT of SCR 82 / SR 73

## SUPPORTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED HAWAII PACIFIC HYDROGEN HUB.

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) strongly supports SCR 82 / SR 73, both of which express support for an initiative that HSEO is leading on behalf of the State of Hawai'i.

The approval of the Hawai'i State Legislature is greatly appreciated as HSEO prepares to submit the application to the United States Department of Energy. As the application is due in early April, this resolution is encouraging to the more than 40 contributing consortium members and staff who are vigorously working on the application.

As pointed out in the resolution, a number of Hawai'i's energy and environmental policy objectives would be supported by success in this area. We believe the expression of support by the Legislature will be a positive factor when the application is reviewed and evaluated in the highly competitive national competitive grant process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.