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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

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Providing Comments on  
**HB 1997, HD1**

## **RELATING TO THE INTERISLAND TRANSPORT OF HYDROGEN.**

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) respectfully offers comments on HB 1997, HD1, that authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to establish a discounted rate by tariff for water carriers that engage in the interisland transport of hydrogen.

As a part of Hawaii's energy strategy, HSEO believes energy generated from hydrogen will play a role in the State's target to sequester more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases than emitted within the State as quickly as possible, but no later than 2045, and supports incentives for its development. Local clean hydrogen production at scale was identified as a decarbonization opportunity in HSEO's [Act-238 HSEO Decarbonization Report](#).

HSEO defers to the appropriate agencies for comments on the fiscal, administrative, and regulatory impacts of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.