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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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In Support of
SB 2504, SD1

RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SB 2504, SD1, that serves as a housekeeping bill to close out measures that were put into place to support Hawai'i's efforts to pursue \$997,375,846 in Federal funding for a Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub.¹

Although Hawai'i's application was not selected for funding,² HSEO appreciates that the Legislature provided much-needed support for Hawai'i's efforts to engage positively with Consortium partners and to submit a credible proposal to the United States Department of Energy. HSEO gained considerable knowledge through the process that could accelerate the development of green hydrogen in Hawai'i for use in critical energy resilience applications and heavy-duty trucks and buses. HSEO is also pleased to report that two projects included in the H2Hub proposal are moving forward, and HSEO will continue to support those projects, as well as pursue the development of the most promising opportunities and financial support from other federal funds and available resources.

As the funds will not be required, HSEO supports this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

¹ News release, "Integrated Hawai'i Pacific Hydrogen Hub Completes Full Application For Federal Funding." <https://energy.hawaii.gov/integrated-hawaii-pacific-hydrogen-hub-completes-full-application-for-federal-funding/>

² United States Department of Energy, "Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Selections for Award Negotiations." <https://www.energy.gov/oced/regional-clean-hydrogen-hubs-selections-award-negotiations>