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Testimony of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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In Support of
HB 1800

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports HB 1800, which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

The Hawai'i State Energy Office – BED120's fiscal year (FY) 25 supplemental budget requests address HSEO's top priorities as the critical path to a resilient clean energy economy.

- 1) Additional funds in the amount of \$97,098 to cover the payroll shortfall will appropriately realign the budget with actual costs for an essential statutory position and allow the program to utilize OCE funds to support critical operational expenses.
- 2) Funding for cost match and working capital in the amount of \$700,000 is needed to support two significant projects.
 - The Advance Assistance 2.0 project is a FEMA funded priority hazard mitigation strategy for Maui, Hawai'i and Kaua'i counties. The budget line

item will ensure development with county and private sector partners of a Common Operating Picture (COP) for energy, identify mitigation actions in support of the State of Hawaii and County Hazard Mitigation Plans, and develop localized criteria for selecting grid resiliency projects under IIJA section 40101(d) funding. HSEO requires \$450,000 in FY25 as working capital, which will be reimbursed by the federal agency.

- The Integrating Resilience Strategies for ZEV Infrastructure project aims to enhance electric vehicle (EV) charging resiliency to support emergency response efforts and provide broader benefits to communities. HSEO will need \$250,000 in FY25 and \$750,000 in FY26 as working capital, which will be reimbursed by the federal agency.

HSEO respectfully requests your favorable consideration of these requests.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.