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Providing Comments on
HB 2582, HD1

RELATING TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on HB 2582, HD1, that requires critical infrastructure information mandated by federal or state law to be collected or maintained by a county board of water supply in connection with a federal or state critical infrastructure security and resilience program to be confidential and not available to the public.

HSEO, through our work with energy sector partners in emergency response and energy security planning, understands the sensitive nature of energy system information. Energy is not only one of FEMA's designated lifelines; it is considered to be the enabling lifeline due to its integral role in powering all aspects and functions of our communities, from communication and healthcare to transportation and water treatment. A disruption to our energy system has impacts that are felt in every facet of our lives, highlighting the critical need for robust security measures.

HSEO collaborates closely with industry partners as well as other agencies such as the Office of Homeland Security on their Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Program, actively engaging in information sharing and threat mitigation

strategies. However, a persistent hurdle remains: private industry's concerns about government's ability to protect sensitive information under transparency laws such as UIPA.

HSEO prefers HB 2460, HD1, as the vehicle for addressing the protection of critical infrastructure information. However, should the committee move this measure forward, HSEO suggests amending the two instances that refer to records/information "collected/created or maintained by a board" in Section 2 to "data received or maintained by Office of Homeland Security".

These amendments will foster a more collaborative environment, encouraging the necessary flow of information between industry partners and government agencies. By understanding vulnerabilities and potential threats, we can anticipate, mitigate, and work to prevent catastrophic disruptions to our energy infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.