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

## before the SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Monday, March 25, 2024 1:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Providing Comments on SCR 76 / SR 63

## REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND THE CHIEF ENERGY OFFICER TO CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR AIR POLLUTANTS EMITTED BY WASTE INCINERATION FACILITIES.

Chairs Gabbard and San Buenaventura, Vice Chairs Richards and Aquino, and members of the Committees, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) provides comments on SCR 76 / SR 63, both of which request the Director of Health and the Chief Energy Officer to continuously monitor air pollutants emitted by waste incineration facilities.

HSEO strongly supports the intent of this resolution and recognizes the importance of monitoring air pollutants to protect public health; however, HSEO has neither the in-house expertise nor capacity to monitor for air pollution. While HSEO utilizes the information published by the Department of Health to inform our analysis, planning, and policy recommendations pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes §196-71 and §196-72, HSEO does not monitor for these pollutants.

Therefore, HSEO respectfully requests the state Chief Energy Officer be removed from these resolutions and defers to the Department of Health on this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.