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Testimony of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
AND
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

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Providing Comments on
SCR 126 / SR 108

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO INCREASE THE STATE'S USAGE OF BIODIESEL AND TO FUND PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIODIESEL INDUSTRY.

Chairs Gabbard and DeCoite, Vice Chairs Richards and Wakai, and members of the Committees, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SCR 126 / SR 108 that encourage the Department of Agriculture and HSEO to increase the state's usage of biodiesel and to support the development of the biodiesel industry.

HSEO notes that its budget does not contain program funds that support biodiesel development, HSEO is able to directly apply for any Federal grants that may be available to state governments that may be applicable to support a biodiesel industry in Hawai'i. HSEO also welcomes collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and other local partners to identify and pursue local dispatchable fuel opportunities to maintain or accelerate Hawai'i's energy transition.

HSEO also looks forward to working with the Department of Agriculture and others in support of energy security and resilience, sustainable agriculture, and local food, feed, and value-added production.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.