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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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Providing Comments on
SCR 151 / SR 129

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXPAND BLUE CARBON INITIATIVES IN THE STATE.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SCR 151 / SR 129, which requests the HSEO to be included as a member of the working group on blue carbon. HSEO is committed to collaborating with different sectors to help achieve the state's energy and decarbonization goals; however, it is our understanding that blue carbon in Hawai'i is in the earlier stages of research and data collection. At this time, HSEO does not have the capacity or expertise to meaningfully contribute to this working group. Accordingly, HSEO respectfully requests to be removed from the working group.

HSEO defers to the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to determine the appropriate subject matter experts who should be included in the working group.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.