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Testimony of MARK B. GLICK, Chief Energy Officer

before the **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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> In Support of **HB 1182**

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Chair Sayama, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office supports HB 1182 which grants the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) the ability to authorize preferential rates for the purchase of renewable energy from facilities that meet certain prevailing wage requirements, requires public utilities to forward certain requests for preferential rates to the PUC for approval, and appropriates funds.

This measure could help incentivize the use of prevailing wage labor for new renewable energy projects in Hawaiii.

As this is a regulatory issue, we defer to the appropriate agency for comment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.