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In Support of
SENATE BILL NO. 1341

RELATING TO ENERGY INDUSTRY INFORMATION REPORTING.

Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee, I am writing in support of Senate Bill No. 1341 which amends sections 486J-5.5 and 486J-6(c) Hawai'i Revised Statutes to include the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) and the Office of Homeland Security (OHS) to the list of authorized entities allowed to examine Energy Industry Information Reporting Program (EIIRP) data collected from fuel producers and sellers as well as fuel importers and exporters.

The Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) has long collaborated with HIEMA and OHS on matters of emergency response and critical infrastructure protection. A central focus of this partnership has been the development and maintenance of an energy common operating picture (COP). This COP serves as a vital resource, providing actionable intelligence to inform strategic decision-making in emergencies and enhance planning processes related to energy security. HSEO has developed specific tools and dashboards designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the energy sector's operational status. The EIIRP provides the cornerstone of volumetric energy data critical to prepare and carry out a complete COP.

Currently, access to inspect EIIRP data is granted to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Department of Health, the Public Utilities Commission, the Consumer Advocate, the Attorney General, and the Department of Taxation. Expanding access to the State's dedicated emergency management and homeland security agencies, HIEMA and OHS, represents an essential step toward enhancing Hawai'i's energy security.

It should be noted that access does not imply that data is readily shared with any person from these agencies. Any staff from either agency that wishes to view the data will still need to abide by controls put in place to protect the data. They will need to demonstrate a need to know and sign and abide by the Qualified Person Protective Agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.