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Providing Comments on
HB 2241

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Chair Lowen, Vice Perruso, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on HB 2241, which proposes several amendments to the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit (REITC). Specifically, the measure would: 1) impose a \$250,000 adjusted gross income (AGI) eligibility limit for certain residential solar credits beginning December 31, 2026, with specified exemptions; 2) remove the existing cap amounts for solar energy systems, excluding solar water heating systems; and 3) increase the AGI eligibility thresholds for individual taxpayers electing to receive refundable credits.

HB 2241 raises important equity questions about who benefits from state incentives. However, given current market conditions and the recent expiration of federal residential solar incentives, HSEO cautions against implementing significant changes to the REITC in this legislative session. Accordingly, HSEO recommends removing the language imposing the \$250,000 AGI eligibility limit (page 5, lines 4-14). If the committee prefers to keep the language, HSEO suggests increasing the eligibility threshold.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.