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Providing Comments on
SB 2486

RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

Chairs Wakai and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Chang and Richards, and Members of the Committees, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on SB 2486, which requires the Hawai'i State Energy Office to contract with a third-party consultant to develop a Climate Protection Plan for delivery to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2029, and establishes a Climate Protection Advisory Committee to assist the third-party consultant.

HSEO shares the measure's underlying intent to advance Hawai'i's climate and energy objectives. However, HSEO is concerned that the planning effort contemplated by SB 2486 is largely redundant with significant statewide energy and climate planning work that has already been completed in recent years. In particular, the 2023 HSEO Pathways to Decarbonization¹ and the more recent 2025 Hawai'i Climate Action Pathways² report, both completed by the Climate Commission, provide comprehensive

¹ Hawai'i State Energy Office (2023). Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization, Report to the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature. Available at: <https://energy.hawaii.gov/clean-energy-vision/decarbonization-strategy/>

² Hawai'i Climate Change, Mitigation, and Adaptation Commission (2025) Hawai'i Climate Action Pathways. Available at: <https://climate.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Hawai%E2%80%98i-Climate-Action-Pathway.pdf>

statewide analyses and recommendations to guide policy, investment, and implementation. Both reports identify and quantify specific strategies, policy implementation, and pathways needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition the State toward a clean energy economy. Both reports were also developed in partnership with state agencies, counties, technical experts, and community stakeholders to guide investments in policies, practices, and technologies that reduce emissions, increase resiliency, and support economic and public health outcomes.

From HSEO's perspective, the need for action has not changed since the publication of these plans and strategies. At this time, HSEO believes state resources would be better allocated towards deployment of recommended issue-specific work and implementation in priority areas already identified in existing plans and reports that are intended to advance Hawai'i's climate and energy objectives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.