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Providing Comments on
HB 2241, HD1

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on HB 2241, HD1, which proposes several amendments to the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit (REITC). Specifically, the measure would: 1) impose an adjusted gross income (AGI) eligibility cap of \$250,000 for individual filers and \$350,000 for joint filers for certain residential solar tax credits, subject to specified exemptions beginning December 31, 2026; and 2) removes the existing cap amounts for solar energy systems that are not third party financed.

HB 2241, HD1, raises important equity questions about who benefits from state incentives. However, in light of current market conditions and the recent expiration of federal residential solar incentives, HSEO cautions against making significant changes to the Renewable Energy Income Tax Credit (REITC) during this legislative session. Maintaining a stable and effective incentive structure at this time is critical to sustaining residential solar deployment at levels necessary to achieve the State's renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Accordingly, HSEO recommends removing the provisions that would impose a \$250,000 adjusted gross income (AGI) limit for individual filers and a \$350,000 AGI limit

for joint filers (page 2, line 21; page 3, lines 1-8). If the Committee elects to retain this language, HSEO recommends substantially increasing the proposed eligibility thresholds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.