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Legislative Testimony

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HB 953 HD1 – RELATING TO ENERGY ASSURANCE

Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the committee:

The Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute supports HB 953 HD1, which would require DBEDT to conduct analyses in relation to the State's energy production and distribution. clarify the confidentiality in information received by DBEDT and PUC, and clarify the powers and procedures of the Governor and DBEDT Director during an energy shortage.

HB 953 HD1 updates Chapter 125C, HRS, to align government and industry best practices and enable the State to better respond to today's potential threats and risks that face Hawaii's energy systems and resources. These changes will address current deficiencies in our energy emergency statutes to support better informed decision making, and help ensure that during an emergency, our energy resources will be available for critical public needs in a safe and efficient manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 953 HD1.