



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
House Committee Economic Development
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

By

Della Teraoka

Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Community Colleges
University of Hawai'i System

HB 239 – RELATING TO CLEAN ENERGY

Chairs Lowen and Holt, Vice Chairs Cochran and Lamosao, and Members of the Committees:

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 239, which expands workforce development and training programs for workers transitioning to a clean energy economy.

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges recently kicked off its [Good Jobs Hawai'i](#) program which includes clean energy as one of four sector focus areas. The Good Jobs Hawai'i initiative seeks to identify and meet current and future needs of Hawai'i's clean energy workforce. The Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) is the lead organization for the Clean Energy and Skilled Trades sector of the Good Jobs Hawai'i program funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

The University of Hawai'i supports the intent of HB 239, on the condition its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOR Approved Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 239.