



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, February 18, 2022 at 10:10 a.m.

By

Richard Rocheleau, Director
Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute

And

Michael Bruno, PhD

Provost

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 2283 SD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HYDROGEN STRATEGIC PLAN

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith Agaran, and members of the committee:

SB 2283 SD1 requires the Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute (HNEI) to conduct a study to examine the State's ability to advance hydrogen production from local renewable energy resources and develop the Hawai'i Hydrogen Strategic Plan utilizing the results of its study. The bill requires a preliminary report prior to the 2023 legislative session with a full report prior to the 2024 legislative session and an update every 4 years after beginning in 2028.

HNEI supports SB 2283 SD1.

For clarity we respectfully suggest that Section 2a(4) be modified to read “Propose policies to encourage production and usage of hydrogen utilizing economic incentives, tax credits, tariffs, or other methods to grow the supply of available hydrogen consistent with the strategic plan developed under Section 2a(1).”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on SB 2283 SD1.