



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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SCR 94 SD1 – REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO ENGAGE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT PRESENCE WITHIN THE STATE OF HAWAII

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Marten, and members of the committee:

SCR94 SD1 requests that the Hawai'i State Energy Office engage the U.S. Department of Energy to establish a permanent presence within the State of Hawai'i; and further requests that the Governor, Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, as well as all departments and agencies with energy—related duties and responsibilities, are requested to support the Chief Energy Officer in this endeavor.

The Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute **supports** SCR 94 SD1 and looks forward to working with the Hawai'i State Energy Office on this endeavor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.