

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 857, H.D. 1

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RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY

House Bill No. 857, H.D. 1, is an Administration Bill which reallocates the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax to its original intended purposes to build self-sufficiency in energy, food, and environmental response and to establish the tax as an ongoing source of funding for these activities.

The Department of Budget and Finance would like to point out that the appropriation amounts in House Bill No. 857, H.D. 1, for the Departments of Agriculture and Business, Economic Development and Tourism are not be necessary as the Administration has already increased the special fund expenditures for these agencies in the budget bill. However, the Department of Health's (DOH) revolving fund was only increased by \$109,000 in FY 14 and \$199,524 in FY 15 in the budget bill. Thus, a revolving fund ceiling increase for the DOH of approximately \$1.3 million in FY 14 and \$1.2 million in FY 15 should be provided.