TESTIMONY OF HERMINA MORITA CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

MARCH 11, 2013 2:00 p.m.

MEASURE: S.B. No. 1039

TITLE: Relating to the Public Utilities Commission

Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to combine the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Special Fund Report required under Section 269-33(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), within the Commission's Annual Report under HRS § 269-5.

POSITION:

The Commission is in strong support of this bill and would like to offer the following comments.

COMMENTS:

S.B. No. 1039 proposes to include the Commission's Special Fund Report within its Annual Report to the Legislature rather than filing a separate report. This measure will make the Commission's reporting process more efficient for future legislative sessions, where all pertinent information regarding the Commission's finances and functions for a given fiscal year – including review of and reporting on the progress of the State's principal clean energy standards – may be found within one comprehensive document.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.