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# **Testimony of** SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

# **Before the House Committee on ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:30 AM **State Capitol, Conference Room 325** 

# In consideration of **HOUSE BILL 1715** RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill 1715 proposes to make a grammatical change to Act 32 Session Laws of Hawaii, 2017 by changing the phrase "the greenhouse gas emissions statewide" to "greenhouse gas emissions." The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports House Bill 1715.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

## SUZANNE D. CASE

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HB-1715 Submitted on: 2/6/2018 6:53:01 AM Testimony for EEP on 2/8/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Cole-Brooks	DER Council of Hawaii	Support	No

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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In SUPPORT of HB1715 Relating to Climate Change

Aloha Chairman Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and members of the EEP Committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i, a member of the Common Good Coalition, **strongly supports HB1715** to improve the wording of Act 32, SLH 2017, by changing the phrase "the greenhouse gas emissions statewide" to "greenhouse gas emissions."

While this is a minor grammatical change to this statute, it is nonetheless an improvement. Due in large part to the leadership of this Legislature, Hawai'i is now a global leader in sustainability and climate change policy. Governments across the U.S. and around the world are looking to our laws as a model for their own legislation. Amending this statute will help us maintain this leadership status.

For these reasons, we urge this committee pass HB1715. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

Marti Townsend Chapter Director



<u>HB-1715</u> Submitted on: 2/7/2018 10:15:51 PM

Testimony for EEP on 2/8/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rafael Bergstom	Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter	Support	No

<u>HB-1715</u> Submitted on: 2/6/2018 8:49:28 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Erica Scott	Cuddle Party	Support	No	





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HB 1715 RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**SUPPORT** 

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### Proposed Amendment:

"SECTION 2. (a) The State shall expand strategies and mechanisms to reduce [the] greenhouse gas emissions [statewide] through the reduction of energy use, adoption of renewable energy that has low lifecycle greenhouse gas emission, and control of air pollution among all agencies, departments, industries, and sectors, including transportation

Mahalo, Henry Curtis, Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No



<u>HB-1715</u> Submitted on: 2/8/2018 8:00:52 AM

Testimony for EEP on 2/8/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack		Support	No