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Testimony of MARK B. GLICK, Chief Energy Officer

before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

> Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:30 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 325 and Videoconference

> > In Support of HB 2367

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of HB 2367 which clarifies reporting responsibilities consistent with Act 122, SLH 2019.

This measure is entirely one of technical corrections to Sections 196-10.5, 196-41, and 201-12.8, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, that were missed when the Legislature created the Chief Energy Officer position. Act 122, SLH 2019, transferred the duties and responsibilities of the Energy Resources Coordinator attributed by statute to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism Director to a newly created Chief Energy Officer position that manages an updated Hawai'i State Energy Office. HB 2367 changes references to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to the Chief Energy Officer to properly designate the responsible party to prepare and submit reports required of the Hawai'i State Energy Office.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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In Support of HB 2367 RELATING TO ENERGY

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran, and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB 2367 which clarifies that the party responsible for reporting on certain energy matters shall be the Chief Energy Officer, following Act 122, SLH 2019.

Act 122, SLH 2019, transferred the duties and responsibilities of the Energy Resources Coordinator under the DBEDT Director and the functions of the then existing state energy office to a newly created Chief Energy Officer and updated Hawai'i State Energy Office. However, Act 122 did not amend certain sections of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes pertaining to the reporting of energy matters to the Legislature. The authority to report on energy matters needs to be granted to the Hawai'i State Energy Office and Chief Energy Officer so that reporting can most efficiently and effectively continue for the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.