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Statement of CHRIS J. SADAYASU Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:30 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of HCR 35 / HR 37 SUPPORTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED HAWAII PACIFIC HYDROGEN HUB.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HCR 35 / HR 37, in support of the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) and the Hawai'i Pacific Hydrogen Hub.

This resolution recognizes the work that is being done by HSEO and the many partners in the hydrogen hub application; sets forth the reasons for HSEO to be taking on this task; and describes several reasons for interest and support of hydrogen in Hawai'i's energy future.

If the Legislature passes this resolution, it will demonstrate to the partners in the hydrogen hub consortium and to the Department of Energy that the Legislature is interested in hydrogen and supportive of Hawai'i's application.

Therefore, DBEDT encourages the Committee to support this resolution. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony of MARK B. GLICK, Chief Energy Officer

before the HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:30 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 325 and Videoconference

SUPPORT HCR 35 / HR 37

SUPPORTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED HAWAII PACIFIC HYDROGEN HUB.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) strongly supports HCR 35 / HR 37, both of which express support for an initiative that HSEO is leading on behalf of the State of Hawai'i.

The approval of the Hawai'i State Legislature is greatly appreciated as HSEO prepares to submit the application to the United States Department of Energy. As the application is due in early April, this resolution is encouraging to the more than 40 contributing consortium members and staff who are vigorously working on the application.

As pointed out in the resolution, a number of Hawai'i's energy and environmental policy objectives would be supported by success in this area. We believe the expression of support by the Legislature will be a positive factor when the application is reviewed and evaluated in the highly competitive national competitive grant process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Representative Nicole Lowen, Chair Representative Elle Cochran, Vice Chair Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

RE: HCR 35/HR 37 - SUPPORTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED HAWAII PACIFIC HYDROGEN HUB Thursday, March 23, 2023; 9:30 A.M.

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran and members of the committee:

Servco is in support of HCR 35/HR 37, which supports the Hawaii State Energy Office in the establishment of an integrated Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub.

The demand for alternative forms of renewable fuel will continue to grow in support of Hawaii's 100% energy goals, and the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub will play a key role in realizing a sustainable energy economy.

Servo has invested millions of dollars into hydrogen production facilities and will continue to invest as we believe in its future. The long-term production, processing, and export potential of hydrogen across the globe is not only a revenue generating opportunity but also yields environmental benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support.

Peter Dames Executive Vice President