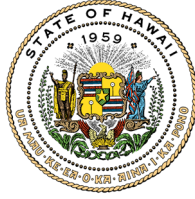


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**Testimony of  
LEAH LARAMEE  
Climate Change Coordinator on behalf of  
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission  
Co-Chair Ryan K. P. Kanaka'ole**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
WATER, LAND, CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
and  
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Friday, March 20, 2026  
1:03 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1774, HOUSE DRAFT 2  
RELATING TO CENTRALIZED ACCESS TO RESOURCES**

House Bill 1774, House Draft 2 proposes to require and appropriate funds for the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) to develop, implement, and maintain a centralized resource website to connect residents to support and resources to address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, **The Commission supports this measure.**

The Commission consists of a multi-jurisdictional effort between 20 departments, committees, and counties with the purpose of promoting ambitious, climate-neutral, culturally responsive strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

This bill addresses environmental justice, affordability, and resiliency concerns by making access to climate funding easier. Residents of the State of Hawai'i have access to a variety of federal and state benefits, particularly when it comes to energy rebates, energy-efficient appliance upgrades, tax credits, and financing. However, people can only take advantage of these opportunities if they are aware of the programs' existence and navigate multiple different websites and application processes. Centralized access to these resources would create a usable, streamlined path to deliver comprehensive resources and solutions.

Hawai'i offers numerous programs to help homeowners and renters make home upgrades that improve environmental and public health. However, these programs are administered by various

agencies, each with their own unique application process and eligibility criteria. This fragmentation can make it challenging for residents to identify programs for which they are eligible and understand how to combine benefits from multiple sources.

As a result, they miss out on opportunities to:

**Lower Utility Bills:** Energy-efficient upgrades, including air sealing and insulation, can reduce energy bills by over 30%. Combining solar photovoltaic (PV) and electric appliances can further increase savings.

**Upgrade to Modern, Safe Appliances:** Replacing outdated, inefficient systems with high-efficiency appliances maximizes comfort and safety while reducing emissions and can drastically cut or eliminate unhealthy pollution in the home.

**Access Healthy, Emission-Free Transportation:** Electric bikes and scooters support healthy lifestyles while reducing tailpipe emissions.

**Improve the Safety and Resiliency of Homes:** Leveraging state and federal programs assists homeowners in paying for weatherization upgrades, such as additional insulation, and ventilation replacement or installation. These upgrades not only make homes more energy efficient, they also make them safer, more comfortable, and resilient against extreme weather.

This bill would streamline engagement with state programs and create a free, statewide one-stop shop that provides residents with a single point of entry to access support in identifying needed home upgrades, applying to different incentive programs, and connecting with approved contractors.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



**LATE**

**Chair Gabbard**

**Chair Lee**

**Senate Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts Committees**

**Friday, March 20, 2026**

**1:03 PM**

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB1774 HD2 RELATING TO  
CENTRALIZED ACCESS TO RESOURCES**

Aloha Members of the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts,

The Hawai'i State Youth Commission was first created through Act 106 in 2018, "to advise the governor and legislature on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the youth of the State." The Hawai'i State Youth Commission's Education legislative committee is in **strong support** of **HB1774 HD2**.

As mentioned in the measure's text, climate change is a serious issue that has and continues to negatively affect the lands of people of Hawai'i—especially low-income households. Though our state has done much to recognize and enact measures to combat this crisis, many of the solutions we engineer exclude our low-income neighbors. The Youth Commission supports HB1774 HD2's approach of making avenues of affordability more accessible to those who need them via posting such resources on a centralized website created by the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission.

Therefore, the Hawai'i State Youth Commission strongly urges the committee to **PASS HB1774 HD2.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

The Hawai'i State Youth Commission  
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## Carbon Cashback

March 17, 2026

Re: WLA/AEN hearing of HB 1774 HD2 on March 20, 2026

Position: Support

Aloha e Chairs Lee and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye and Richards, and members of the WLA and AEN,

*Carbon Cashback Hawai'i advocates for legislation that reduces carbon emissions and strengthens Hawai'i's energy independence while protecting vulnerable kama'aiana families.*

Carbon Cashback Hawai'i strongly supports HB 1774 HD2 because it would empower Hawai'i's residents to take better advantage of programs that can make their lives healthier, safer, and more affordable.

The bill appropriates funds for the development of a centralized resource website to connect residents to support and resources to address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change. The site is to be maintained by the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission.

Hawai'i residents qualify for a variety of federal and state benefits related to efficiency upgrades for the home and transportation, including rebates, tax credits, and financing packages, but it's difficult to learn about them and access them because they are administered across multiple agencies, each with its own application processes. As a result, many families miss out on benefits that were designed and established specifically for them.

Creating a centralized site to access those benefits would help to more effectively deliver solutions that address health, safety, and affordability to families across the State.

Mahalo nui loa.



To: The Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts (WLA)  
and  
The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)  
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Friday, March 20, 2026, 1:03pm

**In support of HB1774 HD2**

Aloha Chairs Lee and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Inouye and Richards, and members of the WLA and AEN committees,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawai'i chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org **supports HB1774 HD2** that requires and appropriates funds for the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to develop, implement, and maintain a centralized resource website to connect residents to support and resources to address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change.

This website would offer a valuable comprehensive resource to assist residents, including low-to moderate-income households, with access to much needed opportunities to improve household energy efficiency, reduce utility costs, and promote long-term cost savings for working families. While there are several programs available for Hawai'i residents that address sustainability, affordability and resilience, many are not aware of them, and so are not able to reap the benefits.

**In a just transition, no one is left behind.** By helping residents better access climate, energy, and affordability resources, HB1774 HD2 supports and strengthens community resilience. We urge you to pass this common-sense and much needed measure.

Thank you for the opportunity testify.

Sherry Pollack  
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

**LATE**

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/19/2026 2:47:18 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Climate Protectors Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**STRONG SUPPORT!**

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 2:57:07 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Thomas Graham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members,

I support HB 1774 HD2 because it would help people take advantage of programs and benefits they might not be aware of and would otherwise be difficult to access.

Based on my experience trying to learn about and take advantage of programs like rebates for clean energy purchases and efficiency upgrades, I think investing in a web-based one-stop shop makes good sense.

Thank you,

Thomas Graham, Honolulu

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:12:34 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Caroline Azelski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of. Thank you.

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 5:50:55 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bobbie Best	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

A central clearinghouse is sensible and useful. Mahalo for supporting this bill

Bobbie Best

Wailuku

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 6:17:54 PM

Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of the WLA and AEN,

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**HB-1774-HD-2**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jaymen Laupola	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo!

Jaymen, Honolulu

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Virginia Tincher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo!

Virginia

Honolulu

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Douglas Hagan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of the WLA and AEN,

My name is Doug Hagan, and I support HB1774 HD2 because it helps connect Hawai‘i residents with resources that can make everyday life more affordable, healthier, and safer.

Right now, there are many federal and state programs available—rebates, tax credits, and financing options for things like home energy upgrades and clean transportation. But these programs are spread across different agencies, each with its own website and application process. For most families, it’s simply too complicated to navigate, and many end up missing out on benefits that were created specifically for them.

HB1774 HD2 addresses this gap by funding a centralized, easy-to-use website that brings these resources together in one place. Managed by the Hawai‘i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, this platform would make it much easier for residents to find and access programs that improve affordability, health, and safety, while also helping the state respond to climate impacts.

This is a practical, common-sense step to ensure that existing programs actually reach the people they are meant to serve.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support.

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Mahalo!

Ken & Karen Stover

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of H.B. 1774, H.D. 2.

This measure is both practical and impactful in its intent to create a centralized resource website that connects residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance related to affordability, health, safety, and climate change.

From personal experience, I can attest to how valuable—and yet difficult to find—these types of resources can be. Recently, my husband and I were researching replacement toilets for our home and a rental property. During that process, we unexpectedly came across a Board of Water Supply residential toilet rebate program that encouraged us to purchase more water-efficient fixtures.

While we were grateful to discover this program, we found it purely by accident. It made me realize how many residents—especially kūpuna, working families, and those without strong digital literacy—may never learn about these opportunities that can reduce costs and conserve precious resources.

This bill directly addresses that gap by creating a centralized, accessible platform that brings together information on programs that:

- Reduce household costs,
- Improve energy and water efficiency, and
- Help families adapt to climate-related impacts.

For many households, especially in Hawai‘i where the cost of living is high, access to such information can make a meaningful difference. It can empower residents to make informed decisions that benefit both their finances and our environment.

Importantly, this measure also supports broader climate resilience efforts by helping residents adopt resource-efficient practices—like water-saving fixtures—that collectively contribute to sustainability across our islands.

In closing, I strongly support H.B. 1774, H.D. 2 because it transforms scattered and often hard-to-find information into a user-friendly resource that can improve affordability, promote conservation, and strengthen community resilience.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of the WLA and AEN,

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Mahalo,

Charles E. Cox, Honolulu

**LATE**

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glenn Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. Thank you.

**LATE**

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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Testimony for WLA on 3/20/2026 1:03:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Eric Lindborg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1774 HD2. It should facilitate Hawai'i's residents to take better advantage of programs that can make their lives healthier, safer, and more affordable.

Hawai'i residents qualify for a variety of federal and state benefits related to efficiency upgrades for the home and transportation, including rebates, tax credits, and financing packages, but it's difficult to learn about them and access them because they are administered across multiple agencies, each with its own application processes. As a result, many families miss out on benefits that were designed and established specifically for them.

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