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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 House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Monday, March 2, 2026  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

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**Upgrade to Modern, Safe Appliances:** Replacing outdated, inefficient systems with high-efficiency appliances maximizes comfort and safety while reducing emissions and can drastically cut or eliminate unhealthy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

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 8:06:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>            | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Helen Cox           | Kauai Climate Action Coalition | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House Committee on Finance:

Kauai Climate Action Coalition, a group of over 150 residents, supports HB1774 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!

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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| <b>Submitted By</b>   | <b>Organization</b>    | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Susan B Roberts Emery | Green Party of Hawai'i | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chiar Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of committee,

My name is Susan RobertsEmery, as co chair of the Green Party of Hawai'i, we offer the support of our members for HB1774 HD2. We are on stolen lands and we need to respect the land ,air and water for current and future generations. This measure requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii 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.

Green Party of Hawai'i asks you to Pass HB1774 HD2.

Mahalo,

Susan RobertsEmery

Green Party of Hawai'i

Paauilo



To: The House Committee on Finance (FIN)  
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Monday, March 2, 2026, 10:00am

**In support of HB1774 HD2**

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and FIN Committee members;

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



## Carbon Cashback

February 28, 2026

Re: FIN hearing of HB 1774 HD2 on March 2, 2026

Position: Support

Aloha e Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

*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.

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 10:27:12 AM

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

Comments:

SUPPORT!

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 9:06:59 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>            | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| laurel brier        | Kauai Climate Action Coalition | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Help our communities be better prepared for extreme climate events with a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services and information, especially at time of an emergency. Strong support for HB1744



## House Committee on Finance

### **Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) Strongly Supports: HB1774 HD2**

March 2nd, 2026 at 10:00am; Conference Room 308

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi and Members of the Committee,

HAPA is writing in **support of HB1774 HD2** which would require and appropriate funds for the Hawaii 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.

Navigating the resources available as individuals work to mitigate climate change and be prepared for emergencies is challenging for those of us who work within environmental stewardship and the food system roles to those who work in the numerous other fields that support our island. This leaves many of our community members without access to the resources to educate themselves on steps to offset costs, improve household efficiencies, and identify avenues of financial assistance to respond to climate change.

Additionally, the legislature found that the costs of climate change are not evenly distributed, and lower-income residents are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change and less likely to have the financial resources to deal with them.

By providing a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance that address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, our communities at-large would be better prepared to prepare themselves for ongoing climate changes – from heavy rains and storms to droughts and unforeseen energy expenditures at the home level.

Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and strapped for financial resources so assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Please support HB1774 HD2. Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', written in a cursive style.

Anne Frederick,  
Executive Director

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 12:31:16 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| John Kawamoto       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House Committee on Finance:

I support HB1774 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!

John Kawamoto

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 12:38:53 PM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Tamra Hayden        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I live in Makaha Valley, fires and tsunami's can keep me up at night. Navigating the resources available as individuals work to mitigate climate change and be prepared for emergencies is challenging for those who work within the food system to those who are unfamiliar with the current efforts to educate the public on steps to offset costs, improve household efficiencies, and identify avenues of financial assistance.

By providing a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance that address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, our communities at-large would be better prepared to prepare themselves for ongoing climate changes from heavy rains and storms to droughts and unforeseen energy expenditures at the home level.

Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and strapped for financial resources so any assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Please support HB 1744 HD2.

Tamra Hayden, Waianae

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 12:48:54 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify                |
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| ANDREW ISODA | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

**What Does This Bill Do?**

Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii 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.

**Why Is This Important? Sample Testimony:**

Navigating the resources available as individuals work to mitigate climate change and be prepared for emergencies is challenging for those who work within the food system to those who are unfamiliar with the current efforts to educate the public on steps to offset costs, improve household efficiencies, and identify avenues of financial assistance.

By providing a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance that address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, our communities at-large would be better prepared to prepare themselves for ongoing climate changes from heavy rains and storms to droughts and unforeseen energy expenditures at the home level.

Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and strapped for financial resources so any assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Please support HB 1744 HD2.

Andrew Isoda  
Lahaina, Mau'i

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| John C Wert III     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

Navigating the resources available, as individuals work to mitigate climate change and be prepared for emergencies, is as challenging for those who work within the food system as for those who are unfamiliar with the current efforts to educate the public on steps to offset costs, improve household efficiencies, and identify avenues of financial assistance.

By providing a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance that address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, our communities at-large would be better prepared to prepare themselves for ongoing climate changes from heavy rains and storms to droughts and unforeseen energy expenditures at the home level.

Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and being strapped for financial resources so any assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Mahalo for your consideration,

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Michele Nihipali    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

Navigating the resources available as individuals work to mitigate climate change and be prepared for emergencies is challenging for those who work within the food system to those who are unfamiliar with the current efforts to educate the public on steps to offset costs, improve household efficiencies, and identify avenues of financial assistance.

By providing a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance that address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, our communities at-large would be better prepared to prepare themselves for ongoing climate changes from heavy rains and storms to droughts and unforeseen energy expenditures at the home level.

Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and strapped for financial resources so any assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Please support HB 1744 HD2.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Michele Nihipali

54-074 A Kam Hwy.

Hauula, HI 96717

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, 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

Aloha Chair Todd and Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

I strongly support HB1774\_HD2

Creating a 'go to' informational site would be most beneficial for those seeking to more effectively implement solutions to address health, safety, and affordability.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Neal  
Waimea

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| B.A. McClintock     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Navigating the resources available as individuals work to mitigate climate change and be prepared for emergencies is challenging for those who work within the food system to those who are unfamiliar with the current efforts to educate the public on steps to offset costs, improve household efficiencies, and identify avenues of financial assistance.

By providing a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance that address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, our communities at-large would be better prepared to prepare themselves for ongoing climate changes from heavy rains and storms to droughts and unforeseen energy expenditures at the home level.

Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and strapped for financial resources so any assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Please support HB 1744 HD2. Mahalo.

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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

Comments:

I support HB1774 HD2. It empowers 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.

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

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.

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House Committee on Finance:

I support HB1774 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!

Virginia

Honolulu

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Jennifer Lum        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Navigating the resources available to address climate change and prepare for emergencies can be challenging, whether you work within the food system or are unfamiliar with current public education efforts aimed at reducing costs, improving household efficiency, and identifying financial assistance options.

By providing a centralized resource that connects residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance focused on affordability, health, safety, and the effects of climate change, our communities will be better equipped to adapt to ongoing climate challenges, such as heavy rains, storms, droughts, and unexpected energy expenses at the household level.

Hawai'i's working families already face time constraints from juggling multiple jobs and often struggle with financial resources. Therefore, any assistance in preparing for and recovering from emergencies would be immensely helpful.

I support HB 1744 HD2.

Jen Lum, 'Ewa Beach

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Ruth Robison        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

To: Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Ruth Robison

I have been a resident of Hawai`i since 1962 and of Hilo since 1982.

This testimony is in strong support of HB1774 HD2 RELATING TO CENTRALIZED ACCESS TO RESOURCES.

I support HB1774 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 2/28/2026 7:58:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Ann Dorsey          | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I urge you to support HB 1744 HD2.

Navigating the resources available as individuals work to mitigate climate change and be prepared for emergencies is challenging for those who work within the food system to those who are unfamiliar with the current efforts to educate the public on steps to offset costs, improve household efficiencies, and identify avenues of financial assistance.

By providing a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance that address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, our communities at-large would be better prepared to prepare themselves for ongoing climate changes from heavy rains and storms to droughts and unforeseen energy expenditures at the home level.

Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and strapped for financial resources so any assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Thank you

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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

Comments:

This is efficient and helpful

**HB-1774-HD-2**

Submitted on: 3/1/2026 12:36:49 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/2/2026 10:00:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| kimdonghyeon        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and strapped for financial resources so any assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Please support HB 1744 HD2.

kimdonghyeon

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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| Paul Bernstein      | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

**Aloha Chair Todd and members of the FIN committee:**

**I'm writing in support of HB1774 HD2.**

**This bill fills a major puka as the State tries to move forward in reducing its emissions and dependence on fossil fuels by centralizing the State's resources to help residents and businesses find the resources and help they need to make the transition to having a lower carbon footprint.**

**The bill 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.**

**Please pass this bill out of your committee.**

**Mahalo nui,**

**Paul Bernstein**

**Honolulu**

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House Committee on Finance:

I support HB1774 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,

Jaymen Laupola, Honolulu

**HB-1774-HD-2**

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| Jackie Keefe | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Todd, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Committee on Finance,

My name is Jackie Keefe, and I am **in strong support of HB1774 HD2**, which requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii 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.

Navigating the resources available as individuals work to mitigate climate change and be prepared for emergencies is challenging for those who work within the food system to those who are unfamiliar with the current efforts to educate the public on steps to offset costs, improve household efficiencies, and identify avenues of financial assistance.

By providing a centralized resource to connect residents to programs, services, discounts, and assistance that address affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change, our communities at-large would be better prepared to prepare themselves for ongoing climate changes from heavy rains and storms to droughts and unforeseen energy expenditures at the home level.

Hawai'i's working families are already pressed for time between managing multiple jobs at times and strapped for financial resources so any assistance in preparing for and being better able to recover when emergencies do occur would be beneficial.

Please support HB 1744 HD2.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Jackie Keefe, Lahaina

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| Caroline Azelski    | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

In support of. Thank you.

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| Nanea Lo     | Individual   | Support            | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

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I strongly support HB 1744 HD2, which requires and appropriates funds for the **Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission** to develop, implement, and maintain a centralized resource website that connects residents to programs and support addressing affordability, health, safety, and the impacts of climate change.

This bill is important because navigating the many resources available to help individuals mitigate climate change and prepare for emergencies can be overwhelming. This is especially true for those working within the food system, essential services, or multiple jobs, as well as for residents who may be unfamiliar with existing programs designed to reduce costs, improve household efficiency, and provide financial assistance.

A centralized, user-friendly resource would significantly improve access to information by connecting residents to available programs, services, discounts, and assistance in one place. This would help households better prepare for ongoing climate impacts, including heavy rains, storms, drought, and rising or unpredictable energy costs at the home level.

Hawai‘i’s working families are already stretched thin—balancing multiple jobs, caregiving responsibilities, and rising costs of living. When emergencies occur, the lack of accessible information can make recovery even more difficult. Providing clear, centralized guidance would help families prepare in advance and recover more quickly, reducing both financial and emotional strain.

By investing in a single, trusted resource hub, HB 1744 HD2 strengthens community resilience, improves public awareness, and ensures that residents can more easily access the support they need to stay safe, healthy, and financially secure in the face of climate change.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support HB 1744 HD2.

Me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo, 96826

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Hawai'i Workers Center Board Member

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