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**Western States Petroleum Association**

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House Energy & Environmental Protection Committee  
Conference Room 325

Re: HB 1197 Relating to Alcohol Fuels

Western States Petroleum Association or WSPA, is a non-profit trade association representing a broad spectrum of petroleum companies in Hawaii and five other western states.

We are respectfully opposed to HB 1197 in its current form.

Petroleum companies in Hawaii have consistently opposed statutory and regulatory mandates impacting vitally important energy sources. WSPA believes that flexibility is essential for reliability and availability of supplies to meet our state's energy needs.

In implementing the state's ethanol blending mandate, the industry has consistently faced challenges related to locating and procuring supplies. This measure, while seeming to promote local ethanol production, would further restrict needed flexibility in meeting our state's energy needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.