

Testimony before the House Committees on Transportation and Consumer Protection & Commerce

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**Senate Bill 1326 SD2
Relating to Costs of Relocation and Undergrounding of Utility Facilities**

Chairs Souki and Herkes, Vice Chairs Ichiyama and Yamane and Members of the Committees:

My name is Rouen Liu and I am testifying on behalf of the Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiaries, Hawaii Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company.

Position:

We support SB 1326SD2 which allows the state or county to certify that there are sufficient funds for the utility's portion of the contract price in any state or county project.

Comments:

- Act 140, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 represented a fair payment process as agreed upon by the State Department of Transportation and the utilities for contracts pursuant to HRS 264-33. SB 1326SD2 serves to allow that same payment process for any contract involving utility work including relocation, undergrounding or installation of new utility facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.