



# ***NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY***

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Statement of  
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before the  
**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS**  
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in consideration of  
**HB 1758**  
**RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY AUTHORITY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY**

The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) is pleased to comment on H.B. 1758 relating to NELHA. This measure would limit the terms of Research Advisory Committee (RAC) members to two consecutive four year terms.

Given the research and development orientation of Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park (HOST Park) the RAC has always provided critical advice for new research and development proposals presented to NELHA. Given the technical nature of these proposals continuity; a good understanding of the extensive seawater system; and, a strong institutional memory are very important. We have found that the current system has worked well in the past.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.