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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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8:30 a.m.

MEASURE: H.B. No. 811

TITLE: Relating to Energy Information Reporting

Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

DESCRIPTION:

This measure proposes to consolidate within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism ("DBEDT") the functions of receiving energy distributor registrations and energy distributor reporting information under Chapter 486J, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), which are currently performed by the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") and DBEDT, respectively. In addition, H.B. No. 811 would remove provisions concerning the Commission's ability to examine energy distributors for energy industry information reporting purposes under HRS Chapter 486J.

POSITION:

The Commission strongly supports this measure and would like to offer the following comments for the Committee's consideration.

COMMENTS:

This measure will simplify the registration and reporting processes for fuel distributors by providing a "one-stop shop" for businesses to comply with the law. Rather than continuing with a process that leaves open the potential for confusion or duplication, this bill would merge the entire registration and reporting process in HRS Chapter 486J within DBEDT's established energy industry reporting processes and existing database systems.

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H.B. No. 811 does not eliminate or amend sections of the law that ensure the protection of confidential information received by the Commission from energy distributors in the course of the Commission's previous and current energy reporting functions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

